DISPOSAL OF CITY REFUSE

Some Light on the Problem Vexing Many Communities.

METHODS IN VOGUE IN LARGE CITIES

Two Available Methods of Disposal Compared—Preference for City Work Over Private Contract.

The finance committee of the city council of Chicago has under consideration the collection and disposition of city garbage. Several bids for a five-year contract for the work were received, the price ranging from $600,000 to $1,000,000 for the first year of the five with varying reductions for each of the succeeding four years. To assist the committee in reaching a conclusion, Commissioner Patterson compiled the results of investigation of methods in vogue in other cities, and the facts thus gathered are of great value to all communities. Mr. Patterson says:

"Those who have interested themselves in the problem of garbage disposal in Chicago are agreed on this proposition: The dumps must go. Dumps poison the air for miles around; and if ground made by dumping is dug up years afterwards it is found still putrid. Dumping is a barbarous anachronism for a twentieth century city.

"There is also general agreement that garbage must be collected daily from all houses in the city. For, while swill under twenty-four hours' old is comparatively inoffensive and harmless, stale swill which has been left to decay for two or more days becomes unpleasant and dangerous to health. Especially is this true in hot weather.

Methods of Disposal.

"Shall garbage collected be disposed of by reduction or incineration? Reduction consists in squeezing the liquid out of the garbage, skimming the grease from this liquid, and converting the dry residue into fertilizer. About 3 per cent of the liquid can be saved for grease, the remainder running off into some large body of water. But this liquid is perfectly sanitary and comparatively odorless because it has been cooked at a temperature of 313 degrees Fahrenheit for twelve hours.

"Incineration is simply burning. The advantage of this method is that such waste material as paper, wood, etc., is disposed of at the same time, while under reduction it requires separate treatment.

"Garbage, however, is difficult to burn, since over 80 per cent of it is water. So much coal is used that the process is expensive while there are no by-products which being sold can reduce the cost of reduction. Garbage can probably not be burned for under $2 a ton, while it can be rendered for considerably under $1 a ton, since the rendering plant is built.

"Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Pittsburg and Cleveland render their garbage, while the instances of success in economical incineration are rare and not well proven.

"On the whole, therefore, until the case for incineration is better established in this country it would seem that Chicago would do wiser to try reduction.

"Shall the rendering be done by the municipality or a private corporation? There are many trade secrets in the rendering process of which the city is not yet master. The business is an exceedingly intricate one in its present stage of development. I, therefore, strongly advise that for the present the rendering be done by private enterprise.

"But, in the specifications for garbage disposal lately drawn up by the finance committee, it was provided that the collection of garbage also be done by private contract. This, in my judgment, would be a great mistake.

Ways of Two Cities Contrasted.

"New York collects its garbage and turns it over to the rendering concern. Philadelphia lets out both collection and reduction to a private concern.

"Now, the requisite for success in rendering is proper separation. The swill proper (kitchen refuse) must be in a different receptacle from the ashes and rubbish (paper, wood, cloth, cans, etc.). Ashes and rubbish ruin the rendering machinery quickly.

"In New York, by its contract, the city contracts to deliver to the rendering firm 66 per cent pure garbage. The city uses its police to compel householders to separate their refuse. Police cause more impression on householders than employes of a garbage firm. So, as a matter of fact, New York delivers garbage to the rendering firm which contains less than 2 per cent of foreign matter. Collections are made daily, with mathematical accuracy. There is never a complaint on this score. Under the present New York government there is no politics in garbage collection nor in street cleaning.

"In Philadelphia, on the other hand, because the machinery of the city government is not used to enforce separation, separation is far less perfect. Frequently there is as much as from 20 to 25 per cent of foreign material in Philadelphia garbage.

"The city has tried to enforce daily collection in the following way: Whenever a complaint is made by a householder the contract firm is fined $5, without appeal, and the firm puts the $5 against the driver.

"In the old Philadelphia days this arrangement was unquestionably a fruitful field. Fines were imposed when drivers had not been derelict. They had no recourse. This method was used to discipline them when delinquent at the primaries. One of the high officials and chief stockholders in the Philadelphia concern informed me that shortly after he had moved into a new house one of his drivers was fined on complaint of a householder. Investigation showed that the city's books showed a complaint of non-collection had been made by the holder of the house into which the rendering company official had moved. Of course, the complaint was not bona fide. The driver probably was behind in his dues to the ward club.

