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WATER QUESTION AGAIN

Special Committee Hauled Over the Coals by Councilman Robertson.

LIVELY EXCHANGE OF PERSONALITIES.

Mrs. Dudley's Action in Directing Water to Farley's Canyon Creates Consternation Among Members.

The action of the special water committee, appointed by Mayor Clark, Aug. 26th, in not having reported the results of its labors to the city, came near precipitating a row at last night's City Council meeting. As it was there was quite a sharp exchange of personalities participated in by a few members.

The trouble came about through the introduction of a resolution by Councilman Robertson, which, after the usual wherefores, went on to say, "That said committee has either the time nor the desire to hold any meetings or to properly look into the matter." The resolution concluded by suggesting the discharge of the committee and the appointment of a new one, composed of three members of the Council, along with the city engineer. Mr. Robertson moved the adoption of the resolution, which was promptly seconded by Councilman Roeth.

Councilman Howe, chairman of the special committee referred to in the resolution was on his feet in an instant. He said: "I move, sir, that the resolution be tabled, for the reason that the committee has done nothing in because of the absence from the city of two of the members and who has asked that nothing be done until their return. I do not, I warrant Mr. Robertson, wish to stand in the way of the committee by trying 'Probing Confidence Robertson' thinks there is some bottle in it, and it was, he would like a chance at the new committee."

To say that Councilman Robertson was angry would be a mild term. He seemed to getting it straighter in mildly, he trembled with rage. "I know," he said, "where the bottle was first suggested, there was a power behind the throne. I do not wish to question Mr. Howe's integrity, but I will say that an attempt has been made to keep part of the matter in the dark as to what was being done."

Councilman Furniture then endeavored to assist the role of peacemaker. He did not think there was necessity for rushing the matter; and he believed the committee had been tardy. He moved that the resolution be tabled for one week.

Councilman Romney was also opposed to the resolution and thought that in the face of Mr. Howe's explanation it would be very unbecoming for members of the Council to insist on a change of the committee.

Councilman Buckle didn't think Mr. Howe's explanation sufficient. The excuse offered would be just as much in place in a month from now as the one present.

"I know of one member of the committee," Mr. Buckle continued, "who has never been approached by the chairman, and I have come to the conclusion that there is something that is being kept away from some members of the committee. I believe if there is anything being done it is in a quiet way and certain members are being kept in the dark. You all remember when a self-constituted committee came before this Council and reported possible trades for water for the city. If there was need for hurry then, why not now? I am in favor of the resolution."

The "self-constituted committee" referred to by Councilman Buckle, was Howe and Margetts and Watermaster Butler.

Chairman Howe replied to Mr. Buckle and again stated that there was nothing of a sinister character in the delay by the committee. "The time which elapsed," he said, "when the gentleman making these charges will be found satisfactorily explained."

Councilman Furniture expressed himself as being thoroughly satisfied with Chairman Howe's explanation and moved that Robertson's resolution be tabled.

Councilman Clotter said he was a member of the special water committee and had never been approached by Mr. Howe. Some kind of a report ought to have been made even though the chairman had no use for one or two members of the committee.

The vote in favor of tabling the resolution as follows: Ayes—Furniture, Howe, Morris, Farnsworth, Romney, Roberts, Walker, Barman—8. Noes—Allen, Buckle, Clotter, Roth, Robertson—4.

TWO REPORTS FILED.

Majority and minority reports were filed by the committee on improvements with respect to the petition of T. H. Latimer and others, who asked that an arc light be placed on Center street near N street. The majority report recommended the granting of the petition, the minority report was against it. After considerable parliamentary tactics had been indulged in the majority report was adopted by a vote of 12 to 2.

PROPERTY OWNERS PROTEST.

About thirty property owners in a remonstrance addressed to the Council protested against the proposed ordinance providing for the appointment of a board of engineers and stationary engineers and persons in charge of steam boilers. Referred to the committee on municipal laws.

