COMMON COUNCIL WAS SUSPICIOUS

1898 Appropriations.

But the Vinduct Resolution Was Squeezed Through and the Approprintions Passed Two Rendings. 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 Nealis 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. The same doubt exists in reference to the measure next considered, the tax levy or inance, After it was declared passed two readings, the lack of a quorum was discovered and the meeting adjourned to tomorrow evening.

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

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, Nealis, Zeidler, Noone and Sheridan, just a quorum. Mr. Wenzel was the only Republican in the number, though Mr. Keller and Mr. Walker appeared later. Mr. Norton and Mr. McGrail were the only Democratic absentees. What developed into a very stormy session, opened with President Nealis' objection to the presence of Select Councilman Lansing on the floor.

Mr. Lansing, who was talking with Mr. Wenzel, good naturedly took ex-ception to Mr. Nealis' objection and remarked that his presence on the floor had met with no protest. Mr. Sweeney filed a protest forthwith and President Nealis 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. Their looks indicated displeasure and they withdrew with Mr. Lansing, who was smil-

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 Scranton Railway company was liable for damages and that the pro-posed bond of \$25,000 did not limit the extent of the liability. The bond was simply an evidence of good faith. Mr. Sweeney moved the adoption of the viaduct resolution

Mr. Keller offered an amendment that before the resolution should be approved by the mayor the company submit a bond for \$250,000, to be approved by the city solicitor and filed resolution was adopted.

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. Mr. Sweeney replied that the petition had been considered but it was ignored as being of lesser import than the West Side's general demand that a viaduct be built.

An amendment that the figures "\$25,amount of damages" be inserted was presented by Mr. Flanagan and sec-

Mr. Walker thought councils should be guided by the city solicitor's opinion and the universal demand of the West Side for the viaduct. Even though the structure was intended for only street railway traffic it would lessen the liability to fatal accidents 50 per cent.

A call for the adoption of the resolution was made. Mr. Flanagan's demand that his amendment be first considered was ignored by the chair and the resolution was adopted, Mr. Flanagan and Mr. Keller casting the only negative votes. It is not thought that the measure can pass select council.

The annual appropriation and tax Avy ordinances which had been passed finally by the select branch were referred with several minor measures to committee for immediate report. They were reported a few minutes later, Consideration was first given the minor ordinances.

When the appropriation and levy or dinances had been declared passed by title, the president's attention was called to the absence of a quorum.

The ten members present were the president and Messrs, Gordon, Grier, Regan, Gilroy, Flanagan, Wenzel, Sweeney, Zeidler and Noone, Mr. Sheridan (Dem.) had left the room and could not be found. Messrs, Walker and Keller had been absent for several minutes. Under the circumstances it is questionable whether the two ordinances were legally passed. passage was illegal, the error can be rectified tomorrow evening if a quorum

ANTI-SPANISH RESOLUTION.

is then present.

An anti-Spanish resolution was introduced by President Nealis as folws and adopted unanimously on a call vote:

Whereas, The inhuman policy of con-centration of Spain in dealing with the pacific residents of Cuba has wrought

stantly relieved by a warm bath with Curr-cuna Boar, a single application of Currouna (ointment), the great skin cure, and a full dose of Curicuna Resouvent, greatest of blood purifiers and humor cures, when all else fails.



FALLING HAIR Proppy Proces Baby Blombishus,

Democrats Alone Faced the Viaduct and city of Scranton, that an emphatic inti mation of our indignation at these con-ditions be forwarded to our representa-tive, Hon. William Connell, in the house, REPUBLICAN MEMBERS WERE SHY and to the senate of the United States;

Resolved. That the president of these United States, William McKinley, ba 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. Amendments made in select council to several lower branch ordinances were concurred in.

SELECT COUNCIL MEETING.

Considerable Amount of Business Was Quietly Transacted.

