# BILLY SIMS CONFIRMED.

## But Emil Kluge Is Rejected For Street Commissioner by Six to Eight.

## A. J. Craven For City Clerk, and Some Honorary Appointments Made.

**Contract Awarded For Feeding the City Prisoners—Consolidation of Offices Proposed—The City Finances.**

Mayor Kleinschmidt at last night's meeting of the city council announced his appointments of city marshal, city attorney and street commissioner, as well as several honorary and unremunerative offices. The action on the appointments was the last business before adjournment. There were three surprises connected with them. One was the rejection of Emil Kluge for street commissioner, another was the ease with which Billy Sims was confirmed as city marshal and the other was the appointment of A. J. Craven as city attorney.

The first appointment announced by the mayor was that of Emil Kluge, of the first ward, for street commissioner. There was a call for a ballot without going into executive session. The first ballot showed that six aldermen had voted for confirmation, and that eight had voted for John Brady, the present commissioner. The mayor ordered the Brady votes to be counted as blanks, and requested the aldermen to vote yes or no next time. They did so on the second ballot and it stood: Yeas six, noes eight. It was readily understood who the noes were and why they, or at least seven of them, voted as they did. The seven democrats had requested that the present commissioner be allowed to remain in office in return for the retention of republicans under Mayor Bradford. When it was seen that Mayor Kleinschmidt was not disposed to accede to their request, they determined to defeat whomever he should appoint. The eighth vote was a republican, of course. After the second ballot the mayor announced that he had no further nomination to announce for the office just then. The next appointment was A. J. Craven for city clerk. This was soon disposed of, twelve voting for confirmation and two against.

Next came the nomination of William Sims for city marshal. When it was announced Alderman Thompson asked permission to make a few remarks. He read them and this is what he said: "Disclaiming any intention at this time of either waging a crusade against William Sims, the proprietor of the Iroquois saloon, as a man, or calling in question his qualifications for the office of city marshal, to which he has just been been nominated by our worthy mayor, I rise to protest both against his nomination and confirmation to the office in question; also against the saloon being longer perpetuated in our city politics. Just think of it, within the past few days the names of saloon men have been presented to me for the respective offices of city marshal, fire marshal and street commissioner; and for all I know there may be applications from that class for all other offices. Has it come to pass that the only class of applicants for city offices are from the ranks of saloon proprietors? And is that to be the character of the payment for political debts on the part of this administration? I voice the wishes of the reputable citizens of this city when I affirm that the saloon should—nay, must attend to its own business and keep out of our city politics. The supreme court of the United States has affirmed that the saloon is a nuisance, thus inferentially admitting that it should be abated. And yet in the face of all this, against the protests of the ministerial association and other reputable citizens of this city, and in violation of promises made after his nomination for mayor, our worthy mayor seeks to secure at the hands of this city council the perpetuation of the saloon in our city politics and the confirmation of his nominee for the office of city marshal in the person of a man whose sole business in this city as a saloon proprietor is to create employment for the very department over which he seeks to preside; a department which in turn keeps in motion the machinery of our police court, and thus in turn the higher courts of justice. Thus I very righteously question the propriety, the consistency, the expediency of the nomination, much less the confirmation to the office of city marshal, of the gentleman whose name has been this evening presented to our consideration. There are doubtless some present who will affirm that one year ago we confirmed the appointment of similar propositions, both as affecting a city marshal and a fire marshal, and that the gentleman whose name has been presented to our consideration filled the office a few years ago to which he again aspires. In reply to which I can only say, gentlemen of the city council, two wrongs cannot make a right, and I am manly enough to admit that I erred one year ago in voting for the confirmation of the appointments in question. I affirm that under proper circumstances, a gentleman may change his opinion on any given question, but should never break his promise, once having made it. I stand on the broad platform of principle, for the rights of reputable citizens of this city, who protest both against the nomination and confirmation under consideration, and plead in their behalf for the appointment of men to office, who are not only eminently qualified for, and who can give their whole time to, the duties of their respective offices, but whom every citizen can interview without the necessity of visiting a saloon. Things have changed in the past few years. Helena is no longer a small mining village, peopled only by men, and wherein the advent of a woman creates wonder and surprise, but instead, Helena is a growing city, peopled with men and women from eastern cities and cultured homes, who are alive to its present condition, needs and future possibilities. They demand of us, their representatives, a clean business administration of city affairs, and to that end I invite the co-operation of each and all my associate aldermen."

