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WATER AND SEWAGE.

Reports of Two Civil Engineers on the Question.

DETAILED RESULT OF THE EXAMINATION.

THE ADVISORS FOR AND AGAINST REMOVING THE WATER WORKS.

Their Views to be Considered at a special meeting of the Board on Wednesday, May 12.

Petitions for Street Work.—The Office of the City Engineer is now closed.

The May meeting of select and common council met on their respective chambers Wednesday evening.

SECRET COUNCIL.

Present—Messrs. Hollister, Berger, Dorr, Long, Rensley, Biddle, Wise and Evans, president.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following petitions were presented and referred:

For a lamp at Shippen and Middle streets.

For repairing of East Grant between Lime and Shippen.

For sewer on South Line to connect with Chestnut street.

For a gutter on Rockland street from Green to Rockland street school.

For repair of Union street between Mulberry and Quarryville railroad.

For gutter on Elm street from Chestnut street to Walnut street.

For manufacturing West Chestnut from Nevin to Marietta avenue.

For grading and gutting First street from Canal to Ruby street.

For grading and gutting Ruby street, to Columbia avenue.

For manufacturing West Orange street from Pine to Columbia avenue.

The new street committee reported organization and their action since that time, all of which has been published.

SEWERAGE AND WATER IMPROVEMENT.

The committee on sewerage and water works improvement submitted a written report, detailing the organization and visitations to various points, all of which has been published.

The committee made no recommendations, but submitted the reports of Engineers Cross and Darrach and suggested that a special meeting be held on Wednesday evening, May 12, for the purpose of determining upon a site for the water works and to determine such other matters as might arise from the sewerage and water works improvement question.

Their recommendations were adopted.

Following is the substance of Charles G. Darrach's Report.

To the Honorable the Mayor, and the Committee on Sewerage and Improved Water Supply of the City of Lancaster, Pa.

GENTLEMEN:—In reply to your communication, dated April 29, 1887, I would say the report which you have asked me to make in reference to the water works and sewerage works of your city, is, in my opinion, as follows:

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of the stream may not be sufficient. When such a time arrives, I have no doubt that storage reservoirs can be built on tributaries to the stream, which will sufficiently augment the supply.

I regret exceedingly that this report is not published, but I have no doubt that you will find it so important as to fully cover up the subject, and to determine finally upon the matter you may deem it wise to have more thoroughly examined.

With this report I send you a sketch map of the city, showing the points to which I have referred. Respectfully,

C. G. DARRACH,
C. E. for Wilson, Brix & Co.
Report of Engineer Cross.

Hon. William A. Morley, Mayor, Chairman of Joint Committee on Water and Sewerage Works of Lancaster, Pa.

Sir: I have examined at your request, and in view of your committee, the plans suggested for the improvement of the water supply of the city of Lancaster, and have the honor to report the conclusions at which I have arrived.

First. It is essential to the health of the city that the source of supply should be removed from its present position, and located in a safe and healthy place.

The Conestoga creek, east and south of the city and above the location of the present works, receives the drainage of a large tract of the city, and it is necessary to obtain to receive the sewerage and drainage of the valley in the northeastern part of the city, which is growing rapidly in population, and has its outlet in the stream which empties into Conestoga creek, about a quarter of a mile above Rank's milldam, and is situated in the water works by the course of the stream.

The construction along this whole water front, on either side of the city, would be of sufficient capacity to carry off all the sewerage and surface water which would pollute the water supply, if it were allowed to collect in any place, and it is impracticable and enormously expensive.

Second. The city now owns Rank's dam and farm, and a quarter mile above the above water front, on either side of the city, and the westerly side of this pond an open canal or covered sewer could be built to convey the water from the dam, and to discharge it into the stream, and it is necessary to locate the source of supply at a safe and healthy place.

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supplied by some to be high enough to supply water to all parts of the city, is shown by levels taken by Mr. N. C. Maymaker, city engineer, not to have sufficient elevation to materially improve the head in the city over what is now obtained from the stand pipe at the reservoir.

CONCLUSION.

As regards economy of construction and operation, I am of the opinion that you can for several years to come, obtain a more satisfactory water service by filtration of the water and pumping into a stand pipe for the highest reservoir, and by regulating the levels of the city, using your water tower for the former and steam power for the latter, than by constructing larger reservoirs and moving your pumping plant to another point.

The exact plan of works which will prove more effective and economical can only be determined by exact surveys and estimates on plans.

I have indicated above the direction in which such examinations can most profitably be made.

