WORRY OVER GARBAGE MONEY

Council Does Not Know Where to Get the Funds Needed.

CAN CITY PASS THE ORDINANCE?

These Are the Questions Over Which the Members of the City Council and the City Attorney's Office Are Debating.

Whether the city council can pass an emergency ordinance appropriating funds for the collection and disposal of garbage and where the money is coming from should the ordinance be passed are questions which are worrying the legal department of the city.

A difference of opinion exists as to whether the council has the right to pass such an ordinance. The statutes state that an emergency ordinance can be passed in two instances—that of an epidemic or in case of unforeseen accidents.

City Attorney Rine inclines to the opinion that the emergency can be created under the "unforeseen accident" provision, but a diligent search of court records fails to disclose a case which will bear out this interpretation.

Neither the city attorney nor Assistant City Attorney W. C. Lambert, who are investigating the question, have reached a definite conclusion.

Lambert, however, does not tend to the belief of Rine. So far he has failed to discover a provision where such an ordinance can be passed, he says.

Should the ordinance be passed, council members want to know where they are going to get the money. Unlike most other cities, Omaha's charter does not permit the borrowing of money. So the only way to get the funds will be to draw on the unappropriated funds of the city.

All the tax levy and practically all of the estimated miscellaneous receipts have been appropriated by the council. Should the estimate of the city comptroller on the amounts to be received from occupation taxes and other resources be borne out, about $8,000 will be available during the year, if it is paid. But, should the estimates be too high or should the taxes not be paid, the city would be up against it.

Would Cost Five Thousand Dollars.

It is from this $8,000 that the council may get the money for the garbarge question. Estimates of the amount of money needed, as suggested by Dr. Connell, health commissioner, put the amount at $5,000.

Should the ordinance be passed, a suit to determine the regularity will be started in the district court before any of the money is expended. City Attorney Rine characterizes it as a "friendly" suit, but Harry Zimman, who is opposing the scheme, declares the city will not have to resort to "friendly" tests. Ximman says he will furnish all the unfriendly test that the legal department may desire. Zimman stated Friday that he would oppose any attempt to pass the emergency ordinance.

Dr. Connell, health commissioner, has declared that unless the city makes some provision for the collection and removal of garbage, epidemics are likely to follow this summer, which will result in great loss of life.

RAILROAD LISTS ITS PROPERTY AT TRUE VALUE

Attorney for Northwestern Explains Why Road Valuation is Higher Than Assessor's.

"The so-called over-valuation of Northwestern and Omaha road properties is nothing more than the real valuation of our railroad property in this state," declared Benjamin T White, general attorney for the Northwestern lines west of the Missouri. "And it is nothing new this year, as it has been valued that way for six or seven years.

"Years ago the railroads of this state valued their property on an equivalent basis with what the owners of property near them were placing their valuations. Today we disregard the valuations of farmers and other property owners along our right-of-way and pay taxes on what it is worth to us.

"Personally, of course, I have nothing to do with the valuation of property, but I can assure you it has nothing to do with the rates based on physical valuation, as there can be no such basing. If there was such a rate rule a road in poor condition could haul traffic much cheaper than a line with more money in its building.

"But the valuations will probably be made each year on the basis they are now, as the road is obliged to swear its list of property now."

New Books

Fiction.

ME-SMITH, by Caroline Lockhart; 315 pp.; $1.20; J. B. Lippincott company.

In this book Miss Caroline Lockhart has written a story of the real west that will in some ways upset preconceived notions of the folks she deals with. But Miss Lockhart is a western girl and has had much experience with the people she portrays. Only in this way could she have gained the close-range view of the country and its qualities of men and nature. It is not an especially attractive picture she draws, for she permits her fidelity to reality to save her from any possible extravagance in romantic coloring. The story is that of the "plain people" of a wild country, the sordidness of a life that has been given a romantic halo by less sophisticated writers. And yet in all the story Miss Lockhart has kept close to the truth, drawing with patient skill the men and women who move through it and bringing it at last to a conclusion that is in keeping with the work. It is well done in all particulars, is full of the real life of a new region and has in it a quality of flavor that ought to be relished by the people whose taste has been jaded by too much artificiality in their "western" stories. You will enjoy reading it.

A MELODY IN SILVER, by Keene Abbott; 149 pp.; 75 cents; Houghton-Mifflin company.

