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THE QUESTION OF LIGHTING

Comes up at the Meeting, and is Referred to the Committee on Claims.

City Comptroller McCurdy has submitted to the district court in the matter of the unpaid salaries of the police department. The members of the board of aldermen were surprised, not to say astonished, last night when the clerk read the following communication from the comptroller: "To the Honorable Common Council—Gentlemen: For your information I have respectfully to say that the honorable district court has adjudged that the members of the police department have a valid claim against the city for the amounts claimed to be due for services rendered in November, 1895, and November, 1894. To provide for payment of these claims an act was passed by the legislature authorizing certain certificates of indebtedness to be issued. A mandamus was sued out by the attorneys for the police department compelling the city to issue those certificates. For reasons best known to themselves, they dismissed those proceedings some two weeks ago. As the case stands now, each member of the force could obtain a judgment against the city. The same may be said of the firemen. I therefore respectfully submit for your consideration the resolutions herewith sent, which will provide funds by the sale of the certificates above referred to, with which to pay the claims of these two departments, provided that the corporation attorney file his opinion approving the plan herein outlined. Then followed the resolutions, one authorizing the mayor, city clerk and city comptroller to issue certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$19,243, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the salaries due the police department for November, 1895, and November, 1894, and the other authorizing the issue of certificates of indebtedness amounting to \$6,572 for the payment of the arrearages due the fire department. The

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investigating committee, recommending that the council refer the whole subject of street lighting to the board of public works, "with such assistance from the various commercial unions of the city as the board may desire." The resolution, as was expected, was not welcomed with excessive cordiality. Instead, Ald. Hare moved that it be placed on file, and with a tinge of sarcasm in his voice, said: "We are much obliged to the investigating committee, but we are capable of managing the affairs of this city ourselves, and we were elected for that purpose."

Ald. Markham explained how the committee of which he is a member came to adopt such a resolution, and then he offered a resolution of his own similar to that of the Parker committee, but differing in that it did not ask the board of public works to call in private citizens, but left such action to their discretion, and in case outsiders were invited to participate in the deliberations they were to have no voice in the preparation of the final report of the board.

Ald. Brady said there were good points in Ald. Markham's resolution, but that he had a resolution which he was about to submit, though he was getting tired of presenting resolutions and having them go to the joint gas committee—that mysterious committee from which no gas resolution ever returns. Ald. Brady then introduced his resolution, which provides in substance as follows:

That the mayor call a special meeting of the common council Dec. 14, to which all citizens shall be invited, for the purpose of discussing the street lighting problem in all its bearings. The resolution further provides that the mayor, building inspector and two members of the board of aldermen shall be constituted a committee to ascertain if a building can be leased in which the city might locate a lighting plant of its own. Lastly the resolution instructs the city engineer to submit plans and specifications for lighting the city.

The semi-annual report of the board of public works was read at this juncture, after which Ald. Hare moved to refer the Markham and Brady resolutions to the aldermanic committee on gas.

Ald. Murphy insisted that the only questions before the board were the Markham resolution and that of Ald. Brady. Should the board of public works consider the matter of the council? He thought that the Brady resolution was the proper one, and protested against its reference to any committee. Incidentally Ald. Murphy took exception to Assemblyman Parker's statement, the council did not have time to consider the lighting question.

Ald. Hare renewed his motion to refer the whole matter to the committee on gas, and added that the gentlemen who had purchased the controlling interest in the St. Paul Gas Light company ought to be treated fairly. Ald. Hare also incidentally observed that no corporation had a string on him.

Ald. Lindahl opposed a reference, but when the motion was taken it was carried by a vote of 7 to 4. President Zimmerman and Ald. Murphy, Lindahl and Brady voting against the reference. Thus the matter is delayed, somewhat, specifically the resolution to be called to adopt the resolution of either Ald. Brady or Ald. Markham.

The board adjourned until next Monday at 12:30 p. m., and the meeting on gas is scheduled to meet at 3 p. m. today. Last night was the time set for the opening of bids for a two-year lease of the first floor and basement of the market house, the successful bidder to lower the floor of the market house and make such other alterations as the plans previously adopted called for. Much to the surprise of some members, no bids were received. It was ascertained that the reason for the absence of bids was the fact that the flooring of the market house was found to be in such a decayed condition as to necessitate the substitution of new woodwork, which would make the alterations cost about \$25,000, a sum equal to the anticipated income resulting from the rental of the market stalls for two years.