A sketch map of the surroundings of Lancaster, in this report are indicated, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BRINTON,
City Engineer.

THE CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, May 2, 1887.

Distance from Chestnut Square to hill at Rowleville, 14,751 feet; elevation of Rowleville hill on turnpike, 416.77; to field about 1,300 feet west, 2 feet higher; elevation of bottom of west reservoir, 409.09; elevation of hill 230 feet west of college building, 310.83.

S. C. MAYMAKER,
City Engineer.

Mr. Riddle moved that the fire committee be authorized to have the engine houses and other property of the fire department insured in such companies as they see fit. Adopted; common council concurred.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Common council met on order at 7:30 with the following members present: Messrs. Adams, Auxer, Baumgardner, Bitter, Bradis, Brinton, Corman, Crossbach, Cummings, Dais, Eddy, Eberman, Evara, Fratley, Franck, Frick, Groel, Long, McClure, Roberts, Sing, Strick, Stormeltz and Board, president.

The reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting was dispensed with.

The following petitions were presented and referred to appropriate committees:

By Mr. Corman, for two crossings at South Queen and Hazel streets, and for the manufacturing of West Chestnut street, between Hazel and Andrew streets.

By Mr. Bradis, for the grading and gutting of Caroline street; the grading and gutting of 150 feet of new High street; for two gasolene lights on Hazel street, between Water street and Love Lane; for gasolene light at the extreme end of High street.

By Mr. McClure, for the grading and gutting of Lafayette street, between Filbert and Dorwart.

By Mr. Franck, for the grading of the west end of Ann street, between East King and East Orange streets.

By Mr. Eddy, for the grading and gutting of East Walnut street, between Shippen and Plum; for the gutting of Marshall street and the grading of Walnut street from Walnut to Frick street.

By Mr. Long, for the grading of Grant street, between Water and Mulberry streets.

By Mr. Auxer, for the manufacturing of East Orange street, between Ann and Marshall streets.

By Mr. Frick, for a sewer on German street, from Duke to South Queen street. The property owners on this square agreed to contribute liberally towards the payment of the sewer, the estimated cost of which is \$300.

By Mr. Franck, for a crossing at Ann and Marion streets.

By Mr. Adams, for the grading of South Christian street, between Church and Middle streets.

By Mr. Frick, for a crossing at Darwart and Lafayette streets, and the gutting of East Walnut street, between Main and S. Joseph streets.

By Mr. Baumgardner, the petition of a large number of citizens for the building of a bridge over the Conestoga creek, in the rear of Woodward Hill cemetery.

Mr. Frank Eichenman, counsel for Mr. Sweeney, who is interested in a creek between the city limits, made an argument showing the necessity of a bridge to take the place of the one destroyed some months ago. This petition was referred to the street committee, and they will visit the locality, and report upon a necessity.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The finance committee reported showing the organization for the ensuing year. The only other item of interest presented was the recommendation of the committee that steps be taken to recover from Mr. Johnson the money in his hand, collected by him as city solicitor. This amount is about \$39, which remains for extra services allowed to have been reported.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER.

Mr. Baumgardner presented the report of City Treasurer Bathron from which it appeared that the last month's receipts were \$5,055.20, last month's payments \$4,314.35 and the balance in the treasury \$2,284.85. Following are the balances on the several accounts:

Interest on loans, including sinking fund \$7,222.00
Deposits to streets... 32
Deposits to water works... 1,124.84
Laying water pipes... 716
Lighting city... 4,387.86
Deposits for fire department... 67.63
Collection city tax arrears... 455.95
Deposits to streets... 284.78
Coal street sewer... 27.75

WATER FOR THE P. R. CO.

The water committee's report for the month was read. The only recommendation in the report was that the contract be awarded to contract with the Pennsylvania railroad company to furnish water at the cut off for locomotives at the rate of \$500 per year.

In answer to a question of Mr. Franck, Mr. Cummings stated that about 75 locomotives per day would require each day and each locomotive about 1,000 gallons of water. In his judgment, taking into consideration that the same company pay \$25 additional for water taken at their stations in this city, the price of the now contract is a fair one. The committee were authorized to make the contract as reported.

MR. JOHNSON'S LITTLE BILL.

Mr. Corman presented the bill of J. W. Johnson, ex-city solicitor, for \$390.65, for extra services. This bill was made up of \$200, for trying four cases in court, and \$190.65, per cent on money collected by him.

