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STRANGE AND UNACCOUNTABLE ACTION BY THE MOUND CITY COUNCIL.

At a recent meeting of the common council of Mound City the committee on ordinances was instructed to have their printing done at the Cincinnati 'Gazette' office!

We are astonished, more, we are astounded! Mound City, democratic to the core, unflinching on all occasions, "goes back" on her democratic paper and herself! Her council, overwhelmingly democratic, sends its printing abroad, not to democratic printing houses, but to the Cincinnati 'Gazette,' one of the most obnoxious radical sheets in the United States. And why is this? Because the 'Gazette's' bid is lower than that of their own town paper! A radical paper bidding for democratic printing, and obtaining it, because of a willingness to do it at any price that will snatch it from democratic hands! We repeat, we are astounded!

Is it nothing that the 'Journal' has labored in and out of season for the prosperity of Mound City and the success of the democratic party? Is it nothing that its editor, Mr. Potter, is publishing for the mere necessities of life that he obtains, a paper that reflects credit upon the city? Is it nothing that he manfully fights the battles of the city, resenting calumnies, exposing falsehoods, and doing all that man can do to introduce the city to the world in a favorable light, and the world to it? Is it nothing that he publishes, to the credit of himself and his fellow-citizens, the best local weekly in the State of Illinois? Is it nothing that he does all this, while the Cincinnati 'Gazette' is denouncing as treasonable and halter-deserving the sentiments of the very men who are favoring it with patronage? If all this is nothing, then can the Mound City council justify its conduct; but not otherwise.

The bid of the 'Gazette,' the bid of no radical paper, should be considered in a competition for the printing of democratic cities. Such papers, for the prestige it gives them and their party, and the injury it inflicts upon democratic prints, will perform such work at actual cost price or less, and, in case of loss, State central committees, or prominent monied radicals, stand ready to make up all losses.

Had the 'Journal' been a radical paper and the council of the same political complexion, who supposes that the bid of the Cincinnati 'Enquirer' would have excited anything but derisive laughter? Under such a state of affairs the bids of democrats would be hooted at as preposterous, because the radical party does not permit democrats to make such inroads upon its patronage. Radicals stand by their papers, pay fair prices for their work, and never dream of asking a democratic paper to do it cheaper, or to do it at all. And for this reason radical papers flourish while democratic papers languish and die.

Mr. Potter declares that he proposed a performance of the work at a fair price, asking no more than would barely compensate him for his time and labor. A radical paper, a bitter, unrelenting, unscrupulous radical paper, published four hundred miles away, proposed to do the same work a little cheaper, and got it! A more cutting piece of ingratitude, a more savage stab at a party paper by its own friends, have never fallen under our observation. The 'Journal' has served its party faithfully, has worked hard for the prosperity and welfare of the city, and now is denied a large portion of its own legitimate patronage because it lacks the appliances to compete with an overshadowing radical sheet four hundred miles away! We are "dumfounded," and dare not pursue the subject further. It is so much out of keeping with Mound City democracy that we are at a loss to deal with it as, probably, we should, and therefore drop it.

BREVITIES.

Florida is the only southern state which has no agricultural paper.

Col. Greene has edited the Boston 'Post' for thirty-four years.

Cocoon silk for belting is a new and successful manufacture.

The daily business of the gambling halls in Helena, Montana, averages \$250,000.

The superior court, sitting at Williamstown, Conn., charges ten cents admission.

The number of clerks out of employment now in New Orleans is very large, especially in the dry goods line.

A Sandusky, Ohio, paper complains that the dogs of that city annually consume \$100,000 worth of victuals.

It is calculated that, at the present rate of consumption, the entire forests of Michigan will be cut down in less than seventeen years.

From the Memphis Avalanche.

The Cairo Evening 'Bulletin' did not suspend on account of the late burning of its premises. The issue for Saturday evening reached us yesterday morning, evidencing the character of the proprietor and editor—Mr. John H. Oberly—for energy and skill. The neat typography, that from the first indicated the taste of a master workman, still characterizes it.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

(Stated Meeting.)

Cairo, Ill., April 5, 1869.

Present:—The chairman, alderman Carroll, and aldermen Brankie, Gibson, Hulén, Hendricks, Lohr, Loneragan, McKee, Mendel, Redman and Theobald—11.

An ordinance in relation to suspension of appointed officers was read at length by the clerk and, on motion of alderman Brankie, adopted by the following vote, viz:

Ayes—Carroll, Brankie, Hulén, Hendricks, Lohr, Loneragan, McKee, Mendel, Redman and Theobald—10.

Nays—Gibson—1.

An ordinance in relation to giving the right of way to the Cairo & Vincennes railroad company down Commercial avenue, St. Charles and Levee streets was reported back by the ordinance committee with an amendment, and on motion of alderman Mendel the amendment was rejected and the original ordinance adopted by the following vote and goes to the select council for concurrence, viz:

Ayes—Brankie, Gibson, Hulén, Hendricks, Loneragan, McKee, Mendel, Redman and Theobald—9.

