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TO BUY WATERWORKS

The City Council, by Ordinance, Expresses a Desire to Purchase Plant.

THE STREET RAILWAYS

Petitions for Franchises Not Yet Disposed Of—Sewer Bids, Sidewalks and Water Mains.

The city council meeting Tuesday night was not lacking in any of the usual interest which centers around that body when it comes together. For some reason or other the members were tardy and it was nearly 8:30 before Mayor Yegou rapped for order. All the members, excepting Clement, were present. After the reading of the minutes of previous sessions, the matter of appointing a successor to Alderman St. John, who resigned by reason of having moved from the Fourth ward, was taken up. Spear again moved that Sztitnick be permitted to name his colleague, and the council acquiesced. Mr. Sztitnick had expected to appoint A. P. Hart, but that gentleman's work kept him in the country at present and he could not very well attend to the matter, and in view of this fact Sztitnick named Geo. A. Berky as successor to Mr. St. John. The council by unanimous vote confirmed the nomination. A courier was sent out to find and escort Alderman Berky to the council chamber. Mr. Berky took the oath of office and also a seat among the elect.

The reports of standing committees were called for. Spear reported for the finance committee as having examined the monthly report for August of the city treasurer and found same all right. The committee's report was accepted.

In the matter of the ordinance pertaining to the granting of a franchise to W. B. George for the construction and maintenance of an electric street railway, Geo. P. Bennighoff reported favorably for the special committee composed of himself and F. B. Connelly. The petition of Austin North for an electric street railway franchise was also favorably reported upon by Mr. Bennighoff, as was also the ordinance changing the peddlers' and street entertainers' license.

Bennighoff introduced a petition signed by every party owner on the south side of First avenue, north, asking for the construction of a sidewalk from Twenty-seventh street to Thirtieth street.

No little amount of discussion and debate was precipitated by the mayor asking for an explanation regarding the construction of the platform in front of the Billings Wholesale Grocery house on Minnesota avenue. A large loading platform, three feet above grade, had been erected there and without the knowledge of the council. Mr. Bennighoff said that he could explain the matter. He stated that a representative of the Billings Wholesale Grocery company had come to himself and Mr. Clement, who constituted the sidewalk committee, and had asked permission to construct the loading platform. They had given him permission to do so, because they thought it a necessity for the company's use. Mayor Yegou was not one whit backward in expressing himself in the premises. He said that the platform obstructed passage on the sidewalk which had been laid there for the accommodation of ladies and children who wished to be freed from hearing obscene language used on the other side and to avoid the crowded walk, which always seemed to be the case. The old walk had been constructed by the city from planks donated by the railroad company, but the committee took upon itself the responsibility of giving these planks away. The mayor said that he thought the committee had overstepped its bounds in the matter. Witham said he wanted to go on record as objecting to the construction of the platform, for the reason that it obstructed the walk which had heretofore been used by ladies who either shopped or lived on the south side and did not wish to be compelled to go a block or two out of their way in order to reach their destination. He said that ladies should not be compelled to pass on the other side of the street, which was always crowded with toughs and rowdies, using profane language, and which had the name of being the toughest street in any city in Montana. Mr. Bennighoff had stated during his remarks that the committee had understood the city marsh 1 to say that if the platform was constructed he would see that the other side of the street was kept free from crowds so that ladies could pass without difficulty. Marshal Bond, who was present, said he did not wish to be misquoted as agreeing to keep the sidewalk opened, saying that it could not be done unless some of the places of business were closed. Witham made a motion, seconded by Frizelle, that the city clerk notify the chief of police to notify Mills & Co. to place the platform down on the street grade at once. Before putting the question to a vote, Bennighoff made a few remarks to the effect that it seemed to him the council was taking a very strange action and that he was ashamed to belong to such a council. On vote all responded "aye," excepting Bennighoff.

The petition of E. B. Kennedy, et al., for an extension of water main south on North Twenty-fourth street to center of Montana avenue; thence west to connect with the present main at the intersection of North Twenty-fifth street, to supply the brewery and residences on said North Twenty-fourth street, was granted, as was that of Frank Adams, et al., for an extension on Fourth avenue and North Twenty-fourth street.

