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The bill presented by Powers to place the police and fire departments of cities of the first and second classes on a non-partisan basis has attracted a great deal of attention and the comments on it are many and of a varied character. The chief attention, however, comes from those who are most interested in the measure, because they would be affected by it, and the boys of the two departments are on the out vive over its provisions and chances of passage.

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Today at 3 o'clock the House will call up for consideration Allen's bill for the establishment of free public libraries and the author of the measure is expected to make a very good exposition of his ideas with regard to it. The bill reads as follows:

A Bill for an Act for the Establishment, Maintenance and Enlargement of Free Public Libraries.

Enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah:

Section 1. That in cities of the first and second class, free public libraries shall be established, maintained and enlarged, to the use and privileges of which, without charge or fees, all inhabitants of their respective cities shall be entitled, under such reasonable rules and regulations as may be formulated and adopted respectively by the boards of library directors, hereinafter provided to be appointed.

Sec. 2. That the president of the board of education in each such city with the advice and consent of the board of education shall appoint a board of library directors consisting of seven persons, the majority of whom shall be legal voters of the city in which such board shall be created, and a minority of whom shall be women residents of such city.

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Thereafter, on or before the first day of July of each year, the president in the manner aforesaid shall appoint directors to fill the vacancies caused by retiring directors and the term of office of such directors shall be for two years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Any director may be removed by the board of education for misconduct or neglect of duty. In cases of a vacancy in the board of library directors caused otherwise than by the expiration of the term of office, the president of the board of education shall appoint some suitable person to serve the unexpired term.

Section 2. Said board of library directors shall have power to disburse all funds raised or received for the use and benefit of such libraries, subject to the approval of the board of education, to establish reading rooms in connection with the libraries, to employ a librarian and such other persons as may be necessary from time to time to carry out the provisions of this act, to accept in trust and apply to the benefit of such libraries all gifts, donations and bequests which private persons may desire to bestow thereon, to perform such other and similar acts as shall be necessary to carry this act into full force and effect.

Section 3. No director of any such library board shall receive compensation for services rendered in such capacity. Sec. 4. The board of directors shall make, on or before the second Monday of July, an annual report to the board of education, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of July of that year; the amount of money received and from what sources; the amount of money expended; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase or gift; the number of books loaned out with their classification, and such other information and suggestions as may be of general interest.

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Sec. 6. That the tax for the establishment, maintenance and necessary enlargement of any such library shall not exceed in any one year one-fifth of one mill on the dollar upon all taxable property of said city.

Sec. 7. That the fund raised by the taxes herebefore provided for, or acquired by gift, donation or bequest, shall be known as the "Library Fund," and said fund shall be used for no purpose whatever except the establishment, maintenance or enlargement of the free public library in the city where such taxes shall be levied and where such gifts, donations or bequests are bestowed.

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On one side of this recess a stage protelesque in its arrangement, decorated by a series of mirrors so as to look like at least twelve times a dozen. Other wondrous passages will lead to the "Bottomless Pit," a construction with mirrors above and below, and with lights so arranged that there really seems to be no top or bottom to the place. Near by is an "Endless Cave," produced in the same way. The visitor going about the cavern will reach a higher elevation by traversing an almost imperceptible grade, and finally find himself on a shore of a great lake, into which pours an immense fall of lava.