

SOME IMPORTANT BUSINESS.

The Proceedings of the City Council Yesterday.

Result of Investigating the Street Superintendent's Office.

Bicyclists Must Keep Off Sidewalks and Keep Their Lamps Lighted at Night—Reports of Committees and Petitions.

Some very important business was transacted at the meeting of the city council yesterday.

Among the principal features of the session was the report showing a shortage of over \$270 in the street superintendent's office.

A very strict bicycle ordinance was passed.

Steps were taken for the widening of First street between Main and Los Angeles streets.

All the members were present during both the forenoon and afternoon sessions.

LABOR BUREAU REPORT.

The first business to come before the council was the reading of the report of the manager of the labor bureau.

The report showed that during last month 101 applications had been made for positions and that 54 positions had been secured.

CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The city auditor reported that he had examined the reports of R. D. Wade, license collector, for the month of August, and found them correct.

He also reports of the city clerk and the clerk of the police court, as to the amount of money deposited with the city treasurer.

SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS REPORT.

Superintendent of Buildings Eisen reported that the collections of fees for building permits for the eight months of the present year ending with August was \$1063.05, as against \$690.70 collected during the same months of last year.

REPORT OF STREET SUPERINTENDENT.

A communication was read from the street superintendent, recommending that some action be taken to investigate the condition of the San Pedro street sewer, which is now covered with a redwood top and is considered unsafe.

Referred to the sewer committee. The superintendent also asked to be authorized to cut the curb at Second and Spring streets so as to move the same back from the railway track, which is dangerously close. Adopted.

A communication was received from the street superintendent, calling attention to the fact that a large quantity of rubbish is carried by the flow of water and caused it to collect under the bridges across the gutters of the city. Referred to board of public works, sewer committee and city auditor.

The communication also stated that there were at present in the sewer system of East Los Angeles sewers which had been built recently and during the administration of his predecessor in office, seven fish tanks without connections for flushing. These connections should have been made by the contractors when the sewers were built, the expense for connections to have been paid by them. It was now asked that the street superintendent be authorized to have these connections made. Referred to the sewer committee.

The report also stated that a new fence had been built in place of the old one on Lake Shore avenue, west of Echo park.

Mr. Innes moved that the street superintendent be instructed to remove said fence and street and obstructing said road or street. Adopted.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The report of the board of public works was as follows:

In the matter of the condition of Grand avenue, between Fourth and Fifth streets, recommend the street superintendent place same as in good condition as before Dodd & O'Garra took the same up. Adopted.

In the matter of petition No. 654, from George W. Tubbs et al., in regard to the grade of Washington street, recommend that the matter be referred to the city engineer. Adopted.

In the matter of petition No. 650, from Dr. William Brill, asking to have Union avenue, between Pico and 100 feet south of Fourteenth street, graded and gravelled and a cement curb and raised sidewalk four feet wide laid where not already laid, under the bond set, recommend that the same be granted, and the city engineer be instructed to present the necessary ordinance. Adopted.

In the matter of petition No. 649, from Elizabeth S. Biles et al., complaining of the condition of crossing on Olive street at First street, we recommend that the street superintendent put the same in a passable condition. Adopted and moved that city engineer present the necessary ordinance of intention. Adopted.

In the matter of petition No. 651 from D. Allen asking to have the grade of Star street established between Pico and Sixteenth streets, recommend the same be granted and the city engineer present the necessary ordinance of intention. Adopted.

In the matter of petition No. 652 from O. C. Knox et al., asking to have the grade on Byron street established between Tenth and Eleventh streets, recommend the same be granted and the city engineer instructed to present the necessary ordinance of intention. Adopted.

In the matter of the additional petitions Nos. 655 and 656, from the Los Angeles National bank in regard to the widening of First street from Main to Los Angeles street, recommend they be referred to the city engineer for a further report on all the petitions in regard to frontage represented in the district of assessment. Adopted and moved that city engineer report at this day's session.

In the matter of the improvement of Cummings street, from the south line of First street to a point 350 feet south of the south line of Fourth street, recommend the acceptance of the bid of W. H. Workman, grading, \$2.15 per lineal foot; guttering and curbing, 60 cents per lineal foot, being a total of \$2.75 per lineal foot for work complete. It being understood that \$2.75 per lineal foot for the work complete is the intent of the bidder. And we recommend that the accompanying resolution of acceptance be adopted at this day's session.

six feet wide, on Bonnie Brae street between Seventh and Ninth streets, recommend the same be granted and the city engineer instructed to present the necessary ordinance of intention. Adopted.

