FOR CHEAPER MEATS.

Ordinance Committee Wrestles with the Problem

AND THEN RECOMMENDS A CHANGE

Allowing Farmers to Compete with Butchers—A Delegation of Butchers and Another from the Trades Assembly Appear—Action of Other Council Committees.

Last night the council committee on ordinances met to consider a resolution offered by Mr. Farrell in council and referred to this committee, asking that an ordinance be prepared repealing the ordinance which prohibits the sale of meat by farmers in pieces less than half a quarter. The preamble recites that owing to low wages and scarcity of employment the masses are unable to pay the excessive prices for meat charged by the butchers.

Mr. Farrell and three other members of the Trades Assembly were present to urge some action in the line suggested by the resolution, while Mr. Medick, Mr. Hess and Mr. Kalbitzer represented the butchers' association.

Mr. Farrell was invited by Chairman Stathers, on motion of Mr. Britt, to state his views. He replied that the position of the committee was set forth in the preamble. When that was answered he might have something else to say.

Mr. Medick was then invited to speak. He said the butchers could see no justice in the proposal; they pay taxes, pretty heavy ones, too, and ought to have protection. At this season there is no stock about here fit to butcher. The butchers have to buy western cattle, as a rule. If farmers undersold them it would be with meat from diseased animals. As it is a farmer can sell a half-quarter, and that portion of a sheep or calf would weigh but a few pounds. Wheeling to-day gets the cheapest meat in the United States.

Mr. Farrell said the blame did not attach to the Wheeling butchers, but to the beef trust.

Mr. Medick asked if the farmers would come in, and Mr. Farrell said they had asked the privilege.

Mr. Kalbitzer—They can sell their meat here now.

Mr. Farrell—How many people, as times are, can afford to buy a half-quarter of beef?

Mr. Hess—It is a mistake to suppose meat has gone up much. Only the choice cuts were raised to 18 cents. Other meat remains as it was. Here you get porterhouse for 18 cents, and in Pittsburgh they pay 25, and in Chicago it is 23 to 25 cents.

Mr. Farrell—What kind of beef do we get?

Mr. Hess—Five and a half cents is the least we can buy it for, live weight—that is, any fit for market.

Mr. Medick presented the following statement showing how little profit there is in meat now:

COST OF A BEEF.

1 steer, 1,200 lbs., at 5c	$60 00
Driving to slaughter pen	25
Killing and dressing	1 00
Cooling	1 00
Hauling to market	25
Total cost	$62 50

RECEIPTS.

113 lbs. loin and porterhouse at 18c	$20 34
113 lbs. round and rump at 14c	15 82
114 lbs. rib and chuck at 12½c	14 25
170 lbs. boiling meat at 7c	11 90
150 lbs. soup bone, etc., 1½c	2 25
1 hide, 80 lbs., at 5c	4 00
75 lbs. tallow at 2½c	1 87
1 liver and heart	25
Total receipts	$70 68
Loss by weighing, 1-10 in selling	$ 6 25
Profit	$ 2 03

In this table labor, rents and taxes are not counted.

He also presented a statement of the revenues derived by the city from the butchers, which summed up as follows:

CITY REVENUE FROM BUTCHERS.

Market rents	$3,178 56
City taxes	2,184 96
Water rent	1,540 63
Gas	689 40
Total per year	$7,592 59

The two committees having withdrawn, there was a great deal of random discussion. It was said tallow could not be bought under 6 cents, and while the butchers sell it at 2½ cents to their own association, they get a profit in the shape of a dividend from the combine.

There were many legal and other difficulties in the way, but finally Mr. Robinson moved to recommend to council that farmers be authorized to sell meat in any quantity desired by the consumer, but only at the market houses. The meat must be of his own raising.

This was adopted and the committee adjourned.

THE FIRE COMMITTEE

Makes Up Its Annual Estimates and Pays Bills.

The committee on fire department also met. The contract for furnishing ice for the department for the year was let to the Wheeling Ice and Storage Company, at its bid of 15 cents a hundred pounds, delivered. Other bids were 18, 25 and 30 cents a hundred. Bills aggregating $223 33 were recommended for payment.

The estimate of the necessary annual expenses of the department was made up. The aggregate asked for is $43,815 42, of which the main items are as follows:

New Atlantic engine house	$ 7,000 00
Combustion wagon for Vigilant	1,500 00
New hose	1,600 00
Salaries	24,805 00
Feed, hay, etc	2,600 00
Last year's hose bill	1,219 72
Horses	1,000 00
Repairs and shoeing	1,000 00
Three new fire boxes	600 00

All the items in the list are actual necessities.

Other Matters.