Nays—Carroll—1. Alderman Lohr excused from voting.

An ordinance entitled an ordinance to amend ordinance No. 67, in relation to dealers in second-hand goods, was read at length by the clerk, and on motion of alderman Redman, was adopted and goes to the select council for concurrence, by the following vote, viz:

Ayes—Carroll, Hulén, Hendricks, Lohr, Loneragan, McKee, Mendel, Redman and Theobald—9.

Nays—Brankie and Gibson—2.

An ordinance entitled an ordinance to repeal section 27 and section 28 of an ordinance to adopt the ordinances of the city of Cairo, as revised and codified, in relation to county constables and special police, was read at length and laid over under the rule.

Report of the board of health was presented and read by the clerk, and on motion of alderman Hulén, was laid on the table.

Report of Jacob Martin, ex-city comptroller, was read by the clerk, and on motion of alderman Lohr, was received and ordered on file.

Report of Daniel McCarthy, chief of police, was presented. McCarthy stating to the board that officer Hunsaker made no report to him, the report was referred back to procure a report from officer Hunsaker.

Report of John Hyland, City Treasurer.

Report of F. Bros, Police Magistrate, for February.

Report of B. Shannessy, Police Magistrate, for February.

The report of A. Cain, market-master, was presented and read by the clerk, and on motion of Alderman Redman, the several reports were received and ordered on file.

The following petition was presented by Alderman Carroll, from citizens of the Fourth ward, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Markets:

To the Honorable Mayor, Select Council and Aldermen of the City of Cairo:

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned, citizens of the Fourth ward, would most respectfully ask your honorable body to establish, by ordinance, markets in our ward. And as your honorable body must be aware of the inconvenience of attending market at so great a distance, we hope you will not view our petition as unanswerable, but just, and request, with such restriction as your honorable body may think best for the interest of the city, and most humbly pray that action may be taken in this matter without delay.

The following petition was presented and read from the Arab Fire Company, and on motion of Alderman McKee, was referred to the Committee on Fire Department:

To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Cairo:

Gentlemen—The undersigned committee, in behalf of the Arab Fire Company of your city, would beg most respectfully to submit for your careful consideration the following facts and figures, and ask at your hands an appropriation sufficient to meet our demands and wants, to-wit:

From March 1st 1867, to March 1st 1868, the company's expenses were as follows: For repairs to apparatus, coal, taxes, and other incidental expenses, were \$935 05; besides this amount we have expended \$315 25, not appertaining to general expenses.

From March 1st 1868 to March 1st 1869, our expenses have been as follows: For repairs to apparatus, coal, taxes, and necessary sundries, the sum of \$301 78; other expenses not appertaining to the necessary expenses, the sum of \$128 80.

We have, therefore, the past two years, paid out in cash for repairs, new hose and other necessary expenses, the sum of \$1,280 83. We have received, during this period, from the city, \$800 in city scrip, which we have sold for \$480 in cash, which makes, we have paid out, \$750 83 in cash, more than we have received for our support. Said amount has had to be taken out of our relief fund, which is kept for the use and benefit of the sick and wounded Arabs, said fund being raised and maintained by special assessment upon every member.

We therefore ask your honorable body to make us an appropriation of a one thousand dollar city bond in lieu of the \$750 83. We have paid out, to keep up

our general expenses, more than we have received for services the past two years.

We would further petition your honorable body to make us an appropriation in city scrip, to be paid in quarterly installments, from March 1st 1869 to March 1st 1870, of \$1000, to defray our current expenses the coming fiscal year.

The past year our expenses has been about one-third that of the previous one, owing to there being less fires, and less accidents to machinery.

During the past year there has been 23 alarms of fire, 22 actual fires, at 16 of which this company done actual service, always having first water, and in five cases being the only company at work, and by which thousands of dollars worth of private property has been saved.

The past year, with the previous ones since our organization, with our efficiency and actions, is a sure guaranty for our future conduct, and unless some provision is made for our general expenses ahead, in time to come, it will be impossible to keep the company together much longer. Trusting you will carefully consider our petition, and well weigh the facts mentioned, and hoping you will grant the prayer of the petitioners in behalf of the Old Arab Fire Company, we have the honor to be, Yours truly,

WM. V. MCGEE, } Committee.
A. ASCHBACH, }
HENRY WINTER, }

The following petition was presented and read from sundry citizens, and, on motion of alderman Redman, was referred to the market committee, by the following vote, viz:

Ayes—Carroll, Brankie, Hulén, Hendricks, McKee, Mendel and Redman—7.

Nays—Gibson, Lohr, Loneragan and Theobald—4.

