

CIVIC MATTERS.

Monthly Committee Meeting of The City Council.

ALD McNALLY MAKES SOME EXPLANATIONS

In Regard to Operations of the Sub-Committee.

ACCOUNTS IN CONNECTION WITH VICE REGAL RECEPTION BEFORE THE BOARD.

The city council met in committee in the council chamber last evening with Mayor Crockett in the chair and all the members of the board in attendance. The principal business transacted was the passing of accounts for work done in the several departments during the month of July.

There was considerable discussion over several of the accounts for work done in the roads and streets department, and Ald McNally, chairman of the sub-committee, was several times called upon to make explanations. When an account of \$50 for gravel supplied by Capt Flowers came before the meeting, Ald Farrell wanted to know if the gravel had been weighed, when taken over by the city.

Ald McNally replied that the matter had been left in the hands of the roadmaster, and he (McNally) supposed that the usual course had been followed in regard to weighing it. The first load taken out had been put upon the scales, and the others had been sized by it.

Ald Farrell did not like that way of doing business. The gravel, he said, had been hauled in different style of vehicles, therefore it had not been possible to judge the weight of one load by the weight of another. Woodboat captains had been known to over estimate the carrying capacity of their crafts, and possibly that was the case in this instance.

An account from Robert Aiken amounting to \$10, for work done in connection with breaking out the [Hanwell Road in the winter of 1899, was laid over after some discussion.

An account from Robert Belyea amounting to \$40, for gravel supplied to the street department, brought on quite a sharp discussion.

Ald Farrell wanted to know if a payment had not been made to Mr. Belyea on this account, upon the recommendation of the chairman of the sub-committee.

Ald McNally replied that after Mr. Belyea had delivered some eighty tons of the gravel his men went out on strike, and he (McNally) to save time and trouble gave him an order upon the city treasurer for \$30.

Ald Farrell said that in taking the taking the course he had, Ald McNally had established a very bad precedent. There was a law against doing what Ald McNally had done, and it had been established by resolution of council that no money should be advanced to a contractor except by order of the council. That rule had been strictly adhered to for some years, and he held that in signing an order for Mr. Belyea, Ald McNally and Everett had exceeded this authority. He (Farrell) had refused to sign the order as he did not consider even as chairman of the road committee that he had any right to do so, and Ald McNally and Everett had no more right to sign it than other members of the road committee. He hoped that the mayor would instruct members of the council in regard to matters of this kind, and take steps to prevent an alderman from signing an order of the kind in future.

Ald McNally in reply, claimed that in signing the order he had acted in the interests of the city. Ald Ryan was pressing to have the work on Government lane finished, and it was necessary in order to avoid delay to make an advance to Mr. Belyea. He could not see where any great wrong had been done.

Ald Everett suggested that the matter be referred to the whole council.

Ald Farrell and Clarke could not see any reason why payment of the bill should be delayed, inasmuch as Mr. Belyea had already received all but \$10 of the amount.

All Clarke remarked that it was doubtful if the chairman of the sub-committee had power to sign the order, and therefore the city treasurer should not have accepted it.

A motion by Ald Clarke that the bill be paid was carried.

Mayor Crockett said he would have to express his strong disapproval of that way of doing business. In his opinion the sub-committee had no authority to

purchase the gravel anyway, that was a matter which should come before the full road committee.

A bill of \$25 from the 71st band for playing at the reception to the Governor General was ordered to be paid.

An old account of \$15 from H. A. Cropley for work done some time during the last century, and previously repudiated by the council, was thrown out, and the city clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Cropley that if he rendered the bill again he would get no more work from the city.

Some accounts in connection with the reception to the Earl and Countess of Minto, were next considered by the board.

John Macpherson wanted \$25 for the use of his landau, and \$15 each for the use of two extension tops, a total of \$55. The manager of the Barker House stable rendered his account for the use of two landaus at \$20 each.

The accounts seemed to take Ald McNally by surprise and he wanted to know who had contracted them.

Ald Everett thought that \$10 each was a good price to pay for the landaus, and that not more than \$6 should be paid for extension top. He made a motion to that effect.

