

FOR LOW FIRE-RATES.

Business Men Urge the Council to Prompt Action.

STRONG RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

The Insurance Problem and its Solution - Better Protection Wanted - Dismissing Railroad Avenue.

The Seattle Board of Fire Underwriters, members of the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, and a large number of citizens met in the courthouse last evening at 8 o'clock, to consider the subject of insurance rates and the present protection from fire given the city.

After the object of the meeting had been stated, Mr. Frank Hanford, speaking on behalf of the insurance men, said that if they intended to keep up the high rates now required from business men and property owners, the insurance men would best gain that end by keeping quiet, and the companies would seek to grasp all the premiums they could.

There was general danger to buildings from fire because of so many unoccupied buildings going up. The fire department was not in the condition it should be and could not successfully cope with the fires liable to start at any time.

Chairman Adair said he thought it was time some action was taken toward protection from fire. If there is any trouble about the city moving in the matter the taxpayers should see where it is.

Mr. J. B. Madougl presented and read the following resolutions: WHEREAS, the existing state of Seattle's business and manufacturing interests, and to further invite the investment of capital in legitimate enterprises in Seattle;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that every measure should be taken to encourage and further the business and manufacturing interests, and to further invite the investment of capital in legitimate enterprises in Seattle;

WHEREAS, the existing state of protection against fire is wholly inadequate to the necessity prevailing, and that the insurance companies in view of this have raised their premium rates to such an extent that the tax is greater than legitimate business can stand;

Resolved, That we demand of the city council that immediate action be taken to remedy this evil, that a sufficient water supply be furnished; that a paid fire department be established; that a fireboat be secured, and that all proper provision be made in this connection.

Resolved, That while appreciating the disinterestedness of the council, we feel that this matter has been neglected too long, and other lesser matters have received their attention, that we ask that they consider this subject immediately.

In discussion of the foregoing resolutions, Mr. Bailey Gatzert said that while he was president of the Chamber of Commerce he was also president of the Spring Hill water company, and as such might be considered as an interested party; but he was aware that business was being injured by the present high rates of insurance, and something should be done to better matters.

Mr. Neis said that he understood the insurance rates had increased 40 per cent, since the fire, and he would like to know if it were true. The council might reduce the risk, he thought, by providing a proper water supply, a fireboat and a complete department. When his company laid their water mains they thought to meet the wants of the next fifteen years, but the city had grown so rapidly that the mains were now inadequate.

Mr. Hanford said the rates have not increased 40 per cent, the average is not more than 10 per cent. Mr. G. H. Blodgett spoke of the water facilities of the city not being constructed so as to follow and protect the wooden buildings now going up. On Jackson street this is the case, also on Pike and Front streets.

Ex-Councilman Kellogg said he assisted in passing the ordinance for the city's water supply; that in the master of pressure there was no city on the coast better protected than Seattle.

THE NEW POSTOFFICE

Preparing for Removal the Last of the Week.

READY FOR MORE TELEPHONES.

The Patent Switchboard Arrives - Robert Whitaker to Be Asked to Withdraw His Resignation.

The postoffice will probably be moved from its present quarters to the new office on Columbia street Saturday evening and Sunday next. The new office is as yet far from being ready for occupancy, but much can be done between now and that time.

The famous Farce-Comedy Presented by the Russell and Jewell Company. Another large audience greeted the Russell and Jewell company at Turner hall last night. "Our Boarding House," a farce-comedy in four acts, was produced in an excellent manner and was greatly appreciated by the audience.

SIXTY TELEPHONES IN ARREARS.

The Company Expects to Get Straightened Out by November 1. The Sunset Telephone Company has received its new multiple switchboard from Chicago, and as soon as the Korn building is ready for occupancy it will be placed in position for service.

Superintendent Armstrong stated yesterday that he expected to have the board in position in the new office on the third floor of the Korn building by November 1. In the meantime the board is stored in the Transfer warehouse.

REV. WHITTAKER'S RESIGNATION. Not Because of Salary, but Because of a Lack of Union in His Church. Talking about the tendered resignation of Rev. Robert Whitaker as pastor of the First Baptist church, a prominent Baptist yesterday said:

"I am extremely sorry that Mr. Whitaker has been forced to hand in his resignation, but when I tell you some of the facts you will not wonder at it. Mr. Whitaker is a young man, not quite 26 years old, and yet he is undoubtedly an able preacher. For his services he has received only \$30 a week, paid every Monday morning. This is not respectable wages to pay a clergyman, and would look as if brains were at a discount in Seattle.

Mr. Percy Rochester thought a committee should be appointed to present the resolution to the companies and urge its enforcement. This suggestion was incorporated in the original motion, and the chairman appointed Messrs. Thomas Ewing, W. E. Bailey and John Collins as such committee. On motion the meeting adjourned.

PURSE-WINNERS AT THE RACES.

Amounts the Several Stables Realized - Bound for Other Meetings. Following are the purse winnings made at the Seattle meeting of the Puget Sound Pacing Association, which closed Sunday afternoon.

FIRST MONEY. R. Donaca - Little Maud, \$100; Bingo, \$300. D. McAtee - Little Dick, \$175; Little Dick, \$150. Charles Clancy - Sugar-in-a-Barrel, \$150; Red Bird, \$150.

SECOND MONEY. J. W. MacLeod - Delco, \$300. D. E. Beale - Herd, \$200. R. R. Morris - Murphy, \$300. Walter Coffman - Buelah, \$300.

THIRD MONEY. H. S. Anderson - Little Maud, \$50; Little Maud, \$50. D. McAtee - Little Dick, \$50. John Cole - Fieela F., \$50. George Ross - McCullough, \$50. Tom Shaw - Dot, \$50.

There must be two licenses, Justice Miller Declines How Whisky May Be Sold at Auction. Walter Burt, the auctioneer, arrested on Tuesday for selling liquor, without license, was before Justice Miller for trial yesterday morning.

The Chief Reason for the great success of Hood's Sarsaparilla is found in the fact that it is a blood purifier and actually accomplishes all that is claimed for it. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Apothecaries, Lowell, Mass. Sold by druggists.

THE FIGHT GOES ON.

Two Scrip Applications and Three Protests.

A SCOW UNDER THE TREBLE.

The Tide Raises the Track of the Lake Shore Road - The Jackson Street Victim Dead.

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