To the Honorable Mayor, the City Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Cairo:

Gentlemen—Your petitioners would respectfully represent unto your honorable bodies, that their petition is, that you cause the Ordinances of the City of Cairo to be so amended as to compel the sale of meats (fresh) in the city, to be confined to the market-houses of the city, and to the end that your honorable bodies may appreciate the intent of our petition we respectfully herewith beg to present our reasons. We are fully prepared to notice in the drift of coming events, the absolute certainty that the City Council during the coming summer season will again make an effort as Councils have heretofore done, to confine the sale of fresh meats to the market houses, that the sanitary regulations of the city may be better subserved during the sickly season.

We earnestly appreciate and will continue to appreciate, any and every act of the Council tending to benefit the sanitary regulations of our city, as good citizens at all times should; and are equally well advised of the enormous labor and expense entailed upon us by the sanitary regulations of the city, and know that to allow the present system of meat shops at every corner in the city will create dissatisfaction during the coming summer on the part of the citizens, for the reason that they deem the system a nuisance, and, on the part of ourselves, for the reason that to preserve the regulations of the city in point of labor and expense will be onerous; and now that the class of citizens engaged in our business are desirous that the trade should be confined to the market place, we deem it as a matter of justice that you legislate to such a consummation.

Again we petition, inasmuch as the adoption of our measure will be a matter of interest to the city; for example, the city maintains all the attendant expense of a city market with little or no success; legislate to the end that the sale of every article of a marketable condition be restricted to the market place as other cities do, and you will commence to make your city market a source of revenue and a popular resort to any one desiring to purchase any article of home consumption. It is the duty of the city to protect her citizens, and in no wise can this be done more signally, than to inaugurate a system of marketing pointing to their immediate protection; for instance, let the city procure a standard set of weights and measures, erect at the market place a set of city scales, when anything is offered for sale, cattle, hogs, sheep, or any kind of live stock, purchased or sold by weight, let the city scales determine the weight of such stock. We particularly demand protection, as not more than several days since one of our number lost \$70 in the sale of some beef cattle, on account of defective weights, the original ordinances of the city contemplate this, why not see them amended and enforced as the interests of the city demand. It is useless for us to detain you longer, we only recapitulate the object of our petition by praying that your Honors may see proper to confine our trade to the city market, as well as to establish for us standard weights and measures, and to confine the sale of marketable articles during market hours to the market place.

Your petitioners ask that these matters receive your earnest attention, and that provisions be made to furnish us with suitable market accommodations.

These things we ask, and as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

We the undersigned citizens, do most cordially endorse the above petition and earnestly request our representatives from the several wards to use all honorable means to its adoption.

ABOUT 200 SIGNERS.

A communication was read in regard to the sale, for taxes, of the lot on which the Rough and Ready engine house stands, and, on motion, was referred to the committee on claims.

The following bills were presented and on motion allowed by the following vote, viz:

Ayes—Carroll, Brankie, Gibson, Hulén, Hendricks, Lohr, Loneragan, McKee, Mendel, Redman and Theobald—11.

Nays—None.

Bill of William McHale for dieting prisoners, amounting to \$183 25.

O. F. Lyon, for services as Comptroller, amounting to \$2 00.

Daniel McCarthy, Chief of Police amounting to \$2 33
Wm. O'Callahan, Police Constable, " 75 00
Patrick O'Callahan, " " 75 00
Patrick Dyer, " " 75 00
Joseph Higlin, " " 75 00
John Hyland, City Treasurer, " 66 47
Michael Hambrick, City Marshal, " 23 25
B. Shannessy, Police Magistrate, " 25 00
P. Moeckler, City Clerk, " 66 47
Edward Shannessy, Health Officer, " 75 00
James Egan, for labor on streets, " 45 00
J. H. O'Brien, for printing to March 10, " 147 85
James Garland, for services rendered as Member of Board of Public Works, " 150 00
John T. Rennie, for services rendered as Member of Board of Public Works, " 150 00
N. Feith, for coffins furnished and burying small pox cases amounting to, " 82 00
James Ross, for coal furnished city, " 9 00
A. H. Irvin, for co-official services as Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, " 100 00

The following bills were presented and referred to the committee on claims:

Bill of P. Walder, for removing cartion, amounting to, " \$25 00
St. Mary's Infirmary for nursing patients for city amounting to, " 312 00
C. F. Yeager, for repairing gas fixtures amounting to, " 2 00
Thos. Noughton for work on sidewalks amt'g to, " 60 00
Michael Mahony " 35 00
Thos. Noughton, for hauling lumber " 12 50
Hester Walton for nursing small pox patients amounting to, " 25 00
Cairo City Gas Company, for gas, " 168 05
John Weir, for nursing small pox patients, amounting to, " 44 00
Nepton Ward, " 22 00

Alderman Loneragan moved that the bill of James Norman for nursing small pox patients, laid on the table at a former meeting, be taken up. Motion lost.

