

SOUTH AMBOY

MORE TALK ABOUT TROLLEY FRANCHISE.

The regular and adjourned meeting of the Borough Council was held at Borough Hall, Tuesday evening, April 7th.

Present—Mayor Muirhead, Councilmen Hillman, Gordon, Kerr, Haines, Hoffman and Galligher, clerk Birmingham and consessor Pearce.

Resolution by Hillman regarding the death of the late A. V. Applegate, adopted.

Applications for renewal of licenses to keep saloons, of Patrick Fallon, Michael Welsh, Thomas Mullen and George Cheeseman Sr., granted.

Under the head of unfinished business, Councilman Hillman moved that the trolley franchise be taken up for the second reading, carried.

He then stated that all action heretofore taken by the Council was invalid. That raised an argument, Hillman said it was past his understanding why the attention of the council was not called to the fact that the petition of the company was illegal. He said the people were again pointing their fingers at the council and saying there must be something back of it. He said:

"Again I say it has been a mere farce for three months and the council have only been playing to the gallery. Why the former council had fixed this franchise up so the bottom could drop out of it any minute, is beyond my comprehension."

Moved, by Hillman, that the action of the taking up of the franchise be stopped indefinitely.

Councilman Galligher then said he didn't think that it was intended to let the bottom fall out of the franchise. Through the whole thing he thought everything honest and all right.

Councilman Haines said that when he raised the point about the franchise no legal advice was wanted. Now they can see where they got it. Hillman said that everything was wrong.

Councilman Kerr said he thought the franchise would be ready in time for the company if we have got a democratic majority in the council. The mayor then stated that he didn't think that the councilman ought to spar over this thing, that it would only take two weeks to have it all in proper shape again.

A request from Mechanville Hose Co. No. 1 in regard to exemption papers of some of its members, received and granted.

Moved by Councilman Kerr that the Committee on ordinances draft an ordinance in regard to flat wheels, carried.

Committee on Streets reported that they had purchased some gravel and were already using some of it on the streets. They had also purchased eighteen thousand feet of yellow pine lumber to be used on the bulkhead.

Under the head of miscellaneous business the mayor stated that the death of A. V. Applegate had caused a vacancy in one of the borough offices, that of assessor, and the council had a right to appoint someone to fill the vacancy, but out of respect for him, they will postpone the appointment until the next regular meeting.

HORSE IN A HURRY.

Driven By Mrs. Al. Parisen—Started Across Sidewalk Toward Its Home.

Mrs. Al. Parisen was returning home from a drive into town Monday, when she was hailed by her little son, who wanted to ride to the house, and checked the horse just as she reached the corner of their street. The horse, seeing its home, the barn loomed up, struck up on the sidewalk in its hurry to get there and almost ran into a telephone pole. How the wheel escaped being taken off and the wagon

from being turned over is a wonder. However, the horse crossed the corner of G. Straub's sidewalk, struck into the road round the corner and stopped just as some boys and a man who heard Mrs. Parisen's screams, came up. The man held the horse and then led him along until between the house and barn. Mr. Parisen came out of the house and assisted his wife out of the carriage, then he got in and drove the horse back to the corner and gave him an object lesson, after which he drove up the road, the horse going at a spanking gait and was soon out of sight.

GROVER SAW SNAKES.

Says It Shed Its Skin While He Was Looking At It.

"Hey, Church! Hey, Church! Hey, Church! Look out, it's coming your way and its twenty-five feet long, if it's an inch."

"What is it? Why it's a snake. I just saw it shed its skin and run like dash through the bushes."

It was Sunday and Charles Grover and G. M. Church were in the woods looking for trailing arbutus.

Church turned and went towards the spot where Grover was standing. On looking down he saw a piece of rubber hose about twenty-five feet long lying on the ground.

"That's a healthy looking snake, Grover."

"You dash fool! That isn't it; it's over there in the bushes. I saw him jump out of his skin and go like thunder. Don't I know what a snake is? I've hunted for possums and coons and snakes all my life and have seen many a one and hadn't had anything to drink when I saw them either."

Grover swears that wasn't it and if anyone doubts his word he will take them there any day and show them the skin, for he has marked the spot.

HORSE RAN AWAY.

Belonged To Mr. O'Brien—Pies, Cakes and Bread Spilled in Street.

Mr. O'Brien's horse, attached to the wagon filled with bread, cakes and pies, while standing in front of his Broadway store Monday, became frightened by a trolley car passing by and started on a run. The contents of the wagon began to fly out when the horse suddenly fell and the wagon turned upside down, spilling out the remainder. The wagon windows were all broken. They were some time getting the horse to his feet again, but finally succeeded.

NEWS ITEMS.

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John street M. E. Church, of South Amboy, will be held Saturday evening, April 12th, under the supervision of the Rev. J. B. Haines, brother of E. E. Haines, M. D., of this borough, an appointee of the last annual conference of the M. E. Church, held at Asbury Park, N. J.

There will be a week's anniversary, to begin April 19, of the dedication of the John street M. E. Church. The expectation is that each evening the services will be conducted by some former pastor of the church, among them Rev. Mr. Abbott, Edwards, Zelle, Shocks and Reeves.

Mrs. S. Cannon, of the Heights, has been taken to her daughter's home, Mrs. Charles DeWorth, of Perth Amboy. Mrs. Cannon is just recovering from a severe illness of the grippe.

Mrs. Harry Bloodgood, of George street, spent Sunday with her mother at Cliffwood.

The Daughters of Pocahontas met at the home of Mrs. Thomas Havens, of George street, Saturday evening. After business was attended to there was a good social time and refreshments were served by Mrs. Havens. They wish they could meet there next Saturday evening as they all enjoyed the meeting so much.

Assembly No. 1., Pythian Sisterhood of South Amboy, went to Freehold yesterday to institute a new assembly.

Mrs. George Dunham and daughter Ollie have returned to their home in Browntown after an extended visit

with Mrs. Walter Mundy, of Broadway, who accompanied them home and will stay a few days with them.

Mr. Otto Isele, of Rocky Hill, accompanied his mother to her home on Pine Avenue for a short visit. Mrs. Isele has been spending a few days at his home.

Miss Stella Havens spent a few days at Keyport, visiting friends.

Fred Deibert, of Bordentown avenue, is having the city water put in his house.

Mrs. Abe Bogart and daughters Nellie and Udana, of Cliffwood, have returned home after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Bogart's sister, Mrs. Udana Inman, of the Heights.

Mrs. Isreal Ward, of George street, has been very ill, but is improving a little.

Mrs. Firm Hooper and son John are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stults, of Second street.

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