The board of public works last night resolved that the debris resulting from the Main street disaster must be cleaned off the streets and alleys as quickly as practicable. It was also ordered that all stop cock boxes extending above the level of the sidewalk must be lowered. The other day a woman tripped on one of these and broke her leg, and they are a condemned nuisance.

The market committee recommended for payment bills aggregating $44.

Fell Off a Freight Train.

Last night a man who was on his way from Pittsburgh to Benwood in hopes of securing work as a heater, fell off a freight train on the South Side and was pretty badly bruised and cut. Dr. Taylor sewed up his wounds and Officer Kemple took him to the city building, where he spent the night. He gave his name as James O'Brien.

For Assaulting a Child.

Last night Mary Beltz was arraigned before Squire Gillespy on two charges of assault and battery on Hazel Winters, a four-year-old child, and also on a peace warrant. She was fined $5 and costs on each of the assault charges and required to give bond in $100 to be of good behavior for a year.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment In and About the City.

THE Cotillion club will give a private dance at Seibert's garden this evening—the opening of its season.

THE young men of the Thomson M. E. church will give a select moonlight excursion on the river next Thursday evening.

A POWER of attorney from the Cartersville Light and Power Company to William Erskine was yesterday filed with Clerk Hook.

J. A. HOLLIDAY & SON have received the contract for the erection of a building for the Windsor Fruit Company, on its property up the river.

THURSDAY evening next B. Brown, jr., and Walter R. Mansell, of Bethany college, will give an elocutionary entertainment in the Christian church.

OFFICER RITZ last night ran in the man McCamick and his wife, vags, of the worst type, who have so often annoyed the police here and elsewhere in the vicinity.

A MARRIAGE license was yesterday issued by Clerk Hook to Jacob E. Philabaum, aged 26, of Steubenville, O., and Miss Abbie Hanna, aged 26, of Valley Grove, this county.

YESTERDAY Dr. Ford's horse ran away with his buggy on Market street above Fourteenth and ran down to Main street, but was there stopped without doing any damage.

L. G. HALLOCK, of this city, has been awarded the contract for the water works at Mt. Lake Park. A. L. White, of this city, engineer in charge of those works, has also been chosen engineer of the water works at Salem, W. Va.

COUNCILMAN HAMILTON has received an invitation to attend the sessions of the National Municipal League, formed in the interest of good city governments, which meets at Cleveland May 29 to 31. An interesting programme has been prepared.

DELLA FOX has leaped to the topmost pinnacle of popular favor as a comic opera star in a bound of less than a single season. She is playing to a succession of crowded houses everywhere, and her record will doubtless be maintained here when she appears at the Opera House next Saturday.

ALMOST A HOLOCAUST.

A School Dormitory Burns and the Occupants Narrowly Escape.

SLIPPERY ROCK, PA., May 13.—The boys' dormitory of the State Normal school here was totally destroyed by fire this morning at 5 o'clock. It was a three-story frame and 250 boys were sleeping there when the fire was discovered. Those on the first floor escaped without any trouble. Fire on the stairways cut off all means of escape from the top floor. The fire escapes were not adequate to admit of the escape of all, and many jumped into blankets. Others climbed down ropes. So far 26 of the boys are missing, but it is supposed they will all be accounted for by to-morrow, as a number are reported to have left for their homes immediately after the fire. The loss was about $25,000, partly insured.

THE ELKS TROUBLE.

E. B. Hay's Scheme to Keep Up the Strife is Frowned Upon.

OMAHA, NEB., May 13.—E. M. Bartlett, of Omaha, chairman of the executive committee of the national peace convention of Elks, to be held at Buffalo, May 20, declared to-day that the alleged plans of E. B. Hay and others for the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Elks at Atlantic City, July 9, 10 and 11, could be of no effect. The executive committee of the national peace conference, he declared, has informed Hay that his meeting cannot be held and it is merely intended to continue the strife the order wants settled.

In the Interest of Peace.

BERLIN, May 13.—A dispatch received from Tokio says that an imperial decree, dated May 10, announces that in conformity with the friendly advice of Russia, Germany and France, and in order to secure a lasting peace, the mikado has recommended that the Japanese government conclude a special agreement with China providing for the restoration of the Liao-Tung peninsula.

New Postmaster.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—Mrs. C. B. Fortney has been appointed postmaster at Kanawha station, Wood county, vice Samuel Warnick, deceased.

N. E. A.

All eyes will soon be centered on Denver, Colo., as the time approaches for the meeting of the N. E. A., to be held in that city July 5th to 12th, 1895, and teachers and others who contemplate attending that meeting should see that their tickets read via the Union Pacific from the Missouri river.

