

THE COMMITTEE ON PUMPS REPORT.

It Favors the Allis Triple-Expansion Pump.

The Board of Trustees Debate the Question of Allowing Six-Foot Cement Walks Put Down.

The City Board of Trustees held their weekly meeting last night, Trustees Lawton, Wachobert, Bragg, Davis, Kent, Devine, Tozer, Leonard and Penish being present.

The following messages from the Mayor were read:

CEMETERY MAP. To the Board of Trustees: Pursuant to the resolution of your board, adopted March 23th, I hereby nominate and, by and with your consent, I hereby appoint J. H. Miller to complete the book books at the City Cemetery. Respectfully submitted, B. U. STEINMAN, Mayor.

G. A. BURNS' CLAIM. To the Board of Trustees: Referring to the claim of G. A. Burns against the city for \$28 20 for hauling and wheeling earth at the engine block company No. 2, which has been referred to me, I will state that H. A. Guthrie, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, informed me that he was having the work done, and I replied that I had no objection to its being done.

I know nothing else about the claim, but I presume that the work was necessary, and that it has been done to the satisfaction of Mr. Guthrie, as the claim is endorsed as correct by him. Respectfully submitted, B. U. STEINMAN, Mayor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS. Devine, for the Street Committee, reported that the Trustees of Sutter's Fort expected to buy a block south of the fort and make a nice park. He thought, therefore, that the matter of the wall which projects into L street had better rest awhile.

Leonard suggested that the watchman had better be instructed to put up a light on the wall, so ordered.

Leonard presented a report from the Fire Department Committee, stating that Engine No. 1 had been repaired and was in good order.

Tozer, for the Committee on Sprinkling Wagons, reported that those contracted for with Brown Bros. were finished and ready for delivery, and those contracted for with J. F. Hill were nearly finished.

Kent, for the Levee Committee, reported that he had been visited on by a delegation of farmers, who wished to run a boat from Rio Vista, who asked a franchise on Front street, from M to N. A franchise had been granted to the California Transportation Company in 1883, on condition that they keep the wharf in good repair, which they had never done.

He had consulted the Corporation Counsel, who thought that the city would be needed granting the Rio Vista people the privilege of loading, by paying dockage, etc., as other boats do.

PUMP RECOMMENDED. The committee of experts appointed to examine the bids on pumping plant reported in favor of the triple expansion pump offered by the Edward P. Allis Company, for the sum of \$12,000.

The report states that in making this selection the committee had in view the fact that new boilers will soon be needed at the Water Works, and a capacity for increased steam pressure, which would largely increase the efficiency and economy of these pumping engines above the requirements of the specifications, and the triple expansion engines are guaranteed under present circumstances by per cent, greater than double expansion ones.

It also states that, although the pumping engine offered by the same company at \$12,000 will fulfill the requirements of the specifications, the difference in the cost of the triple expansion engines would be saved to the city in six years in fuel consumption alone, and the interests of the city would be served by the purchase of the latter.

It recommends that it be expressly stipulated that pump plungers be made of acting and outside packer; that the duty of pumps be conducted on the standard method accepted by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; that the manufacturers furnish, without additional cost, extra casings and glands for plungers, for the purpose of increasing capacity of pumps when increased boiler pressure will admit doing so.

It was decided that the board hold a meeting at 2 P. M. to-day to consider the report.

STEINMULLER'S CLAIM. Corporation Counsel Devlin reported in relation to Steinmuller's claim against the city for injuries suffered by him at the drainage canal, that the courts have decided that a city is not responsible for injuries sustained through defective sidewalks. On the same principle the city was not responsible for Steinmuller's injuries, and he had no claim against it.

HEILBRON'S SALARY. Corporation Counsel Devlin also presented a long opinion on the claim of Irving Heilbron as clerk to the Superintendent of Streets, stating that he thought the claim would be a legal one, if the Trustees chose to pay it.

THE WRITE-UP. The representative of a San Francisco paper, who presented a proposition to write up the advantages of Sacramento, asked that the board take some action on the subject.

Devine thought it would be well to appoint a committee of two to wait on the Board of Supervisors and ask if they will meet half the expense. He moved that such committee be appointed.

Tozer and Leonard opposed any such action. He did not think either the city or the county had any right to spend its money for any such purpose.

Devine's motion was lost.

BILLS ALLOWED. The usual number of bills were allowed.

When Irving Heilbron's bill was read it was allowed, Leonard voting no and Davis refusing to vote. Wachobert absent, having been excused on account of sickness.