"Even the briefest reflection must convince the experienced that politics might be played more rigorously under such a system than would be possible under our civil service law at its present state of efficiency.

City Must Do the Work.

"There is this further consideration. The city must either collect the garbage itself or supervise its collection. If the city is unable to collect its garbage properly it is also unable to supervise its collection by contractors.

"Contractors are in it for the money. They will, if they do their own collecting, spend much of their energy in preventing other collectors from getting the 'richest' garbage (that coming from hotels and restaurants). This is the case in Philadelphia and Pittsburg. By the same token they will, if they conveniently can, omit the collection of the 'poor' garbage, which is not rich in grease. And especially will they try to evade making too many long hauls too often, which wear out horseflesh and eat up wages for the amount of refuse collected. It pays the garbage company not to collect from outlying districts oftener than possible.

"With the city collecting, on the other hand, this motive would not enter. The city would not be in the business for profit, and would not, therefore, center its attention on the profitable short hauls of 'rich' garbage, but would treat all alike.

"Again, if the city lets out garbage collection by contract, there will remain for disposition ashes, rubbish, and street dirt. Should the city abdicate these municipal functions also? If not, it must go into the teaming business for itself, buy land where necessary, build stables in various parts of the city, buy horses, and hire drivers.

"The past system of hiring leaky wagons and wornout, half dead horses from political favorites at the rate of $4.50 a day has been a joke—and an expensive one to the city. It must be said in fairness, however, that no team owner would send a good horse into the dump, where a cut from a piece of old glass or can will allow the poison from the decayed swill to enter the blood of the horse and kill him."

TOOTH TALK, No. 4

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NO WORD FROM HITCHCOCK

Nothing Has Reached Baxter from Secretary of Interior on Richards-Comstock Case.

"We have received notice from the Department of Justice of its receipt of a transcript of proceedings in the Bartlett Richards and W. G. Comstock cases," remarked United States District Attorney Baxter Saturday morning. "Nothing further has occurred in the matter. I am of the opinion that had the transcript been received by Secretary Hitchcock before he had seen the press reports of the end of the case and the sentence of the accused cattlemen his surprise and indignation would have been materially modified. You will remember the plea of guilty by Messrs. Richards and Comstock was not made until about 5 o'clock Tuesday evening and it was too late for this office to forward a complete transcript of the proceedings and the judgment of the court that evening and consequently the first intimation Washington received of the matter was the press reports which were necessarily very brief and wanting in detail, in particularly so important a case."

THREE PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Election Officers Deny Neglect of Duty on Recent Primary Day.

William Telford, Cornelius O'Brien and Patrick Broderick appeared before Judge Day Saturday morning and entered pleas of not guilty of neglecting their duties as election officers. At the primary election held September 19, these men were constituted the election board in the Second precinct of the Fifth ward of South Omaha. After the balloting they did not make proper returns and it was reported to the county authorities they had indulged too freely in liquor and had utterly failed to attend to the business for which they were appointed.

Telford asserts he became disgusted with the way in which the voting was being conducted and quit. The other two make a general denial. All three were released on small bonds to appear for trial when wanted.

GOOD CROWD AT BANQUET

Large Attendance of Lawyers from State Will Dine with Local Bar Association.

Ralph W. Breckenridge, chairman of the Nebraska State Bar association, is prepared to say he looks for a large attendance from out in the state at the banquet which the Omaha Bar association will give at the Her Grand next Thursday evening to the state bar. The committeemen on entertainment, from which tickets may be obtained, are A. G. Ellick, H. G. Moorhead and Sidney W. Smith and they find prospects good for a large assemblage. This is highly gratifying all around. Local lawyers are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to entertain their brothers from out in the state in royal style.

Building Permits.

The following have been granted building permits during the twenty-four hours ending at noon Saturday:

George Seligsohn, brick ware house, Tenth and Marcy, 66x22 feet, five stories, $11,000; Mrs. E. W. Nash, Thirty-eighth and Burt, alterations and repairs to dwelling, $1,500.

FROM BIRTH TO OLD AGE

Life is a constant fight against the dangers of disease, and he holds his own the best who keeps his body and its functions in the best working trim.

There are times in every life when Nature gratefully accepts a little aid. She does not want a whipping up for that is inevitably followed by depressing reaction.

In most cases a tonic and alterative properly compounded will afford the required help by promoting digestion, assimilation and reconstruction of tissue and reducing waste of vital nerve forces.