Recommend that A. P. Cross be granted further time for beginning construction of the electric railroad granted to him by franchise.

Ordinance of intention was read, rules suspended and the ordinance granting same adopted.

Recommend that ordinance for riding bicycles on the sidewalks be passed.

THE BICYCLE ORDINANCE.

The draft of the ordinance preventing the use of bicycles on sidewalks was read. It showed that no one should be allowed to ride on sidewalks with bicycles, and each wheel must have a lantern attached.

Mr. Pessell moved that the ordinance be amended so as to strike out all reference to carrying lanterns, but the motion was lost.

The ordinance was then passed, on motion of Mr. Teed.

It declares it unlawful for any person between the hours of 6 o'clock p. m. and 6 o'clock a. m. to ride through, over, or upon any public street of Los Angeles with or upon any bicycle or velocipede without having attached to such a vehicle a lighted lamp or lantern.

Upon conviction of breaking the ordinance the fine shall not exceed \$50, or imprisonment not exceeding 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

D. A. WATSON'S SHORTAGE.

The following report was made: "We, your special committee, to whom was referred the communication from the street superintendent asking that an investigation of his office be made, beg leave to report that we have employed Mr. A. C. Davis, an expert, to examine the books, who has made a thorough examination of same, and has made a detailed report to this committee showing the condition of the funds in the office, a copy of which is hereby submitted with this report, showing a shortage of \$272.40, among which were the following items: \$61 collected for tax sale certificates for the opening and widening of streets, which should have been paid into the city treasury according to the city charter.

"It is reported to this committee that this has been a custom with two former administrations of the street superintendent's office, and we recommend that the books be examined to see if the same be true.

"We find by investigation that the balance of the shortage has been loaned by the deputy street superintendent, A. I. Stewart, to different persons without authorization and knowledge of the street superintendent.

"We find from the report of the expert, that the books in the office have been kept in such a manner as to be difficult to get at, and to ascertain the correct facts as to the same to make up the correct balances. The expert reported to this committee that it was necessary to go outside to get the necessary data to make a report.

"We recommend that the books in the office be kept in such a manner as to be able to get the necessary data for making the balances.

"And we further recommend that the street superintendent be directed to pay into the city treasury all moneys received in his office and take treasurer's receipt therefor, and all moneys to be paid out through the city treasury instead of through the banks.

"With reference to the matter reported in the Daily Times, that called for this committee in reference to furnishing the street department with one cash book, one record book and one ledger, we find on investigation that August 7, 1893, one L. R. Jones did collect a warrant for \$20.00 for the said books. We find that Messrs. Glass & Long made the books complete for \$50 and paid a commission of 15 per cent of the cost of same to L. R. Jones as commission for procuring them the work.

"This committee is unable to determine who received the difference of \$30.00. Mr. L. R. Jones collected the warrant."

A MINORITY REPORT.

Mr. Gaffey presented a minority report, the same as the one made by the committee, with the exception that his report shows that the street superintendent follows the same method of bookkeeping as did his predecessor.

The majority report was adopted.

Mr. Munson moved that the special committee be continued, with power to expert the books of the street superintendent. Adopted.

LAND COMMITTEE REPORT.

The land committee reported, recommending that the bid of G. Bacigalupi to rent reservoir site No. 7 be accepted, at \$105 for one year from December 1st, and the city attorney be instructed to prepare and present the necessary ordinance. Adopted.

ZANJA COMMITTEE REPORT.

The zanja committee reported as follows: "We, your zanja committee, to whom was referred petition No. 651 from W. T. Dalton and others asking that the zanja crossing Central avenue at the corner of Washington street be piped with a cement pipe, and recommended that said crossing be piped with a 20 inch cement pipe, and that the city clerk advertise for bids. Adopted.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The report of the city engineer showed that he had examined the petitions of the Los Angeles bank and others relative to the widening of First street between Los Angeles and Main streets and found that the total frontage represented on said petitions is 4254 feet, that the total frontage in the district heretofore recommended is 8470 feet. A majority would be 4236 feet. The petitioners therefore have a majority of 18 feet.

ORDINANCES OF INTENTION.

He submitted the following ordinances of intention:

To grade, gravel and construct a cement curb on Twelfth street, from the southeasterly line of Olive street to the southwesterly line of Hill street; to construct a cement sidewalk five feet wide on the south side of Tenth street, from the west curb of Pearl street to the east line of Overton street; to grade, gravel and construct a cement curb on Georgia Bell street, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth streets; to grade and gravel and construct a cement curb and sidewalk on Union avenue, from the southerly line of Washington street to the easterly line of Hoover street. Referred to the board of public works, the first two ordinances of intention being laid over one week.

