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CITY COUNCILS.

Regular Meeting—Petitions—Ordinances—Reports of Committees—New Market House—Retrenchment and Reform, &c.

A regular meeting of the Select and Common Councils of the city was held yesterday, Monday, October 24th, 1869, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Select Council.

Members present: Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Armstrong, Brown, Burgwin, Coffin, Craig, Dickson, Edwards, Gallagher, Gross, Hallman, Harriman, Jones, Kebew, Kirk, Laufman, Littell, Lloyd, Marshall, Morrow, Murdoch, Murray, McClelland, McEwen, Ogden, Rafferty, Schmidt, Scully, Shipton, Walnwright, S. J., Walnwright, Z., Watson, White, Wilson, Zarn.

On motion of Mr. Murdoch Mr. Gross was called to the chair.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were then read and approved.

COMMON COUNCIL BUSINESS.

An ordinance providing for the opening of Miltenberger alley, read three times and passed in C. C., was taken up and concurred in.

An ordinance granting Walter, Slocum & Co. the right of way across Second avenue, read three times and passed, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Ogden, was laid over.

An ordinance for the opening of Doty's alley, passed finally in C. C., was concurred in.

An ordinance for the construction of a sewer on Marion street, passed finally in C. C., was, on motion of Mr. Brown, referred to the Street Committee.

A resolution relative to paving Diamond Square with Nicholson pavement, referred to the Committee in C. C., was taken up and concurred in.

NEW BUSINESS.

Mr. Hallman presented a petition for the opening of Egenton avenue, in the Twentieth ward, accompanied by an ordinance providing for the same.

The petition was read and accepted, and the rules suspended, and the ordinance passed finally.

Mr. Jones presented a petition from the St. Paul's Episcopal congregation on Roberts street, asking that a committee be appointed to examine into and investigate the amount of damage sustained by the church of said congregation in the grading of Roberts street.

Mr. Shipton moved to lay the matter on the table.

Mr. Burgwin called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Ahlborn, Craig, Gallaher, Kebew, Morrow, McEwen, Ogden, Rafferty, Schmidt, Shipton, Walnwright, S. J., Watson, White, Zarn. Total, 14.

Nays—Ahl, Armstrong, Brown, Burgwin, Dickson, Edwards, Gross, Hallman, Harriman, Jones, Kirk, Laufman, Littell, Lloyd, Marshall, Murdoch, Murray, McClelland, Scully, Walnwright, Z. Total, 21.

So the motion to lay on the table was lost.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the resolution to appoint a committee.

Mr. Burgwin, amended by requiring the Committee to consult the City Solicitor relative to the liability of the city to pay damages.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted, and Messrs. Littell and Shipton appointed.

Mr. Burgwin presented a petition for the opening, grading, erecting houses on Home-wood avenue, accompanied by a resolution instructing the Road Committee to give notice to all persons encroaching on the road in such manner to remove the obstructions complained of to the Road Committee.

Mr. Kirk presented a petition for the opening of Ella street, in the Eleventh ward. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr. Kirk presented a petition relative to the opening of Sarah street. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Kirk presented the petition of Leibert & Co. for the construction of the Duquesne avenue sewer by which a private sewer would be avoided. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and City Solicitor.

Mr. Kirk presented a petition from Mr. Spencer for the construction of a wooden building, and moved the appointment of a committee to investigate, and that no permit be issued. Adopted.

Mr. Schmidt, a remonstrance against the widening of the Greenburgh Turnpike road. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Schmidt presented a petition for gas lamps on Fifteenth street. Referred to Gas Committee.

Mr. Schmidt presented a remonstrance against the grading of Cooper street. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Schmidt presented the report of the Finance Committee and the report of the Committee on Sewers, sundry bills, and recommending certain transfers, and the ordinance appropriating $20,000 to the Sewer Fund. Read, the report of the Committee on Sewers, the ordinance and the transfers, and the report of the Committee on Finance, October 12, 1869, and charges No. 18, Contingent Fund, and Water Loan. Report accepted and resolution adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Shipton, from the Gas Committee, presented the following report:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Gas Lighting would respectfully recommend the erection of gas lamps at the following points:

One at the corner of Grant street and Cherry alley; one at the corner of Webster and Fulton street; one at the corner of Thirtieth street and Mulberry alley; four on Thirty-ninth street, between Butler street and the A. V. R. R.; four on Fortieth street, between Butler street and the A. V. R. R.; three on Fifty-fifth street; one on the corner of Magee and Forbes street; four on Roberts street, between Centre avenue and Ash street.