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BIG BUILDING INVESTMENTS

Northward Advance of Wholesale District Has Begun with Vigor.

TRACKS ON NINTH A MOVING FACTOR

Conservative Savings and Loan Association Latest to Announce an Intention to Erect a New Building on Harney.

The announcement of M. E. Smith & Co. that Mrs. Nash will build for them a mammoth wholesale dry goods house and factory on Ninth street, between Farnam and Douglas, marks the beginning of the northward advance of the Omaha wholesale district. It is considered only a matter of a few years until this growth, gradually attracted to the vicinity of Farnam and Douglas streets by the opening of tracks on Ninth street, will encroach on the red light district of the Third ward until its residents are forced to find other locations.

As long as the Union and Burlington stations are at their present locations, it will be impossible to build tracks across Tenth street. Since practically all the ground available for wholesale purposes west of Tenth which can be reached by trackage under the viaduct is already in use, it is only reasonable to suppose that future growth will be largely to the north of the Burlington and Union Pacific headquarters. Then, no doubt, the better trackage facilities afforded on Ninth street will cause the removal to that vicinity of some of the jobbers already located farther south.

M. E. Smith & Co. are the first to enter the new field. They will build on the west side of Ninth street, between Farnam and Douglas, two eight-story buildings, 132x132 feet, one a warehouse and the other a factory. It will be the largest wholesale establishment in the city.

Another firm to select a location east of Tenth street is the Byrne & Hammer company, for which J. A. Creighton has broken ground for an eight-story building, 132x132 feet, at the northwest corner of Ninth and Douglas streets.

Retail Center Widening Out.

The most rapid development shown in the retail district this year has been along South Sixteenth street. The Hoagland block, one of the finest retail buildings in the west, has been erected at Sixteenth and Howard streets, and is now occupied by two large firms. Just across the street John R. Webster and J. A. Sunderland are erecting a retail building which will cost about $350,000. Bennett's big store is at the southwest corner of Sixteenth and Harney street and just across the street east of it is a desirable location for another large building. When Peter E. Iler erects his $800,000 hotel at Sixteenth and Howard streets, that section of the town will be a city of itself.

Building permits already taken out this year at the city building inspector's office reach the enormous total of more than $4,000,000, which is greater than for any single year since 1899. Last year's permits amounted to $2,051,000.

Of the buildings erected this year, and of those for which ground has been broken, eight cost upward of $100,000. These are:

The Brandeis store, eight stories, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Douglas, $750,000.

Hoagland block, six stories, Sixteenth and Howard, $250,000.

Webster & Sunderland building, six stories, Sixteenth and Howard, $250,000.

Byrne & Hammer building, eight stories, Ninth and Howard, $200,000.

Y. M. C. A. building, Seventeenth and Harney, $200,000.

Parlin, Orendorff & Martin warehouse, eight stories, Tenth and Jones, $100,000.

Hayden Bros. store, six stories, Seventeenth and Douglas, $100,000.

Allen Bros. warehouse, six stories, Tenth and Farnam, $100,000.

Beside the M. E. Smith buildings, which will cost $400,000, there are proposed a Masonic temple at Twentieth and Douglas, to cost $150,000; a new Iler Grand hotel at Sixteenth and Harney, to cost $800,000; a warehouse for Paxton & Gallagher at Tenth and Jones, to cost $100,000, and a Young Women's Christian association building at Seventeenth and St. Mary's avenue, to cost $125,000, to say nothing of numerous smaller buildings to cost from $20,000 upward to $50,000 or $75,000.

Numerous Elevators Erected.

The year has been one of elevator building, also. Six elevators have been built or are now in the course of erection and they represent, together with the cost of the sites, an outlay of more than $1,000,000. They are the Independent elevator, with a capacity of 1,000,000 bushels; the Updike elevator, with a capacity of 500,000 bushels; the Crowell Grain and Lumber company's elevator, with a capacity of 150,000 bushels; the new Merriam & Holmquist elevator, with a capacity of 125,000 bushels; the Trans-Mississippi elevator at Council Bluffs, with a capacity of 500,000; the Cooper-Von Dorn elevator at Council Bluffs, with a capacity of 50,000 bushels. The elevator of the Iowa-Nebraska Grain company at Gibson, built late last year, has a capacity of 135,000 bushels. The new Merriam & Holmquist elevator on Sherman avenue will be enlarged next summer with storage tanks for 350,000 bushels.

