

GENERAL FUND HAS BALANCE

City Attorney Holds that Bums Have Been Set Aside Illegally.

KNOCKS OUT MARKET APPROPRIATION

Council Has No Authority to Deduct Amounts from General Fund for Special Purposes, According to Attorney's Opinion.

In the light of an opinion received from the city attorney yesterday by Comptroller Westberg as to the provisions of the city charter for the appropriation of money from the city funds by the mayor and council, the general fund, instead of being drawn \$6,996.51, has a balance of \$1,333,439.

Included under that head are the following items, which the council sought by ordinance to appropriate to the use stated: May 27, 1902, market houses, \$15,000; July 1, 1902, treasurer's department, \$3,000; July 1, 1902, tax commissioner's department, \$2,000; July 1, 1902, funerals, \$200; July 2, 1902, street signs, \$2,000.

The opinion of City Attorney Westberg is as follows: In compliance with the request made by me to the effect of setting aside from the general fund any money by ordinance for some special purpose, I know that the only authority I know of which makes it the duty of the mayor, on or before the first day of February of each year, to secure from the head of each department of the city an estimate of the amount to be required for the current year following, and which when corrected and approved are to be filed with the comptroller, who is then required to deduct the amounts shown by such estimates from the limits of the available fund for the current year.

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BANK AT THE BRANDEIS STORE

It Will Be Conducted Primarily for the Convenience of Small Depositors.

By the incorporation under the state banking law J. L. Brandeis & Sons, the owners of the Boston Store, will about September 8 open in direct connection with the store the first department store bank to operate outside of New York or Chicago.

The plan is not an experiment nor a novelty," says Mr. Brandeis. "It has been proven successful in the two biggest cities in the country, and what is good for New York and Chicago is good for Omaha. There is no reason why Omaha should not be the first city west of the Mississippi to have a department store bank. In this as well as in all other desirable innovations Omaha should be the first to enjoy the convenience."

"Our bank will be conducted primarily for the convenience of small depositors. It is not the intention of the operators to compete with other Omaha banks, nor will the accounts of merchants be sought. The new concern will be from 9 a. m. till 6 p. m. except on Saturdays, when the bank will remain open until 9 p. m.

A unique plan for extending the conveniences of the bank is being contemplated, and it will soon be put in operation by the proprietors of the Boston Store. About 10,000 gas metal banks will be sent out from the establishment and placed in the homes of Omaha people. On the accumulation of \$1 or more the little safe deposit boxes may be brought to the Brandeis bank and the contents will be placed to the credit of the depositor, drawing interest from the bank.

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MERCANTILE VENTURE WINS

Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem Make Success of Co-Operative Stores.

REPORT ON FIRST YEAR OF EXPERIMENT

Supreme Grand Officers Held in the Afternoon and Banquet to King and Queen-Elect Occurs at Night.

The morning session of the Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem was a busy one. It was devoted strictly to business. The report of chief importance was the report of the supreme grand scribe, Harry R. Graham of Kansas City. All committees, also, submitted their annual reports and most interesting among these was that of the committee on the co-operative business and mercantile auxiliary.

Another feature was the introduction of the new degrees of kings and queens of honor. This was presided over by Emma Leener of Kansas City, queen of honor, and the ceremonies were formal and impressive. All the members of the supreme grand council participated in full regalia, with robes and headgear, and after the session was concluded photographs were taken of the supreme officers.

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ALMOST FALSE IMPRISONMENT

Leonard Kohn Spends Two Hours in Involuntary Confinement in a Dova-Town Store.

Another famous suit for false imprisonment came near coming to a head Wednesday night, but has been declared off for want of sufficient evidence. For more than two hours Leonard K. Kohn thought he was in involuntary confinement and forced to resort to desperate means to regain his liberty. It seems young Kohn is employed in the Walter G. Clark wholesale establishment and includes among his other assignments that of locking up at night. This responsible duty is performed by letting down an iron bar across the door and snapping a patent padlock to keep it in place.

When ready to make his sortie Tuesday afternoon after the other men had gone he found to his dismay that the door was closed, and through the glass he saw the padlock snapped tight on the staple. It was nearly 7 p. m. and a questionable proposition whether the manager, who carries the key, could be located at all. After keeping the telephone busy half an hour setting relatives and messengers in motion to find the liberator, the prisoner sank back in a chair with a book in despair.

Finally after two hours he remembered that the man with the key was supposed to be looking over a traveling salesman's samples at one of the hotels and, after telephoning him, was discovered and summoned to the store. Watching impatiently for his arrival, Kohn turned the knob and, behold, the door opened wide—the iron bar had not been dropped nor had the door been locked at all. Young Kohn has been opening other things than the doors since.

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STANDS FOR LONGER TERMS

Association of Nebraska County Officers Prepares for a Vigorous Campaign.

The Association of Nebraska County Officers, organized at Lincoln August 5, has now actively taken up its business and is preparing for vigorous work in the course of the year. The association is sending out notices to all of the county officers in the state who were not present at the meeting mentioned, informing them of the purposes of the association and the methods to be followed in the accomplishment of those purposes. The letter is accompanied in each instance by a printed copy of the minutes of the first meeting and a copy of the by-laws.

The primary object for which the association was formed is to "take steps to secure a uniform length of four years for the terms of all elective officers in the state of Nebraska."

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