

RODE OVER THE VETO.

The Mayor's Objections to the Bellefield Railway Set Aside.

POORHOUSE CONTRACT AWARDED.

Diamond Street Widening Petitioned for on the City's Behalf.

QUARREL OF DIGNIFIED COUNCILMEN

At yesterday's Council meeting Chief Eliot's award of the contract for building the new Poor Farm buildings to C. A. Balph was approved in both branches.

Contrary to plans decided upon last week the Bellefield Street Railway ordinance was not withdrawn.

Objects to a Permanent Obstruction. In it the Mayor calls attention to the Central Traction Company's ordinance, presented the same day as the Bellefield company's, but killed in committee to give the Duquesne Company's bill the right of way.

His Honor describes the Bellefield ordinance as a permanent obstruction, the Central Company's a public benefit.

Not a word of discussion followed the reading of the paper in Select Council. Mr. Robertson stepped forward with an agreement signed by Geo. W. Elkins, Wm. L. Elkins, Joseph Stuart, J. G. Fregalide and Geo. C. Wilson, who said constituted the Board of Directors of the Bellefield Company, in which they proposed to pay for all the block stone and gravel used in paving between the tracks and one foot on the outside along Center avenue.

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Chief Bigelow's anti-liquor park regulations came up for another turn in Select Council. They had twice failed to pass for want of a legal majority with the liquor prohibition feature stricken out.

A vote being taken, the ordinance was passed over the veto by 26 to 10, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Anderson, Baim, Benz, Braun, Brophy, Dovic, Flinn, Foster, Jones, King, Matthews, Miller, Laughran, McCurry, McKinley, O'Malley, Kelly, Roberts, Bohrkaste, Scherzinger, French, Warrinacastie, Wilson and President Ford—25.

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The ordinance to prohibit driving cattle over certain East End residence streets occasioned a long discussion in Common Council. Mr. MacGonigle, on behalf of the Drovers' Association, opposed it, saying it prevented the drovers from getting their cattle down town at all.

Chief Brown reported the award to Logan, Gregg & Co. for a Hallows chemical engine for \$1,700, which was approved.

A petition signed by the property holders on Lawn avenue, against an award from Chief Bigelow for the paving of that street with block stone.

The Public Works Committee's negative report on the Morning and Highland Park railway was unanimously, but rather unexpectedly, approved in Select Council.

The underground wire ordinance received a set-back in Common Council. Mr. Flinn declared that if underground wires were the proper thing for the downtown district they were good for the Southside, and he would oppose the bill until the Southside was included.

The ordinance failed to pass, the vote being 19 to 12. The poolroom ordinance was postponed until the next meeting.

UNUSUAL SCENE IN COUNCIL.

J. C. O'Donnell indignantly accuses Chairman Holliday of treating him discourteously—A Warm Controversy—Both Gentlemen Angry—No Retractions Made and No Apologies Offered.

Two of the most dignified members of Common Council became engaged in a heated controversy during the meeting, which, for a time, looked as if it might end seriously. President Holliday and J. C. O'Donnell were the principals. The trouble occurred during the discussion of a resolution presented by Mr. O'Donnell to secure the release of one of Contractor Gallagher's bondsmen, it being represented that Gallagher's bid on a Liberty street sewer contract was too low and the bondsmen wished to avoid the danger of a loss in consequence.

Mr. O'Donnell addressed the chair and began his speech, but noticing the Chairman was not listening, sat down. In the momentary silence which followed, the Chairman looked up and asked Mr. O'Donnell why he did not proceed.

Mr. O'Donnell replied: "The Chair has always endeavored to treat all members courteously. The Chair has always been particularly courteous to the gentleman from the Sixteenth ward. If the Chair enforced all the rules the gentleman would not talk nearly so long or nearly so often as he does. The rules limit speeches to five minutes and members to one speech on any subject before Council. The gentleman violates these rules very often and he knows that no discourtesy was intended to him by the Chair to-day."

These remarks were made with emphasis. Mr. O'Donnell retorted that the Chair should call him down whenever out of order and was proceeding on that line when Mr. Holliday rapped for order and ended the discussion by directing him to proceed with his remarks on the resolution.

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