

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Much Important Legislation Was Enacted Last Night.

THE ANNUAL LICENSE ORDINANCE

Was the Cause of a Spirited Discussion and Some Voting—A Motion to Prohibit Bookmaking and Pool Selling Was Overwhelmingly Defeated—The Wide Tire Ordinance. The City's Rate for Labor.

Last evening was presciently one of ordination with the city legislators. The batch of ordinances handed in by the ordinance committee was taken up and all acted upon. Most interest centered on the effort of Mr. Wheat and several associates to increase the tax on pool-selling and bookmakers at the state fair, and his later endeavor to prohibit these forms of gambling both at the fair and in the city. The ordinance providing for four inch tires on loaded vehicles was sent back to the committee on ordinances for further consideration.

Routine Business and Wages. Last evening a regular session of the city council was held at which there was about the usual percentage of members present. In the second branch President Waterhouse presided. In the first branch there was considerable difficulty in securing a quorum.

In the second branch the reading of the minutes was dispensed with. The committee on petitions and remonstrances reported favorably on the applications for coffee house license made by Peter Hoop, of Sixteenth street, and T. J. Remple, of Market street. Licenses were granted to both.

The committee on cemeteries reported bills aggregating \$13 68; ordered paid. The committee on ordinances reported on the "street salting" ordinance unfavorably; the annual license ordinance, and several others were reported to council. Regarding the "salting" ordinance there was no discussion and the action of the committee was approved.

The rules were suspended and a resolution from Mr. O'Malley was introduced, providing that the city's rate for labor should remain as it is, \$1 75 per day, and also that the rate for teams employed by the city remain the same, \$3 for one-horse teams and \$5 for two-horse teams. Mr. Wheat moved to refer to the finance committee. Mr. Gruse, who seconded the motion, said council had been notified by none of the boards, and that no action should be taken until the boards report. The motion to refer was lost, 10 nays and 7 ayes. Mr. Wheat said that as the finance committee meets soon the matter should go to them, but as this was not the sentiment he moved to refer to the water and gas boards. Mr. Gruse said these two boards were not controlled by council; that body has power only over the board of public works, and he remarked that in his opinion no notice of the matter should be taken until the board reports to council. Mr. Burke moved that the board of public works be given instructions to hold up the wages. The motion carried, but the president decided it out of order, on the ground that council has no notice of such action by the board of public works.

Annual License Ordinance. The clerk next read the annual license ordinance. Nearly thirty minutes were occupied in this windy work. Mr. Gruse moved an amendment providing that milkmen's one-horse wagons be taxed \$3 per year and two-horse teams \$6 per year, and wanted action taken when the section was arrived at.

Mr. Wheat suggested a license be imposed on penny-in-the-slot chewing gum machines, of \$5 per year. His suggestion also covered a tax on all automatic or slot gambling devices. The second reading of the ordinance was then commenced, and there were no amendments until the wheeled-vehicle section was reached, when Mr. Gruse proposed his amendment as mentioned above. The amendment unanimously prevailed.

Pool Room License. When the pool room license section came up, Mr. Wheat moved that the stands at the State Fair Association be taxed \$25 per day instead of \$5 per day. He would prefer to make the sale of pools prohibitory, but as pools are sold contrary to the laws of decency here, he would like to make the rate as high as possible. Mr. Gruse said the rate had been fixed in the interest of the fair association so that the association would be benefited. Mr. Wheat



Mr. J. A. Wheeler

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replied that the State Fair Association is not a benevolent or charitable institution, and what council should consider is the best interests of the city. Mr. Wheat did not consider it fair to the people of Wheeling that bookmakers and pool sellers be allowed to ply their pitiable vocation for \$5 per day, and he hoped his amendment would prevail. Mr. Hamilton was in favor of making the matter entirely prohibitory, and made a motion to that effect, which was seconded by Mr. Filan. Mr. Wheat's amendment was first acted upon, and was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Britt, Dinger, Frew, Wheat, Zoekler, Waterhouse—total, 6. Noes—Brill, Burke, Filan, Gruse, Hamilton, Israel, Kenney, Killen, Kreiter, Morningstar, O'Malley, Robertson, Warnock, Zwicker.

Mr. Hamilton then moved to prohibit bookmaking both at the state fair grounds and in the city, and Mr. Wheat seconded. Mr. Gruse said if the motion prevailed it would be the doom of the state fair and pool selling will be put on a plane with policy, as the recorder of the motion probably knew.

"Never did," answered Mr. Wheat. Mr. Wheat spoke again on the subject and denied that horse racing will not be a feature of the state fair if the prohibitory motion prevailed. He cited other cities where pools are not sold at horse races, and still horse racing is popular.

"The gentleman knows very well that horsemen will not come if pools cannot be sold," said Mr. Gruse.

"Then let them stay away," answered Mr. Wheat.

The ayes and noes were called for on the prohibitory motion, and the result was a defeat as follows:

Ayes—Hamilton, Morningstar, Wheat—total, 3.

