

OPPOSE RAILWAY BILL

Northeast Washington Citizens Object to Closing H Street.

RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING MEASURE

Discussion of Alleged Discrimination in District Improvements.

OTHER MATTERS DEBATED

President Evan H. Tucker, after calling to order the meeting of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association last night, at Northeast Temple, said he had reports to make concerning the meetings of representatives of the different citizens' organizations the past week.

President Tucker said that the representatives of the several associations discussed a bill intended to provide for different improvements, as published in The Star at the time the meeting was held. The proposed bill, which relates to the extension of streets, the filtration plant, disposal of sewage, reclamation of the Anacostia flats and the construction of bridges across the Potomac river, Brock creek and the Eastern branch, was read, and President Tucker said he objected to the street extension provision. He explained that the bill does not provide for the running expenses of the District, but it is for extraordinary items, and provides an appropriation of nearly \$10,000,000.

The association voted to approve the bill, with an amendment changing the line of division of the city for street extension purposes to North and South Capitol streets.

A communication was received from President Lancaster of the Northwest Suburban Citizens' Association inviting the association to send two delegates to represent the organization in a central body. Objection was made to the proposition. President Tucker said that the sending of representatives to such a body with full power to act would defeat the objects of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association and would render the organization useless.

Proposed Union Depot. Mr. W. J. Frizzell, chairman of the committee on steam railroads, referred to recent publications concerning the proposed union depot, and submitted a report of the committee, which reads:

"The members of the committee are again called upon to report upon a question that we had hoped was settled by the law of February 12, 1901. This law we regard as satisfactory and as acceptable as any measure that can be devised. Unfortunately, however, the question has again been opened by a combination of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio railroad companies, and a proposition is presented that is more hideous and monstrous than any of its predecessors.

"This change of grades, as far as we can understand, would extend from near 2d street east westward to the north of Capitol street, so as to make an easy grade on North Capitol street southward from G street. The project also includes the formation of a circle or ellipse in front of the proposed station that would cover an area of eight or ten acres, thereby forming a plan sufficient to accommodate the centralization of all the street cars and other vehicles necessary for the use, comfort and convenience of the traveling public.

"What we regard as the most alarming part of the bill is the provision for vacating and closing H street northeast for a distance of 300 feet on either side of Delaware avenue. If street being the principal thoroughfare for our people, and the one on which all the business houses of our section are located, with perhaps a frontage of a million dollars' worth of business property, in which thousands of dollars' worth of the trade of our merchants is involved, besides the street car line which affords ample rapid transit to our people in reaching their offices and places of business, we cannot for a moment consider a discussion of any such annihilating and obliterating proposition; and we are unwilling to put ourselves on record as believing that the engineering talent of the officers of the corps of engineers of the United States army, supplemented by the

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able and skillful engineers of the railroad companies, cannot devise a plan to confine the limits of the passenger terminal to the area south of H street, even though it be necessary to extend farther eastward and westward than the bill proposes.

APPEAL FOR BOUNTY.

Survivors of District Volunteers of '61 Memorial Congress.

The Survivor Association of the District of Columbia Volunteers of '61 held a regular meeting last evening at its headquarters, St. Joseph Hall, corner 5th and H streets northwest. J. T. Ford presided, and William H. Brand acted as secretary.

The memorial, which is to be presented when the bounty bill is introduced in Congress, was read. It describes the work performed by the District volunteers previous to the call of President Lincoln in April, 1861, and shows how they performed duty in the early spring of that year without cost to the government.

The matter discussed. "How do you propose that we shall get through H street?" was asked. "They propose that you shall not get through at all," Mr. Frizzell answered. "The bill closes every street from G to K streets," President Tucker remarked.

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