The engineer's report also recommended that the city engineer be instructed to present the necessary ordinance of intention.

for the water system, irrigation as well as domestic. Adopted.

WILL BE WIDENED.

A motion was carried to have the city engineer and the city attorney to draft the necessary maps and ordinances for the widening of First street, from Los Angeles to Main, in accordance with the request of the petitioners.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

The city attorney made a report, to which was attached the ordinance changing the name of Balboa street to Norwood street; Crescent avenue to Crescent road; Lincoln Place to Eighth street; Clement street to Seventeenth street; Old Company street to Eighteenth street; Shorb street to Twenty-fifth street.

The attorney presented an ordinance giving permission to improve a portion of Georgia Bell street by private contract; also an ordinance directing street railway companies having tracks on Second street, between Broadway and Hill streets, to pave that portion of Second street required by law to be kept in repair by the street railway company. Adopted.

PROPOSALS FOR STREET WORK.

The following bids were opened and referred:

To build sewer in Hill street district, Mackey & Young \$2.25 a cubic yard, manholes, \$65 flush tanks \$120. Standpipes for sprinkling hydrants, Reader Bros., \$27.50, H. Gerson \$30.

To improve Union avenue from Orange to Seventh, H. Sherer \$2.67 for grading, 25 cents for curbing, U. G. Baldwin, \$3.25 per foot for grading, 20 cents for curbing, 12 cents for sidewalk, J. S. Haigler, \$2.44 complete. William Riley \$3, Dodd & O'Garra \$1.63 for grading and 15 cents for curb.

Hoover street.—R. Sherer, grading \$1.45, curb 40 cents, M. S. Cummings, 8 1/2 cents a foot for grading and curbing each side.

Dodd & O'Garra wanted to withdraw their bid, claiming that it was a mistake and was intended for \$2.63 per foot instead of \$1.63. The council refused to accede to the request.

ACCORDING TO THE CHARTER.

Mr. Innes moved that the city clerk be instructed to notify all city officers receiving money belonging to the city to deposit daily the same with the city treasurer, as the charter requires. Adopted.

A CIRCUS ORDINANCE.

A gentleman representing a small circus appeared before the board and asked that the ordinance regarding circus licenses be amended so as to make some distinction between large and small circuses. It was moved that the matter be referred to the city committee and the city attorney. Carried.

COUNTY HOSPITAL SEWAGE.

It was moved that a committee of three be appointed to dispose of the sewage of the county hospital. Messrs. Campbell, Manson and Nickell were appointed as such committee.

TO CONFORM TO THE GRADE.

Mr. Rhodes moved that the city engineer give the grade of Main street from Ninth street to Washington to the Main-street Agricultural Park Railway company—not to include field work and without expense to the city, and that the street superintendent be instructed to have the company place their tracks on grade. Adopted.

MINOR BUSINESS.

The finance and supply committee reported upon a large number of demands and requisitions, which were passed.

A motion was adopted that the finance committee be instructed to collect damages from the person who put up the portiers in the council room and ruined them.

STREET AND PARK IMPROVEMENT.

A motion was carried that the street superintendent be instructed to repair Second street, between Pearl and the old Second street engine house.

It was carried that the city engineer present plans and specifications for the brick culvert across Boyle avenue "fill," Mr. Innes moved that the city auditor set stakes for the path in Echo park according to chart laid with the city engineer. Carried.

Mr. Teed's motion to have the street superintendent construct a drain from the sprinkling hydrant corner of Washington and Figueroa streets connecting with the sewer to prevent the pavement from rotting, was referred to the sewer committee.

PETITIONS AND PROTESTS.

From Wm. Young et al., asking that the grade of East Third street between Bied and Soto streets be changed so that the cut shall not exceed 2 1/2 feet at the deepest place. Referred to the city engineer.

From E. Wills and others, protesting against injuring Maple avenue between Seventh and Eighth streets. Referred.

From L. M. Grider and others, asking that a five-foot cement sidewalk be laid on the west side of Central avenue, between Pico and Fourteenth streets. Referred.

From C. E. Crowley, asking extension of 60 days on Bonnie Brae street contract. Granted.

From E. E. Owens and J. Malley asking a permit to move a house across the Downey avenue viaduct. Referred to street superintendent.

From J. W. York, stating that he will be unable to finish grading on Montreal street and asking council to release said bondmen. Action postponed one week.

