

DEATH'S HEAD AT THE FEAST.

President Lowry Directs Attention of His Democratic Brethren to Their Doom.

PUTTING ON THE GLOVES OVER WATER.

Council Decides to Tap the City Mains Despite the Company's Protest—Pay for Registrars—Other Matters.

The council got the laugh on President Lowry at the regular meeting held last night.

Last January when the council was organized the republicans were not in it to any great extent. Mr. Chaffee was appointed chairman of the committee on rules.

Mr. Chaffee reported to the council on his committee on rules and additions. Since that date, while reports of other committees have been transmitted to the council for approval or rejection, these gentlemen have sat quietly by and listened.

Last night as the committees were called in, due time, President Lowry remarked, "Has the committee on rules any report?"

"None, Mr. President," responded Mr. Chaffee. "Has the committee on plats and additions any report?"

"None, Mr. President," answered Mr. Davis.

The other fourteen members laughed, and then President Lowry remarked, "I'll be wry after the first of the year."

"It does look that way, Tom," answered Mr. Davis and then the members laughed again.

One Poll Book Missing. The council expected to receive the report of the canvassing board but it was not forthcoming.

In going through the returns from various precincts the board had discovered that the poll book of the Second district of the Eighth ward had not been returned to the city clerk.

The sergeant-at-arms had been to the home of J. W. Furnas, one of the judges, and that gentleman had informed him that he had not returned it because he had not returned all abouts and blanks that he had received.

City Clerk Groves stated that in the matter of the district referred to the judge had returned to him the poll book of the Board of Education, but the city poll book was nowhere to be found.

Messrs. Bruner and Olsen agreed to investigate and locate the book. With that understanding the council adjourned to sit at 4 o'clock this afternoon to hear the report of the canvassing board.

The returns of the eighty-seven districts canvassed were not noted, but when completed the result will show practically the same figures as were published in this Bee several days ago.

Given Their First Lesson. Councilmen Ed Prince, Edwards and Steele sat in the lobby as silent witnesses to the proceedings. Mr. Ellasser saw them and at once moved that they be invited within the hall.

The gentlemen were provided with chairs and for several hours they looked and listened.

By resolution of the city attorney was instructed to confess judgment in favor of Emily R. Whitlock for the sum of \$4,650.

The judgment settles the question of the payment for a tract of land in the vicinity of Twenty-ninth and Farnam streets. The land in question was taken for the purpose of opening a street.

Chairman Birkhauser of the Board of Public Works informed the council that the water works company refused to tap the water mains in streets where the contracts for making connections had been awarded.

He said the company refused to even let the contractor tap the mains and make the connections.

Mr. Osthoff wanted a committee of three appointed to confer with the water works company.

Mr. Davis said there was no conference necessary. The time had come when the city should declare itself and find out whether the water works company or the people owned the city.

Mr. Chaffee stated that a machine for tapping mains could be purchased for \$100, and if bought the contractor could do the work.

Mr. Davis offered an amendment that the contractor purchase the machine and that the contractor be instructed to do his duty.

Mr. Cooper spoke in favor of the amendment and declared that it was time that the city should assert its rights.

The amendment carried, all of the sixteen members voting in favor of it.

Mr. Engineer Tillson called the attention of the council to the fact that there was a large amount of work for the board of equalization to transact before the close of the new system there would have to be no new ones served and published. He asked for instructions.

Upon motion Messrs. Davis, Donnelly and Mowery were appointed a committee to confer with Engineer Tillson relative to the plan to be pursued.

Pay for the Registrars. The registrars who sat prior to the recent city election presented a communication, asking what they were to be paid for their services.

Mr. Mowery said that last year they were paid \$100 each, and he saw no reason why they should not be paid the same this year. The men had served five days each.

Mr. Davis was of the opinion that \$30 would be too much. Mr. Cooper thought that if they were paid \$3 each they would be satisfied.

Mr. Conway wanted the men paid at least \$10 per day, as they had earned their money. Mr. Tuttle had no objection to tapping the eight hour law and had found that the extra time would amount to \$9,100.

Mr. Bruner said the law provided that registrars should be paid \$10 per day. If they served six days he saw no reason why they should be paid double what the law provided for.

It was at last decided to allow the registrars not to exceed \$30 each.

The comptroller was authorized to advertise for bids for furnishing the city with lumber, stationary, horse feed, printing, books, advertising and lithographing during the ensuing year.

To Store Election Booths. There were two bids for constructing a shed in which to store the election booths at Eleventh and Nicholas streets. J. A. Knowles bid \$382.50 and William Rice \$440.

Mr. Cooper moved to award the contract to the lower bidder.

Mr. Osthoff said that the Metropolitan Street railway contemplated holding an election and why not wait until it was decided to hold that election.

Mr. Ellasser urged that there had been no advertisement inserted, asking for bids, and never heard of such a way of letting a contract.

Mr. Cooper withdrew his motion, after which Mr. Davis moved that the comptroller advertise five days for bids for removing the booths to the city lot on Eleventh and Nicholas streets, where a building for their storage will be erected. The motion prevailed.

Pat O'Hara, who served under the direction of the Board of Public Works as an inspector, asked for twenty-one days' pay. He had been discharged without cause.

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