GOES OVER FOR ONE WEEK.

A. W. McCune and W. P. Read of the Utah Power company were present at the Council meeting to answer Councilman Callister's resolution requiring them to show cause why its franchise should not be forfeited because of non-compliance with the terms of the grant. They requested that the hearing be postponed for one week, and a motion to the effect carried.

Councilman Roth offered a resolution granting the privilege granted to W. H. Dickson to erect a frame stand at the corner of Second South and Second West streets. Adopted. Mr. Dickson, desired to remove the structure within six days.

Editor C. C. Goodwin and others protested for the construction of a stone block showing a short distance west of the intersection of South Temple and Main streets. Referred to the street committee.

Waterworks Superintendent Calder asked permission to purchase a carload of six-inch and one of four-inch pipe for water main extensions already contracted and in process of laying. Superintendent Calder was authorized to secure bids for the pipe.

FURTHER CONFLICT OVER WATER.

Before Council adjourned, Councilman Allen stated that he had just received word that superintendent Calder to the Rest that Mrs. Dudley had diverted a stream of water fifteen feet wide and two inches deep from the conduit into Farley's creek canal. It was also stated two men were guarding the gate of diversion. Mr. Dudley, it was proposed to see that there was not removed by force.

Mr. Allen's statement created considerable excitement among the Council members and all sides of the question were discussed back into the conduit were suggested. It was moved that "Old Pearl and his aid be requested to remove the gate, but it was thought that it would be out of that gentleman's jurisdiction.

Mr. Allen moved that Watermaster Budden and Sheriff Lewis be sent up to interview Mrs. Dudley. Carried.

It was learned later that Sheriff Lewis and his deputy, Abe Dyer, were up the canyon bent on all efforts to clear the brush behind. At the opening John and Frank Dudley and Louis Parkinson were found with a shovel. Sheriff Lewis decided to do anything more than to preserve peace.

THE WHITEHEAD GUN.

Inventor and Attorney Go East to Place it on the Market.

Gun Inventor Whitehead leaves for Connecticut this evening accompanying by Colonel Nat. Ward Fitzgerald. The object of his visit is to avail himself of the skilled labor in the gun factories of the Nutmeg state for the work will be used in the last battle the war department of the various governments.

Mr. Whitehead says that he will give the United States government the first refusal of the gun, and if it does not refuse to buy it he will go to Europe and attempt to dispose of his gun.

Whitehead and Fitzgerald will be joined in the Bluff City by Mr. Henry Allsmar and the three will work together to push the invention to the front. They will not return home until after business are made by the war department at Washington.

Decker Lake Gun Club.

Members of the Decker Lake Gun club held an interesting meeting in the said city hall last night and adopted by-laws. The officers are: John H. Herlick, president; Hugh Walker, secretary and treasurer; T. C. Kendrick, personal. A board of trustees was elected, which consists of the president and secretary and two members, C. W. Bachhelds and J. M. Rigby. The club has secured leases on Decker's lake, southeast of the city, and 1,700 acres of surrounding land, which will be dedicated to duck hunting. A grand opening of the club-house will be held on Oct. 1. No boats will be allowed except Sundays and Wednesdays, no will blinds be permitted on the lake. A resolution was adopted ordering the state fish and game laws and expressing a desire to assist in their enforcement. The club, which has a membership of 25, will open headquarters at 6 well Second South street.

Republican Primaries Tonight.

The Republican primaries preparatory to the county convention to be convened in the Salt Lake Theatre on Friday, will be held all over the city this evening. The delegates to be named by the party chairmen in the municipal wards in most instances, but the primaries will be held in each separate voting district, the caucus of months in all cases being as heretofore.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Board of Education recently adopted a rule which will require all pupils in the public schools who are issued books belonging to the board to provide book-sacks in which to carry such books to and from their homes. The sacks cost from 50 cents to $1.25 each. The board has added to its large stock of stationery a complete line of School Bags and Satchels from 10 cents to $1.25 each.

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