From property owners on Georgia Bell street between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets asking permission to grade and gravel, sidewalk and curb by private contract. Referred.

From H. Glaze asking an order to the auditor to pay a claim for which he got judgment in court. Referred to city attorney.

From J. J. Mabb, Mrs. M. A. Harben, A. Park and others, asking council to put in full force the contract for removing garbage within five limit No. 1. They say that the contractor has failed to remove the garbage from 131 and 133 South Broadway before it has become a nuisance to the petitioners.

Another excursion party to the world's fair is on the tapis. This time it will be composed of business men of Southern California and their families. They will leave Los Angeles the last of this month, at which time ex-Mayor Hazard expects to be able to go. A committee consisting of ex-Mayor Workman, Robert Hale, Walter Bondwell and C. E. Day will make the necessary arrangements. The returning members of the chamber of commerce excursion expect to meet at Salt Lake City for a jollification, and possibly the party from here may chance to meet them at that time.

THOSE INDICTMENTS FILED.

The Herald's News of Last Saturday Officially Confirmed.

President Childress, Cashier Park and Teller Betts On the List.

The Three City Bank Officials Placed Under Arrest—Bonds Furnished—The Other Indictments for Minor Offenses.

The grand jury did not change its mind.

Yesterday it did what last Saturday's Herald exclusively said it would do—indicted the officers of the defunct City bank.

The inside information of the purposes of the grand jury as outlined was correct.

As soon as the body got a chance to report it carried out its programme.

At 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning the jurors, headed by their foreman, D. W. Field, filed into the court room of department five, and, in the absence of Judge Smith, reported to Judge Lucien Shaw.

The judge took the batch of indictments handed to him, and after glancing at them, turned them over to Mr. Forrester, deputy county clerk for department one.

The judge made a few remarks about the Herald and its publication of the secrets of the grand jury before it had divulged the same itself, and intimated that he was in half a mind to yank the offending newspaper men before him to be dealt with according to law. Nothing was done about it, however, and the jury filed out of the court room in as mysterious a manner as if their work had not been made public in advance.

Afterward Judge Shaw pocketed the indictments and Mr. Forrester went back to his court room without them.

Up to late in the afternoon there were no arrests under the indictments. It was not until after they were returned, however, before there was a suspicious collection of attorneys and gentlemen in three offices. In one office, that of Judge Hutton on North Main street, A. D. Childress, president of the closed bank, sat expectantly with his attorneys and some friends.

In another office, that of Messrs. Chapman & Hendricks, a similar situation might have been observed, with J. S. Park the principal.

At the Bank of America, corner of Temple and Spring streets, Le Grand Betts was busily engaged in his duties in that bank, but he and his friends had an expectant air.

Finally the expected happened. There came telephones from the sheriff's office, and they were followed up by the appearance of deputy sheriffs, who served warrants of arrest on the gentlemen indicted much as if they were eagerly expected invitations to a swell ball.

The gentlemen were very snave, their attorneys were very silent and the officers were very polite.

It was the biggest game the officers have bagged for a long time, and there was nothing said about "Come along with me," accompanied by an implied intimation that the jail was just around the corner.

The men were served, the indicted men and their attorneys stated they would at once prepare bonds and give them during the balance of the afternoon.

Then the deputies waited for things to take place.

Judge Shaw remained in his chambers until 5 o'clock, to pass upon the bonds when offered. By the time that hour had struck he had approved the bonds of Mr. Childress for \$12,000, and Mr. Betts for \$3000. Up to that time Mr. Park's bond for \$12,000 had not put in an appearance.

THE BANK INDICTMENTS.

The indictments against A. D. Childress are four in number, and there are a similar number against Mr. Park. There is only one indictment against Le Grand Betts, and that is for embezzlement, in connection with the county funds.

The first indictment against Mr. Childress is for embezzlement in connection with the county funds on deposit in the City bank before it closed its doors. The other three make a general charge of felony and the specific charges are:

The making a false statement of the condition of the City bank last January. A false entry upon the books of the bank, in being alleged that Mr. Childress entered a fictitious name upon the books in one transaction where it should have been his own name.

Another charge of making a false statement of the condition of the bank in the estate of John Scheerer, vs. Mary C. Speedy. Suit to reform and correct a mortgage, that \$2300 is due on it, and for foreclosure.

Petition by Margaret E. Wilson for letters of administration on the estate of Wm. Almon Wilson, the estate being valued at \$4500.

