

RELIEF OF THE NEEDY.

A Great Deal More Discussion is Indulged in.

DIFFERENCE ON WAGE QUESTION

Finally Left to the City Boards, Who Will Probably Pay the Prevailing Rate—Liberal Donations Announced—Different Public Works that Can Begin at Once Decided on.

The joint committee of councilmen and commissioners appointed by Mayor Caldwell and the president of the board of commissioners of Ohio county to devise measures for the relief of the destitute unemployed of the city and report to council at the special meeting which has been called for this evening, met yesterday afternoon in the chamber of the first branch at the city building, together with the members of the three city boards, water, gas and public works, to further consider the project.

Councilmen Richards, Maxwell, Irwin, Dobbins; Commissioners Tyson; Mayor Caldwell; Messrs. Schmutz and Hamilton, of the board of public works; Ebelling and Hall, of the water board; Holliday, Buckman and Dunlevy, of the board of gas trustees, and others, including councilmen, business and professional men, were present.

It was 4 o'clock when Chairman Irwin called the meeting to order, and the mayor took the chair.

He stated formally the object of the meeting, and dwelt on the depression and the low wages now paid. Even where steady employment is secured it is necessary for a man to work every day. Otherwise his credit runs out and he and his family are in want. He said the city has prospered, and the laboring people are responsible. Now the public spirited citizens should come to the front and contribute to the wants of the unemployed.

The report of the committee meeting held Sunday was then read by Clerk Hauke.

Mr. Richards suggested that the various boards be heard. Mr. Schmutz was called on. He said the board had no special work laid out, but if it had money there is plenty of work to be done.

Mr. Richards said he thought the board of public works members, after hearing the report, could suggest a feasible scheme for public improvement. Mr. Schmutz said the scheme to open Twenty-eighth street is not feasible, but the project to open Market from First to Fourth street is.

Mr. Maxwell said the Benwood water mains extension should be considered, as it would be a source of considerable revenue. The city, he said, had power to make the extension to Benwood and Fulton.

Mr. Jones, of the water works board, had figured on the extension to Benwood. The expense for mains alone would be \$12,000; altogether the expense would be \$20,000. In regard to the Fulton project, \$5,000 would be required, and he was of the opinion the board could see its way to do this. About fifty men would be employed.

Mr. Hall reiterated the sentiments of Mr. Jones, regarding the Fulton scheme.

Mr. Jones said several other improvements are contemplated; no negotiations had been entered into with Benwood on the water subject.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Maxwell seconded that the water board open such negotiations, and that the committee devise ways and means to raise the money.

After some discussion this was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Mr. Buckman, of the gas board, suggested that a recommendation be made to council to make an effort to secure the money. There was no second.

Mr. Irwin was of the opinion the Fulton end of the project should be first considered, as it will secure immediate employment.

Mr. Jones said there would be no trouble about securing a loan if council authorized it.

Mr. Richards said the Benwood project does not interfere with the Fulton one.

Mr. Jones said the work on the Fulton scheme could be started at once, in the digging of trenches.

Mr. Maxwell moved a proviso that the work to Fulton be started at once after arrangements with the Fulton corporation.

Mr. Dobbins suggested that work of some character be started at once. It was suggested that perhaps the gas board could supply work immediately.

The Maxwell amendment to the Richards motion and the original motion were in turn passed, in the shape of a recommendation to council.

The objection to work in the water department starting at once was no supply of pipe on hand. The pipe could be secured in ten days.

Mr. Maxwell moved that the water board immediately apply to the board of county commissioners for a loan of \$2,500; this motion to be a recommendation to council.

Mr. Dobbins said the prosecuting attorney had given the opinion that the county commissioners could make the loan.

Mr. Dunlevy said the board could easily expend the entire \$7,500. A wait for pipe for a few days would be necessary. The laying of pipe would bring in a number of additional consumers. By telegraphing the pipe could be procured this week.

The gas board was instructed to proceed at once to do what work is possi-

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bls. The president of the board said work on trenches could be commenced this week.

It was stated by Mr. Schmutz, of the board of public works, that 400 men could be put to work "to-morrow, if necessary."

The mayor wanted to know how the work is to be distributed. There should be some discrimination. The board of public works was willing to take men recommended by the police department. He also wanted to know the rate per day to be paid.

In regard to wages Mr. Maxwell said there is no authorized rate. The rate of \$1.75 per day was passed by a council two or three years ago, and does not bind this council.

Mr. Richards did not seem to think the wage question should be settled by the committee. The city, he said, would benefit by all work contemplated; not one cent misappropriated; charity is only secondary; in fact it is not charity at all.

The mayor ruled that the boards should fix the wages.

Mr. Dobbins disagreed and said the matter is not a business proposition. He was not afraid to state his opinion, that more benefit will accrue from \$1 per day than \$1.75 per day. The others, he said, seemed to be afraid to tackle the wage question. He further stated that labor would be satisfied with \$1 per day.