Alderman Steele took up the cudgel in Sims' favor. "While one of the most religious of citizens, I think the saloon a necessary evil," he said. "Take them all out of Helena and you will have the slowest town west of the Mississippi. The saloons pay a revenue to the city. They pay for their privileges, and I am not one to stand here and proscribe them in any way. I have been solicited by some of our most religious citizens to vote against this appointment, but I am here to support it."

Mayor Kleinschmidt called Alderman Fuller to the chair and made a few remarks on his own account. "I don't appear here," he said, "asking your support on this appointment. Your judgment confirms or overrides mine. But the citizens have elected me mayor and look to me to perform the duties of that office. I know no factions; I know no rich or poor; neither the prohibitionist or the indulgent. To you I look for support or rejection of this nomination. If rejected I will find another. It was not a saloon keeper that I look for. I wish he were not in that business. But he is a taxpayer and has made an efficient officer."

Alderman Lissner said that if all the whisky men were taken away and sent to Butte, grass would be soon growing in the streets of Helena. The poor farmers and the merchants could not pay all the taxes. "I have been drinking whisky for 40 years," he said, "and look at me!"

The vote was then taken and resulted, twelve in favor of confirmation and two against. The was some applause which was caught up by the crowd that packed the stairway and area, when it was known Sims had been confirmed.

Drs. M. Rockman, W. M. Bullard and John B. Wilson were confirmed as members of the board of health by twelve yeas to two noes. Rev. F. D. Kelsey, Cornelius Hedges and John T. Murphy were confirmed unanimously as members of the library committee. The mayor stated that he had no further appointments to announce just then.

### OTHER BUSINESS.

**City Prisoners To Be Fed at Thirteen and One-Third Cents a Meal.**

Three bids were submitted to the council for feeding the prisoners in the city jail. Wolf Sabolsky offered to give them good wholesome food at 13⅓ cents per meal. A. B. Beckney wanted 18 cents, and H. C. Burgard 21 cents. Some one inquired what Sabolsky considered good wholesome food and the mayor asked if that gentleman was present. There was no one by that name in the room, but Alderman Lissner was there and declared he had authority to speak for him. The soon-to-be ex-feeder said good wholesome food included plenty of meat, potatoes, bread, and tea and coffee, with sugar and milk. "And occasionally beans and pork," suggested Mayor Kleinschmidt. "If the council wants to make up a bill of fare," said Alderman Lissner, "Mr. Sabolsky will not object." The contract was ordered to be given to Mr. Sabolsky.

Alderman Thompson introduced his ordinances consolidating the offices of city marshal and inspector of weights and measures, and fire marshal and building inspector. These, with one by Alderman Hartwig, making the building inspector grant plumbing permits instead of the inspector of sewers, were referred to the ordinance committee. An ordinance was passed making the license for two-horse vehicles $5, and for one horse $2.50 a year.

The special committee having charge of the matter was authorized to have the cages removed from the county jail to the city jail at an expense of not over $1,500. The county prisoners are to be taken care of in the city jail while the new county jail is being built, in return for the gift of the cages.

Mayor Kleinschmit suggested that if the majority of the property owners on Main street from Sixth avenue up would signify their willingness to contribute their share for paving the thoroughfare he thought the council could make the appropriation. Alderman Thompson said he was authorized to state on behalf of the owner of 400 front feet on Main street that that gentleman would pay his share for doing the work without asking the city to pay one cent. The mayor also suggested that there had been complaints that the license on pawn shops was too low, and that it was absolutely necessary to have a fire proof vault foor keeping the city records. The matter of tearing down the back wall of the council chamber and running the room over the addition so as to accommodate spectators was brought up incidentally. All these subjects were referred.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

**The City's Condition Financially and in Other Respects.**

At the time Mayor Kleinschmidt was inaugurated he requested all the council committees to look into matters coming under their jurisdiction and report on them. The committees did so last night. The substance of their reports follows.