Read, accepted and adopted.

Mr. Ahlborn, a resolution for gas lamp at Charlotte and Thirty-seventh streets. Adopted.

Mr. Rafferty presented an ordinance for the widening of Fifth avenue, from High street to Jammonville street. Read three times and passed finally.

Mr. Burgwin, an ordinance defining and establishing the boundary line between the 10th and 12th wards.

Mr. Burgwin moved to refer the matter to the Ordinance Committee. The motion was lost.

The question then reoccurred on the adoption of the ordinance, which passed finally.

Mr. Kebew presented an ordinance changing the grade on Duncan street between Green and Davillers street. Read three times and passed.

Mr. Watson, an ordinance for the opening of Denny street from Haslett street to the Greenburg Pike. Read three times and passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Schmidt, an ordinance for the grading, paving and curbing of the Greenburg pike from Butler street to St. Marys cemetery. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Kirk arose to a question of privilege to announce the death of Mr. Daniel Holmes, his colleague from the 13th ward. After paying a high tribute to the deceased, the following preamble and resolutions were submitted:

WHEREAS, The Almighty, in His inscrutable wisdom, has removed from among us David Holmes, one of our members of the Select Council of the City of Pittsburgh, and we deem it proper to pay a tribute of respect to his memory; therefore,

Resolved, That our Council, in the death of David Holmes, has lost a valuable and efficient member, one whose knowledge of municipal business was comprehensive and thorough, and whose advice and opinion in the same were sound and correct, and one who by his punctual attendance, faithful and conscientious discharge of his duties, and the firm and decided stand that he took in behalf of every measure that he believed to be right, merited and received the confidence and respect of every member of this body.

Resolved, That the community has, by his death, lost a worthy, honest and reputable citizen, and his family a kind husband and affectionate father.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of the deceased our condolence and sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of deceased, and also that they be entered upon the minutes of Council.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Morrow presented the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Gas Lighting be authorized to have a gas lamp erected at the corner of Stephenson street and Beach alley; also on the corner of Van Brum street and St. Patricks alley.

Referred to the Gas Committee.

Mr. Marshall presented the following:

Resolved, That the City Engineer be instructed to proceed with the repaving of Diamond alley, between Wood and Smithfield streets.

Mr. Craig moved that the paving be done, provided the city was kept from expense.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Ogden presented the following:

Resolved, That the Council Chamber be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days, in respect to the memory of our deceased member, David Holmes, Esq.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Craig called up the report of the Market Committee presented at a former meeting, and laid over, relating to a new Market House.

A lengthy discussion ensued as to the cost of the property, and the propriety of constructing a Market House at the point named.

Mr. Gallaher thought the price asked for the property was too high.

Mr. Rafferty and others held that the property was cheap at the price asked.

Mr. Hallman favored market houses and all other improvements, but thought it best to make haste slowly.

Mr. Kirk opposed market houses generally; he thought them nuisances, and held that private enterprise should furnish places for vegetable dealers.

Mr. Jones thought that a site that would answer the purpose could be obtained for less money.

After some further discussion, the yeas and nays were called on the adoption of the first resolution relative to the purchase of a lot, with the following result:

Yeas—Ahlborn, Armstrong, Burgwin, Craig, Gross, Hallman, Kebew, Laufman, Littell, Lloyd, Marshall, Morrow, Murdoch Murray, McEwen, Ogden, Rafferty, Scully, Shipton, Walnwright, S. J., White, and Zarn—22.

Nays—Messrs. Ahl, Brown, Coffin, Dickson, Edwards, Gallaher, Hartman, Jones, Kirk, McClelland, Rees, Schmidt, Walnwright, Z., Watson, and Wilson—15.

So the resolution was adopted.

The resolution relative to the organization of a company for the erection of a Market House was taken up and adopted without discussion.

Mr. Kirk offered a resolution requesting the Mayor to issue his proclamation for a special election to be held November 15th, 1869, for a member of Select Council, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the Death of David Holmes, in the Eighteenth ward.

