

THE FIGHT IS NOW FAIRLY ON.

Seven Anti-Administration Aldermen Spring Some Vexing Questions.

Mayor Holds the Whip Handle With His Veto—Will Put City Advertising Where He Pleases and Vetoes Bills Being Publicly Read.

The fight may now be said to be fairly on between the mayor and the anti-administration element of the city council.

Some hot shots were exchanged at yesterday's meeting of the council, in an effort on the part of the majority to bring about certain reforms in the conduct of affairs by the administration.

The fight on the part of the anti-administration element, composed of seven aldermen, was led by Alderman Sonnen of the First ward and was precipitated by a report made by the city secretary, in response to a motion of Alderman Sonnen passed at the last council meeting calling for a list of the city officials.

Alderman Miller said the report was not complete and moved that it be referred back for completion.

The secretary said the names reported were all that he had any record of.

Alderman Sonnen said in this connection he did not see how officials of the city could have any contract with the city as it was in violation of the charter.

City Assessor and Collector Welch reported the correctness of the assessment rolls for 1900 and that the tax to be collected upon said rolls amounted to \$131,764.85.

The board of appraisement reported as follows: To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Houston, Texas, October 1.—Gentlemen: Your board of appraisement make this their final report. That in the performance of their duties they found it necessary to reduce the valuation of 1900 from \$100,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

W. W. Thomas, M. H. Bennett, T. H. Liebman, City of Houston.

The report was received and filed.

Alderman Sonnen favored doing away with the board of appraisement for at least two years, as the taxes were now too high.

The majority report of the journal committee providing that all advertisements for bids for public improvements be placed in the paper in Houston having the largest sworn circulation, as the ground that this would not indicate whether the circulation was in or out of the city where it would do the most good, and that when advertisement was once placed by this method, the newspaper receiving it could charge what it pleased, and further, that it was the duty of the mayor and not of the council to place these advertisements and to propose placing them to the best advantage.

Alderman Sonnen said he thought it must be to somebody's advantage when the Herald had been paid \$352 for advertising the delinquent tax list, when the same work had been done previously for something over \$400.

The mayor said this was a mistake. Alderman Sonnen said that the Herald bill was \$352 but \$100 had been deducted.

The mayor said the figures as to the Herald bill were correct but the other figures were not.

Alderman Sonnen continuing said this was like throwing money away.

The mayor said in that advertising for bids where it was desired to reach the outside that the advertisement was also placed in the Engineering News.

Alderman Sonnen moved that the veto be sustained.

Alderman Halverson offered as a substitute that it be referred to the journal committee.

Alderman Sonnen did not see the necessity for referring it back to the journal committee. He furthermore could not see how this work could be done under the charter, as given in the Herald, as Mr. Halverson's proposition was a city official, a member of the board of appraisement, and each had no right to make any contract with the city.

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When the council was called to order all the aldermen were present, and when the minutes were read the action was taken as an emergency meeting, and that there and no other business be done.

Alderman Sonnen asked the secretary to investigate and report at the next meeting whether or not the minutes containing the report of the rewording of the sewer disposal had been referred to Mr. Shea had ever been approved.

The following petitions were submitted for reduction and correction of assessments and adjustment of taxes: Mrs. W. Pringer, John Watson, secretary Grand Lodge of Masons; Ben and Mary Beaman, J. C. Harvey, March Culturore, J. P. Hambleton, D. B. Saunders, Joe Livingston, N. Duran, Maurer Bros., J. S. Koerber, Mrs. Halverson.

From petitions of the Second ward asking for additional police protection. Referred to chief of police with power to act.

and specifications for paving with McKittrick Louisiana street from McKinney to McGowen, as requested by motion of Alderman O'Leary.

Alderman O'Leary moved that the plans and specifications be extended to Tamm avenue for the benefit of the children attending the Falmouth school and the people generally in that locality.

Alderman Tully offered an amendment that it be extended to the city limits.

Alderman Sonnen said that this amendment practically killed the original motion.

Alderman O'Leary accepted the amendment and the motion as amended was carried by a tie vote, settled in the affirmative by the vote of the mayor.

MOTIONS. By Alderman O'Leary, a motion that the council meet in extra session once a month to read the bills.

Alderman Sonnen said there was no use in passing this, as the mayor would veto it, but the motion was carried by a vote of 7 to 5.

By Alderman Robinson, a motion that the street commissioner clean ditches on Seventh street. Referred to street commissioner.

By Alderman Miller, a motion that the secretary prepare an ordinance providing for the issuing of \$100,000 in bonds for paving. Carried.

By Alderman Sonnen, a motion that the secretary report the cost of the building built for the bridge tender at the Jacinto street bridge and the name of the party to whom the contract was let for putting up the building. Carried.