Mr. Abbott, who lives in Omaha, has told the old, old story of the love of a man for a woman in a new and altogether interesting way. His conceit is quaint and his humor is almost whimsical in its daintiness, but through it all it maintains a wholesome quality that is the more pleasing because it is so seldom encountered. The story deals mostly with the adventures of a boy whose own parents have died, and who turns to the woman who gave him the most tender of mother care with an ever-insistent demand for some information as to his father. How this question finally had to be answered and how it was answered is one of the most pleasing things of the book. It is Mr. Abbott's first venture in the way of a volume, but its promise is of more and better things in days to come.

THE LAND CLAIMERS, by John Fleming Wilson; 291 pp.; $1.50; Little, Brown & Co.

This is Mr. Wilson's first long book and his field is the timber land of the northwest, where life is a hard-fought struggle. It is worth the reading if only for its portrayal of a true optimist, who, being sent by his doctor from San Francisco to live "in the open," is sold a worthless claim in the Oregon timber lands, and with unfailing courage fights ill health and misfortune. The book has the added merit of a charming, original heroine, humor, and genuine pathos.

SEEKERS ALL, by Mrs. Kenneth Combe; 323 pp.; $1.20. George H. Doran company.

This is an entertaining story of English life. It has humor well sustained and a plot of considerable novelty, with a denouement surprising and delightful.

THE CAVERNS OF DAWN, by James Paxton Voorhees; 519 pp.; the Raidabaugh-Voorhees company.

The opening chapters of this story are laid in Washington, but it soon shifts to southern Indiana. There is a real bandit, the rendezvous of whose gang is located in the mysterious caverns of Lost River. The characters are well drawn and the author shows an excellent knowledge of the Hoosier dialect of the early days.

A BREATH OF PRAIRIE, by Will Lillibridge; 417 pp.; 20 cents; A. C. McClurg company.

The thirteen stories which comprise this volume, seven of them dealing with Dakota life, were found among Mr. Lillibridge's papers after his untimely death. They display versatility and a true insight into human character.

PEOPLE OF POPHAM, by Mary C. E. Wemyss; 338 pp.; $1.20; Houghton-Mifflin company.

A story of the love and other affairs of some of the dwellers in a typical small English village. Peggy, the charming and witty girl who is supposed to tell the story, will win a place in the affections of her readers. The volume is especially attractive typographically, the title page being embellished with a vignette of a characteristic old English home—the keynote of the story.

Miscellaneous.

MEMORIES OF A MANAGER, by Daniel Frohman; 226 pp.; Doubleday, Page & Co.

This volume is Daniel Frohman's contribution to the literature of the American stage. Mr. Frohman writes from the wealth of his experience, not a discussion of the merits or demerits of theatricals or a criticism of the stage, but an intimate account of the struggles of actor and manager together in the development of the art in America. His personality is kept in the background and he figures but slightly in the course of the work, although it is with authority that he gives the many anecdotes of the men and women of the stage of the last generation. His story begins with the foundation of his famous Lyceum company in 1886, and continues to the present day. Much space is given to Mr. Sothern, who was so long under the Frohman guidance, but a long procession of important personages passes through the pages of the volume, which will be found an addition to the library of especial value in connection with American stage history.

EGYPT AND ISRAEL, by Willis Brewer; Torch Press.

A well considered and thoughtful attempt to show the debt owed by the authors of the scriptures to the more ancient peoples. It also contains a critical inquiry into the origin, life and work of Jesus. The author seems to think that rational truth rather than international faith should govern belief in the Holy Word. Among the subjects considered are: Influence of Egypt on Hebrew history, historic environment of Jesus and traits and opinions of Jesus.

BRAIN POWER FOR BUSINESS MEN, by Annie Payson Call; 124 pp.; 75 cents; Little, Brown & Co.

Simple and direct advice to enable business men to save their nervous force, to get rid of nervous strain and thus to gain more wholesome and vigorous brain power. She points out the power of the more wholesome methods for training men's minds in a way to bring them more intelligent freedom and more life.

THE PRINCIPLES OF SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT, by Frederick Winslow Taylor; 144 pp.; $1.50; Harper & Bros.

Mr. Taylor has been working on his system for thirty years. Here, for the first time, its principles are given fully—by the inventor himself. In this book is, we see, the birth of a new science—one which will go far toward revolutionizing present business and industrial methods.

GETTYSBURG, THE PIVOTAL BATTLE OF THE CIVIL WAR, by R. R. Beecham; 288 pp.; $1.75; A. C. McClurg & Co.

The author fought on the union side, in the famous old "Iron brigade," and has spent many years in preparing his account of the fight. He has marked descriptive powers, has no hesitation in telling the truth as he understands it and in characterizing the events and men he describes. In this, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the great conflict, the book will have a special interest for every American.