The ways and means committee's report, prepared by Chairman Thompson, shows the receipts of the city for the year ending April 23, 1891, to have been $225,335.08 and the expenditures $223,799.52. The balance on hand at the beginning of the year was $10,684.45 and at the close $12,190.01.

The financial condition of the city of Helena on April 23, 1890, was represented as follows:

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| Outstanding registered warrants | $ 90,000 00 |
| Bonded indebtedness | 299,500 00 |
| Gross indebtedness | $389,500 00 |
| Cash on hand | 10,681 45 |
| Net indebtedness | $378,815 55 |

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| Outstanding registered warrants | $141,854 63 |
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| Gross indebtedness | $441,354 63 |
| Cash on hand | 12,190.01 |
| Net indebtedness | $429,164 62 |
| Net indebtedness April 23, 1890 | 378,815 55 |
| Increase of net indebtedness | $ 50,349 07 |

On the sale of $100,000 bonds, shortly to occur, the city affairs will be represented as follows:

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| Outstanding registered warrants, April 23, 1891 | $141,854 63 |
| Bonds sold | 100,000 00 |
| Net outstanding registered warrants | $ 41,854 63 |
| Bonded indebtedness | 399,500 00 |
| Gross indebtedness | $441,354 63 |
| Cash on hand | 12,190 01 |
| Net indebtedness | $429,164 62 |

"Estimating the valuation for taxation at $20,000,000," the committee say, "we recommend an assessment of eight mills thereon, that being the limit under the law, and an increase of one mill over the assessment of last year."

The revenues and expenses will then approximate as follows:

REVENUE.

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| Cash on hand at beginning of year | $ 12,190 |
| Licenses | 23,000 |
| Sewer permits | 1,000 |
| House drain licenses | 300 |
| Police court fines | 9,500 |
| Building permits | 300 |
| Dog and pound tax | 1,000 |
| Poll tax | 1,000 |
| City improvements | 300 |
| Taxes | 150,910 |
| Total | $187,810 |

EXPENSES.

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| Mayor's salary | $ 600 |
| Aldermen's salary | 1,680 |
| Clerk auditing committee | 300 |
| City attorney's salary | 2,000 |
| City treasurer's salary | 1,200 |
| City treasurer's commission | 1,100 |
| Police magistrate's salary | 2,000 |
| City marshal and inspector weights | 2,400 |
| Assistant inspector weights | 900 |
| Street commissioner | 1,500 |
| Fire marshal and building inspector | 1,500 |
| City engineer's salary | 2,000 |
| City engineer pay roll | 2,500 |
| Police pay roll | 14,000 |
| Street pay roll and supplies | 20,000 |
| Fire pay roll and supplies | 5,000 |
| Interest | 24,000 |
| Discount | 2,000 |
| Printing | 5,000 |
| Elections | 2,000 |
| Feeding horses | 1,500 |
| Garbage | 6,000 |
| Electric lights | 11,000 |
| Water | 22,000 |
| Board of prisoners | 3,000 |
| County tax | 1,500 |
| Library | 6,000 |
| Sundries | 7,820 |
| Warrants paid | 50,000 |
| Total | $230,000 |

"On the supposition that our recommendations as to reductions in expenditures are adopted, the annual savings to the city will be as follows," the committee continues:

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| Clerk of auditing committee | $ 200 |
| City attorney's salary | 600 |
| City marshal and inspector weights | 900 |
| Fire marshal and building inspector | 1,500 |
| City engineer's pay roll | 1,500 |
| Police pay roll | 13,000 |
| Street pay roll | 20,000 |
| Fire pay roll | 4,500 |
| Printing | 2,000 |
| Board of prisoners | 3,000 |
| Garbage | 4,000 |
| Total | $51,600 |

In conclusion the committee say: "The present financial condition of the city urges upon the city council an economical administration of the city affairs as affecting all of its various departments, to the end that all unnecessary offices be abolished, salaries reduced wherein deemed necessary, and the number of employes in the street, fire and police departments be kept at the lowest possible minimum consistent with the needs of the city, and thus at the end of the year find that we have kept within our income. Accompanying repealing ordinances are herewith submitted, which we trust will meet with the approval of the city council. One of said ordinances combines the office of city marshal and inspector of weights and measures; the other ordinance combines the office of fire marshal and inspector of buildings."