Mr. Brinton offered a resolution that the bill be paid, and the amount be expended in drawing his warrant for the amount of \$390.65. Mr. Brinton advocated the payment of the bill on the ground that it has been customary for the city to allow city solicitors extra compensation for the trial of cases.

Mr. Eberman wanted more information about the bill. His impression was that the finance committee refused to approve this bill, and that it was never last year.

Mr. Long's recollection was that the bill passed common council almost unanimously, but that it was defeated in select council.

Mr. Baumgardner said it was not the custom to allow solicitors ten per cent. commission on money collected by them and that was the greater part of his claim. As to extra services Mr. Johnson was paid for appearing before the supreme court in cases in which the city was interested. He said in conclusion that if Mr. Johnson would have appeared before the finance committee and settled his account there would not have been

any trouble in arranging the extra compensation claimed.

Mr. Auxer moved to amend the resolution by referring it to the finance committee. The amendment was adopted by an almost unanimous vote.

Mr. Eddy offered a resolution that fire alarm boxes be placed at the corner of Princes and Orange, South Queen and Vine and Mulberry and Harriburg avenues, and the expense of the same be paid from the contingent fund.

Mr. Eddy's motion to lay this resolution on the table was defeated and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Baumgardner introduced an ordinance appropriating the public moneys for the fiscal year beginning June 1st. It was referred to the finance committee and by them returned affirmatively. It will be acted on at the next meeting.

TELEPHONE COMPANY'S ORDINANCE.

Mr. Baumgardner introduced the following ordinance, which was referred to the street committee:

An Ordinance granting to the Pennsylvania Telephone Company a license, with certain restrictions and limitations to occupy the streets and alleys in the city of Lancaster, Pa. Section 1. Be it ordained by the select and common councils of the city of Lancaster, that the Pennsylvania Telephone Company be licensed to occupy the streets and alleys in the city of Lancaster, Pa., for the purpose of erecting and maintaining poles and wires for their lines, and for the purpose of erecting and maintaining poles and wires for their lines, and for the purpose of erecting and maintaining poles and wires for their lines.

Section 2. The license hereby granted shall expire on the first day of January next, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

Section 3. The licensee shall be bound to remove its poles and wires from all the streets and alleys of the city upon one year's notice.

Section 4. The licensee shall be bound to indemnify the city of Lancaster, Pa., for any and all damages caused by its poles and wires, and for any and all expenses incurred by the city in removing its poles and wires.

Section 5. The licensee shall be bound to pay to the city of Lancaster, Pa., a sum equal to the annual tax now imposed upon the licensees of the city of Lancaster, Pa., for the privilege of erecting and maintaining poles and wires, and for any and all expenses incurred by the city in removing its poles and wires.

Section 6. The licensee shall be bound to comply with all the laws and ordinances of the city of Lancaster, Pa., relating to the erection and maintenance of poles and wires.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect from the first day of June next.

THE OLD MINUTE BOOKS.

Mr. Brinton offered a resolution directing the clerk of common council to collect all the minute books of council and place them in some safe place. The resolution was adopted.

President Beard appointed Messrs. Brinton and McClure as the common council members of the committee of commerce.

Adjourned.

Base Ball News.

The League games of yesterday were: At Philadelphia: Philadelphia 12, Boston 0; at Pittsburg: Detroit 3, Pittsburg 8 (seven innings); at Indianapolis: Indianapolis 9, Washington 5; at Washington: New York 9, Washington 5.

The Association games of yesterday were: At Philadelphia: Baltimore 6, Athletic 2; at Staten Island: Brooklyn 7, Mets 3; at Cleveland: Washington 10, Cleveland 2; at St. Louis: St. Louis 4, Louisville 1.

Casey pitched splendidly for the Phillies yesterday, and but five hits were made by the opposition.

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THE HIGH LICENSE BILL.

The high license bill in the legislature has been so amended that it will now scarcely be recognized by its father, Representative Brown. It was yesterday in the Senate a special beer license was inserted after a sharp fight.

An amendment offered by Mr. Cooper, making the city of mercantile appraisers in Philadelphia, to return a list of licensed and unlicensed hotels in January of each year and allowing them \$250 for each hotel, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Schnettner the provision that applicants should swear to not having signed any other application within a year was amended so as to refer to the city and townships.

The licensees in boroughs and townships were increased from \$100 and \$75 to \$200 and \$100 respectively. Mr. Cooper's amendment fixing the rate for special licenses in cities of the first, second and third class at \$200, in all other cities \$150, in boroughs \$100 and in townships \$75, was adopted.