KEYNOTES OF OPTIMISM, by Calvin Weiss Laufer; 152 pp.; $1.00; Sherman, French & Co.

This is a book of inspiration and good cheer. It covers a wide range of subjects pertaining to the fundamentals of religion, and in a thoughtful and animated style sounds the clarion note of optimism.

THE PASSING OF THE AMERICAN, by Monroe Boyce; 189 pp.; $1.50; Thomas Whittaker, Inc.

The author deals with every phase of American life and character and, according to his showing, the native American is being outstripped by the alien in the industrial and commercial affairs of the nation and will be finally eliminated if he does not mend his ways.

THE ICE AGE IN NORTH AMERICA, by G. Frederick Wright; 741 pp.; $5.25; Bibliotheca Sacra company.

The fifth edition of this standard volume, the original publication being in 1889. While the main conclusions of the original edition have been sustained, the additional light shed upon the subject by later investigations is of special interest. Illustrated.

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TO ASK FIRE HOUSE BONDS

Proposition for Spending Hundred Thousand Dollars Up to Voters.

WILL HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION

Mayor Dahlman Would Submit the Bond Issue Along with County Proposal — Three New Buildings Needed.

Citizens of Omaha will be asked to vote bonds in the sum of about $100,000 for the erection of three engine houses. The question will be submitted at the time the special elections are held to vote $8,295,000 to settle the water litigation and for $250,000 to complete the Douglas county court house, if present plans are carried out.

Following a tour of inspection of the city's fire houses Thursday afternoon, the committee on public buildings and grounds of the city council and members of the fire and police board decided to ask for the issue of bonds to replace two engine houses and erect a new one.

Mayor Dahlman will meet with the Board of County Commissioners Saturday afternoon and arrange to have the election held in conjunction with the other elections.

Should the bonds be voted, a new engine house will be erected at Sixteenth and Izard streets, on the site of the present building. Another will be constructed in the vicinity of Tenth and Douglas, to replace the one there; while the third will be built at Nineteenth and Harney streets, and will take the place of the one now located at Eighteenth and Harney streets.

City officials and Charles A. Salter, chief of the fire department, consider the engine houses at Sixteenth and Izard and Tenth and Douglas unsafe and wholly inadequate. "Both of these buildings are dangerous," declares Salter, "and unless they are repaired or new engine houses built, accidents are liable to happen which will involve the city in expensive litigation.

"To repair the Izard street house will cost in the neighborhood of $2,500. After this money will have been spent, we will have nothing but a half house, which must be replaced soon.

"We also propose to move the house at Tenth and Douglas a trifle. The present house is so hemmed in by railroad tracks that it is next to impossible to get in or out. The present site, 25x60, can be sold and a new one bought, on which can be erected a modern engine house."

Mayor Dahlman said that the bond issue would be put up to the people. "I shall go before the county board Saturday afternoon and make arrangements so our election can be held at the same time as the county and Water board elections. If necessary, we will ask them to delay their election a week or so, so we can get in and cut expenses. We have not decided just how much money we will need, but it will run in the neighborhood of $100,000, possibly more."

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WILL HOLD SEVERAL MEETINGS

Effort Being Made to Make the Demonstration in Omaha the Biggest of the Kind in the Entire Country.

The Gideons, the organized Christian traveling men, want to make Omaha famous for producing the biggest turnout of men for the Bible parade that any city has succeeded in having. Sunday afternoon the Gideons will distribute in the rooms of the principal Omaha hotels over 1,400 Bibles. The forty members of the organization will try to get 300 more men, or enough to make 400 in all, and these men will march from the Young Men's Christian association building after a special gospel service and distribute the Bibles in person. In the Chicago parade which took place recently there were only 100 men, and the Omaha branch thinks more men than that can be mustered who will be glad to march with the books under their arms.

The gospel meeting will be addressed by J. C. O'Hair and A. R. Wright of St. Joseph, Mo. The Young Men's Christian association glee club and Mrs. A. R. Wright will sing. Sunday morning Mr. Wright will speak and Mrs. Wright will sing at Pearl Memorial church and Mr. O'Hair will speak at Trinity Methodist. In the evening there will be a mass meeting at Emmanuel Baptist church.

The day has been set aside for the distribution of Bibles by the Gideons all over the country. Since their organization twelve years ago they have distributed 80,000 books. In Omaha there will be at least 1,000 rooms which will not be visited and the Gideons will try later to supply them.

Delegates will be sent by the Omaha chapter to the national convention in Milwaukee and will try to get the convention for Omaha in 1912. The state convention will be in Lincoln next month.

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