Mr. Richards wanted to set himself right, but was interrupted by Mr. Dobbins, who made a motion that council be recommended to fix the wage rate at \$1.25 per day, as proposed Sunday.

Mr. Dobbins explained his position.

Mr. Maxwell was opposed to fixing a rate. The board should fix the rate, being thoroughly competent. On the charity question \$1.75 would give as much benefit as \$1.25, as relays could be used. The ruling rate of wages should be adopted. He was opposed to the city speculating on the unfortunate condition of the unemployed workingmen by lowering the wage rate.

Mr. Holliday said the board would be at more expense at \$1.75 per day than in summer, as more time would be necessary at this time of the year; \$1.25 for eight hours would be equitable. If left to the boards the regular rate would be paid.

Mr. Hamilton said the fact that a number of the men will not be experienced should be taken into consideration. He was in favor of a rate per hour.

Mr. Richards again spoke at length, favoring not fixing the rate, but allowing the boards to fix it. He was not in favor of depreciating the rate of wages.

Mr. Holliday wanted to know why the committee does not want to deal with wages. He intimated that the committee wanted to shirk the duty.

Mr. Maxwell stated that it looked as if the gas board wanted to shirk.

The mayor said in Pittsburgh the work is done at \$1 for ten hours' work.

Mr. Buckman suggested that the Pittsburgh plan be adopted, the work to be done under the supervision of a committee of citizens. He said there is no use of disguising the purpose of the work—purely charity. He gave instances of skilled artisans who are willing to work for enough to keep body and soul together. He was in favor of small wages and more men employed.

Mr. Maxwell moved that the board of county commissioners be asked to pay \$2,500 to the city receiver to be expended under the direction of the board.

Mr. Dobbins withdrew his motion fixing the rate at \$1.25. "It's no use to push the matter here, I see."

Mr. Maxwell's motion was carried. Mr. Dobbins said he had 100 meal tickets donated by U. E. Van Keuren.

The following was read:

SENSATION IN COURT.
The Meyer Trial Interrupted by a Juror Being Suddenly Stricken With Insanity.

New York, Dec. 18.—A rather novel sensation marked the closing days of the now famous Dr. Meyer murder trial, in that a juror, who had formerly been an inmate of Bloomingdale asylum, was overcome by excitement and emotion, superinduced by the eloquent pleading of the brilliant lawyer Brooke.

Juror Low was removed from the court room by Dr. O'Sullivan and three jurors. His clothing was stripped to the waist and chunks of ice placed on the back of his neck and on his head. Dr. O'Sullivan reports that Juror Low is suffering from cerebral congestion.

Late to-night experts on insanity made an examination of Juror Low and wrote out a sealed opinion regarding Low's condition which will be opened by Judge Barrett to-morrow. It is believed that the finding of the experts will show that juror Lowe is hopelessly insane.

Blown Up by Dynamite.
Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PIEDMONT, W. VA., Dec. 18.—While trying to throw dynamite this morning at Hendricks, West Virginia, Homer Houston, a contractor, of Baltimore, and another man were blown to pieces, and another man badly wounded and several others hurt.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.
A free coinage resolution was adopted by the Federation of Labor convention.

C. H. Andrews, the millionaire iron king of Youngstown, Ohio, is dangerously ill from apoplexy.

The river coal miners will strike to-day if the operators refuse to pay 24 cents per bushel for mining.

Secretary Lovejoy, of the big Carnegie steel company at Homestead, denies that the works intend to shut down.

Abram Steere, with large lumber yards in New York city and at Albany, has assigned. Liabilities estimated at \$300,000.

Representative Simpson (Populist), of Kansas, has introduced a bill in the house to place manufactured woolsens on the free list.

Chancellor McGill, at Jersey City, ordered the National Cordage Company sold to the United States Cordage Company for \$5,000,000, the sum bid.

David Stout, of Haughville, Ind., wouldn't trust the bank and thieves entered his cellar, where he had his savings hid, and stole them all—\$10,000 in gold.

George Keim, ex-president of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad and of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company died in Philadelphia yesterday.

Philip M. Scheiz, the defaulting teller of the Bank of Minneapolis, who was brought back from England to plead guilty, was sentenced to seven years and six months at hard labor in the state penitentiary.

Coal shipments during the past forty-eight hours to the south west from Pittsburgh, 9,840,000 bushels, in 261 boats, 253 barges and 10 fuel boats. Of this, 2,916,000 bushels were for Cincinnati and 6,924,000 bushels for Louisville and New Orleans.

Counsel for Boss McKane made the extraordinary demand to cross-examine the talsemen for the grand jury in the King's county court yesterday and were granted the privilege. They held that the grand jury was called especially to indict McKane and they had a right to cross-examine.

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HENRY BAER, President.

Mr. Hoeking, of the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly, appeared and explained the plan adopted by the assembly, donating \$50 to each paper, to start a fund for the needy.

After considerable more talk the meeting adjourned.

Last evening the city gas board met and arranged for ordering the needed mains by telegraph and for commencing the contemplated improvements as soon as practicable, if that plan is approved by council.

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