In view of this state of affairs, the committee on public buildings recommended the adoption of a resolution instructing the clerk to readvertise for bids, with this amendment, that the bids be for three years instead of two. Ald. Hare introduced a resolution recommending that the sum of \$100,000 be included in the next tax estimate for the purpose of widening the south end of the Wabasha street bridge. The resolution was referred to the conference committee.

Ald. W. C. Andrews introduced a resolution instructing the city clerk to advertise for bids for the collection and disposal of garbage during the year 1896, in accordance with the specifications introduced in an assembly by the same member. The resolution was referred to the joint committee on garbage.

Ald. W. C. Andrews introduced an ordinance granting a twenty-five-year lease of lots 14 and 15, Robert street, to the West side levee, to the Union Manufacturing company. Ald. Milham moved to amend the ordinance, referring the matter to the committee on streets. Ald. Hare objected strenuously to such a course, but the ordinance was nevertheless referred by a vote seven to one.

Ald. Wolf, Karkat and Lindahl were appointed to serve on the reception committee which will meet the DeWitt delegation, due in St. Paul Friday evening.

LOCAL MIXTURE. Diphtheria is reported at 541 Wacouta street and 79 Phalen creek. Home Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., give a social at the house of Mrs. M. Cosgrove, 637 Cedar, this evening. Daughters of Erin, Division No. 1, give a social at the house of Mrs. M. Cosgrove, Nov. 25, at Central hall, Seventh and Cedar streets.

The Theosophical society will discuss this evening the subject of "The Reincarnating Ego." Room 312, Endicott building.

Horeis Brothers secured a permit yesterday to erect a two-story brick bakery, to cost \$20,000, on the east end of View street, between West Seventh street and Armstrong avenue.

Locke Corps No. 7 will give a progressive euchre party this evening at the residence of Mrs. C. A. Bennett, 225 Eighth street. All members of the G. A. R., W. R. C. and S. V. are cordially invited.

A meeting of owners of valuable dogs will be held at the Commercial club, Friday evening at 8 p. m. The object is to form an organization to prosecute all dog thieves.

The reception at the St. Paul Art school announced for Thursday afternoon and evening has been postponed owing to a death in the family of Burt Harwood, one of the teachers of the school.

Nov. 24 being national temperance Sunday, the St. Anthony hill churches have arranged for a union service in the evening at the Dayton Avenue Presbyterian church. An interesting program has been provided.

The funeral of the late Joseph Rowan will take place this morning from the residence, 450 St. Peter street, the services being at St. Louis church. The funeral arrangements are in charge of the Union Funerary, of which the deceased was an honorary member. At the John C. Montgomery benefit at Central hall tonight a quartette consisting of John F. Gehan, Albert Southery, Frank Hoffman and C. F. Morrow will sing several numbers. There will also be other vocal and instrumental selections.

The employees of the Boston clothing house met yesterday and organized themselves into a uniformed carnival club. They will have a party necessary to enable them to participate in the events which will go to make up the programme of carnival sports.

RATES OF WAGES.

CITY ENGINEER RUNDLETT QUOTES SOME FIGURES ON THE SUBJECT.

HOW MEN ARE EMPLOYED.

POLITICS CUT SOME FIGURE, BUT INCOMPETENT MEN NOT GIVEN WORK.

QUIET SESSION YESTERDAY

Of the Parker Investigating Committee—Reference to the Howard Charter.

The Parker investigating committee resumed the examination of the city engineer's department yesterday afternoon. In compliance with the request of the committee Mr. Rundlett submitted a statement showing the number of days' work performed during the present year, on the basis of eight hours a day. The resolution approved May 27, 1893, fixing the pay of laborers on the street force at 18 1/2 cents per hour and that of a team and double team at 37 1/2 cents an hour was read to show that the common council fixed the rate of wages for laborers and teams at so much per hour, and not per day. The charter provides that eight hours shall constitute a day's work, but contains no provision showing the council to pay more than the market price of labor. The report of the city engineer showed that there were 21,074 1/2 days of work performed by laborers and 13,807 days of work performed by teams during the year 1895.

Mr. Rundlett said, in reply to Col. Clough, that the market price obtaining for private work during the years 1894 and 1895 was from \$1 to \$1.25 per day for laborers, and for teams \$2.50, or 25 cents an hour for ten hours a day. Col. Clough asked Mr. Rundlett to reduce his report to the hour basis and also to state the rate per hour paid for private work of the same class in order to show the excess in the cost of city work.

