

# CREMATORY BILLS HELD BY NAPIER

## Cost of Burning Garbage Is Proving Excessive, Is Official Contention.

### FAULTY, SAYS ENGINEER

#### Contractors Declare Material Is Not Segregated as Required by Ordinance—Further Tests Are Decided Upon.

Bills aggregating about \$200, representing the expenses of operating the new garbage crematory during January, which were approved with some protest by the Board of Health at a meeting yesterday morning, were held up yesterday afternoon by City Auditor Napier, who declared he would not audit them unless it is proved to him that to do so would be a legal act. The contractors are bound by the terms of their agreement with the city to consume garbage at a rate of 45 cents to 60 cents a ton, depending on the kind of test. The bills show that the cost of burning garbage during January amounted to \$15 a ton, and it is due to this excessive cost that Mr. Napier refuses to audit the bills.

City Attorney Grant yesterday gave an opinion to the effect that every feature of the expense of burning garbage must be considered in determining the cost of operating the crematory. His opinion, if observed, will require the city to take into account the wages paid to men who have been employed by the contractors since the test began, and will raise the cost for the average ton thus far made to materially more than \$15 a ton.

Criticism Leads to Trouble. Criticism of the new crematory continued in the monthly report of Superintendent Napier, and partially sustained by a report by Health Officer Wheeler, caused excitement at the meeting of the Board of Health yesterday morning, and nearly precipitated a fight after the meeting between Mr. Napier and Fred P. Smith, the engineer who directed the construction of the crematory. Napier and Smith have been unfriendly for a long time, and Dr. Alan Welch Smith, a member of the Board, had not interfered when the two last their tempers yesterday morning a fight would have resulted, it is believed.

Heard Napier told the Board that the expenses of his department had reached \$400 during January, and that the report of the cost of the last three months of last year the average cost had been but about \$100 a month. As Napier implied that this was due to the cost of operating the new garbage crematory the report caused considerable consternation, and Mayor Simon insisted on a more minute explanation of the expenses of the crematory. He presented the report to show that the cost of consuming garbage in the new plant from December 21 to January 27 was an average of \$15 a ton or more than twice the cost required by the contract for the new plant.

Contractors Charge Unfairness. A. B. Manley and Fred P. Smith, representing the contractor, the Public Works Engineering Company, acknowledged that at first the cost was excessive, owing to the nervousness of the plant, and the necessity that the men employed there should become familiar with their work. They filed a report charging Napier with unfair conduct toward them. They asserted that he had tried to hamper their efforts in various ways, chiefly by going out early in the morning and ordering the scavengers to mix the combustible and unburnable garbage together, which interfered with the fires.

After listening to the reports and hearing the explanations made by the contractors, the Board decided to continue the present line of tests for two more weeks before any change is made. Dr. Smith supported Napier in his charges against the workings of the new plant, saying:

"I have been there and have seen the plant working and I am not satisfied with it. The whole thing is a regular farce to me."

Turning to Fred P. Smith, Dr. Smith asked him pointedly whether the crematory had not fallen short in its tests the day before.

"We were seven tons short yesterday," said Mr. Smith, "and that was because I was not notified that most of the morning material would not come to us, and also because of an excess amount coming at once in the afternoon."

"That's it true," said Dr. Smith. "That you cleaned up your plant and let the garbage go for awhile yesterday afternoon material would not come to us, and also because of an excess amount coming at once in the afternoon."

Smith denied this, and insisted that the garbage was not being segregated as required by the city ordinance.

Mayor Simon said that something must be done to cut down the expenses of operating the crematory. The contractor said that would not last throughout the year. Dr. Wheeler verified Napier's report that the cost of the burning had been \$15 a ton for last month. The contractor said that Dr. Wheeler had been fair with them, and that they were willing to confer with him regarding the further carrying on of the tests.

After the meeting had adjourned, several of those present went to the health office, and it was there that Napier and Smith showed hostility to each other.

"You're nothing but a grafter," said Fred P. Smith to Napier.

"And you're a scoundrel," was the threatening reply.

Dr. Smith stepped in to part the two men and to prevent a fight. After he had quieted Napier, he turned on Mr. Smith and implied that Smith would do well to keep the peace.

# LAW TO STOP CORRUPTION

## New York Committee Finds Bribery and Proposes Drastic Bill.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 1.—The enactment of a drastic anti-bribery law with a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine for the failure of a legislator to report immediately any attempt to buy or influence his vote and the adoption of reforms in the fire insurance laws of the state are recommended in a lengthy report of the legislative investigating committee submitted to the Legislature today.

Drafts of bills which the committee proposed be enacted into law are included in the report.

The proposed reforms include: Placing of rate-making associations,

# CHARTER PLAN ANGERS

## EUGENE CITIZENS AND COUNCIL DIFFER OVER METHODS.

Mass Meeting Calls on Officials to Include Measure on Ballot, but Latter Seek Delay.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The fight for a commission charter for Eugene assumed an active aspect today when a mass meeting of citizens for a second time asked that the Common Council include a specific measure on the ballot at the April election. The Council, however, rejected both the proposed charter, and instead provided for a charter commission of nine to go to work immediately after the April election.

Conflicting reports as to action of the mass meeting came to the Council chamber. Following the report favoring immediate submission of a charter, another story was brought of approval of the Council's action by the four-fifths of the citizens remaining at the mass meeting, and another that the charges that discussion had been overruled by high-handed methods in the mass meeting.

At the Courthouse meeting, attempt was made to continue the discussion to the point at issue, namely, the ratification of the report of the charter commission, and to prevent long arguments on the commission government. The Council, however, rejected both the proposed charter, and instead provided for a charter commission of nine to go to work immediately after the April election.

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