Adopted.

Mr. McEwen presented an ordinance abolishing the office of Clerk of Markets. Read three times and passed under a suspension of the rules.

The report of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, presented in C. C., was taken up and read.

Mr. Brown said that he cared little for the insinuations of Ben Morgan that he was the paid counsel of Mr. Smith; he would just say that if he was the paid counsel of Smith it was more than he could say for Morgan, as he had done work for Morgan for which he had never yet been paid. When Mr. Morgan asserted that he was paid by Mr. Smith he was a liar and a slanderer, and that Morgan's slanders could not effect him in this community. He did not desire to make any point relative to the acception or adoption of the report, but only desired to refute the lies and slanders uttered by the chairman of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

Some discussion arose as to the reception of the report.

Mr. Kirk offered a resolution sending the report back to Common Council with a request that it be recommitted, to have the personalities expunged.

Mr. Kirk said he had been charged by Mr. Morgan of having sold his vote to Smith, and that he had even written letters to his (Kirk's) neighbors, stating that he (Kirk) had been bought by Smith. He thought Select Council should protect its members from the slanders of such a man.

The resolution was adopted.

Council adjourned.

Common Council.

President Tomlinson in the chair.

Members present: Albelts, Anderson, Ardary, Barr, Barton, Batchelor, Bell, Berger, Black, Boggs, Booth, Carroll, Case, Coleman, Davis, Dauth, Dunseath, Fleming, Gerner, Hare, House, Houston, Hutchison, Jahn, Jones, Lanahan, Lockhart, Lynch, McMasters, Meanor, Meyer, Moore, Moorhead, Morgan, Nixon, Pearson, Penney, Rebman, Reed, Rook, Rosewell, Seifferth, Sims, Schott, Scott, Verner, Vick, Waughter, Weldon, Welsh, and President Tomlinson.

Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, &c.

Mr. Sims presented a resolution instructing the City Controller to report to Councils the amount paid to the City Treasurer the last eight months, the amount paid by him into the City Treasury during that time. Read three times and passed.

Mr. Sims, petition for gas lamp on Scott alley. Referred to Gas Committee.

Mr. Weldon, resolution granting Finance Committee power to act upon claim of Hastings and O'Neil for paving.

Read three times and passed.

Mr. Mayer, petition for gas lamp on St. Patrick's alley, Sixth ward. Referred to Gas Committee.

Mr. Rebman, petition for gas lamps on Crawford and Bedford streets. Referred to Gas Committee.

Mr. Moorhead, petition for grading and repairing Erin street.

Mr. Moorhead moved its reference to the Street Committee, with power to act.

Mr. Penny moved to amend by striking out "with power to act."

The yeas and nays were called on the amendment, resulting in yeas 30, nays 14.

The amendment was accordingly carried, and the petition was referred, as usual.

Mr. Meanor, petition for grading and paving Greenburgh turnpike at its present width, and remonstrating against widening of same, as proposed. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr. Morgan, petition of citizens of the Twenty second and Twenty-third wards, asking for a re-survey of Fort Mills Run sewer.

Mr. Morgan moved its reference to Survey Committee.

Mr. Houston stated the Committee had gone over the road twice, and both times had almost unanimously decided on the route as presented for consideration of Councils.

After some further discussion the petition was referred to the Survey Committee.

Mr. Moorhead, remonstrance against the report of the viewers on the opening of Roberts street, and asking for new viewers. Referred to the street Committee.

THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Weldon, from the Committee on Streets, presented the following report:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Streets would respectfully report the following ordinances: One for changing the names of Wylie street, Wylie street extension and Duncan street to Wylie avenue; and Greensburg Pike and Penn street to Penn avenue; one for numbering houses in the Fifteenth and Seventeenth wards; one for extension of public sewer on Diamond street.

The report was received, and the ordinances read three times and passed.

"HERE WE ARE AGAIN."

Mr. Morgan called up the business from Select Council in reference to the special report of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

The Chairman read the communication of Mr. Wm. Smith in reference to charges made in the report, which had been published in the proceedings of a preceding meeting of Councils.

INGENUITY TO A MEMBER.

When about half way through Mr. Bell objected, on the grounds that the paper reflected severely on a member of Council, and was of such a personal character that out of mere civility it should not be read.