This line is always to the front for the accommodation of its patrons, and is the first to accede to the demands of the public. The advantages offered by it are unequaled by any other, and its service, consisting of Pullman's finest sleeping and dining cars can not be excelled. Mr. E. L. Lomax, the General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Omaha, is always ready to furnish information in regard to this line, or write S. A. Myers, Travelling Passenger Agent, Room 1016, Carnegie Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MISS GIFFORD'S SINGING

Will Be the Feature at the Music Festival on Wednesday.

The appearance of Miss Electa Gifford, the famous Chicago soprano, at the second May Music Festival of the Mozart Singing Society, which takes place at the Mozart park pavilion on Wednesday afternoon and evening, will, more than anything else on the programme, draw the large audiences that are already assured. The sale of reserved seats at Milligan, Wilkin & Co.'s music store has been very heavy. The afternoon programme is shorter than the evening's, Miss Gifford appearing but twice. The programme for the afternoon:

1. Overture ..... Meister's orchestra
2. Chorus—Waldlied ..... F. Mohring
   Mozart Singing Society.
3. Arietta—"Kommt ein Schlanker Bursch" (Freischutz) ..... Weber
   Miss Electa Gifford.
4. Bass Solo—"The Heart of a Sailor." ..... Adams
   Mr. Charles Zulauf.
5. Soprano Solo—Villanelle Del. Acqua.
   Mrs. Flora Williams.
6. Violin Solo (a) Adagio ..... Ries
   (b) Mazurka ..... Wieniaski
   Miss Blanche Newcomb.
7. Duett—Still wie die Nacht ..... Goetze
   Mrs. Flora Williams and Mr. Chas. Zulauf.
8. Soprano Solo (a) Irish Folk Song ..... Forte
   (b) Fallih Fallah ..... Von der Stucken
   Miss Electa Gifford.
9. Recognition of Land ..... E. Grieg
   Mozart Singing Society.
10. Overture ..... Meister's orchestra

In the evening a very fine programme will be rendered. In addition to Miss Gifford, a feature will be the violin selections by Miss Blanche Newcomb, the Pittsburgh soloist. The programme:

1. Overture ..... Meister's Orchestra
2. Chorus—Hymne an die Nacht ..... Beethoven
   Mozart Singing Society.
3. "Aria"—Indian Bell Song (from Lakme) ..... Delibes
   Miss Electa Gifford.
4. Bass Solo—My Native Land ..... Mattei
   Mr. Chas. Zulauf.
5. Soprano Solo—"Forever" ..... Giorza
   Mrs. Flora Williams.
6. Violin Solo—(a) Adagio—D minor concerto ..... David
   (b) Hungarian Dance. Brahms—Joachim.
   Miss Blanche Newcomb.
7. Soprano Solo—(a) Es war ein alter Konig ..... Rubenstein
   (b) Fruhlings lied. ..... Mendelssohn
   Miss Electa Gifford.
8. Trio—When I am Gone From Thee ..... Campana
   Mrs. Williams and Messrs. Day and Zulauf.
9. Tenor Solo—Toreador Hola! ..... Trotere
   W. B. Day.
10. Im Walde ..... J. Otto
    Mozart Singing Society.
    (a) Morgen Gruss ander Walde.
    (b) Morgen gebet.
    (c) Lied der Holzhackers (bass solo) C. Zulauf.
    (d) Chor, der Jager.
    (e) Der Wanderbursch im Walde.
    (f) Die Waldmuhle.
    (g) Stanchen (solo), Mrs. Williams.
    (h) Abend gobet.
    (i) Gute Nacht an den Walde.
11. Ave Maria (cavallaria rusticana) ..... Mascagni
    Miss Gifford.
    Violin obligato—Miss Newcomb.
12. Overture ..... Orchestra

Tribute of Respect.

BANK OF THE OHIO VALLEY,
WHEELING, W. VA., May 13, 1895.

We have heard with sorrow of the death, after a lingering illness, of our fellow-director, Victor Rosenburg.

During an association of many years he ever had our highest esteem and regard for his sterling worth, gentleness of character and business ability.

We feel that in the death of Victor Rosenburg the Bank of the Ohio Valley loses a steadfast friend and wise adviser, the community a valuable citizen, his family a kind and loving father.

As a further tribute of respect we will attend the funeral in a body, cause the directors' room to be draped for a period of thirty days and unite in the offering of our sincere sympathy to the family in their sad bereavement.

Resolved, That these proceedings be entered on the minute book and copy thereof furnished the family of the deceased.

W. A. ISETT,
W. B. SIMPSON,
J. K. BOTSFORD,
M. POLLOCK,
J. POLLOCK,
J. A. MILLER,
E. M. ATKINSON,
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