

which the bill was allowed on a strict party vote of 10 to 3.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following appropriations were then made:

Groesbeck Co.....	\$ 50 00
E. D. Hoge.....	25 00
E. D. Hoge.....	80 00
Joseph Lippman.....	132 00
Mount & Griffin.....	2,012 25
J. E. O'Brien.....	150 00
Samuel Gallenzl.....	185 00
Mrs. Wm. Gilbert.....	380 55

Total.....\$2,964 80

THE LOOFBOUROW SENSATION.

The communication from the Mayor on the alleged questionable methods of President Loofbourow was then re-read by the recorder and on motion of Rich a committee of five consisting of Beardsley, Horn, Rich, Evans and Wantland was appointed to make an investigation and report back to the council.

President Loofbourow said he wished it understood that the charges preferred by the Mayor were a little high sounding and that it would be so proven in the due process of time.

THE PERPETUAL WATER PIPE WRANGLE.

The communication from his honor in regard to the purchase of 850 tons of water pipe was again read after which Moran made a lengthy speech in which he resented in very strong language the charges of the Mayor. He said he felt aggrieved, he had been insulted, and his honesty had been trampled upon. He wanted it understood (with emphasis) that somebody had lied. As to who this corporation Annias was the council could draw its own conclusion. The Mayor was no business man and the council knew it. Business men only were capable of handling such a matter.

For fifty minutes and until nearly midnight the Mayor's veto was discussed, after which it was temporarily disposed of by action being postponed until the next meeting of the council.

Adjourned until Friday night next, at 7:30.

AN AFTER SEANCE.

Last night's meeting of the City Council was a series of exciting seances, and they did not end with adjournment.

On motion of Councilman Rich the communication from the Mayor which accused Councilman Lawson of Shylock proclivities, was referred to Mr. Lawson to bring in a report on the matter himself. Immediately after adjournment the latter, considerably nettled, walked to the recorder's table and picked the document up and placed it in the inner breast pocket of his coat.

Deputy Recorder Dennis was on his feet like a flash and said: "That is not business, Mr. Lawson. You cannot take the paper in that manner. We will refer it to you tomorrow when it has been duly stamped and entered upon the records."

"That talk is all stuff. The matter was referred to me tonight, and I intend to keep the document. It interests me more than anyone else and I propose to report upon it."

"I don't object to that at all, but your action is irregular and without precedent and I can't consent to you taking the paper in that manner."

"Well, I've got it, anyway," said Mr. Lawson, starting for the door. He was closely followed by Mr. Dennis who insisted that the communication be returned to him.

"Oh, you keep your place," roared the angry councilman. "Remember that you have no right to interfere in affairs that do not concern you."

"But this does concern me very much."

"I will advise you to keep your place and hold your tongue," interposed a second councilman, "It may be good for you."

"Well, I don't care; you can discharge me tomorrow if you wish, but I want you, gentlemen, to understand that I have my rights and that I will maintain them," shrieked Dennis as he trembled with rage.

Then the dispute developed into a row that threatened to become general, and some very strong and inelegant language was used. Dennis, however, finally obtained possession of the document and quickly left the chamber.

An adjourned session of the City Council was held last night. The members present were: Rich, Hardy, Folland, Lawson, Beardsley, Wantland, Karrick, Evans, Moran, Horn, Simandi, Kelly.

President Loofbourow's gavel fell at 8:05 o'clock.

MISSING MINUTES.

Recorder Stanton announced that the minutes of the meeting held Dec. 27th, mysteriously disappeared from his table during the latter part of last Tuesday night's session. Where they had gone or by whom they had been taken he did not know and had racked his brain for clue. He had therefore reproduced them as read and approved on Tuesday night and asked for instruction as to what was further required if anything.

Horn (curiously)—Were they stolen?

Recorder Stanton—I only know that they have disappeared and that the fact has caused me to sweat blood for three days.

Horn—I move that the reproduced minutes be read in order that they can be approved and thus legalized. Carried.

The new minutes were accordingly read and approved as were also the minutes of Tuesday night's session.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

It was a quarter to nine o'clock when the second set of minutes was disposed of. At that time President Loofbourow asked whether it was the pleasure of the council to proceed with the transaction of regular business or whether it was desirous of resolving itself into a committee of the whole.

Lawson—I move that we resolve ourselves into a committee of the whole. Carried.

Loofbourow left the chair and Councilman Beardsley was chosen president pro tem.

Loofbourow moved that the meeting be held with open doors. Carried.

Rich moved that the greatest freedom be allowed the members of the council to question and cross-examine the committee on waterworks in the matter of the purchase of the 163 tons of 8-inch waterpipe which the mayor vetoed. Carried.

THE VETO MESSAGE READ.

The veto message which was published in these columns on Wednesday last was read by the recorder on motion of Rich as was also the vetoed contract and a miscellaneous lot of correspondence bearing directly and indirectly on the purchase and veto. The most important was the following:

To the Honorable President and City Council:

Gentlemen—We beg leave to submit to your honorable body the following statement relating to the contract for 850 tons of six-inch pipe, referred to by his honor, the Mayor, in his veto message of the 3rd inst.

Last spring, we entered into contract with the Colorado Coal & Iron company, of Pueblo, Colorado, purchasing of them at a stated price per ton, the entire output of their mill for the year 1892. Last August your committee on waterworks called for bids for 850 tons of six-inch pipe. Our bid was the lowest, and we at once directed the Colorado Coal & Iron company to manufacture all the six-inch pipe possible. The contract was not awarded to us until some weeks later. We then placed an order with the Colorado Coal & Iron company for 450 tons, and with an eastern firm an order for 400 tons. At about that time the Colorado Coal & Fuel company purchased the entire plant of the Colorado Coal and Iron company. The former firm ignored our contract and declined to fill the order. We at once commenced suit for violation of contract, and placed with other mills orders for pipe to complete the contract.

The pipe has been slow in coming in, but enough has been shipped to complete the contract, and is now being received by the city. We have furnished the pipe faster than it was required for use, so that the city has suffered neither loss nor inconvenience by the delay.

We purchased fifteen cars of pipe of a firm with whom we had not dealt before. It was shipped subject to inspection here, and to be paid for if accepted, as shown by enclosed letter. These cars were wrecked while en route here. Before the arrival of the same we notified the superintendent of waterworks, and asked him to inspect the pipe. We also, after its arrival, stated the facts to the Mayor, and asked him to have inspectors appointed to examine each piece, and reject all that was cracked and otherwise damaged, which he did. And all pipe not sound and up to standard was rejected.

The attached certificate shows that the shipment was wrecked; that eighty-four pieces were a total loss, and that the inspectors who examined the pipe here found thirty-six pieces cracked and unfit for use.

His honor's statement that a portion of the order for 850 tons was furnished by the Colorado Coal and Iron company, is not true. That firm did not furnish any portion of the pipe for said order. After the above shipment of pipe had been received and settled to the satisfaction of all parties, his honor, the Mayor invited us to bid on 800 feet of 16-inch pipe lately purchased by the city, showing that he did not at that time consider us irresponsible bidders, that "would hunt up pipe which was not salable in other markets." When our bid was accepted for 213 tons of pipe, and before we entered into contract with your committee, his honor, the Mayor, sent for Mr. T. B. Rhodes and stated to him as follows: "Our relations have always been very pleasant and our business transactions satisfactory, but I want to say to you, that if you go into contract with the waterworks committee I will do all that I can to keep you from getting your money for the pipe," but very kindly remarked, "That if the bids