

JEWETT BUNCH FACES GARBAGE PLANT EXPOSE

Board Members Say Department Is Operated at Loss.

FIGURES ARE WITHHELD

That the city garbage reduction plant is being operated at a loss and that in spite of this fact the board of sanitary commissioners have turned down two offers of private concerns to contract for the disposal of garbage after it is collected became known today from statements made by members of the board.

The undetermined deficit which the plant faces may be of such proportions that it will be necessary to use money included in the city budget under the head of the "sewage disposal maintenance fund," it was said.

Details agree on the cost of operation of the plant and the revenue obtained from the sale of grease and tankage were not available, said Lucius B. Swift, member of the sanitary board, explaining, however, that since the board's regular bookkeeper is on a vacation he will not produce figures.

On the return of the bookkeeper next week, however, a report on the operation for the first six months of this year will be prepared and given to the press, Mr. Swift promised.

JUST WHAT FIGURES WILL SHOW

These figures, when given to the public will show that the present cost of collection and disposal of garbage will surpass the bid of \$84,000 a year for doing this work, presented by the Indianapolis Reduction Company early in 1918 when the city bought the plant, which Jesse T. Moorman, president, said under oath before the county board of reviews could not be sold for more than \$10,000.

This statement is based on interviews with Frank C. Lingenfelter, city civil engineer and a member of the sanitary board; Jay A. Craven, another member of the board, and Mr. Swift.

Mr. Lingenfelter and Mr. Craven frankly admitted that the plant is not showing a balance on the proper side of the ledger, which was in January, 1919, when Mayor Jewett assumed that "at that rate the plant will pay for itself in five years" but declined to give any figures, saying Mr. Swift is in charge of that branch of the board's business.

Mr. Swift said he is engaged honestly in every effort to keep the plant from facing a deficit, but that he is handicapped by the low prices which grease and tankage are bringing.

He declined to give any estimate.

TWO OFFERS IN LAST TWO MONTHS.

In face of the fact that the plant is going to cost money to maintain, Mr. Lingenfelter said the city has had two offers within the last two months from private concerns which proposed to take all of the garbage for feeding to hogs, and to pay the city a sliding scale based on the current price of live hogs on the market.

The only excuse the engineer had for the refusal to accept these offers was because the city would be left with an idle \$175,000 disposal plant.

He said the depreciation on the idle plant would be so great that the cost of putting it back into operation, should such occasion arise, would be prohibitory.

Actual figures on the cost of the collection of garbage also are difficult to obtain.

To obtain an accurate account of the cost of collection during the present year would mean the running of several records in several different offices, a clerk in the office of the board of public works explained.

He said, however, that a fair estimate of the cost would be \$70,000.

The board of works budget for 1921 appropriates \$43,000 for garbage collection salaries and \$26,260 for garbage collection equipment maintenance, a total of \$69,260.

During the present year it was estimated by the clerk through whom came the two offers of works and collection contracts that approximately \$38,000 would be spent for garbage collection salaries this year, since next year's budget contemplates a 10 per cent increase in pay of laborers.

BONDS STILL ARE BURNING.

The disposal plant and collection equipment was bought with \$175,000 of bonds, bearing interest at 4 1/4 per cent, which adds \$7,875 to the cost of keeping the plant.

In view of the fact that in July, 1919, when the city of Indianapolis and the state of Indiana were at war, and collections were not as high as now, the plant was operated at a loss of \$244,22, according to a recent report in the "Indianapolis Journal."

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WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m., Sept. 3, 1920. Generally fair tonight and Friday; temperatures cool.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m.	57
7 a. m.	59
8 a. m.	62
9 a. m.	65
10 a. m.	65
11 a. m.	67
12 (noon)	69
1 p. m.	71

Cut the H. C. L. by Drying Vegetables

This month the country is full of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Those that can not be eaten fresh will remain in good condition.

The United States Department of Agriculture has developed a very practical plan for drying fruits and vegetables which any housewife can work out in her kitchen.

The wide variety of garden products that can be dried and stored for winter use will be appreciated.

See for the bulletin which gives all the details of drying and get to work before the season is over.

It is free, from our Washington Information Bureau.

(Use the coupon. Write plainly.)

Indiana Daily Times Information Bureau, Washington, D. C. Frederic A. Haskin, Director.

I enclose herewith 2 cents in stamp for return postage on a free copy of the Drying Bulletin.

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M. A. Stores Will Be Closed Labor Day

Members of the Merchants association announce the closing of their stores all day Monday, September 6, Labor day, as has been the custom for a number of years.

The department stores, ladies' ready-to-wear, furniture, jewelry and stores in other lines will remain closed all day Monday.

Clothing stores will remain open until noon.

BROOM SQUAD ROUTS POLICE

riot Ensues at Chicago Bargain Sale.

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—Enterprise on the part of a Chicago furniture company nearly wrecked the store, started a riot and finally bought a squad of police who beat a hasty retreat in front of 1,500 women bargain hunters.

The company advertised brooms "worth 75 cents" for "one cent each."

Eight hundred housewives responded.