In select council the session was as loving as the common session was tur-

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 members then being divided as to whether it would be legal to acquire a surplus of \$30,000 beyond the estimated expenditures for 1898. The lovy is based on the 1897 valuation of \$20,877,-103, although the estimated assessment for the current year is \$23,000,000, thus indicating a surplus revenue of \$30,-

Following Is City Solicitor McGinley's opinion:

In the matter of tax rate for the ensuing fiscal year, would say that section 1, ordinance of February 6, 1881, provides that "the city controller shall annually, on or before the first Monday in January furnish the councils with a detailed statement of the estimated receipts from all sources; and in estimating the income from the taxation of real and personal property he shall take as a basis the last

ussessment of property in the city."
The municipal act of 1889, article 6, section 19, declares that "the several departments of the city government shall, before the commencement of the fiscal year, present to councils an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures, and of the amount required by each of said departments for the public service during the ensuing year, and councils shall then proceed to make the annual appropriations thereto. * * * When all appropriations for the expenditures for the ensuing year shall be finally made, the councils shall fix the tax rate at such figure as with all sources of revenue fully meet and cover the aggregate amount of such appropriations; and no appropriation shall be made for any purpose in excess of the estimated receipts for the current fiscal year."

DEFICIENCY 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 to and included in the estimate of receipts fo the following year, and in like manner if the amount received is less than such estimate, then the deficiency shall be de-ducted from the estimated receipts of the following year; it being the true intenand meaning of this section to strictly limit the annual expenditures to the amount of the annual receipts, and prevent the incurring of additional floating

In view of the above requirements the proved by the city solicitor and filed with the city clerk as an acceptance of the city clerk as a constant acceptance of the city clerk acceptance of t liability. A motion by Mr. Gilroy to table the resolution was adopted. assessed valuation of city propert for taxing purposes is contained in the controller's communication declaring it to se \$20,877,103.00. Unofficial statements that the assessment for the current year may exceed \$23,000,000 are not of such a character as will warrant councils in ac cepting that amount as the basis for fix-ing the tax rate. The proper officials are now engaged in preparing the assessment for 1838, and will continue so to be for several weeks; and any rate based upon 000" be erased and the words "total the probable result of the current assessment would necessarily be of a speculi tive nature and, in my opinion, would be prejudicial to the validity of the ordi-

I would therefore respectfully suggest that the valuation presented in the con-troller's communication to councils be accepted as the basis for fixing the tax rate for the ensuing year.

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 stopped. He then went on to relate 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 Thirteenth ward; providing for a fire alarm box at the corner of Rockwell and Gilbert streets; providing for side- JUDGE WILLARD ON THE STAND walks on Washburn street, between Main avenue and Tenth streets; providing for the transfer of \$117.52 for the repair of the Columbia hose cart.

THORNTON FAILURE.

An opinion from City Solicitor Mc-Ginley was read concerning the fallure of Thornton & Co., contractors, to finish building the Farber court sewer. The opinion suggested, in view of the apparent abandonment by the contractors, that the latter's bondsmen, John J. Fahey and James J. Flynn, be permitted to finish the work under the di- embezzlement proceedings were withrection of the city engineer. A resolution in line with the suggestion was and sent over to the common council, where it was concurred in.

A resolution by Mr. Frable was adopted granting permission to property owners on Pittston avenue, between Alder and Beech streets, to build a pipe drain at their own expense, the drain not to be used as a sewer. It was later approved by the lower

branch. Two resolutions introduced by Mr. Kearney and bearing upon the Cumberland Hose company muddle are mentioned in an account of that matter

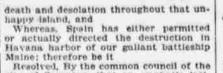
in another column. Select council adjourned to Monday morning at 9.30 o'clock.

Glass Works Start Up.

The new glass works of Burrows Brothers, at South Stroudsburg, started up Tuesday. The factory is most omplete. The main building is fifty by sixty feet, in the centre of which is tank with a capacity of five tons, eight hundred pounds. It is one of the newest patterns in glass making and s heated by a new oil process that, besides being a coal and labor saver, makes better glass.

Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

On Friday, April 8, Monroe Chapter f Royal Arch Masons will be constituted at Stroudsburg. The officers of Monroe Royal Arch Chapter will be Joseph M. Kerr, high priest; A. R. J. Wallace, king; Thomas F. Kane, scribe; George E. Stauffer, treasurer, and Morris Evans, secretary.





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them being called by the defense. They were ex-Judge W. J. Lewis, ex-Judge W. H. Jessup, ex-Judge E. N. Willard

and Judge H. M. Edwards. Judge Lewis testified as to a declaration by Assignce Gunster to the effect that a full settlement of Cashier Jessup's indebtedness had been made. Louis N. Kramer, who was another member of the depositors' prosecuting committee, corroborated Judge Lewis, Judge Jessup testified that Assignee Sunster told him the amount of the defaulting cashier's indebtedness and that it would all have to be paid before the criminal proceedings could be how he paid \$11.250 out of his own private funds to apply on the indebtedness, and how 'Squire Beardsley and others made up the remainder, and that when it had all been paid the prosecution was withdrawn.

Judge Willard gave testimony along he same line. He was attorney for Judge Jessup in the proceedings for a settlement of the criminal action against George A. Jessup. Through various sources enough money was ruised to pay off all but \$25,000 of the indebtedness. Dr. Throop had \$50,000 to his credit in the bank, and, at Judge Willard's suggestion, he assigned \$25. 990 of it to the assignee to be applied in reducing the Jessup indebtedness. This wiped out the whole debt, and the

The plaintiff's attorneys, Messrs introduced by Mr. Roche and adopted Price and Welles, tried to bring out on cross-examination that the \$25,000 assignment was to be applied to the reduction of the bank's deposits and not to the wiping out of the cashier's indebtedness

Judge Edwards was called to show that while acting as district attorney in 1889, petitions were presented to him by the assignee and others declaring that the entire indebtedness of George A. Jessup had been wiped out, and asking that a nol pros be entered in the embezzlement case. The testimony was objected to, and Judge Albright declared it immaterial. The witness returned to No. 1 court room, where he was presiding in a case.

The suit has reached the rebuttal stage, and may get to the jury this afternoon.

BEFORE JUDGE EDWARDS.

The only other case on trial yesterlay was that of H. R. Wood against E. McBriar Sanderson and J. Gardiner Sanderson, which was called before Judge Edwards. It is an action to recover \$6,000 on a mortgage wond for \$20,000 given on a hotel property in Hackensack, N. J., by Mr. Sanderson. W. W. Lathrope and George R. Dritton, of New York, represent the plaintiff. Colonel F. L. Hitchcock and Judge I. W. Schultz, of Phillipsburg,

are attorneys for the defense, In the case of Lizzie Morgan against Edward McDonald and Constable William Davis the jury yesterday morning rendered a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$135.30.

MOVING DAY AT THE JAIL.

Population There Decreased Twenty-three Yesterday.

Twenty-one prisoners were charged from the county jail in a bunch yesterday, the cases against them having been ignored by the

grand jury. TESTIFYING IN CITY BANK CASE Devine, William Daley, James Keating, Anthony Kigolis, James Laden Defense Calls Judges Lewis, Willard, Moonsick, Joseph Miller, John Mee-Jessup and Edwards to Give Evis han, John McDermott, Martin Napdence for Their Side--Proving the ane, Peter Reiber, William Roland, Contention That the Definiting Rose Setrell, Joseph Smith, Peter

Jerome Marrello, charged with felonious wounding, was released on \$800 furnished before Judge Edwards by The City bank case was long on alias Fennell, charged with largeny road. The play has been a great sucjudges yesterday, no less than four of and receiving, was released on \$500 ball furnished by R. H. Conklin.

CLOTH FOR NEW UNIFORMS.

Received at the Thirteenth Regiment Armory Yesterday.

