

COMMON COUNCIL

WAS SUSPICIOUS

Democrats Alone Faced the Viaduct and 1898 Appropriations.

REPUBLICAN MEMBERS WERE SHY

But the Viaduct Resolution Was Squeezed Through and the Appropriations Passed Two Readings, Although No Quorum Was Present in the Latter Case—Select Council Abides by an Important Tax Opinion by the City Solicitor.

An attempt to block the passage of the 1898 appropriation ordinance was made in common council last night. It is doubtful whether or no the effort was successful. President Nealls declared the ordinance passed first and second reading, but there is a question that a quorum was present when the president made the usual formal declaration of passage.

Both councils were in adjourned session, the upper branch adjourning to meet at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning, when, preceding the annual reorganization of the two bodies, they will hold their final meetings of the fiscal year 1897.

It was 8:30 o'clock before a quorum developed in the common branch. There were present at that time Messrs. Gordon, Grier, Regan, Gilroy, Flanagan, Wenzel, Sweeney, Nealls, Zeidler, Noone and Sheridan, just a quorum.

Mr. Nealls' objection and remark that his presence on the floor had met with no protest. Mr. Sweeney filed a protest forthwith and President Nealls exclaimed with a good deal of warmth that Mr. Lansing's mission deserved a protest. Messrs. Fellows and Coyne, also of the select branch, were on the floor at the time.

A BITTER FIGHT. There was a bitter but one-sided fight over the report of the railways committee on the viaduct resolution.

In the absence of Mr. Norton, the committee chairman, the report was made favorably by Mr. Sweeney along with City Solicitor McGinley's opinion that the Scranton Railway company was unable to finance and that the proposed bond of \$25,000 did not limit the extent of the liability.

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Mr. Walker thought councils should be guided by the city solicitor's opinion and the universal demand of the West Side for the viaduct.

Mr. Keller asked what the committee had done with the protest petition of the property owners and why it was not attached to the resolution.

An amendment that the figures "25-000" be erased and the words "total amount of damages" be inserted was presented by Mr. Flanagan and seconded.

The ordinance was then passed on second and third readings after President Sanderson had withdrawn his amendment, presented Tuesday evening, to reduce the levy nine-tenths of a mill.

The following common council minor ordinances passed third reading: Providing for three additional electric lights in the First ward and two in the Third ward; providing for a fire alarm box at the corner of Rockwell and Gilbert streets; providing for sidewalks on Washburn street, between Main avenue and Tenth streets; providing for the transfer of \$117.12 for the repair of the Columbia horse cart.

THORNTON FAILURE. An opinion from City Solicitor McGinley was read concerning the failure of Thornton & Co., contractors, to finish building the Fischer court sewer.

ANTI-SPANISH RESOLUTION. An anti-Spanish resolution was introduced by President Nealls as follows and adopted unanimously on a call vote:

Whereas, The inhuman policy of concentration of Spain dealing with the pacific residents of Cuba has wrought death and desolation throughout that unhappy island, and

Whereas, Spain has either permitted or actually directed the destruction in Havana harbor of our gallant battleship Maine; therefore be it

Resolved, By the common council of the city of Scranton, that an emphatic intimation of our indignation at these conditions be forwarded to our representative, Hon. William Connell, in the house, and to the senate of the United States; and to

Resolved, That the president of these United States, William McKinley, be urged to end the massacres in Cuba and to demand full satisfaction for the destruction of the Maine.

The select council resolution that the board of control be charged for light and heat in future was adopted.

A resolution introduced by Mr. Walker was adopted directing the street commissioner to advertise for proposals to repair the Bromley avenue sewer.

SELECT COUNCIL MEETING.

Considerable Amount of Business Was Quietly Transacted. In select council the session was as lively as the common session was turbulent. City Solicitor McGinley's opinion upholding the tax levy suggested by the city controller was read. The opinion had been requested after a long debate during the preceding meeting.

The municipal act of 1897, article 6, section 19, declares that "the several departments of the city government shall, before the commencement of the fiscal year, present to council an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures, and of the amount required by each of said departments for the public services during the ensuing year."

DEFCIENCY DEDUCTED. The aforementioned ordinance also states that if the actual receipts during the year shall exceed such estimate, then such excess shall be carried over and included in the estimate of receipts for the following year, and in like manner if the amount received is less than such estimate, then the deficiency shall be deducted from the estimated receipts of the following year; it being the true intent and meaning of the ordinance to strictly limit the annual expenditures to the amount of the annual receipts, and prevent the incurring of additional floating debt.

TESTIFYING IN CITY BANK CASE. Defense Calls Judges Lewis, Willard, Jessup and Edwards to Give Evidence for Their Sides—Proving the Contentment That the Defaulting Cashier's Indebtedness Was Acknowledged to Have Been Settled in Full.

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THE OLD COAT. At the Lyceum last night a new comedy, "The Old Coat," was presented by one of Smyth and Rice's companies.

CASTORIA OYSTERS. Fancy Rockaways, East Rivers, Maurice River Coves, Mill Ponds, &c., &c. Leave your order for Blue Points to be delivered on the half shell in carriers.

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FOUR JUDGES ON THE WITNESS STAND

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MOVING DAY AT THE JAIL. Population There Decreased by Twenty-three Yesterday. Twenty-one prisoners were discharged from the county jail in a lunch yesterday, the cases against them having been ignored by the grand jury.

THEY ARE: Charles Cross, Martin Downe, William Daboy, James Keating, Anthony Kigolds, James Loden, Martin Loftus, John Liddick, Frank Moensick, Joseph Miller, John Meenan, John McDermott, Martin Naplick, Phillza Nozinsky, George Polonick, Peter Reiber, William Roland, Rose Setwell, Joseph Smith, Peter Smith, L. McFarland Wells.

JEROME MARRELLI, charged with felonious wounding, was released on \$500 furnished before Judge Edwards by Peter Sceloso, John Wilfield Vernell, alias Fenwell, charged with larceny and receiving, was released on \$500 furnished by R. H. Conklin.

CLOTH FOR NEW UNIFORMS. Received at the Thirtieth Regiment Armory Yesterday. At the armory of the Thirtieth regiment yesterday a sufficient amount of cloth was received to make new uniforms for the members of the regiment.

THE REAL WIDOW BROWN. If you want to enjoy a good, hearty laugh go and see "The Real Widow Brown" when she comes to the Academy the first half of next week.

ROBIE'S KNICKERBOCKERS. "Robbie's Knickerbockers" have excellent entertainments at Music hall yesterday afternoon and evening to delighted audiences.

THE ROSIE FAMILY. Four very small colored people who sang and performed the cake walk in a manner that brought down the house.

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