### GOOD WALKS WANTED,

But Some People Think Chief Bigelow's Sidewalk Ordinance

WOULD ENCOURAGE MONOPOLIES.

Brick Is Not in Good Repute as Paving Material for a City.

A CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION RAISED

The Mayor's veto of the sidewalk ordinance and the action of Councils in passing it notwithstanding, although not a novelty in municipal legislation, caused much talk yesterday. The ordinance itself had been published in brief several times, but there were few who seemed to understand it until the Mayor dissected it at length in his

Opinions vary greatly as to the merits of the law. There are some who think it unconstitutional and that if enforced it will soon be carried into court and struck down. Others find fault with it because of its invitation to monopoly, urging that the city does not hold out inducements for competition and that under the provisions of this law it would require such a great expenditure for a plant that persons not now engaged in laving sidewalks will not dare to venture into the business. But the views of nearly all seem to be that the main idea of the ordinance is the correct one were it not for its arbitrary features, that it is but right and proper that the authority to compel the laying of sidewalks and keeping them uniform and in repair should be vested in a respon sible official, and that on prominent business thoroughfares a specific kind of pavements should be insisted on.

Its Constitutional Weak Spot. Mayor Gourley inclines to this view of the situation, though his objections to the ordinance are well known, and, as he stated yesterday, he has serious doubts as to its constitutionality. "The new street law," he said, "gives the city authorities power to require sidewalks laid and kept in repair, and if persons are notified and fail to lay o repair the walks in front of their property the city can do the work and file liens against the property for the cost.
But it does not give the city
power to determine the kind of
material to be used for sidewalks and in my judgment that is the constitutional weak spot in this ordinance. It looks to me as if any owner of property could put down brick or any other recognized sidewalk material

and the authorities could not prevent its being put down or legally tear it up. "I am in favor of flag stone or imitation stone sidewalks for the business streets downtown where the property is valuable enough to justify the expense, and in the rural districts where only a narrow walk is necessary and the cost but little more than for brick walks. But there are many streets where the narrow walks will not do and where the property owners cannot stand the expense of heavy stone sidewalks. On such streets a brick walk properly laid will an-swer all the purposes and a greatly reduced

Chief Bigelow Will Not Be Arbitrary.

"I have no fear that Chief Bigelow will enforce the power given him to an objectiona-ble degree. He has promised me that he would not and never intended to. If he is able to satisfy the people and keep out of court with his ordinance it will probably answer very well, but it will be dangerous to the bill to have a court sit in judgment

Assistant City Attorney House think? the bill is constitutional and just the sort this city has needed for many years. "The Supreme Court has decided that a street extends from building line to building line. The sidewalk is only a part of the street. You will find that in ordinances hereafter the previous of the sidewalks will be previous the sidewalks will be sidewalks will be previous the sidewalks will be previous the sidewalks will be sidewa vided for in many cases. It would be to the interest of property holders to have this done, as it would cost about 20 per cent less to have sidewalks laid when the workmen, tools and materials are all on the groun than to make a separate job of it. The statement that this ordinance invites monopoly seems to me to be stretched. It rather gives a range to competition in my estimation and that is the best thing to be done."

Fiercely Opposed to the Ordinance, Councilman Hugh Ferguson is fiercely concliman Hugh Ferguson is hereely opposed to the ordinance. He says it curtails competition to a few firms and that under it the cost of pavements will be advanced, instead of lessened as it should be. "I opposed it when it was before the committee," said he, "and have continued to do so ever since. I have no doubt that it is not in accord with the State laws, and I only hope that they the State laws, and I only hope that they will enforce it on someone who will take it to court. I have nothing against stonesidewalks, and I believe in having them uni-formly laid, but not under such an arbitrary law as this."

Councilmen Brown, Ford and Taggart are all well pleased with the bill. Mr. Brown voiced the sentiments of the others when he "The day for brick sidewalks is long past. Stone is nearly as cheap these days and much better. We have needed an ordinance to compel uniformity in sidewalks for years, and I'm glad we have it. I should like to see it go farther and do as they do in Philadelphia. There the sidewalks are given out by contract by Councils along with the streets. This insures uniformity and saves money to the property holders. It is progress, and if there is anything we need it is progress. I do not think it is right to compel a man to pave the sidewalk in front of his property just as the Chief of Public Works may dictate."

"I think the Mayor was right," said John A. Renshaw, the grocer, "and I deprecate the action of the Council. It looks as if that body had entirely ignored individual rights. I have studied asphalt payements and I never saw but one that I would give a thrip for when used for sidewalks."

Councilman George W. Wilson said: "All the objectionable features were eliminated from the ordinance in committee be-fore it was submitted to Council for action. The talk of it being in the interest of cep-tain contractors is all bosh, and there can be no monopoly. Anybody that can work ce-ment can put down the pavement. It will do great good for Pittsburg."

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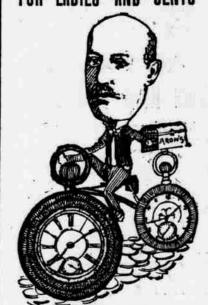
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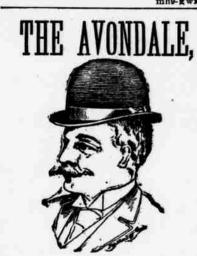
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