The street sprinkling ordinance, levying a tax against the property in the sprinkling district, was passed. A saloon license was granted J. R. Conway, who is doing business on the south side next to O'Grady & Farrell's. City Clerk Herford read a communication from County Clerk Carwile, in which the county commissioners notified the city of Billings to construct a bridge across the drainage ditch west of Billings, and in event of the city's refusal, the county surveyor would construct same and the county attorney would institute action to collect cost of same. Investigation of the city plat determined that the bridge was not in the city limits, whereupon Frizelle moved that the city refuse to comply with the county's request. Witham seconded the motion and the council voted aye to a man.

Under unfinished business, Witham introduced an ordinance amending section 2 of ordinance No. 10 relating to construction of buildings within the fire limits. The change suggested is to the effect that no buildings can be constructed until a special permit has been secured from the council. It was referred to the fire committee.

Frizelle introduced an ordinance declaring the desire of the city of Billings to purchase the water-works system. It was referred to committee on ordinance. The ordinance reads as follows:

"An ordinance declaring the desire of the city of Billings to purchase the plant and water supply of the Billings Water Power company, and notifying the said company of such desire.

"Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Billings:

"Sec. 1. That it is hereby declared to be the desire of the city of Billings to purchase the plant and water supply of the Billings Water Power company under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Montana, and particularly of sub-division 84 of section 4800 of the Political Code of the state of Montana, and amended by an act of the Fifth legislative assembly of the state of Montana, approved March 8th, 1897.

"Sec. 2. That notice of such desire is hereby given to the said company, and that the city clerk be, and is hereby instructed to deliver to the secretary and resident agent of said company a certified copy of this ordinance immediately after its adoption."

The ordinance committee reported a change in the ordinance granting W. B. George a franchise for a street railway system. Instead of the city receiving 1 per cent of the net proceeds for five years, as stipulated in the ordinance first drawn up, the city is to receive nothing, but at the end of five years the council, if it sees fit, can reduce the fare to 5 cents. The ordinance was referred to the city attorney to report at next meeting as to its validity.

The following bills were allowed:

Chas. R. Stoll, team and work	\$26 00
Joe Flanagan, cleaning cess pool	1 00
A. A. Morris, city engineer	99 50
Holmes & Calhoun, merchandise	2 30
Martin Burns, hay	17 05
Nina J. Brown, typewriting	5 70
Billings Gazette, printing and job work	75 15

The bids for the construction of the north side sewer were then opened. There were but two bids, which were submitted by T. R. Hinds of Butte, the contractor of the sewer system put in last fall, and Frank Savarese of this city. Mr. Hinds' was the first bid opened. He agreed to do all the work and furnish the material at the following prices: 15 inch pipe, at \$1.75 per lineal foot; 12 inch pipe, at \$1.35 per lineal foot; 8 inch pipe, at \$1.27 per lineal foot; manholes, \$90 each; flush-tanks, \$112 each; three-fourths inch galvanized iron pipe, at 88 cents per foot. He also further agreed to enter into a contract within ten days and finish the system according to the requirements. The bid of Mr. Savarese was as follows: 15 inch pipe, at \$1.75 per lineal foot; 12 inch pipe, at \$1.48 per lineal foot; 8 inch pipe, at \$1.29 per lineal foot; manholes, at \$95 each; flush-tanks, at \$120 each; three-fourths inch galvanized iron pipe, at 43 cents per foot. Certified checks in the sum of \$5,000 each accompanied the bids. After some little discussion the bids, on motion, were ordered delivered to sewer committee.

There was considerable discussion concerning the trouble in the sewer.

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COWBOYS IN HELENA

Three More Baseball Games to Be Played There, Beginning Today.

BOYS EXPECT TO WIN

People Here Think They Can't Get a Square Deal—Manager Phillips' Tale of Woe.

