

## FOR BEAUTY AND HEALTH.

IMPORTANT MEASURES FOR THE CITY'S  
GOOD PASSED BY THE COUNCIL.

**The Bluff Boulevard and Garbage System Ordinances Go Through Without Opposition—Both Slightly Amended and the Garbage Ordinance Will Have to Pass the Upper House Again—Other Important Business Transacted.**

Two public measures which have been advanced with such general approval as to almost amount to unanimity, were indorsed without a dissenting voice by both houses of the City Council last night. They were the ordinances authorizing the construction of the Independence avenue and Bluff boulevard and establishing a complete garbage system—one for the city's beauty, the other for the city's health.

Though it is the usual custom to refer ordinances of an important character to committees for consideration, so much had been said and printed concerning the measures and the opposition had been so slight that the rules were suspended in both houses and the ordinances were unanimously passed.

A singular thing happened. The important measures brought forth no speech-making. The ordinances were too well known and the sentiment was too unanimous to require it. The Council is prone to speech-making, but the spirit of oratory prompted none and the dispatch with which business was transacted was record-breaking. The meeting was the most important of the year, yet it lasted scarcely more than an hour.

In the Upper House the boulevard ordinance was slightly amended so as to make the appropriation for condemnation and other preliminary expenses \$500 instead of \$1,500, as originally intended. It was done without discussion, however, and at the suggestion of Landscape Engineer Kessler, who was present, and who said \$500 would be sufficient.

The Independence Avenue and Bluff boulevard describes the limits as given in THE TIMES Sunday, which also contained a map of the boulevard. The benefit district will extend 150 feet on each side of the boulevard. The route extends nine blocks along Independence avenue from Woodland to Gladstone; thence north on Gladstone to St. John where it makes a curve on the edge of the bluff for two blocks; thence east on Scarrett, north on Cleveland and east along the edge of the bluff for three-quarters of a mile.

The garbage ordinance was slightly amended in the Lower House so as to allow people to purchase their own receptacles for garbage instead of securing them from the city. This will necessitate the taking of the ordinance to the Upper House again, but it will readily pass there at the next meeting as amended, as the change is considered by all a good one.

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An ordinance to require traveling agents who locate store rooms and sell goods in competition with home merchants to pay a \$500 license was referred to the finance committee. The ordinance making contractors pay not less than 17½ cents an hour for labor employed on public work was also referred.

As stated, the garbage ordinance was unanimously passed in the Upper House. The ordinance provides in brief that the city shall be divided into ten garbage districts, each ward to be a district; that iron polls be kept as repositories for refuse, which shall be gathered up by wagons. The contracts for this work shall be awarded by districts in the usual manner that public contracts are awarded. The wagons shall be placarded and a cow-bell shall be borne by the horses. The refuse shall be collected every twenty-four hours from hotels, restaurants and public houses and every forty-eight hours from other places.

Contracts for public work which were awarded March 28 were confirmed.

The ordinance to prevent cheap labor on public work was referred to the finance committee. It provides that not less than 17½ cents an hour shall be paid for labor on public work and that a clause to that effect shall be contained in all contracts between the city and contractor.

A memorial and resolution touching the death of Hiram Milton Northrup were adopted by a rising vote, all the members standing. The memorial recited the principal points in the life of Mr. Northrup as a pioneer and up-builder of Kansas City. Alderman Hunter made a few remarks, in which he lauded Mr. Northrup's many virtues and the part he took in making Kansas City the great city that it is. "Tonight," said Mr. Hunter, "we are here to pass an ordinance appropriating over \$75,000 to meet the expenses of conducting the city government during the month of March. When Mr. Northrup held the office of treasurer in Kansas City in 1853 the expenses of the city government for the same month was \$264. The taxes collected during that month were about \$64. The amount received from the city marshal was \$155.33."

Alderman Butler's ordinance for reorganizing the Board of Health by making it consist of three physicians, to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the Council, was referred to the sanitary committee.

The regular monthly appropriation ordinance, appropriating \$75,658.27 to meet current expenses for the month of March, was passed.

IN THE LOWER HOUSE