J. B. Young vs. E. H. Winans. Suit for an accounting upon a land transaction.

Petition in insolvency of S. J. Wolcott, doing millinery business under the name of Mrs. S. G. Adams. Liabilities, \$1683.70; assets, \$600.

Divorce proceedings have been commenced by Carrie Louisa Gardiner vs. James Gardner, Philippe Cruz vs. Amelia Cruz, and Alma T. Ellis vs. Wm. Ellis.

THE SUPERVISORS.

Business Transacted at Yesterday's Meeting.

At the meeting of the board of supervisors yesterday the Gallatin school house road was declared a public highway and right of way. Damages were awarded as follows: Oliver Standler, \$890; M. D. Crawford, sr., \$60; William East, \$30.

The matter of the county hospital sewer was referred to the hospital committee.

It is probable that the matter of the tax levy for the ensuing year will come up for action at the next meeting of the board.

VERY RETICENT.

Under the advice of their attorneys the indicted bankers have nothing to say. They have retained the very best

counsel to be obtained, and the charges against them will be fought with all the ingenuity that skilled lawyers can bring to bear upon them.

It was generally so well known that the indictments would be returned against the gentlemen that when the official news went around it did not excite very much comment.

OTHER INDICTMENTS.

Besides the Childress indictments there were four others. The same secrecy was maintained in regard to them that was observed with reference to the bank indictments, but information was obtained which indicates pretty conclusively against whom they are returned.

As intimated in last Saturday's Herald, they were none of them of a very sensational character.

One of the men, Henry Vejar, a Mexican, charged with perjury was arrested about dark and taken to the county jail. He was unable to give his bail, and consequently was locked up.

The other three men had not been arrested up to a late hour last night. Their names and the offenses with which they are charged are:

Mannel Cota, indicted for perjury.

Mr. Stowell, indicted for misdemeanor in connection with shooting quail out of season. He was examined in session by Justice Bartholomew, and found guilty of the offense, and was discharged by the magistrate.

Haley, indicted for forgery. It is expected that arrests will be made in these cases today.

A HARD WORKING JURY.

In their three weeks of work the grand jury has accomplished more results in the way of indictments than preceding juries for several years.

Other juries have remained in session for several weeks and months before they have moved on the works of the enemy.

If the body keeps up its lick it will have the whole county stirred up from time to time before many months have rolled around.

A FAMILY JAR.

The Riley's Household Difficulties Become Judicial Affairs.

The Riley family appeared in Justice Austin's court yesterday, and aired their grievances before a crowd of interested and sympathetic neighbors.

The primary cause of their appearance was the behavior of a Mr. McVicar.

Mr. McVicar is Mrs. Riley's son, and C. W. Riley is Mrs. Riley's husband. On Saturday evening Officer Arguello was called to the family mansion and found McVicar prancing around the street in front of the family residence, while Riley, with a large garden hose, was in the act of spraying the water on his neighbor's property.

A large crowd of the youthful elite of the neighborhood were in attendance, and furnished the audience and the applause.

Officer Arguello arrived McVicar was very wet and somewhat fatigued, but had sufficient presence of mind to request the arrest of the gentleman with the hose.

Arguello being a fair minded man made no invidious distinctions but arrested one error was found to be as large as \$1000.

Other minor items show the manner in which the affairs of the office have been kept, and it is thought that the resolution passed by the council yesterday might have some effect in opening the eyes of some of the other city officials.

The President's baseball club challenges the Grays for a game of ball to be played at Athletic park next Sunday. An answer will be looked for through the Herald. The President's club is made up of the following players: Early, catcher; Hart, pitcher; Wilson, third base; Smith, shortstop; Leland, second base; Cleveland, first base; Van Horn, left field; Roberts, center field; Jones, right field.

THE COURTS.

Cases on Trial Yesterday and New Suits Filed.

Judge Van Dyke held court yesterday and the regular law and motion calendar was called.

In Justice Bartholomew's court yesterday George Cooper was arraigned on the charge of assault to commit rape. His bail was fixed at \$500, which he gave. His examination was set for the morning of September 20th, at 9:30 o'clock.

NEW CASES.

Preliminary papers in the following new cases were filed yesterday in the county clerk's office.

Thos. A. Chase, administrator of the estate of John Scheerer, vs. Mary C. Speedy. Suit to reform and correct a mortgage, that \$2300 is due on it, and for foreclosure.

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THE WATSON INVESTIGATION.

A Gentle Hint Given to City Officials.

Some Cases Which Show a Necessity for Reform.

The Way the Street Superintendent Kept His Bank Accounts—Errors Which Should Be Corrected at Once.