POINT OUT NEEDS OF GARBAGE PLANT

BOARD OF HEALTH URGES VOTERS TO SUPPORT THE BOND ISSUE NEXT TUESDAY.

ESSENTIAL TO CITY'S HEALTH

Circular Prepared to be Sent to Every Citizen of the City—Board Says Modern Plant Can be Operated for $5,000 a Year—Racine Healthy at the Present Time.

Many much smaller cities than Racine are putting them in with success.

Mayor Favors Bonds.

A Journal reporter asked Mayor Horlick whether he had anything further to say regarding the question of garbage disposal, and he replied, "Yes, I would like to impress as much as possible upon the people, the necessity of a garbage disposal system for our city. I believe it is almost first on the list of improvements which should be added to our municipal plant. Without it, we are very incomplete, and to think of from twenty to thirty tons of garbage per day being disposed of indiscriminately, or for the most part, not being disposed of at all, and to figure the accumulations of days, weeks, and months at this rate, especially during the hot weather, is appalling for a city as thickly settled as Racine."

"I have heard it said that Racine is not large enough for a garbage disposal plant. This has been stated in connection with many other suggested improvements but I'm glad to say has not been the prevailing sentiment. Racine is large enough for any public improvement it can safely finance, especially when it is a protection to health, and the addition of a garbage disposal plan will assist in making Racine a greater and more up-to-date municipality."

"In what condition would we be today if this spirit of being too small a town had always been uppermost? We would still be riding in horse-cars, drink-
tons of garbage daily and no place to deposit it. There are dumps in and out of the city that are a disgrace to the community and a menace to health.

On Tuesday next the people of the city are called upon to vote for or against the issuance of $35,000 bonds for a garbage plant. This plant, if established, will be conducted and operated by the city of Racine and not by any private individual, as many suppose. The city will own the plant, will hire its own men and own its teams to haul garbage from the homes of the hundreds to the plant. It is up to the voters whether the tons of garbage shall be deposited in any old place and endanger the health of the city or have a garbage plant to dispose of the filth.

Board of Health Talk.

There was a special meeting of the board of health yesterday morning and the garbage question came up for consideration. Possibly there is no class of men in the limits of the municipality who are better judges of what is necessary for health conditions than physicians. The board decided after discussion and deliberation to issue a circular and send copies to every citizen of Racine setting forth some facts relative to the garbage plant. They advise that every head of a family ask the physician whether a plant is needed. There is not any graft in this proposition. The city undertakes to call for and dispose of every citizen's garbage refuse free of cost. It will be done by the city with its own teams at actual cost. It is not left to a private contractor. The people would still be riding in horse-cars, drinking from dirty wells, and burning kerosene lamps for light.

No Benefit to Contractor.

"Another rumor has been circulated, to the effect that some contractor would reap financial benefit in payment for the collection of garbage. To this it may be said that the garbage will be collected, and all work in connection with the plant will be done, at actual cost to the city. It was thought advisable to vote on a bond issue not to exceed $30,000, as it may cost for a site and plant anywhere from $25,000 to $30,000, or possibly less, and I hope it will be much below this figure. It should be understood, however, that only bonds for the actual cost of site, plant and equipment will be issued. It should also be remembered that the small taxpayer and the people who will be benefited the most by the installation of a garbage disposal plant, will pay the least toward maintaining it. I hope the bond issue will carry."

EVANGELIST CLOSES HIS FIRST WEEK IN RACINE

Dr. Smith Gives Five Reasons Why Man Should Lead Christian Life—Meeting At Y. M. C. A. Sunday.

The first week of the special revival services at the First M. E. church came to a close last evening with a very successful meeting. Rev. Dr. Smith
is not left to a private individual. The poor reap as much benefit as the well-to-do or rich.

**Taxes Not Heavy.**

The circular goes on to say: "The increases of your taxes will only be from five to sixty cents a year, according to the assessed valuation of your property.

"People who cannot afford to hire someone to carry away their garbage—throw it in their yard—it's complained of—inspector investigates, tells them to take care of it—they tell him he must do it—well how can he—what can he do?"

"Then again people complain of—under cover of darkness, wheel or carry it away and dump it on the river bank, in alleys, on streets or in open holes. Some have yard enough to bury some of it, but others haven't. You must remember that this city is becoming very much congested with houses. Where there used to be three or four houses to a block, now they are built in so close in most districts that there is no room even to hang out clothes. If they have a little space they want it for a garden and they cannot dig up their vegetables, etc., to bury garbage. The only solution is a garbage plant and the free collection by the city's own teams. The entire cost of collection and disposal will not exceed $3,000 a year to the city.

**Bought at Actual Cost.**

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"Some ground will be purchased to build the plant on. This will be bought at the lowest possible price. The best and most economical plant known will be bought at its actual cost—and three garbage wagons.

"The least amount possible to cover the above will be the amount of the bonds that you are asked to vote for next Tuesday.

"The board of health ask for this and want it to help protect the people of this city from diseases. They must have it to give you that protection."