Mr. Morgan begged that the President would be allowed to proceed.

Mr. Hare thought it but justice to Mr. Morgan that the paper should be read.

Mr. Bell withdrew his motion, and the President continued until the communication had been read through.

Mr. Bell moved to lay the communication on the table. He wanted to hear Mr. Smith but thought a paper of that character, containing so many personalities, should not be received.

The paper was laid on the table.

SOMETHING MORE ABOUT THOSE PIPES.

Mr. Morgan now presented the following report of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform:

The Committee on Retrenchment and Reform beg leave to make the following additional report touching the alleged frauds upon the city by Wm. Smith, contractor for furnishing water pipes and miscellaneous castings.

In the report submitted on August 30th last past, it will be recollected that your Committee stated "that they had employed men and horses and hauled four pieces of water pipe twenty inches in diameter, taken indiscriminately from a number that had been delivered to the city by the contractor, and had them weighed by the city weighmaster upon the Forty-third street scales, and found them to average 2,658 pounds each." This serious charge, involving a deficiency in weight under the contract with the city, in a communication from Mr. Smith to your honorable bodies, dated September 20th, 1869, was denied by him, it being alleged that these pipes weighed 2,620, 2,630, 2,763 and 2,815 pounds respectively, or an average of 2,720 pounds each. It was further alleged by Mr. Smith that the pipe weighing 2,876 pounds was a piece of short pipe, and that the 20-inch pipe furnished by him to the city varied in weight from 2,660 to 2,900 pounds, which was a substantial compliance with the terms of his contract." In view of these allegations your Committee have deemed it their duty to obtain, and herewith present for the consideration of Councils, the sworn testimony of Mr. Jess M. Covert, City Weighmaster, who weighed the pipe on the Forty-third street scales, as well as the affidavits of other citizens, (one of them, Mr. Alex. Black, a member of Council, from the Fifteenth ward) who were present at the time, and witnessed the weighing. It will be seen that these affidavits contradict in the most positive manner every allegation of Mr. Smith, the contractor, and publicly sustain the charge of fraudulent practices by him, as alleged by your Committee in their former report. An inspection of the official certificates furnished by weighmaster Covert, and appended to his affidavit, discloses the fact that Mr. Smith, in the weight given by him in the four twenty inch pipes, had embraced the weight of the large end blocks, used in the handling of the pipes, to escape the palpable evidence of fraud as indicated by the city scales.

Your Committee, desiring to fully investigate the matter as far as practicable, have also obtained the affidavit of Mr. E. S. Magee, city weighmaster, touching the weight of the 3-inch pipe on Second avenue, furnished by Mr. Smith. In his communication of September 20, to Councils, Mr. Smith states in regard to these pipes that the average weight of 3-inch pipe, as charged to him by the city, was 575 pounds each. The affidavit of Mr. Magee sets up the weight of six of these pipes as weighed by him on the city scales on Water street, in the Second ward, shows the average weight of these pipes to be only 554 pounds. An examination as far as practicable of the bills rendered by Mr. Smith to the city, and sworn to before the Controller, show that the average weight charged by Mr. Smith to the city was 720 pounds for each 3-inch pipe, making a difference of 56 pounds upon each 3-inch pipe against the city.

Your Committee regret the necessity that has compelled them to persevere in this gigantic fraud upon the city (for in no other light can it be regarded.) A difference of even a few pounds upon each piece of pipe furnished the city under the heavy contract with Mr. Smith, which has already extended over a period of two years, would amount to an enormous sum in the aggregate, his bid for a single month alone amounting to over $20,000.

In this connection the removal by Mr. Smith of a large quantity of pipe already delivered by him to the city, lying on Second avenue and other thoroughfares, after your Committee had entered upon this investigation, and before they had an opportunity of ascertaining their weight, and the burial of all the twenty inch pipe that had been lying on Butler street for one year, are facts of peculiar significance. In our judgment the sworn testimony herewith furnished, as well as the other circumstances alluded to, are of such a nature as to call for the most searching scrutiny by Councils; and we, therefore, urge that suitable action to that end may be taken by your honorable bodies, as an act of justice alike to the city and the contractor. Mr. Smith has fallen into the pernicious error that this is a controversy between him and the Chairman of your Committee. This is a mistake. It is submitted with entire confidence that the trash about "Mr. Chairman Morgan, Mr. Coleman Morgan, and Morgan's scales," in which Mr. Smith sees fit to indulge, in his recent communication to Councils, in no way affects the truth or falsity of the charges as to the weight of the pipe furnished the city. When this matter is properly disposed of, it will be time enough to raise such outside issues, and to severally pass upon them should Councils deem them worthy of notice.

