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POLICEMAN PAY-ROLL.

Refusal of Chairman Howe to Sign It Causes a Rumpus in the Council.

MUCH TALK BUT LITTLE WORK DONE.

Effort to Remove the Member from the Fourth from the Chairmanship—Other Miscellaneous Matters.

Had United States Marshal Millen's human guinea been present at last night's Council meeting, she would undoubtedly have seen some of the excitement that there was "boys to watch take," and they would have said it up about fight. There was so much of it and it did so much for the interests of any business, but when an adjournment was taken it was in quite a good humor. The bar of peace had fallen over the Editor of Commerce Howe, as chairman of the finance committee, to sign the police pay-roll, and a mission was made to remove him from the chairmanship but it failed on account of not securing the necessary number of votes. As it was, Councilman Richards was elected chairman pro tem and the city auditor was called in to favor that gentleman's signature.

The matter came up under the head of miscellaneous, and Mr. Howe made substantially as follows:

"I take it that the Supreme court decision recently rendered regarding eight illegally appointed policemen is fair forever respective positions, meant exactly what it said. Helper I am Chairman of the finance committee and I have no personal feeling whatever in the matter. But I think the public should know how the matter stands. I refer to the Council's direct resolution to the retention of these policemen, or at least two of them, who have been appointed by the chief of police, in contempt of their orders and contrary to the ordinance. Chief Pratt indicated to me that Sergeants Frank C. Wire and Max Rhodes, in the risk of promotion, without permitting them to serve for a minute perform the duty of sergeants of police. I have here the payroll of the police department for the month of November, which shows Sergeants Wire and Rhodes are down for their five days pay as sergeants, and everything from Nov. 1 to 30 they are on patrolman, whereas Sergeants Hilton and Janney are credited with a full month's salary at the rate of sergeants. I have, according to the decision, these two sergeants have not performed and could not legally perform sergeant duty of sergeants. It appears to me that the chief is pressing it in effect to work up some kind of a case against the Council the city and creating more trouble in the police department. As the matter stands, paying four sergeants who only have performed the duty, and ordering such a raise of the chief's toward estimating Sergeants Wire and Rhodes, I, as chairman of the committee, approve the payroll. Another, but probably not so serious a matter, is the fact that Arthur Pratt Jr. who is substituting for Dick Sergeant D. E. Emery during the latter's illness, is down on the roll. I understand he receives his salary with the sergeant account. As long as Pratt junior is not regularly appointed in the place of Sergeant Emery or his family can collect from the city salary for every month that he comes to life, it will not do. This is the wrong method, and until it corrected, and the other matter spoken of remedied, I cannot see my way clear to approve the payroll."

Robertson said that the name of Robert Simpson, a substitute, had been on the payroll on numerous occasions, but no objection had been made.

Callister thought Emery's name should have been retained on the payroll and Arthur Pratt Jr.'s name added. Therefore he thought the money paid to sick members as well as those appointed to temporarily take their places. Chief Pratt had the authority to reduce the sergeants to the ranks, under the old law.

Foreman thought there was evidence of fraud in carrying Hilton and Janney on the payroll the day Wire and Rhodes were supposed to have been serving.

Hacks said he was not a Pratt man, but he desired it understood he believed in honoring men in their positions. He considered Arthur Pratt chief of police and was going to do all in his power to see that order was maintained in the department. Much talk followed examined. Much talk followed. Mr. Hopkins said he was in favor of the chief and trying to drag the department out of the mire. Some of the members appear to be in favor of the chief and trying to drag the department out of the mire. Some of the members appear to be in favor of the chief and trying to drive us to the people for disorder. We are trying to work in order for our interests and prepared to do so.

Mr. Burton, continuing said that Chief Pratt had told him that he was not in sympathy with the Council, but that he knew practically nothing, but that he knew practically nothing, but that he knew practically nothing