GARBAGE PLANT DECIDED UPON

Sense of Council That Racine is in Need of Such an Improvement.

SOME ALDERMAN WOULD LET THE PEOPLE VOTE

After an Hour’s Discussion Matter Was Practically Settled—Question of Funds Bothered Some of the Solons.

Unless something unforeseen happens Racine will have a garbage plant to cost $13,464 and the Decarie Crematory system will be put in. This was decided at a meeting of the city council as a committee of the whole held last evening, after the question was discussed pro and con for more than one hour. Ten aldermen voted in favor of adopting an ordi-

were not there to consider the interests of Mr. Reichert or anyone else, but to consider the advisability of a garbage plant. It was true that they needed street improvements; but they were going to be made with the bond money. The garbage plant payment could be made in two years. He claimed that it was the same old story every time an improvement came up, that there was no money, in fact he never knew it to be otherwise when anything was wanted. All cities of any size he claimed are taking up the garbage question. He was very favorable to the garbage proposition.

MOVE IS RIGHT.

Alderman Fellows said that it was a move in the right direction and in more ways than one, primarily from a sanitary standpoint; it was a move in the right direction for the city to own its municipal utilities; it was along the right lines and that was the reason he would favor it.

Alderman Hanson agreed with Alderman Fellows. He had been thinking of that system; if the council had jumped at the waterworks question twenty-five years ago, the city would own the works. He was in favor of the garbage plant. Here was a starter.

Mr. McKee, representing the Decarie Co., was asked to explain on what conditions the plant could be paid for and said it would take $4,232 the first year and the balance in two years.
TWO MORE IN FAVOR.

Alderman Decker favored the plant and he did not believe the people would object; it was a step in the right direction. He told of how he had seen old bed ticks burned; people playing around these ticks, perhaps upon which people suffering with small-pox or fever had died; he had smelled the fumes and was tired of it.

Alderman Herzog said that when the question was up before he was of the same opinion as Alderman Bell, as to where the money was to come from, but he believed the improvement was a necessity; if money could be secured for park and other things, it could be provided for a garbage plant and he would vote for it.

PEOPLE AGAINST IT—BELL.

Alderman Bell labored under the impression that the people would not approve of it and was firm in his arguments that the question be submitted to the people.

Alderman Amberg wanted to know what the people sent them there for. It was his opinion they were sent there to do business and that they ought to have backbone enough to do it; the people did not complain of what they do, it was what they should do.

Alderman Kosterman favored the plant, but believed they did not need it now; he had heard people say there were no large restaurants or boarding houses in the city where large quantities of garbage had been accumulated and he believed it for street improvements; it would be foolish to put it to a vote of the people when they could not right there, and he argued that they should decide; he did not care which way it went, they should say yes or no, whether their constituents did not like it or not.

FOR INSTANCE, SAYS FELLows.

Alderman Fellows said that if Alderman Bell had children who went out and played on top of garbage piles he would feel differently. It was a question of sanitary improvement and he did not see how any intelligent man could vote against it. It was his belief there was something back of this opposition.

Alderman Herzog argued that it would decrease the death roll.

Alderman Fancher did not believe it was a necessity, that they were making a bugbear out of it; that there were other things more necessary and he did not believe that the health of the city was so bad.

Alderman Herzog said that he would like to ask Alderman Fancher if he was not speaking from a selfish point of view.

Alderman Jones admitted that he had no children, but he said that the women favored a garbage plant and that they all wanted to please the women. It was up to the council to decide the question, yes or no.
in their own hands because they were sent there by the people to do business and constituents must certainly have some confidence in their ability and if not it was time they elected someone else. So without submitting it to a vote of the people, the favorable action was taken.

THE FUN BEGINS.

President Jones, when he called the meeting to order, said it was at the suggestion of Alderman Bell, by resolution, to take up the garbage question.

Alderman Amberg, in order to get the matter before the meeting for discussion moved that the resolution of Alderman Hoernel be adopted. This resolution is in effect that the proposition of the Decarie Crematory, for the construction of a garbage crematory, at a cost of $13,404, with steel building, concrete floors and brick stacks, be accepted, and that the board of public works award the contract to the said company in accordance with the proposition.

WHY BELL OBJECTED.

Alderman Bell objected first, because there was no money to do the work; that there were a great many other improvements about town more necessary. He said that Alderman Amberg had accused him of getting all of the improvements in the Eleventh ward. Alderman Bell then pointed out the many street and other improvements wanted and partly arranged for and he said he would oppose the garbage plant for that reason.

Alderman Hoernel explained that the Decarie company only asked that $5,000 be paid down, the balance in two years; he pointed out where the money could be accumulated and he believed the people should be given a chance to vote on the proposition.

Alderman Lange believed from a sanitary standpoint it was a good thing. He alluded to what Alderman Hanson said in regard to the ownership of the waterworks plant and that they would soon be up against that proposition. His idea was that factories were not given ample protection, because there was no money to build engine houses; if there was ever a time for reform it was now and he admonished them to go careful and alluded to the many bonds outstanding.

Alderman Jones asked Alderman Lange to tell the aldermen that many of these bonds were being paid off right along.

Alderman Decker alluding to fire engine houses and protecting the factories, as suggested by Alderman Lange, said that he would rather see the whole J. I. Case T. M. Co. plant burn down, rather than have one of his children die.

Alderman Amberg wanted Alderman Lange to point out where the fire department had not been able to cope with any fire and protect the factories.

Alderman Hanson said that if the council waited until all of these things were done they would never get anything. The majority of the people he worked with had said to him that a garbage plant was a good thing; if a small-pox epidemic should break out in the city they would possibly wake up.

A VOTE TAKEN.

Alderman Bell's amendment, that it be submitted to a vote of the people, was called for.

Alderman Amberg moved for the previous question and a vote was taken and it was carried 10 to 4.

HOW THEY LINED UP.

Alderman Christianson was for the plant and so was Alderman Hanson and Alderman Mickelson.

After more or less discussion a vote was taken on the amendment of Alderman Lange, that it be submitted to a vote of the people and it was lost by 9 to 5.

Then a vote was taken on the adoption of the Hoernel resolution and it was carried by a vote of 10 to 4.

The vote stood:

Ayes—Amburg, Christianson, Decker, Fellows, Hanson, Hoernel, Herzog, Jones, Mickelson, Nielsen.—10.

Nays—Bell; Fancher, Kosterman, Lange.

When the report was drawn up to be submitted to the council, the ten voting aye signed it and Alderman Kosterman also signed, although he voted no.

ARCANUM CINCH PARTY

Eleven Hands Played—Prizes Awarded and Refreshments Served.

Over one hundred members of the Royal Arcanum with their ladies and friends, assembled at Castle hall last evening and enjoyed a cinch party. Had it not been for the inclement weather the attendance would have been much larger. Tables were arranged on the floor in four sections and from the time play commenced to the close the greatest interest was taken.

Eleven hands were played, at the conclusion of which refreshments were served, and then awarding of prizes made as follows:

Ladies—Miss Helen Blythe, Mrs. M. W. Miller, Mrs. J. K. Petre, Mrs. J. H. Issy.
May Build Dreadnaught

There were to be arrangements in the near future, but it is understood that other parts are to be completed for the success of the enterprise. The committee of arrangements are to be commended for the success of the enterprise. The enterprise Jones believed that the people were being burdened with voting on too many questions and that if this were done, the debate was resumed, the question to shut off debate had been voted down. The people, as the people, go to a vote of the people. As the people.