Speaking for himself alone, the Chairman of your Committee denies that Mr. Smith ever asked him the privilege of meeting the Committee, or of reading the anonymous letter he received through the mails, and asserts that it was common talk upon the street that frauds were being committed by Mr. Smith, and that the three pieces of eight inch pipe weighed upon the private scales of Mr. Smith by the Chairman of your Committee, were not made or marked for delivery to the city, as by reference to his bill of August last, it will be seen that he gives the city credit for one hundred and twenty-five pieces of eight inch pipe from the Second avenue, and we would respectfully ask why he took pipe of the same size off the streets and delivered other pipe in their place, and if he will be kind enough to explain how it came that all but one of the pipes weighed by the Chairman of the Committee, upon which the marks could be read, fell short of the weight marked upon them, and why he did not use the same figures in marking them, and not use hieroglyphics that could not be deciphered without a key.

The Chairman of your Committee hopes to escape the wrath of Mr. Smith, and even to outlive the curses and malediction of that good man's pals caused, as represented in his letter in the Select Branch of the City Councils.

B. W. MONGAN,
S. MORGAN,
EVAN JONES.

Appended to the report were affidavits from Jesse M. Covert, Weighmaster at Butler street scales, and from E. S. Magee, Weighmaster at Water street scales, in reference to the weights of the water pipes referred to in the report, and substantiating the figures given therein.

Mr. Morgan, after the reading of these papers, stated he presented them as an answer to the accusations and slanders against himself, and hoped that some action would be taken upon them.

SHARP PASSAGES.

Mr. Reed moved to strike out that portion of the report which refers to "the paid counsel of Mr. Smith." He wanted the affair fully investigated, but didn't believe in any personalities.

The Chairman stated the question would first come on the amendment.

Mr. Morgan said the report was signed by all the members of the committee, and he thought it should come up properly as any other report, without being amended at all.

Mr. McKelvy deprecated any personalities. He thought the report, with that exception, all fair enough, and he thought it should be received. He, however, strongly objected to the insinuations that had been thrown out against a member of Select Council, and a gentleman whom from his long acquaintance with him, he felt satisfied would do nothing dishonorable.

Mr. Morgan—Will the gentleman allow—don't you know, sir, that he's Smith's private counsel?

Mr. McKelvy—Well, no sir, I—

Mr. Morgan—Well, I do then—

[Cries of order, order, and vigorous rapping of the gavel by the chairman.]

Mr. Penny thought it a curious proceeding to amend the report of a committee, one which Councils should not do. He thought it would do great harm to accept the report. He did not admire the personality objected to, but thought a mere acceptance of the report would not endorse it.

Mr. McKelvy insisted that the objectionable clause should be stricken out. Insinuations as contained had laid on the table Mr. Smith's communication, because of its personality.

Mr. Weldon thought further the Committee should be corrected in their error in relation to the statement concerning the removal of the pipes from Second avenue by Mr. Smith. It was not done by him, but by the authority of the Water Committee, who desired to change the pipes.

Mr. Morgan said he didn't know anything about that. He only knew they had been removed, and he incorporated the fact in his report. He didn't know what Smith's motives or orders were which caused him to haul the pipes away.

PRIVILEGE REFUSED.

Mr. Reed said that as the business manager for Mr. Stewart was present, he thought it but just that the privileges of house should be granted him, to explain.

Mr. Penney objected to any but members taking part in the discussion.

Mr. Reed thought there was a disposition manifested to try Mr. Smith. The members seemed to intimate in their remarks that he was on trial.

Mr. Morgan said such was not the intention of any one. Mr. Smith, further than his connection with the report under discussion, was not known officially to the present time by Councils. They had no disposition to treat him as if on trial.

Mr. Bell wanted to know what would be the object of striking out the obnoxious part of the report. He wished to have all things proceed by rule.

