

The account of the recent, almost total destruction, through fire, of the flourishing town of Evansville, Minnesota, gives rise to an uneasy thought of what might occur under like circumstances in Livingston. The town is totally without any organized means of fire protection, and if a fire were to start in the town, under favorable conditions, Livingston would be literally swept from the face of the earth. As is the case in all new towns where buildings are hastily erected, in the beginning appliances to secure the exit of smoke (they cannot be called flues or chimneys) are in such shape in many instances as to tempt a conflagration. We know that these various items for securing the town's well being cannot all be accomplished in a day, but an inexpensive fire company can be organized at once, and with the aid of constituted authorities, they can move quietly forward, and on the approach of cold weather and the days of hot fires within doors, when the burning of property is most common, will have placed the town in much better condition to withstand an outbreak of fire, and also will have diminished the chances of ignition. This is one of the questions which could be much more easily solved if Livingston were a corporate town.

Board of Trade.

The Livingston Board of Trade held its regular meeting last evening in Wetzstein's hall. President Curry took the chair, and five minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The president then appointed the following standing committees:

Agriculture—Wm. Wright, F. D. Pease, Sam LeRoy.

Trade and commerce—A. Lawrence, A. W. Miles, J. H. Elder.

Mines and Mining—F. D. Pease, W. A. Smith, D. B. Allen.

Legislation—J. A. Savage, Fred. Ward, G. N. Smith.

Immigration—W. A. Smith, Dr. W. H. Campbell, Walter Ayrault.

Railroads—J. H. Eldridge, M. Wetzstein, Frank Bush.

Manufactures—E. Goughour, F. L. Mintie, E. T. Chambers.

County Affairs—W. S. Eberman, John Halloran, H. T. Ceperley.

City Affairs—F. W. Wright, F. A. Kreiger, E. J. Chambers.

Finance—F. L. Mintie, G. J. Babson, G. H. Carver.

Stock Raising—F. D. Pease, William Wright, J. Cornell.

Reception of Strangers—G. J. Babson, G. N. Smith, J. H. Eldridge.

Auditing—G. J. Douglass, F. W. Draper, Don L. Willard.

Advertising and Publication—W. D. Knight, W. S. Eberman, J. S. Thompson.

Real Estate—H. T. Ceperley, D. B. Allen, W. A. Smith.

Sanitary—Dr. W. H. Campbell, D. K. Buchanan, J. Halloran.

These appointments were approved by a vote of the board.

By the provisions of the constitution a committee of arbitration was to be elected by the board and the president suggested the following persons as such committee, viz.: J. H. Elder, J. P. Nolan, Sam LeRoy, A. L. Love and J. E. Hendry.

Those gentlemen were placed in nomination and elected as the committee of arbitration. The regular order of business was then proceeded with. The citizens' committee appointed to collect money and expend it in improving the road from Livingston to White Sulphur Springs requested to be allowed to place such money as had not been expended in the treasury of the Board of Trade, also to be relieved of further duties in this connection as they conceived it was a matter to be attended to by the board. The improvement of the road was therefore referred to the committee on county affairs. The question of assisting the provision of telegraph and mail facilities hence to the Springs was referred to the same committee. The necessity of immediately improving the road through the lower cañon was mentioned and also referred to the committee on county affairs. A member of the board having suggested the advisability of improving the streets of Livingston that matter was referred to the committee on city affairs.

Mr. W. H. Sutherlin, of White Sulphur Springs, was then introduced to the board and made a short address. He complimented the town and spoke in the highest

terms of its present condition and prospects. He said the people of White Sulphur Springs regarded the town as their railroad depot, and he trusted the relations between the two communities would be knit more closely together. He found the road traveled from the Springs to Livingston in good condition and with a very little more work would be by far the best leading from the former town. A great traffic was destined to pass over this road. Not only the imports and exports of White Sulphur Springs and the Smith river valley, but eventually the products of a great mineral country near the Springs, the wealth of which is now being developed. In the matter of postal facilities petitions were now in circulation asking the establishment of two offices on the upper end of the route. He hoped to see a railroad connecting the two towns ere long. He believed if a representative of the Northern Pacific could see the country traversed by a route from Livingston by way of White Sulphur Springs to Benton the line would be built and if ever the people of Livingston could induce such a representative to inspect this route the people of White Sulphur would be happy to assist. With an invitation for all members of the Livingston Board of Trade to visit the Springs Mr. Sutherlin concluded. Other business followed and the meeting adjourned.

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