At the armory of the Thirteenth egiment vesterday a sufficient amount of cloth was received to make new uniforms for the members of the regiment. The cloth is of a line quality. in fact the best ever received by the egiment for such a purpose. On account of the hard usage the uniforms received during the encampment at Lattimer last fall it was found necessary to replace them. The cost of making the uniforms will

have to be borne by the companies. The work of making the garments will begin at once.

THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS.

The Old Coat.

At the Lyceum last night a new comedy, "The Old Coat," was presented ne of Smyth and Rice's companies, It is from the pen of Lieutenant W. H. Allderdice of the United States navy. and is the first dramatic effort of his that has been seen by the public. It promises to duplicate in a large dethe success of "My Friend from India" and "The Man from Mexico," which were presented by Smyth and Rice companies. "The Old Coat" had its first presentation less than two weeks ago, and the performance does not move quite as briskly now as it will after it undergoes the polishing up that every stage production must receive by actual presentations on the stage. Monday the comedy will be put on at the Bijou theater in New York for an extended run.

The story of the comedy that Lieutenant Allderdice has given to the stage does not differ radically from that of many that have preceded it but it is rutional and sufficiently complicated to give rise to not a little action and not a little fun.

The company that presented the comedy is practically the same that did "My Friend from India" in this city a few weeks ago. Frederic Bond has a congenial role in which he appears to splendid advantage and if John F. Ward is not as conspicuous as in "My Friend from India," he has in the role of Montgomery Wood, a hen-pecked husband, a character he does full justice to, Other clever members of the company are Clayton White, John B. Maher, Miss Helen Kenner and Miss Nita Allen. Miss May Vokes did some excellent charatic work as Beatrice O'Rafferty.

What Dreams May Come. Paul Kester, who wrote "What Dreams May Come," is a cousin of W. H. Howells, the novelist. Mr. Kester's first play was done in collabora-"Tess" of today. This was "The Countess Rondine" and it was produced by Madame Modjeska. Plays of Kester's were subsequently produced by the late Alexander Salvini Rhea and Walker Whiteside.

Dreams May Come" will be produced | ******************* at the Lyceum tonight by an exceptionally strong company.

Richards and Canfield in My Boys. Among the well known players supporting George Richards and Eugene Canfield who will be seen at the Lvceum Saturday evening, are Sallie Stembler. Marie Uart, Florence Earl, Caroline Rhoades, Ida May Parks and Frank A. Lyon, George E. Ricketts, George E. Martin and Archie Allen.

be presented.

'My Boys" is the comedy that will

The Real Widow Brown. laugh go and see "The Real Widow Brown" when she comes to the Academy the first half of next week. The lady is the leading character in one cess wherever produced and it is safe to say its popularity will be duplicated here. Manager Scammon has intreduced a wealth of innovations in the shape of bright and catchy songs and fascinating dances.

Robie's Knickerbockers.

"Robbie's Knickerbockere" gave excellent entertainments at Music hall vesterday afternoon and evening to delighted audiences. With the exception of Edna Aug, who has been succeded by Nellie Seymour, the Knickerbocker company remains about the same as at the last visit to this city. Mies Seymour, while not quite so sprightly in the day of dancing as her predecessor, has a much better voice and excels in character work. company includes the well-known favorites: M. S. Whalen, the novel entertainer; John and Estelle Wills, Misses Alcene and LaRue, the singing acrobats; Emma Krouse, the prima donna; Charles and John Burke, who were received with usual enthusiasm by their admirers in the audience. A special feature was the performance of the Rose family, four very small colered people who sang and performed the cake walk in a manner that brought down the house. They will be hereafter known as "Robie's Pickanintes." The German version of "High Rorn Lady," by Misses Aleene, Howe, Wills and Renee, and the trio from "Atilla," by Misses Krouse and La Rue and Mr. Whalen were enthusiastically encored. The Knickerbockers will appear at Music hall afternoon and evening for the balance of the week.

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