Mr. Penney insisted Councils had no right to amend or interpolate the report; they must either receive or refer it back to the Committee, with instructions.

Mr. Reed moved to refer it back.

Mr. Penney said he thought Mr. Smith was not on trial nor anybody else. He didn't think the passage objected to so very ominous or so much of a slang phrase, as some people tried to make it. It didn't necessarily imply that Mr. Smith's counsel would do anything in Council conflicting with his duties as a member.

Mr. Reed's motion to refer back was voted down.

Mr. McKelvy moved to strike out the passage objected to.

Ruled out of order by the Chair.

Mr. McMasters moved to accept the report.

Mr. Reed called for the yeas and nays.

Mr. Houston wished the President to instruct members that they were only voting in opposition to the objectionable passage; not the whole report.

Mr. Reed said he only objected to the report because of its personalities.

THE REPORT RECEIVED.

The yeas and nays were now called, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Albelts, Anderson, Barton*, Batchelor, Bell*, Berger, Black, Boggs, Booth, Carroll, Case*, Dain, Dauth, Dunseath, Gerner, Hare, House, Jahn, Jones, Kremer, Lanahan, Lockhart, McKelvy*, McMasters, Meanor, Meyer*, Moore, Moorehead, Nixon, Pearson*, Penney, Rebman, Rosewell, Seifferth, Sims, Schott, Scott*, Verner, Vetter, Vick, Waughter*, Weldon*, Welsh, and Tomlinson, President—44.

Nays—Messrs. Barr*, Casker*, Fleming*, Houston*, Reed*, and Rook—4.

Those marked thus (*) caused to be entered on the minute-book of Council a protest against the personal allusions in the report to a member of the Select Branch who was termed "Mr. Smith's paid counsel," believing that so much should be expunged from the record. Mr. Weldon in addition entered his protest against several assertions which he said were not in keeping with the truth.

The protests were handed in writing to the Clerk, and after being read were recorded, after which the vote was announced.

Mr. Morgan rose to a personal explanation, in reference to a statement which had been made at a preceding meeting of Councils, when a member of the Committee had stated he did not sign, or had never seen the report. He then detailed the circumstances attending the meeting of the Committee, at which this member was present and made suggestions as to how the report was made, after which he said he would sign it. He was then presented to him on Monday he refused to sign it, giving as reasons that a gentleman, "hurt" in the report, was his patron, and he did not wish to lose his business, and second, that his lawyer had advised him not to sign it. The speaker further continued that the member had left a memorandum on his desk stating that if certain alterations were made he would sign it, and yet when this was done he refused to do so.

The speaker continued in this strain for some time, reflecting severely on the conduct of his fellow-members, and the one in question in particular, and closed with presenting a number of papers and memorandums which, he said, substantiated his statements.

Mr. Rook here interrupted and moved to proceed with the business from the Water Committee.

Another animated discussion here ensued, during which each member seemed to strive out for himself, irrespective of rules.

Mr. McKelvy seconded Mr. Rook's motion and pressed a vote.

Mr. Morgan arose and began a tirade against another member of Select Council, whom he characterized as a Judas Iscariot, who stood, harlot like, on the public political pavement, selling his politics for the silver, and then—

Mr. McCarthy interrupted and called the gentleman to order.

Mr. Morgan—I have had my say, and I'll sit down.

After some further excited passages between the members, a vote was finally taken on the motion to take up the Water Committee's business, which was lost by a vote of 34 yeas to 14 nays, a three fourths vote being required to take it up.

CHANGE OF ELECTION DAY.

Mr. Boggs presented a resolution instructing the Ordinance Committee to prepare an act to be sent to the Legislature for passage, changing the time of holding Pittsburgh Municipal elections, so that they may not be held on the same day as the State and county elections. Read three times and passed.

ORDINANCES CALLED UP.

Mr. Batchelor called up the ordinance in reference to constructing of plank walk on the north side of Greensburg turnpike from Negley avenue to Negley street. Read three times and passed.

Mr. McKelvy called up the ordinance for a public sewer on Twenty-seventh street. Read three times and passed.

Mr. Batchelor called up an ordinance for the opening of Shady Lane. Referred to Road Committee.

Mr. Weldon called up the Water Committee business from Select Council last month. Carried.