Mr. Rundlett said that he instructed the street commissioners to employ only able-bodied men on street work who have resided in the city for at least four months, which is the only qualification demanded of unskilled laborers. The head commissioner employs the carpenters and masons, as well as the men with teams. In the case of the teams, the commissioner was instructed to employ the least number capable of doing the work, and to hire them from day to day.

The question arose whether the city engineer himself went around inspecting the streets, and the number of men were employed on each job. Mr. Rundlett said that he did not; he left that to the street commissioner, who, in his opinion, ought to be trusted.

Col. Clough inquired what items of the street commissioner's report were covered by contract. Mr. Rundlett answered that he believed that paving and cleaning could be done more economically by contract, but he thought it would be impracticable to prepare specifications for repairing sidewalks and dirt streets.

Ben Clay Arrested on His Release From the Workhouse. Ben Clay, alias "Ginger," is out of luck. "Ginger" was sent to the work-

streets might be cleaned by contract. Col. Clough was of the opinion that all repairs, including sidewalks and crosswalks, should be done by contract. Mr. Rundlett said that contracts for repairing sidewalks were let whenever the job was worth enough to enable the city to employ a contractor to do it.

Col. Clough next pointed out the items of repairing sewers and cleaning sewers, and wanted to know why this work couldn't be performed by contract.

Mr. Rundlett explained that the amount of this class of work could not be definitely estimated to enable a contractor to bid intelligently upon it. In conclusion Mr. Rundlett expressed the opinion that nearly all work could be done by contract, save a few repairs.

Mr. Parker inquired if there was any reason why the building inspector's department could not be merged into the city engineer's department. Mr. Rundlett said that he could not answer that question.

Col. Clough remarked that all questions coming before the building inspector were engineering problems, whereupon Mr. Rundlett said that his office could not take care of all the engineering.

Col. Clough then took up the question of material. As to lumber, Mr. Rundlett explained how all the lumber is ordered. The commissioner is the judge of the quality of the lumber delivered, and there is no check upon him. Complaints were very rare.

Mr. Rundlett said that politics influenced the appointment of the commissioners, who had the selection of the laborers, but that he, Mr. Rundlett, took care that no incompetent men were appointed to serve as commissioners.

Mr. Rundlett said that the council ordered all the street sprinkling, which was done by contract, calling for a certain price per 100 feet, and also had power to extend or restrict the area to be sprinkled. The number of miles of streets sprinkled was between 100 and 125 miles.

Mr. Rundlett was excused at this point, after being instructed to furnish the committee a statement showing the number of inspectors hired to inspect all street work, what work they inspected, and how much the city paid them. This information will be supplied this afternoon.

C. W. Horr was then granted permission to make a statement, and read a declaration setting forth the principles of an organization known as the "Howard Charter Union," formed for the purpose of urging the adoption of the Howard charter. The declaration enumerated what the charter union considers the great virtues of the Howard charter. Fourteen virtues were enumerated. Mr. Horr supplemented his reading with a statement that the city government of St. Paul was operated under the most expensive system ever devised by man.

The committee answered Mr. Horr that at the conclusion of the investigation it would grant him a hearing on the Howard charter. The committee then adjourned until 3:15 today, when it will probe into the affairs of the water board. When it has finished with that department, only three will remain to be examined, the school board, park board and library board.

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house six months ago on the charge of grand larceny for stealing a lot of cloth from a store. His time was up yesterday, and when he walked from the prison a free man, here stood Deputy Sheriff Picha with open arms and incidentally a bench warrant from the court—ready to receive him. This means that "Ginger" will have to stand trial on another indictment of the same kind as that on which he was cinched before. This present one is for grand larceny in the second degree for stealing a lot of cloth from the store of George Hunter at the same time he stole that from the other store.

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DIED. MGRATH-In St. Paul, at late residence, 48 Martin street, Monday, Nov. 18th, at 11 p. m. Mrs. Mary Grath, aged 48 years. Funeral from above residence Wednesday, Nov. 20th, at 8:30. Service at St. Joseph's church at 9 a. m. DORAN-Died at his residence, 42 West Isabel street, at 1:40 a. m. Tuesday, Nov. 19th, John H. Doran, aged 54 years. Body will be sent East for interment. SEIBERT-In St. Paul, Miss Louise Seibert, daughter of George Seibert, aged thirty-five years. Funeral Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from family residence, 69 Tilton street.

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