Ald Farrell, after pointing out that the livery stable keepers had been put to considerable trouble and expense in getting up stylish rigs for the occasion, moved that they be paid \$15 each for the landaus and \$10 each for the extension tops. The motion was seconded by Ald Roesborough.

Ald McNally again demurred stating that he did not like that way of doing business.

Ald Moore did not think \$15 was too much to pay for the landaus but thought the extension top was hardly worth \$10.

Ald Farrell said that the livery stable men, prompted by the press, had gone to a great deal of trouble in providing stylish turnouts. It was a special day for them and all had put on their best bib and tucker.

Ald Roesborough endorsed what had been said by Ald Farrell and urged the council to deal generously with the livery stable keepers.

Ald McNally said it was not the amounts he objected to but the principle. He thought that whoever had ordered the teams, had been remiss in their duty for not striking a bargain with the livery stable keepers. Nobody seemed willing to certify to the bills.

Ald Everett said that the explanations he had heard convinced him that the price suggested by Ald Farrell was not too excessive to pay, and he would withdraw his motion.

The Mayor said that the reception committee had been given to understand that there was to be no cheese paring. They were told to get the best turnouts obtainable and did so.

Somebody suggested that Mr. Dibblee, who was secretary to the committee, should certify to the bills before they were paid, but Ald Slipp objected to this being done as Mr. Dibblee was not responsible to the council.

After further discussion Ald Farrell's motion was carried, and a motion by Ald McNally that the accounts be certified to by members of the committee was also adopted.

An account from S B Brown for \$4, and one of \$2 from W C Sutherland for painting sample street signs, were referred to the sub-committee.

The wharf committee were instructed to have repairs made to the city wharf at the front of Regent street.

After several other matters had been dealt with the committee adjourned.

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THE MAN AND HIS PIPE.

An Incident Partaking Somewhat of the Nature of a Bluff.

The quality of courage is not strained. On the open half of a combination street car of the Amsterdam avenue line the other day there was a goodly gathering of smokers. They were there because the company graciously permitted the burning of tobacco on this branch of its possessions. A good many other passengers, most of them men, were also seated in the open half, not because they smoked or even approved of smoking, but because there was no room for them in the closed part and they had nowhere else to sit.

One of the smokers, a slight, nervous looking little chap, struggled heroically with a pipe. Under ordinary circumstances a pipe is no easy proposition for any but the horny handed son of toil to negotiate. In the mouth of a man not born to the hod and jeans it is generally a case of "smoking matches," and a box of these may be used up in attempting to keep a pipe alight for two or three blocks. But, lo, the poor laborer may turn his pipe upside down or at a half hitch or a right angle, and the thick and pungent smoke will roll out in an uninterrupted volume.

When the winds blow, it is especially difficult for the man who carries a meerschaum instead of a clay to keep his pipe alight, and the winds were blowing with goodly will through the spaces of the open car on this day. A sudden puff of playful zephyr caught up a pinch of ashes from the pipe of the little man and deposited them, with malice afore blow, on the clothing of the next man, a big chap, sour and surly looking.

"Oh, I beg your pardon, sir," the little smoker hastened to say, and he hurriedly brushed the ashes from the other's sleeve. The sour man scowled fiercely. "Well, don't you let it happen again," he said.

Quick as a flash the apologetic look died out of the face of the little man. "Why," he demanded, "what would you do if it did happen again?"

"I'd show you blank quick!" said the other so fiercely that the conductor trembled and in clutching the rail to steady himself rang up an extra fare.

The little man puffed on his pipe till he had it in a healthy glow. Then, when the ashes were well formed on the top of the bowl, he turned till he faced the sour chap and deliberately blew the entire collection into his face.

The sour man changed his seat.

Dangerous Joking.

Hubby—My dear, do you know what theatrical managers do with a new production? No? Well, they "try it on a dog"—that is, they send it out to face a country audience on its first appearance.

Dear—Well, what of it?
Hubby—Er—this pie—I was just thinking—Now, why can't you take a joke?—Indianapolis News.

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