New Building on Harney.

The Conservative Savings and Loan association have purchased of John F. Coad the thirty-three feet of ground fronting south on Harney street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, immediately adjoining the Nash building on the west, and will at once proceed to have plans prepared for the erection of a building thereon, with the main floor for its own use and one or two floors and a basement for rental purposes. The total investment contemplated by the officers of the association is $90,000, being about the amount of its reserve and undivided profit account. This will give the Conservative association permanent quarters.

The Conservative association was organized in December, 1891, by George F. Gilmore, its present president, and was reorganized in 1894 by Mr. Gilmore and Mr. John F. Flack, its present general manager. The officers and directors of the association at the present time are as follows: William Baird, E. A. Benson, A. W. Bowman, Randall K. Brown, Robert Dempster, John F. Flack, Charles C. George, George F. Gilmore, Byron R. Hastings, J. C. Robinson, J. A. Sunderland, H. A. Thompson, A. P. Tukey, C. K. Urquhart and Charles M. Wilhelm.

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DORMITORY FOR CREIGHTON

Fine Building to Be Erected on Lots Recently Donated to the University.

It was announced yesterday by Father Dowling, president of Creighton university, that the university will build a dormitory on the lots at the southwest corner of Twenty-fifth and California streets, recently given to the university by Count Creighton. The building will be 142 feet on Twenty-fifth street and 126 feet on California street and will be two stories in height. It will afford accommodations for sixty students, each in a separate room. There will be a large reception room, a dining room for the regular dormitory boarders and a lunch room in which other students may eat what they bring from their homes and where they may buy a bowl of soup or a cup of coffee if they so desire. In the west end will be class rooms for the sole use of the younger students. What is called a public station will be erected at the corner of the building to shelter those waiting for cars.

More than 600 students attend the university and fully one-third of these are from out of the city. The university authorities feel that many of them get poor food and poor accommodations for study and the dormitory is to give them a chance to get something better. Another consideration is that many parents like to have their children living under the immediate supervision of the faculty.

When Count Creighton gave the lots to the university they were covered with an unsightly hill about twenty-five feet high. This has been removed until the property is level with the street.

CONTRACT FOR CANAL IS LET

Denver Man Will Construct Portion of North Platte Ditch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The secretary of the interior today awarded the contract to W. C. Morrison of Denver on schedules one and two for the construction of the first forty-five miles of the Interstate canal in the North Platte irrigation project, Nebraska. Morrison's bids were as follows: Schedule No. 1, $27,070; schedule No. 2, $103,808.

The commissioner of the general land office today instructed the land officers at Cheyenne, Wyo., to withdraw from all forms of disposal, except under the mineral laws, 40,320 acres of public land. This withdrawal is made for the purpose of extending the Sirrra Madre forest reserve.

Nebraska postmasters appointed: Brownlee, Cherry county, Nels C. Sorensen, vice Charles O. Davis, resigned; Coy, Nuckolls county, Mrs. Alice C. Gross, vice J. R. Hull, resigned.

LOOKS INTO NEGRO'S DEATH

Sailor Shot in Fight with Constable Who Was Exonerated from Blame.

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 18.—The killing of a negro in a justice's court at Gulfport, which occurred a few days ago, has taken on an international phase. Secretary of State J. W. Power today received a letter from H. G. Hunt, British consul at New Orleans asking for a full investigation.

The negro in question was a sailor from the British bark, Hornet King, at Gulfport and was arrested on a misdemeanor charge. After his conviction in the court room at Gulfport a controversy arose between Constable Gauze and the negro, who was instantly killed. The shooting took place in Justice Kelly's court room and the officer was exonerated. The secretary of state has turned over the letter from the British consul to Governor Vardaman.

Big Horn Suits Him.

J. M. Jones, industrial agent of the Burlington route, who returned from a trip over the proposed Burlington from Frannie to Worland in the Big Horn Basin country, was quite impressed with the irrigation schemes which are being developed in that country. He said:

"The country is just the right slope for irrigation, water following a plow furrow for miles. The soil is of unknown depth, rich and productive, and all the crops known to the older settlements of Iowa and Illinois can be raised under these ditches. I do not believe the climate can be excelled in any country. The winters mild, as the basin is surrounded by protecting mountain ranges, and the summers are long and pleasant, with snow visible in the mountains the year around."

Mortality Statistics.