Brown Bros' bill for sprinkling wagons was allowed, in accordance with the contract. It is for five wagons, and amounts to \$1,712 50.

NEW PATROL WAGON. The clerk was instructed to advertise for bids, according to specifications, for the new patrol wagon.

The bid of J. K. Gilman for the dumping ground was opened. It proposed to pay \$85 to the city, to furnish a lot at Fourteenth and Fifteenth, U and V streets, and cover up the garbage with dirt or cinders.

CITY PRISON PORTER.

On motion of Leonard, the Chief of Police was authorized to employ a porter for the City Prison.

STREET IMPROVEMENT. Bids were received for the improvement of the alley between M and N, Ninth and Tenth streets, and they were referred to the City Surveyor for examination.

Bids for the improvement of J street, from Elevator of Christen, with bid-tumen, were received from R. C. Mattingly, the City Street Improvement Company, James Touhey, and similarly referred.

Bids from the City Street Improvement Company and James Touhey for the improvement of J street from Fifteenth to Sixteenth streets were similarly referred, as were those of Antonio King, A. L. Rosa and A. L. Silva for filling in at the city wharf.

SALOON LICENSES. The application of Cunah & Silva for license to keep open saloon at 201 L street from midnight till 5 A. M. was read, and the motion was lost by a vote of 10 to 4.

Devine moved to refer it to the Chief of Police.

Penish said he was surprised at the motion, as Mr. Devine had in open board, a couple of months ago, said that he would advocate a midnight closing ordinance to do it.

Devine said that he was given to practical jokes on April 1st, and this was one of them.

Kent said if the board wanted to drive people out of town and make business any duller than it now is, this is a good way to do it.

Penish said the all-night saloon was a temptation to the workingman who had been out through the evening to enter and spend his money.

Devine's motion was lost by a vote of 4 to 4.

Penish moved that the application be rejected, and the motion was carried.

The application of Philip H. Steiner to keep an all-night saloon at 1015 Fifth street was rejected.

The application of McCaw & Snider for license to keep saloon at the Mechanics Exchange, I street, between Front and Second, was referred to the Chief of Police.

The Chief of Police recommended the granting of licenses to H. W. Coleman, on the southeast corner of Seventh and K streets, and the New William Tell House, on J street, between Eighth and Ninth. The licenses were granted.

The private contract of property-owners with George A. Danton to lay sewers in the alley between N and O, Nineteenth and Twenty-second, was brought up, and the motion was carried.

Lawton suggested that the city should build twenty-four houses on its block between Twenty-first and Twenty-second, P and Q streets.

Penish thought it would be well to wait, in that case.

Kent hoped that the contract would be allowed, and the board so voted.

HENRY'S SUIT. Lawton brought up the matter of J. H. Henry's suit against the city, and said that Judge McKune had offered to defend the suit for not more than \$800.

He had consulted with the Mayor, and thought it would be well to defend to avoid continuous litigation, to offer Mr. Henry \$2,500 to dismiss the suit.

The Mayor thought the board should authorize the Mayor to make the offer. Tozer and Devine were opposed to any offer of compromise, as a number of citizens intended to sue to make the offer. Lawton said he would report to the Mayor that the board had no wish to compromise.

SIX-FOOT SIDEWALKS. Lawton introduced an ordinance allowing six-foot sidewalks to be constructed on the streets north of G, east of Twentieth street, and south of N streets. He did not think eight-foot sidewalks were needed in those localities, and many of the residents are men of limited means.

The ordinance amending the ordinance so as to include all that portion of the city east of Twelfth street.

Tozer favored the amendment in all blocks where there were no eight-foot sidewalks.

Leonard said he did not want to see the city disfigured, and it would not look well to see one block with a six-foot sidewalk and the next with an eight-foot sidewalk.

Kent said he was opposed to six-foot sidewalks. People could not walk four abreast on them. He favored uniform sidewalks. He had seen offers to construct walks at 75 cents per foot.

The matter was laid over till this afternoon.

MACADAMIZED STREETS. Lawton said there was a law that would help out people who were unable to pay for street improvement. He read the law providing for social bonds, which make payment for such improvement payable in installments and explained its advantages.

Considerable debate on the subject ensued and the matter was laid over for a week.

PARTIES UNKNOWN TO THE JURY.

Result of the Inquest on the Body of Pastor Torres.

The Jury Was Certain that the Tamale-Man Was Dead, but Beyond That Were Puzzled.

Justice of the Peace W. A. Henry, acting in the capacity of Coroner in that official's absence, last evening held an inquest on the body of Pastor Torres, the tamale vendor, who was so brutally assaulted on Fourth street, between K and L, on Saturday night, and died from the effects of the beating Sunday morning.