What Trees to Plant.

People who are asking what kinds of trees to plant on Arbor Day may get a hint from Spencer's lines:

The sailing pine, the cedar, grand and tall;
The vine-leaf Elm, the Poplar never dry;
The bull-dog Oak, the King of forest's all;
The Acorn wood, the Elm, the Cypress.

The usefulness of mighty cypresses:
And pines, the Fir, that weeps still;
The Willow, worn of hopeless passion;
The Birch, for shafts; the Saw, for the mill;
The Elm, the Ash, the Beech, the Ash, for nothing ill;
The Fruitful Olive, and the Plantane round;
The Cedar, the Fir, the Maple, seldom found.

SEAT NOTES IN A LINE OR TWO.

Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, formerly of Reading, has been married to Miss Jessie Walker, daughter of a Detroit millionaire.

John Latham, worth \$30,000, hanged himself on Wednesday, Herk county. His health was the cause.

F. C. Edwards, Carlisle correspondent of the Lancaster Eagle, has been sued for libel by the proprietor of the Mansion house, Carlisle.

The firm of C. E. Penneck & Co., at Conestoga, has resumed operations with a full force of men.

Northern Mutual Insurance Company.

A meeting of the members of the Northern Mutual Insurance company was held at Reading on Wednesday. Henry Heimann, of Lebanon county; Henry S. Eberly, of Samuel Nisley, Clay, were re-elected directors, and John Y. Weidman, re-elected auditor for a term of three years.

An amendment to the by-laws by which the cost of instance will be reduced materially, was voted upon, and adopted by a unanimous vote.

Nearly 150 Men Killed by an Explosion.

PETER SMITH HANGED.

THE MURDERER OF A NIGHT WATCHMAN PARTS BY A SKIRMISH.

The First Hanging in New York Occurring On Thursday—Bidding His Prison mates Farewell Last Night—Changing the Cause of the Crime to Itam—Death Comes Easy.

NEW YORK, May 5.—Peter Smith, who, while in company of Alexander Sweeney, killed Watchman John Hannan at the foot of East 35th street on the night of April 17, 1886, was hanged in the Tombs prison yard this morning. The drop fell at 7:30, and twenty minutes after his name was pronounced extinct.

His death resulted from shock, and was almost instantaneous. For the first time in the history of this state the criminal was put to death in obedience to a mandate of a court of law. The crime was committed on Thursday morning, and after the exchange of a few words with the deputy sheriffs, who had been keeping guard over him all night, he proceeded to put on the black suit which he wore at the time. He had heavily completed ablutions and dressed himself in the black suit, and when the deputy sheriffs, who were with him, arrived, he was immediately ushered into the condemned man's cell. Father Duranquet shook Smith cordially by the hand and taking a crucifix from his pocket, and kneeling at the feet of the condemned man, he prayed for him, and after a few minutes, after praying a few minutes, Father Duranquet spoke consolingly to the murderer and then heard his last confession. This ceremony over, escorted by Father Duranquet, the condemned man, who had read the little chaplet in the female prison, went to the priest celebrant mass and administered holy communion to the condemned. In the meantime Sheriff Grant, Under Sheriff Sexton, the hangman, Joe Atkinson, and his assistants, the sheriff's deputies, had arrived. Immediately on the execution of mass in the chapel the condemned was escorted back to his cell where breakfast was awaiting him. It consisted of toast, eggs and coffee, but Smith ate very little. His spiritual adviser remained constantly with him.

IN THE HANDS OF THE HANGMAN.

Sheriff Grant entered the cell shortly after the condemned had finished eating and read the death warrant. The hangman, who was then for the first time introduced to Smith, pinioned his arms and placed the black cap on his head. A few minutes after, the procession to the scaffold began. Sheriff Grant and Under-Sheriff Sexton leading. Two deputy wardens came next and then the condemned man with Father Duranquet, robed in surplice and soutane, at his side. The other deputies brought up the rear. Smith looked toward the right or left, but marched right on as if he were not there.

The gallows were erected on the top of the condemned man's feet. Father Duranquet raised his crucifix to the murderer's lips and then knelt down and recited a litany, to which the condemned man made proper responses in a clear voice. When Father Duranquet had finished, the black cap was drawn over Smith's face, a signal was given and the hangman severed the rope which held the weight on the other end of the rope. The weight being thus released fell to the ground and jerked the murderer upward. The body rebounded considerably and then swung gently around. There were a few muscular contractions and the body hung quietly until cut down. The execution passed off without the slightest hitch. When the