The following births and deaths have been reported to the Board of Health during the twenty-four hours ending at noon Saturday:

Births—Joseph Prevost, 1254 South Fourteenth, boy; Roy Brazee, 2120 North Twenty-fourth, girl; Charles Overyurf, 1304 Jackson girl.

Deaths—Max Levalle, 20, 1006 South Twentieth; Baby Roxford, 18 months, St. Joseph hospital; M. J. Ford, 88, 831 South Nineteenth; Rev. H. J. Hemsath, 48, Waterloo, Ia., St. Joseph hospital; Juan Cuesta, 26, 1811 Chicago; Tony Knicky, 1211 South Second street.

Look Out for Bogus Bills.

Mention was made in The Bee several days ago of the appearance of a new counterfeit $10 treasury note of what is known as the "Buffalo series." It was said at the time the bills might put in an appearance in this locality. While Omaha has not yet been inflicted with the spurious bills several of them have appeared at Davenport, Ia., and a greater number at Denver. The bills are described as being of a very deceptive character and the warning is sent out to be on the lookout for them throughout the Missouri valley.

Length to Which Love Goes.

Mary A. Crosby has filed an amended petition in her suit against Peter Hughes for $10,000 for alleged breach of promise. The amended petition elaborates on the courtship of the pair, the many postponed wedding dates, the fact that she gave up her $15-a-week position with the Armour company, she sets up that she expressed a willingness to marry Hughes even when he told her he was about to lose his job.

Sylvester Bound Over.

Arthur Sylvester was arraigned in police court Saturday morning on the charge of breaking and entering the store of C. F. Krelle, 816 South Thirteenth street and stealing about $50 worth of goods. The prisoner waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court in the sum of $800. It is not long since Sylvester served a term in the penitentiary.

Supposed to Have Brother Here.

Chief Donahue has received a telegram from Meek & Dickman, undertakers at St. Louis, stating that Charles Murray died there, and that he is supposed to have a brother in Omaha, but they do not give the brother's name or address.

CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Week's Business Good, but Market Almost Featureless.

ONLY NOTICEABLE ADVANCE IS IN COTTON

Dry Goods Jobbers Prepare for Clearing Sale This Week and Expect Many Retailers—Leading Groceries Are Unchanged.

Trade has been good for the week with Omaha jobbers, but the market has been almost featureless. The main thing to note is an advance in bleached cambrics and bleached cottons. Coffee, sugar and cheese, the leading groceries, remain unchanged. Dry goods jobbers are preparing for a clearing sale this week and expect a large visiting trade.

Refined sugar is unchanged in price. Raws are a little firmer, the price being 1-16c higher than a week ago. A much better feling prevails and some best posted on the situation hold the opinion that bottom has been reached. At the same time there are others who say that lower prices will rule before the first of the year. The demand has shown a marked improvement in the last few days.

Cheese is strong, although no further advance has been named. The factories have practically all closed for the winter and stocks are reported as exceedingly light for this season, as compared with former seasons. The general impression prevails that considerably higher prices will rule for fancy October made goods.

Coffee is practically unchanged from last week. Sevens are still quoted to Omaha jobbers at 8¾c. Estimated receipts of Brazil coffee for November are 1,250,000 bags, which is 240,000 bags more than were received in November of last year. The increased movement of the last two weeks has made the total receipts to date about equal to those of last year, but the indications are still that the crop is a rather small one. The market is steady at the recent decline and it looks as though bottom had been reached. Brazil reports that rain is badly needed for the growing crop.

Situation in Canned Goods.

The feeling in canned corn is quite a healthy one and the impression prevails that in the near future prices are going to be better than they are today. A few of the canners who have poor storage and cannot keep their goods from freezing are offering their goods at comparatively low prices, at least such portions as they cannot take care of properly. Because of that, there is no cheap corn in fact, the Iowa canners had a meeting recently and the feeling there displayed was very strong for standing pat and offering no goods, except at a margin of profit above the cost of canning. Corn is rapidly going into consumption, and while no material advance is looked for before next spring, every case of corn will be wanted and the packers will be cleaned up before new goods are ready.

A few canners in eastern Maryland find it necessary to move their stocks before the advent of cold weather. This has brought out a few offerings of cheap tomatoes, and it is reported that sales have recently been made at 5c below the high market. In no section of the west, however, are jobbers able to learn of any offerings below $1. This, with the freight rate of 22c to 37c, would make the goods cost from $1.07½ to $1.12½, laid in. Jobbers do not look for any material reduction in tomatoes; in fact, they are inclined to think that the market will hold firm and possibly be advanced later.