In charge of N. G. Carwile, the Billings baseball team left for Helena at 2 o'clock this morning to play three games in that city today, tomorrow and Sunday—to decide the Montana championship, each team now having won four games. The Cowboys were not accompanied by a crowd of Billings citizens, as was the case when they went to Helena before, the impression being general here that they cannot get fair treatment in the town and will not be allowed to win a majority of the games. If they are fairly treated, however, they will win without a doubt, as Billings has the best team. Manager Nix and a number of other citizens expect to go up in the morning, but this depends upon how the Cowboys are treated in today's game. The players themselves are confident of winning two of the three games and think they will be fairly treated. Casey, it is noticed by the Helena press, will play short stop for that team, but who will pitch for them today is not stated. Denzer will pitch for Billings, McNeely will play second base, Hansen short stop and Rose right field, the latter's hands being still too sore for him to play second. Dexter J. Smith of Butte will umpire. He was selected by Captain Zearfoss and is said to be a very fair man, but if he is not incorruptible Helena is liable to "get next to win," as it is pretty certain that she tried to bribe Umpire Lavernash here last Sunday. The two teams will probably play an exhibition game Monday in Boulder for a purse of \$200, but it is distinctly understood that this game will not count in the championship contest.

Manager Phillips Talks.

Tuesday's Helena Independent contains another full column of abuse of Billings, in which Manager Phillips is quoted as saying the loss of last Sunday's game by Helena "was merely a case of highway robbery." When the attention of Manager Nix was called to it, he said:

"Well, I would have thought a great deal more of Phillips as a man if he hadn't said that. He made no such statement in Billings, nor did any other Helena man. But Phillips is a chippy, anyhow, and is no more competent to manage a ball team than a 10-year-old boy. You notice, perhaps, that Manager Goodman does not say anything of the kind; he is too much of a gentleman to make such a statement. We will just pass Phillips up. The Helena ball players all know that he is no manager and pay no attention to what he says."

The Independent says that Phillips was not "exactly calm" when he made the statement and it is thought here that he has had another attack of nervous prostration or softening of the brain, similar to the one he had last fall, when he got so excited over the election, so seriously, however, Phillips

is making himself ridiculous. Both he and his team are outclassed by Billings and they ought to know enough not to make such a war when they are fairly beaten.

TO GO TO BUTTE.

Troop M Will Hold a Meeting to Make Arrangements for the Visit.

Capt. J. C. Bond requests The Gazette to announce that there will be held a meeting of Troop M of Grigby's cavalry some night early next week to make arrangements for attending the reception to be given to the soldiers of the First Montana Regiment in Butte, after they are mustered out in San Francisco. All members of the troop will be notified of the night of meeting by postal card and it is earnestly hoped that every member will attend even though they may not be able to go to Butte.

Captain Bond has received word from Colonel Lloyd of Butte that mounts will be furnished for every trooper attending and all are requested to come in uniform. The railroads will make a rate of one fare for the round trip and it is likely that many will attend, in which it is hoped Billings will be well represented. Some eight or ten members of the troop have signified their intention of being there to receive the gallant boys of the First Montana, and Captain Bond will be present, if he is the only member of the Rough riders there.

MONTANA TROOPS HAVE ARRIVED.

The Transport Zealandia Sighted Off San Francisco This Morning.

The Anaconda Standard sent the following bulletin to Billings this afternoon:

"San Francisco, Sept. 22.—The transport Zealandia, bearing the Montana troops was sighted at 11 o'clock this forenoon. The transport will be met by Governor Smith, staff and others inside quarantine on the tug boat Governor Markham."

In Paris Tuesday the council of ministers decided to pardon Dreyfus in principle. The pardon will take effect in a few days. Dreyfus has relinquished his appeal for a reversal of the judgment of the court martial. It is said that Dreyfus will be sent abroad before the promulgation of his pardon, in order to avoid demonstrations. "In principle" is an idiom sometimes used in semi-official announcements of forthcoming actions. It seems to have but slight bearing on the matter except, perhaps, that it implies the fulfillment of various formalities before the pardon is issued. It is not known yet whether the pardon includes amnesty.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Billings, Yellowstone county, Montana, for the week ending Sept. 18, 1899.

Allenau, Mrs. Martin; Blamland, William Broyles, W. P.; Bukaska, Mary; Chappell, Edwin; Chappell, Marion; Chappell, M. I.; Duffield, Mrs. Susie; Everson, Ormand; Fink, Henry; Finn, Thomas; Garcia, A. J.; Hayward, Frank; Ketchum, S. D.; Mack, Miss Florence; Monteth, Rev. Moses; Plisch, Bartol; Shields, Mrs. Janey; Stanton, Miss Maude (2); Taylor, Joe; Walker, G. W.; Walters, Dick; Warren, Mrs. Della; White, J. H.

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