Michael Wieszkowski, owner of a rival establishment across the street, when he saw the crowd, bought 2,500 pennies which he scattered among the bargain hunters.

All the housewives tried to get the same broom.

Police were called, but they only had short night sticks and the housewives had brooms.

More Rent Hogs

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Age is no barrier. Six hundred babies in a children's dispensary face eviction unless the officials buy the building.

All Postoffice Will Be Closed Labor Day

In observance of Labor day all departments of the postoffice will remain closed, and no mail, except perishable parcels and special delivery letters, will be delivered, according to an announcement by Postmaster Robert E. Springer today.

Mail collection service will be made on the regular Sunday schedule.

Little Journeys to the Mayor's Office

"The mayor will be in very soon," the mayor said to the reporter who called at the executive chambers in the City hall at 11:25 o'clock this morning was told.

At 11:35 o'clock the reporter called again and the mayor was in.

More 'Armored' Cars Put on in Brooklyn

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—"Armored" cars of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company were ordered sent out in large numbers today in defiance of the strikers who are attempting to tie up surface transportation.

These cars, sheathed in wire screen

ing as a safeguard against the missiles of strikers, moved through the streets at intervals, two policemen beside the motorman and one at the elbow of the conductor.

They carried few passengers. There is no prospect of an early settlement, according to officials.

Not for Them

A west end movie theater, evidently hoping for a hot summer, still keeps a sign in front reading, "20 degrees cooler inside."

It consists of a passenger who

had not yet abandoned their Palm Beach suits and straw hats, shivered as they figured that the temperature inside must be somewhere around zero.

Train Robbers Are Wounded in Fight

Jewett Gangster Backs Up Democratic Accusation.

If republican party leaders in every precinct in Indiana were to raise money with the ease and at the rate which a republican precinct committee of the Jewett city administration has done, the results shown to exist are not due to a sudden mismanagement of affairs, but to causes caused by negligence and bad practice, which have grown up over a period of several years, but which seem to be continually growing more and more acute. There has apparently been no effort on the part of the officers to outline the scientific and

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DAVIS PLEDGES ABOLISHMENT OF FEE SYSTEM

Democratic Candidate for Prosecutor Shows It's Tax Booster.

RAPS ROAD FUND WASTE

An attack on the fee system in the prosecutor's office whereby the prosecutor is paid for each case he prosecutes was made by Paul G. Davis, democratic nominee for prosecutor, in a speech at the home of Louis L. Stanley, 2360 Adams street, last night.

Mr. Davis charged that the fee system of paying public officials be done away with and that public offices be placed on a straight salary basis.

Mr. Davis said the office of prosecutor is too lucrative as it is, pointing out that the prosecutor's total fees during the last eighteen months have amounted to approximately \$50,000.

In speaking of the justice of the peace courts, Mr. Davis pointed out that most of the court cases reported in the rule that salaries are paid from fees collected on conviction, thus influencing the justice of the peace to convict as many persons as possible.

Mr. Davis' speech follows:

FEEL-GRABBING BINGO BOOSTING TAXES.

"Your taxes are too high and are growing higher because of the graft in the Marion county courthouse which is under the exclusive control of the feather-grabbing republican ring.

"In 1918, before the unconstitutional graft was exposed, the tax rate for Marion county was \$2.00. We are now told by the republican county auditor that under the workings of this law, which the republican legislature has attempted to legalize, the tax rate for this county will be about \$2.30 in 1920. This will make a decrease of only 14 per cent from the tax rate of 1918, and in view of the fact that the appraisement of the property in this county for 1920 is 50 per cent higher than in 1918, we are assured of paying in 1920 half again as much in the way of taxes as we paid in 1918."

"From 1904 to 1920 the amount which has been collected in taxes in this county has increased more than 325 per cent and during the same period of time, the county debt has increased more than 312 per cent. In the last six years alone, the amount which has been paid in taxes has increased more than 179 per cent and during the same time the county debt has increased more than 204 per cent."

"I will give you some of the reasons for this unparalled increase in the payment of taxes."

"In 1918 the city of Indianapolis purchased a garbage plant which was sold, at least in part, by Gov. Goodrich, for \$100,000. Mr. Moorman, president of the corporation which sold the plant, testified under oath that it was worth not more than \$10,000."

"It costs the city more than \$5,000 a year to operate automobiles driven by the republican office holders and, according to the report of the state board of accounts, one of these cars is used by the courthouse custodian in going to and from his residence to the courthouse."

"Likewise any attempt to co-operate with the republicans to make Germany a battleground, he said.

"We were unable to accept any such responsibility in view of Germany's deafnesslessness, whereupon it was decided that neutrality would prove best," he declared.

POLAND'S REPLY RECEIVED BY U. S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—President Wilson today is believed to be considering what action to take on Poland's answer to the American warning that Poland should not withdraw from the war.

Poland's reply is understood to have been sent to the whitehouse late last night.

The president, it was reported, called for the note as it was about to be made public by the state department.

Poland is understood to have refused to abide by the American demand that Poland remain in the war.

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