By Alderman Halverson, a motion that no certified cases on sewer proposals shall be returned till Alderman Thomas' resolution be disposed of, which will be at the next meeting of the council. Carried.

By Alderman Halverson, a motion that the city be solicited for printing the delinquent tax list and that the work be awarded the lowest bidder.

A motion to refer to the finance committee was tabled by a vote of 7 to 5 and the original motion passed.

The council then adjourned.

NEW PHYSICAL DIRECTOR. Of the Y. M. C. A. Arrives—Will Be Given a Reception Friday Evening.

Mr. E. P. Darnaby, Jr., the new physical director of the Y. M. C. A., arrived in the city yesterday morning.



The engineer misunderstood the signals and there was a frightful railroad collision with terrible loss of life.

There is doubtless a far greater loss of life occurring every day, in various sections of the country, for which the only excuse is—"the doctor didn't understand the symptoms."

It has been the experience of Dr. R. V. Pierce and his staff of assistant physicians, that ninety-eight out of every hundred persons submitting to their treatment can be cured.

Sick people are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter free. All letters are held as strictly private and treated as sacredly confidential.

Last spring I was taken with severe pains in my chest and was so weak I could hardly walk about the house.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE HOUSTON MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Houston Manufacturers' association held a regular monthly meeting last night in one of the parlors of the Hutchins house.

After adopting the minutes of the previous meeting the association approved the treasurer's report and adopted the report of the finance committee.

Among the several communications read was one from Mr. R. F. Richards, a farmer who has now turned his attention to a most effective weapon of the campaign for right justice.

Mr. McKimley argued with subtlety; but Mr. Schurz has exposed his fallacies.

Mr. McKimley proclaimed intentions of pure benevolence; Mr. Schurz, with the rapier of fact, has torn off the mask and has revealed the real character of the man.

Mr. McKimley tried to shift and divide the responsibility. Mr. Schurz has shown as firmly upon him that it becomes as much his own as his skin.

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ALKEMEYER'S GRAND MILLINERY... OPENING Today and Tomorrow (TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY). Visit our Millinery Department this week. Our magnificent showing of Trimmed Millinery is sure to appeal to your taste, as well as your purse.

READY.. To sell you a new Heating Stove, or put up your last year's stove. See us now. BERING-CORTES-Hdw. Co. Prairie and Milam Street.

THE REPSDORPH TENTS have no superior and few equals. Our Tents are known from the Indian Territory to the City of Mexico. THE REPSDORPH TENT AND AWNING CO., 706 and 708 MAIN STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

LOCAL MANUFACTURERS. The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Houston Association. ABOUT A NEW COTTON PICKING DEVICE.

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY. Mrs. J. C. Hutcheson Offers Her Resignation as President, but the Chapter is Loath to Accept It.

ACCIDENT ON MAIN STREET. Horse Becomes Unmanageable and Two Buggies Are Smashed.

INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES. Concerning People Who Were in the Storm at Galveston.

K. of P. Relief Work. Following is a statement to date of the receipts and disbursements of the Knights of Pythias relief fund.

MAIL FOR ETNA. The postoffice at Etta, Harris county, having been discontinued September 29 all mail so addressed will be delivered from the Houston office.

"GARLAND" STOVES AND RANGES were awarded highest prize at Paris Exposition 1900.

DR. M. N. McLAUGHLIN. 704 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.

DR. K. N. MILLER. Diseases of Women and Children. 215-217 Levy Building, 704 Main Street, Cor. Capitol Ave., Houston, Texas.

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PILES Varicocel, Stricture. CURED without the knife or operation. From business, Piles, Hemorrhoids, Rectum, Prostate, Uterus, all cases and Urinary Diseases. Write for Symptom Book. DR. J. T. GLAZE & CO., 1004 1/2 Preston, Cor. Main.

Do Not Neglect your Eyes. My Expert charges you nothing for examination and if your eye is not good, the assistance of Glasses you can get them from \$1.50 to \$10.00. L. LECHNER, Jeweler and Optician, 408 Main Street, Telephone 102.

Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat. DR. SWAIL, 814-818 Main St., Houston.

Additional Clerical Facilities. The Houston postoffice has an additional clerk on the night force, thus giving two all night clerks, which permits of the mail being distributed during the night as fast as it comes in, which could not be done with one clerk.

READ THIS BOOK FREE. A book which will remove the dust from your future, which will show you how you can save money and prosper. It tells of twenty years' experience in the enthusiastic study of the science of success. It tells of the success of those who have learned it, and you will like to be on their list, and you will have learned it in a position to do so.

STUDY MY METHOD. Out of all my experience I have built up a method of inducing the student to visualize electricity, which is the key of all animal (human) vitality. My method tells you how to do it, and you will have it free if you will send me a card.

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