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It Seethed, Spattered and Splashed with Councilmanic Wrath.

TALK OF WHITEWASHING STANTON.

Street Railroad Companies' Franchises Referred to the City Attorney.—The Curfew Ordinance.

The City Council held an adjourned session last night. The members in attendance were: Rich, Folland, Kerrick, Hardy, Bell, Evans, Wantland, Heles, Lawson, Simondi, Moran.

Beardsley was chosen chairman and business was transacted as follows:

THE PROCEEDINGS.

THE SILT BOUNDING COMMENCES.

Moran moved a reconsideration of the vote adopting the resolution presented by the special committee appointed to investigate the charges recently preferred against Fire Chief Stanton and enlarging the committee's powers.

Hardy sprung the point that the motion was out of order not being under the head of the course of business decided upon.

The chair after some parliamentary sparring ruled that the motion was in order and it carried on the following vote:

Ayes—Bell, Evans, Heles, Horn, Leafbourow, Moran, Simondi, Wantland—8.

Noes—Beardsley, Folland, Hardy, Rich, Kerrick, Lawson—6.

The resolution as published in these columns on Wednesday evening last was then read.

Lawson—In connection with this resolution I would like to present these papers (drawing a package of documents from his pocket.)

Evans—Before I consent to such action I must know what they contain.

Horn—I would like to know what those papers contain in detail.

Lawson—I can only reply that I know their contents in a general way.

Horn—I am satisfied, that they are made up of anonymous charges and I am ashamed of the conduct of the gentlemen: who wish them read.

Kerrick—I had not intended to get on my feet tonight to speak but when I see some of you are disposed to do some whitewashing I am going to measure arms with you.

Moran—Well, I am going to see this thing knocked out if possible. It may contain charges against myself or the mayor for all I know.

Lawson—I tell you, gentlemen, if you will not listen to the reading of these papers you shall have the privilege of seeing them in print.

Horn—We don't doubt it at all.

Folland—I am in favor of having the papers read so I am informed that they have a direct bearing on the subject at issue.

The chair here ruled Lawson's motion out of order.

Bell—Do these papers contain charges in addition to those made by Molloy?

Lawson—Yes, sir.

Bell—Then I shall certainly object to them. I am very much opposed to giving the committee a blanket license.

Simondi—Yes; if the chief stole water melons when he was a boy you want to punish him for it.

Hardy—In such cases as this courts would willingly and legitimately admit new evidence. Why will not this body do the same thing? I am not here to cover this scandal up but to investigate it to the bottom.

Lawson—There are twelve Liberal members in this council and for them to cover up iniquity in their own house is an everlasting shame and disgrace.

The papers were tabled on the following vote:

Ayes—Bell, Evans, Heles, Horn, Leafbourow, Moran, Simondi, Wantland—8.

Noes—Beardsley, Folland, Hardy, Rich, Kerrick, Lawson—6.

The resolution was then defeated, the complexion of the vote being precisely the same as the two previous ones.

Moran then delivered a political harangue which figuratively speaking was as long as the Wasatch range, in support of a motion made by him to discharge the special committee.

Horn—Again, I say I am opposed to this committee which has gone on a smelling tour in quest of additional charges.

Hardy (warmly)—I do not think it at all becoming for Mr. Horn to speak of going on a smelling tour. I am a member of the special committee but (ironically) I am not a member of a smelling committee which prowled about the dark alleys of Salt Lake slumdom some months ago and made the laughing stock of the community. (Laughter.) If you intend to cover up and whitewash here I will see that the matter is carried to a body that will investigate it (said to be the grand jury) and in a manner that will reflect no credit upon you. You are trying to shield one of your own officers who is guilty of serious wrong-doing, but I will not be a party to the scheme. Mark my word, I will see this matter through.

Moran's motion to discharge the committee was lost on a vote of nine to five.

Moran, Bell and Horn were all desirous of having the matter reported upon next Tuesday night and asked if the committee could not do that.

Hardy—The chairman of that committee (Kelly) is not here and I can not speak for him, but this much I will say that the chairman has never called his committee together a single time to construct this question. The same negligence has been manifestly exhibited by the same gentleman in his chairmanship over other committees. Strictly speaking we have had no meeting effect.

"Where, on where is Kelly tonight?" was the mocking interrogatory relative which escaped from the lips of half a dozen councilmen.

The motion requesting the committee to report on Tuesday night next was lost on a vote of ten to four.

IN THE SEWER CHANGING.

The committee on improvements reported recommending that the Salt Lake Medical society be allowed the use of the morgue chamber once a month in which to hold its meetings, providing it would pay for lighting and heating. Adopted.

TERRA COTTA AND BRICK WORKS.

The communication of H. M. Hadley and E. J. Dimmick, who recently signified their intention to build terra cotta and vitrified brick works in this city, was referred to the special sewerage committee.

AN ANTIQUATED ECHO.

The curfew ordinance of ancient fame was fished from the musty documents in the recorder's wallet and read a second and third time.

Moran moved to strike out the enacting clause, saying that Beaver and Ogden were the only towns in the United States where the curfew law prevailed. Salt Lake could not take its inspiration from such villages. The city in which we lived was about fourth in size on this continent. (Laughter.)

Moran's motion was then put and lost.

The part of the penalty referring to imprisonment was eliminated from the ordinance, after which it passed.

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An ordinance reducing the rate of annual license of employment agents from $100 to $50 per year was passed.

FRANCHISES REFERRED.

On motion of Wantland the application for extension of franchises by the street railway companies so as subject to the city attorney with instructions to examine them carefully and report upon them at the next meeting of the Council.

KELLY'S CONUNDRUM.

The following resolution recently introduced by Kelly was read as follows:

Resolved, That whenever any party or parties desire or ask the City Council for any franchise, that before such request is presented to the Council, said party or parties shall deposit with the city recorder the sum of $250 or proper endorsement to pay for the passage of, printing and advertising of same; and said amount to be covered into the city treasury upon passage of franchise; otherwise to revert to applicant.

The words "or proper endorsement" were puzzling to the councilmen and as Kelly was not present to explain their significance they are still shrouded in mystery.

GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT FRANCHISE.

The committee on streets reported as follows in the matter of the resolution granting extension of franchise to the Salt Lake & Ogden Gas & Electric Light company:

We believe it would be to the advantage of both the Gas company and the city if this extension of franchise is granted, subject to concessions which may be deemed wise, as it would probably be impossible for this committee to agree upon any complete report covering this resolution, we recommend that the matter be referred to the Council to be considered as an adjourned meeting.

Referred to the city attorney after which the Council adjourned.

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