From the records on file in the city engineer's office the cemetery committee report the following facts: Purchase of land, $3,500; granite stone from Montana Granite company, $1,047.50; cement, etc., from T. P. Fuller, $722.00; lumber, from Gilchrist Bros. & Edgar, $314.58; lumber, from Sanford & Evans, $157.27; pipes, etc., from S. C. Gilpatrick, $122; brick, from N. Kessler, $56; pump, from Spencer & Nye, $16; making with pay roll, for labor performed, $10,344.94.

After an experience covering a period of about one year, finding it impracticable to obtain a sufficient supply of water for required purposes, the city abandoned the proposition of maintaining its own cemetery and entered into an agreement with the Helena Land and Improvement company whereby the said company bound itself to sell to the city within ninety days from July 18, 1890, twenty acres of land for the sum of $3,000. This proposition has not as yet been accepted by the city. The Helena Land company is bound by ordinance to lay off by survey forty acres to be improved and maintained by said company for burial purposes, all lots in said tract to be sold at prices ranging from $10 to $30, according to size and location of lots; these prices not to be advanced at any time in the future.

In the report of the committee on auditing and accounting occurs this: "The system of permitting officers of the city, at their own pleasure, to buy materials and supplies on the credit of the city, is liable to lead to extravagance and other abuses. It would seem that some authority ought to be designated, through whom all purchases should be made, either an officer or a committee of the council. The officer in charge of the department for which the material or supplies are needed should make his requisition in writing, and if they are found to be necessary then the purchase should be made at the lowest price that can be secured."

According to the report of the committee on water the city is now paying $22,000 a year, in round numbers, for hydrants, and under its contract with the company, where additional mains are ordered, additional hydrants must be erected and paid for. Before extensions are ordered, the committee says, there should be an examination of the vicinity to determine whether the additional hydrants are necessary for protection against fire, or whether there are not hydrants already erected near enough for that purpose.

The sewerage committee complain of the great amount of waste water from laundries emptied into the flume near Main street, which collects in pools near the Montana Central depot and creates a nuisance. It is suggested that the laundries either be compelled to connect with the public sewers or that steps be taken to make a continuous channel so that water will not collect and stagnate. The construction of a masonry channel is recommended instead of the old flume on Davis street.

The expenses of the fire department are placed at $14,332.50 by the committee having charge of that branch of the city government. The committee recommends that the fire marshal be reduced to $50 per month, as there is not work enough to warrant the city paying $125 a month at present. Another recommendation is that some changes be made in the fire alarm boxes, as as some parts of the city are not protected as they should be with the number of boxes now in use.

A saving of $3,600 a year is suggested in the report of the committee on police. This is to be done by doubling up some of the present beats and retaining but one officer on the upper Main street beat during the day. The marshal is requested to take prompt action in all cases where there is found incompetency or a shirking from duty on the part of any officer, and that any vacancy may be filled at once by the mayor and city marshal.

The committee on street grades recommended that the work of establishing grades and drawing profiles be pushed forward as rapidly as the other labors of the city engineer will permit; and that in this work preference should be given to the parts of the city, including its additions, where there are the most buildings, and where the property owners may be properly required to build sidewalks.

The committee on printing recommend that all orders for printing for the different departments of the city government be made through them; also that all ordinances and legal advertisements be printed in one morning and one evening paper, unless otherwise ordered by the council, at the legal rates allowed by the state.

It is suggested in the report of the committee on building permits that the inspection of plumbing be done by the building inspector instead of by the city engineer.

The streets and alleys committee report the streets in very satisfactory condition.

### THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

**Annual Report of the Directors Made to the City Council.**

The annual report of the directors of the free public library was made to the city council last night. It says the record during the past year is a splendid one. The space now in use will answer for perhaps two years, and then comes the problem of more room. "It seems too bad," says Librarian Sulgrove in the report, "that in so progressive a city as this we have not as public spirited citizens as in our neighboring city of Butte, where they have raised $20,000 for a library building for an institution which has yet to be established." The aggregate circulation and use of books in the Helena library during the year was 49,214. The daily average of books for home circulation rose from 161 to 126. There are 6,946 books on the shelves, and the number of cards in use is 2,602. The importance of classification and catalogueing of the books is referred to, as is the necessity of giving the librarian an assistant.

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