Mr. Weldon called up the Water Committee business.

The Chairman decided this out of order, under the motion just passed, as the Water Committee business had not been laid over from last meeting.

Mr. Weldon thought the methods employed to put off this important business were unjust and unfair.

After some skirmishing and several motions and counter-motions, a motion was carried with the consideration of the Water Committee's business prevailed.

Mr. Tomlinson vacated the chair, and called upon Mr. Batchelor to preside.

PRESENTATION.

Mr. Morgan asked leave of Council to present a Parian marble urn, from the Keystone Pottery, Messrs. Kier & Co., proprietors. The urn was tendered as a specimen of Pittsburgh manufactures, the first of its kind ever turned out in the city.

The Chairman cautiously cautioned the members of Council in reference to the acceptance of gifts.

Mr. Reed stated that as it came through the hands of the Chairman of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, it must be all right in this case. [Laughter.]

On motion of Mr. Houston the gift was then accepted, and a vote of thanks tendered Messrs. Keir & Co. for its presentation.

THE NEW WATER WORKS.

Mr. Batchelor, chairman, now read the ordinance relative to the purchase of a site offered by Messrs. Coleman, Rahm & Co. for a new water works.

Mr. Morgan said he would like to know the price and all the circumstances connected with the proposed purchase, for which he called for the reading of the report of the Water Committee.

Mr. McCarthy presented the written proposition of Messrs. Coleman, Rahm & Co. in reference to the sale of the site. [Heretofore published.]

WHO IS COLONLMASTER ABROAD.

The Chairman here, in answer to the request of Mr. Morgan, essayed to read the report of the Water Committee, but after declaiming a few sentences, was compelled to hand the manuscript to the clerk. That official long accustomed to indifferent chirography, started off as a lively rate and was about establishing his superior claims as a reader, when suddenly he was nonplussed and finally acknowledging his inability to proceed, passed the missive to a representative of a morning daily. Repeated experience in the manuscripts of all descriptions promised relief from the suspense which now began to steal over the assemblage, but the malignant smile of secret triumph which the new reader cast upon the footsack containing the hieroglyphics, and the sly and cheerful way in which he disposed of the first few sentences, strengthened the opinion that he was master of the situation. Alas! it was not to be.

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Mr. Penney said he thought Mr. Smith was not on trial nor anybody else. He didn't think the passage objected to so very ominous or so much of a slang phrase, as some people tried to make it. It didn't necessarily imply that Mr. Smith's counsel would do anything in Council conflicting with his duties as a member.

Mr. Reed's motion to refer back was voted down.

Mr. McKelvy moved to strike out the passage objected to.

Ruled out of order by the Chair.

Mr. McMasters moved to accept the report.

Mr. Reed called for the yeas and nays.

Mr. Houston wished the President to instruct members that they were only voting in opposition to the objectionable passage; not the whole report.

Mr. Reed said he only objected to the report because of its personalities.

THE REPORT RECEIVED.

The yeas and nays were now called, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Albelts, Anderson, Barton*, Batchelor, Bell*, Berger, Black, Boggs, Booth, Carroll, Case*, Dain, Dauth, Dunseath, Gerner, Hare, House, Jahn, Jones, Kremer, Lanahan, Lockhart, McKelvy*, McMasters, Meanor, Meyer*, Moore, Moorehead, Nixon, Pearson*, Penney, Rebman, Rosewell, Seifferth, Sims, Schott, Scott*, Verner, Vetter, Vick, Waughter*, Weldon*, Welsh, and Tomlinson, President—44.

Nays—Messrs. Barr*, Casker*, Fleming*, Houston*, Reed*, and Rook—4.

Those marked thus (*) caused to be entered on the minute-book of Council a protest against the personal allusions in the report to a member of the Select Branch who was termed "Mr. Smith's paid counsel," believing that so much should be expunged from the record at least should be expunged from the record. Mr. Weldon in addition entered his protest against several assertions which he said were not in keeping with the truth.

The protests were handed in writing to the Clerk, and after being read were recorded, after which the vote was announced.

Mr. Morgan rose to a personal explanation, in reference to a statement which had been made at a preceding meeting of Councils, when a member of the Committee had stated he did not sign, or had never seen the report. He then detailed the circumstances attending the meeting of the Committee, at which this member

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