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SEWER IS COMPLETE.

The Meeting of the City Council on Tuesday Evening Proves Quite Interesting to Many.

THE SEWER IS DISCUSSED.

Assessments Are on File at Clerk's Office and May Be Inspected by Property Owners of City.

The Tuesday evening meeting of the city council was marked by the rapidity with which that body waded through the amount of accrued business, notwithstanding that it was at an early hour the following morning before the labors of the body were complete.

In addition to the routine work the third reading of ordinances 37 to 45, inclusive, occupied the attention of the council for a time, four of this bunch being passed. These four were those certain ordinances referring to houses of ill-fame, the hitching or weighting of horses when left unattended, prohibiting females from loitering in or being entertained in saloons in the city and prohibiting the use of slot machines in the city.

Ordinances 46 to 49, inclusive received their second reading, while ordinance No. 50, regulating sewer and water connections and the licensing of plumbers was given its initial reading.

A resolution introduced by Alderman Mattson and passed upon unanimous vote provides for the inspection of all hydrants in the city by the fire chief, and also that all members of the paid department must be actual residents of the city.

Alderman Bush fathered a resolution establishing and maintaining sewer funds for the respective districts, the resolution carrying by a full vote.

Alderman Wiggen introduced a resolution providing that the city clerk be entitled to the fees received for all filings made in his office, which carried. Heretofore the city clerk has taken such fees without a like resolution, the change in the city charter in this respect not being noted at the time of passing under the provisions of the new law.

The sewer proposition then demanded the attention of the body for some time, Engineer McGilvery, hired by the former city council to look after the city's interests in the

premises, and Contractor McDonnell being present. The method in which the work has or is reported to have been done drew out some pointed remarks on the part of Mayor Fay and members of the council, and it was shown peradventure, that the letter of the signed contract was passed up like a white chip by the contractor in many respects. The claim was openly made that the trenches were dug much narrower than the specifications demanded, that the joints were not properly cemented, that in the filling of trenches the contract terms were ignored and that the sewer was not in conformity with specifications in being so laid as to be water proof against surface water. All of these points were practically admitted by the city engineer, Mr. McGilvery, who warmly defended these discrepancies in the performance of the contract, seemingly appearing in behalf of the contractor instead of the city.

The council provided for the issuance of sewer warrants to Mr. McDonnell in the sum of \$8,500, in lieu of an equal amount of city orders ordered issued by the former council, but which were held up on account of the lack of funds in the city treasury.

Engineer McGilvery also submitted a list of special tax assessments for sewer improvements, which will be taken up for proper consideration at a future meeting of the council.

Wedded at Duluth.

Edward Johnson stole a march on his many friends in the city on Friday last, going to Duluth where in the evening he was united in marriage to Miss Kaia Holl, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. H. Grotheim at his residence, in the presence of a few of the many friends of the contracting parties.

In mention of the happy event the Duluth News Tribune of Sunday says:

"Miss Kaia Holl and E. C. Johnson were married at 9:30 o'clock Friday evening at the residence of the Rev. J. H. Grotheim in this city. Only the relatives and a few friends were present. A wedding dinner was served after the ceremony. Miss Holl was gowned in white crepe de chine over a taffeta underdress and carried bride's roses. Miss Inga Johnson, a sister of the groom, attended the bride and wore a gown of pale violet peau de soie. Edward Thompson of Virginia acted as groomsmen. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will spend their honeymoon in this city and will make their home in Virginia, where Mr. Johnson is a prominent business man."

The Enterprise joins in extending congratulations.

Mr. Cole's Opinion.

It is the opinion of Thomas F. Cole, president of the mining department of the United States Steel corporation, that the iron and steel business of this country will grow until it has attained wonderful dimensions. He believes the time not far distant when America will make twice as much steel as now and when every mine in the Lake Superior country, including producers of all grades of ore, will be working full handed. "Just now, he states, there is no question that the business is unsatisfactory, and that a little time will be needed to set it going at its former pace. President Cole says that the policy of the Steel corporation has been to keep prices on a standard basis. When prices, in time of unprecedented demand, might have been greatly increased, it was insisted by the directors that there should be no advance."

Sewer Assessments.

By reference to a legal publication elsewhere in this issue it will be noted that at its regular meeting on February 2nd the council will consider the adoption of the sewer assessment as submitted by Engineer McGilvery.

The amount assessed against each lot may be obtained from City Clerk Thompson, and may be paid to the city treasurer at any time between February 2 and February 17, after which date interest will be charged on unpaid assessments.

All lots in the city are assessed at about \$4.00 for the general and joint district sewers, and all lots in District No. 2, between Maple and Walnut streets are assessed at about \$16.00 additional for the district sewer.

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Tendered a Pleasant Surprise.

Mrs. Nellie F. Kern, of Duluth, Deputy High Chief Ranger of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters, arrived in the city last Saturday evening for the purpose of installing the officers of St. Eleanor's Court, and during her stay in the city was tendered a most pleasant surprise by the members of the order at the home of Mrs. John Byrne.

The new officers of the Court as installed are as follows:

C. R.—Nellie Billey.
V. C. R.—Anna Kaprovitz.
R. S.—Anna Bonner.
F. S.—Francis Brooks.
Treas.—Elizabeth Karl.
Trustees—Ellen Sullivan, Rose Goodspeed, Alice Curry.
Sr. Con.—Susan Askew.
Jr. Con.—Anna Tesak.
O. S.—Francis Drong.
I. S.—Johannah Rooney.

A Coming Attraction.

The Operetta "Eulalia" which has been under rehearsal for three weeks past under the direction of Prof. Mayo, will be given at the Fay Opera on Friday evening, February 5th, under the auspices of the Sunday School of the M. E. Church.

A company of twenty-five children will take part in the program of the evening, and special attention will be given to costuming, making a brilliant spectacle. The "Goddess of Liberty" will be a special feature at the close of the Opera.

Secure your tickets early and reserve your seats. Reserved seats 35 cents; admission 25 cents. Seats reserved at Sodergren's Drug store.

WILL GO TO DULUTH.

John Korby Accepts the Management of the Kimball Duluth Office.

As will be seen by the item elsewhere in this paper, John Korby has accepted the offer of the W. W. Kimball Co. to take charge of their Duluth office and has been ordered to close out the stock in his hands regardless of the cost, as they are anxious to have him get to work in Duluth.

Mr. Korby is now getting ready for this sale and will in a few days be ready to offer the people of the ranges some bargains in pianos and organs such as will probably never be offered again. In addition to throwing off the dealer's profit the expense of packing and reshipping to Duluth will be deducted, making the price even lower than the original factory price. Those who have any intention or thought of even investing in a piano will do well to look up the bargains Mr. Korby will have to offer.

Purchased Liebrock Block.

F. J. Rinnert has purchased the old Liebrock block, on west Chestnut, and will repair same in the early spring. This block is the first solid brick erected in the city, being built after the fire of 1893, and through lack of drainage the foundation has given way and the building partially wrecked. Mr. Rinnert will tear down the front of the block, and in the course of repairs may provide a basement for the block.

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