Noes—Brill, Britt, Burke, Filan, Gruse, Dinger, Frew, Israel, Kenney, Killen, Kreiter, O'Malley, Robertson, Warnock, Zoekler, Zwicker, Waterhouse—total, 17.

Mr. Wheat next moved to make the rate at the fair grounds \$30 per day, and said the only people who will be hurt are "the foreign fakirs." The vote was as follows:

Ayes—Dinger, Hamilton, Israel, Morningstar, Wheat, Waterhouse—total, 6.

Noes—Brill, Britt, Burke, Filan, Frew, Gruse, Israel, Kenney, Killen, Kreiter, O'Malley, Robertson, Warnock, Zoekler, Zwicker—total, 14.

As soon as the result was announced Mr. Wheat moved to make the rate \$20 per day, and said here would be a chance to get needed revenue. Mr. Gruse remarked that council should do all possible to help the fair association. Mr. Wheat replied that the fair association will not be hurt by the increased rate. The result was another defeat for Mr. Wheat as the following vote shows:

Ayes—Dinger, Morningstar, Hamilton, Wheat, Zoekler, Waterhouse—total, 6.

Noes—Brill, Burke, Filan, Frew, Gruse, Israel, Kenney, Killen, Kreiter, O'Malley, Robertson, Warnock, Zwicker—total, 14.

MR. WHEAT DESISTED. Mr. Wheat was evidently satisfied he could do nothing on this line with his colleagues and desisted, after which the second reading of the ordinance was resumed, and no further amendments were offered for section one.

In section four Mr. Wheat's amendment providing for a tax of \$12 per annum on all slot machines came up, and, at the suggestion of Mr. Gruse, it was changed so that the penny chewing gum machines shall pay a tax of \$5. Another amendment was passed, which provides for a tax of \$24 on all ten-cent slot machines.

It was 9:30 o'clock when the second reading of the ordinance was completed, and it was then adopted as a whole, Mr. Hamilton being the only member who voted "No." The license ordinance was then sent over to the first branch.

Other Ordinances. The next ordinance considered in the second branch was the one providing for a grade in the pavements of one-fourth inch, instead of one-half inch, as now provided for. Mr. Hamilton opposed the change to one-quarter inch, and on the second reading he moved to amend so as to provide for the grade as it now stands. Mr. Britt, who is a practical bricklayer, took the same stand as Mr. Hamilton. The motion to amend prevailed, and then the ordinance was passed as a whole.

The ordinance providing for the rate of speed over bridges in the city was passed. It specifies that no animal shall pass over at a speed faster than a walk, and that all street cars shall stop before proceeding over the Market street iron bridge. Mr. Wheat moved that the section applying to Caldwell's run be stricken out; the motion prevailed.

The ordinance providing for the restriction of the erection of awning posts and awnings as recommended by the ordinance committee was next considered. It will go into effect May 1.

The ordinance making it unlawful to drive any loaded wagon with a load of over 1,000 pounds, over the streets of Wheeling, with a tire less than four inches in width, was next read. Mr. Wheat took the floor against the ordinance, and moved to amend so as to make all wagons having one and one-quarter inch axles have three inch tires, one and one-half inch axles to have three and one-half inch tires, and all axles over one and one-half inches to have four inch tires. Mr. Hamilton moved to refer back to the committee on ordinances for further consideration; carried.

The bond of Julius Pollock as commissioner of the loan of 1881 was submitted and approved. Mr. William B. Simpson's bond was also approved.

In the first branch the report of the committee on health which was acted upon by the second branch at its last session came up, and the branch refused to concur in the second amendment by which the garbage is to be weighed at the city scales. The vote was unanimous against the amendment, the reasons advanced being that there would be a heavy expense with no good resulting. The second branch concurred in the action of the first.

At 10:10 p. m. the second branch adjourned.

In the first branch all the legislation enacted by the second branch was concurred in, until the sidewalk grade ordinance came up, when there developed an opposition to the ordinance as amended in the second branch. Mr. Farrell moved that the ordinance be referred back to the committee. The motion prevailed without opposition.

At 10:30 the first branch adjourned.

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A Wheeling Buggy Wrecked. Last night while two young men were driving a horse and buggy near the West Virginia Glass Works, in Martin's Ferry, the buggy struck a pile of dirt and was upset. The occupants were thrown out, but escaped uninjured. The buggy was badly damaged and the harness broken. The rig belonged to C. D. Thompson, of Wheeling. The accident occurred about 8 o'clock.

Accident at Etanville. Richard Horace, a nine-year-old boy of Etanville, was struck by a north-bound electric car last night, knocked down and injured internally. Young Horace and another boy tried to run across the track in front of the car, and Horace was unsuccessful. The number of the car was 44, of the Wheeling line.

Cut His Arm Badly. Yesterday Otto Stumpp, who is employed at Wely's liquor store, was opening a large bottle of wine when it broke and the jagged glass cut his wrist badly, two veins being severed. A physician was hastily summoned, but before he arrived Stumpp was pretty weak from loss of blood.

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