The following resolution was offered and on motion of Alderman Redman adopted:

Resolved by the Board of Aldermen, the Select Council concurring, That it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to procure a suitable and well-bound book, and to record therein, in a plain and legible hand, immediately after their approval by the Mayor, all joint resolutions of the City Council, which have or may hereafter be adopted, said resolutions to be numbered in said record book in regular progressive order, and a corresponding number to be entered in the margin of the Book of Minutes of the City Council opposite to the record of the proceedings of said Council in reference to said resolutions, and that an index shall also be attached to said record book, in which shall also be entered the subject matter of each of said resolutions, to be recorded as above provided for, with the page upon which each of said resolutions is entered.

The following resolution was presented, and on motion of Alderman Loneragan adopted:

Whereas, the Board of Public Works who have heretofore had charge of the sewers, pumps and other works for draining the city, has been abolished by the late amendments to the city charter, and there is now no officer specially charged with the care and protection of said works, therefore:

Resolved by the Board of Aldermen, the Select Council concurring, that it shall be the special duty of one of the Police Constables on duty in the daytime (to be designated by the Mayor) to take charge of the city pumps, sewers and other works for draining the city, and see that they are properly protected and preserved, and to open and close the sewers running through the levees, at proper times as the waters in the rivers may rise and fall and that the services thus required of said officer shall be rendered by him under the general direction of the Drainage committee, or its chairman.

The following resolution was presented and on motion of Alderman Hendricks adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Ordinances are hereby instructed to report an ordinance to prohibit the owners of hogs from allowing them to run at large upon the streets of the city.

The following resolution was presented and on motion of Alderman McKee adopted:

Resolved by the Board of Aldermen, the Select Council concurring therein, That the Committee on Streets be and they hereby are instructed to have the streets and avenues repaired, where excavations in the same have been caused by rains or otherwise, and where, in their opinion, repairs are required; and that the dirt to fill said excavations and make said repairs be taken from other portions of the street where the street is above grade.

Resolved, That said Committee be directed to employ street labor in such repairs, and also to report at the next joint meeting of the two branches of the City Council, what work and teams are required to make such repairs, in order that the laborers and teamsters may be appointed at such joint meeting.

The following resolution was presented and on motion of Alderman Gibson adopted:

Resolved, That the Ordinance Committee be hereby instructed to revise the Ordinance in relation to the salaries of city officers, and report an ordinance in regard to the same, provided, that in their judgment they deem any change necessary.

The following resolution was presented and on motion of Alderman Hendricks adopted:

Resolved by the Board of Aldermen, the Select Council concurring, That a sidewalk be constructed in accordance with the existing ordinances on the subject, on the west side of Levee street, in front of lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, in block 2, in the city of Cairo, and that the Street Committee be and they hereby are authorized to have the same constructed at once, either by letting it out to the lowest responsible bidder, or by employing the men appointed by the City Council for repairing sidewalks, and purchasing materials for its construction, as, in their opinion, will be most expedient.

The following resolution was presented and on motion of Alderman Mendel adopted:

Whereas, By section 8 of ordinance No. 10, it is provided that there shall be appointed a Chief-of-Police and such number of day and night police constables as the City Council may from time to time direct, therefore

Resolved by the Board of Aldermen, the Select Council concurring, That, in addition to the Chief-of-Police and four other Police Constables now provided for to be on duty at night, there shall be appointed two other Police Constables to serve during the day-time, who shall be paid at the rate of seventy-five dollars a month; shall, in addition to their police duties, perform such other service as the City Council may from time to time direct, and shall be subject to removal at any time.

The following resolutions were presented and, on motion of alderman Loneragan, adopted:

Resolved by the board of alderman, the select council concurring, that all meetings of the city council shall be held at the city council chambers.

Resolved, That a stated joint meeting of the two branches of the city council be held on the Friday first preceding the first Monday in each and every month, at 7 o'clock, p.m., and

Resolved, That stated meetings of the select council be held on Wednesday and Thursday first succeeding the second Monday and Tuesday in each and every month, at 7 o'clock, p.m.

The following resolution was presented by alderman Loneragan, and on motion of alderman Mendel, adopted:

Resolved, That we do respectfully ask, in behalf of the moral well-being of the community, that the police magistrates and circuit judge of the circuit court and the prosecuting attorneys do prosecute to the extent of the law, all thieves, gamblers, vagrants, idlers, loafers and prostitutes.

The following resolution was presented and, on motion of alderman Redman, adopted:

Resolved by the board of aldermen, the select council concurring, That a joint committee of three be appointed to make arrangements for the proper reception of the members of the Illinois State Press Association, to be held in this city on the 21st inst.

On motion adjourned.

PATRICK MOCKLER, City Clerk.

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