Fruits Are Firmly Held.

Anything in the way of canned fruits, either eastern or California, is firmly held. Gallon apples continue to advance and gallon small fruits of all kinds are very hard to find of satisfactory quality.

The market continues very firm on both apricots and peaches and slight advances have been made in apples and prunes during the last week. Peaches are so well cleaned up, as are also apricots, that an advancing market is anticipated from this time on; in fact, some of the best posted operators predict extreme prices on both of these lines. There is no change to report in raisins, except that the outsiders are pretty well sold up, and up to the present time the Raisin association has not done a great amount of business.

A few California walnuts have been received in the market, but the quality has not been satisfactory. The trade has finally made up its mind to use imported walnuts, and these are now moving very freely.

Further advances have taken place in both Japan and head rices. The rainy weather in the south has served to give added strength to the situation, as what goods are now in the stack will be more or less damaged by the rain.

The tone of the herring market in the east is a little easier temporarily, but prices at Omaha rule the same as last week. Dutch herring is pressing the market, but supplies of Scotch are not heavy. Codfish is firm under moderate stocks. Other fish are firm at ruling figures.

Clearing Sale of Dry Goods.

The trade of dry goods jobbers has been very good for the last few weeks and the leading houses have announced clearing sales for next week, when they will make a reduction of prices and close out surplus lots of seasonable fall goods. Many large retailers have already signified their intention of coming to the market.

Lonsdale cambrics have advanced to 11c in the last week and other bleached cambrics and all bleached cottons are equally strong, due in part to large consumption, as well as to the strong market for raw cotton. Unbleached cotton denims and ticks also are scarce and advancing. Amoskeag A. C. A. ticks and competing lines have been advanced ½@¾c all round. Advance orders for spring goods have been larger than at any former corresponding time and extend to all lines of goods.

Shoes at Omaha's Market.

An advance for the week is quoted on all grades of leather, both upper and sole. While Omaha jobbers have not made any advances for some time they say the feeling in shoes is stronger, and they are certain that they will have to increase the price before long. A retail merchant was in a few days ago who protested the high price charged him for shoes. When the jobber asked him to compare the present price of hides with that of former years he said: "Well, I do remember that I bought hides a year ago at 5c a pound, and now I am paying 12 and 13c." Retailers are buying very freely for spring, as they realize that shoes will be yet higher. There is always a good business on a rising market in the shoe trade.

Heavy Trade in Hardware.

Hardware wholesalers are swamped with shipping. One day last week a salesman for one company sent in an order for nineteen carloads of goods, and all others of the same firm did an enormous business. Galvanized and black sheetiron were steady and there is an especially big demand in this line. There has been no change in prices for the week. The steel market is steady for the time being, but the jobbers say there is every indication that it will be higher soon. Omaha dealers have bought ahead for their needs as far as May, in anticipation of higher prices.

CITY OFFICIAL NOTICES

PROPOSALS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Sealed proposals are invited and will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Omaha on Tuesday, November 21, 1905, at 8 o'clock p. m., in the Council Chamber, in the City Hall, for the following street improvements, towit:

Harney street, from point 66 feet west of 8th street to 9th street, in Street Improvement District No. 862, by curbing and paving, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2528.

Woolworth avenue, from 26th street to 29th street, in Street Improvement District No. 853, by curbing and paving, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2527.

Bids for such improvements must be upon asphalt, stone, vitrified brick, vitrified brick block, artificial stone or macadam, and all bidders are required to designate the locality, quarry, kiln or factory from which will be furnished the specific material to be used by them, with its commercial designation.

Proposals must be submitted for each district separately and must be made upon printed blanks to be furnished by the City Engineer, who will also furnish instructions to bidders, together with specifications and forms of contract and bond, upon application at his office; and as evidence of good faith and guarantee that contract will be entered into and good and sufficient bond furnished, should award be made thereon, each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, payable to the City of Omaha, in an amount not less than 10 per cent of the total of each bid, but in no case to be less than $100.

Proposals must be addressed to W. H. Elbourn, City Clerk, Council Chamber, City Hall, and marked "Proposals for Street Improvement District No. ——," giving the number of the district bid upon.

The City Council of the City of Omaha reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Omaha, Nebraska, November 8, 1905.
W. H. ELBOURN,
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