District Attorney Ryan and City Attorney Brown conducted the examination of the witnesses.

Deputy Coroner Fenton read the statement of Dr. G. A. White, who performed the autopsy on the body, which was to the effect that Torres' death was the result of the beating he had received.

Charles Moreno, a marble-cutter, testified that he met Torres in the street about 11 o'clock, and went with him to his office on Fourth street. They had nearly reached there when they met four men coming from L street. Witness and deceased, in order to give the men room to pass them, walked away from the walk. One of the men ran up against the witness and Torres. Witness asked him what he wanted, and he replied in a surly manner, "I want to see you."

He then struck witness, who ran up to K street to look for an officer, and Torres must have received the beating after witness left.

Hernandez De Torres, widow of the murdered man, testified that her husband was brought into the house about 11 o'clock Saturday night, and died about 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

W. F. Lang of the Salvation Army testified that on Saturday night he saw three men, who were walking with a gray hat. Witness said it was possible that this man was one of the crowd he saw leave the spot where Torres was killed.

Joe Dolan, a boy who conducts a lunch stand at Fourth and L streets, testified that Charles Moreno asked him to look for an officer, after Torres was knocked down, but he could not find one.

Witness said he saw the assault on Torres, and that he knew two of the men who were in the crowd.

Joe Dolan, one of the men arrested on suspicion of being one of Torres' assailants, was brought into the room where the inquest was being held, and was readily recognized by Lastris as the man who spoke to Moreno when the latter was taken to the hospital.

Lastris said he saw another one of the suspects at the police station, and recognized him as being with Dolan and the other men when Torres was assaulted.

Joseph Dolan testified that Saturday night, immediately before the assault, himself, "Windy" O'Hare, William Dolan and another man were walking up Fourth street toward K, witness being in the rear of the others. Those in front of him got into a fight with two men. One of the men ran toward witness, who jumped out of the way. Witness said the man then ran toward Molusk, who knocked him down. "Windy" O'Hare started the fight with Torres and Charles Moreno.

Police Officer Douglas testified that Joe Dolan, after he was arrested, admitted having been with the others when Torres was assaulted.

At the conclusion of the testimony the jury retired, and after deliberating for some time returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death from the effects of a rupture of the stomach, caused by a blow or fall inflicted by parties unknown to the jury.

Joe Dolan, Dan "Windy" O'Hare, William Dolan, William Dolan, a hickman known as "Molusk" and a man named Haggerty have been arrested in connection with the murder.

Cook and Haggerty have been released, but the two Dolans, Charles Jacobs, alias "Molusk," and O'Hare remain in custody.

MGUIRE, ALIAS BRADY. The Fugitive Train Robber's Whereabouts a Mystery.

The San Francisco police have arrived at the same conclusion the Record-Union had—that the Reed Station train robbers were the same men that robbed Cornelius Staggs' roadside resort in the outskirts of that city and murdered Stage.

If the truth were known, it would probably be found that these men who killed H. P. Cornelius at his roadside inn near this city last October, and it is almost certain that it was they who held up the train of the Haggin grant and that at Castle switch, near S. station, it was these same fellows, beyond a doubt, who robbed Scheid's brewery in this city a night or two before the All-Boat-up.

Jack McQuire, the robber who is at large, is also known as Jack Brady in San Francisco. The officers there have searched his trunk at the house where he lodged.

The detectives all seem to be "at sea" again. They thought on Sunday that they had traced the fugitive to near this city, and concluded that he must be hiding somewhere on the Haggin ranch. Now some of them think he is in San Francisco, while others believe he is sneaking through the forest and heading toward the snow belt.

The latest story comes from Gridley, Butte County, which village was visited into a fever of excitement about midnight on Sunday night by the report that the fugitive had dashed through there like a flash on his bicycle.

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CLARK'S STORY. The Explanation Made by the Much-married Man.

John L. Clark, charged with bigamy, who was brought to this city yesterday morning from Minneapolis, Minn., by Detective Timothy Lee, said yesterday afternoon that he was separated from his wife in Muskegon, Mich., by papers drawn up by a Notary Public. It was a mutual separation, he said, and he thought it was the same as a divorce. He said a great many people have been divorced in Michigan in that manner.

In District Attorney Ryan's office Clark said that before he was married to Mrs. Barber in this city she asked him if there was anything to prevent them from being legally married, and that he told her there was not, as he was separated from his Muskegon wife. His first wife, he said, is dead.

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