

This action, while it defined the policy, left it indefinite as to when the work would actually be commenced. We would therefore renew our petition asking for an extension of the mains to said district, and respectfully ask that some definite action be taken.

MR. SMITH'S COWS AGAIN.

J. B. Walden et al represented that Mr. S. H. B. Smith, of the Tenth Ward, was maintaining a herd of 58 cows at his yard in violation of the city ordinance regulating nuisances, and asked that the evil be abated forthwith.

Mr. Critchlow stated that this herd of cows had been for months a nuisance to the comfort and health of the petitioners and that it was the duty of the Council to have them removed without further delay.

Mr. Eichnor—The cows have not been there for months, as stated, as they have been kept outside the city limits until two weeks ago. Mr. Smith has been arrested for the offense, and will be arraigned in the police court tomorrow. I think it would be well to await the outcome of the trial before proceeding to remove them.

Mr. Walden—I ask that the council instruct the city marshal to remove them immediately.

Mr. Pembroke—The city marshal has nothing to do with the matter whatever. It is entirely within the scope of the duties of the Board of Health.

Mr. Hall—I contend that it is the marshal's duty, and move that he be instructed to abate the evil at once. If Mr. Smith repeats the offense, arrest him every day if necessary.

The motion prevailed.

PROTEST AGAINST THE REMOVAL OF THE JOINT BUILDING SITE.

Your petitioners, the undersigned, do hereby most respectfully and earnestly protest against the action of your honorable body in attempting to change the location of the proposed city and county building from the corner of First South and First East streets, the site where the erection of said building is already commenced, to the Eighth Ward Square. The reasons for our protest are:

1—That the first named location was selected as a site for said building after due deliberation, and the work of erecting the structure has already commenced thereon. That there are no objections thereto, except by certain individuals who are actuated solely by motives of personal gain in having said site abandoned.

2—We are informed and believe that it is the purpose of said parties, after the present site is abandoned, to enjoin the city from using the Eighth Ward Square for the building, and thereby throw the whole matter of location open again. This will result in endless delay, discussion and strife.

3—We are informed that the conveyance from the city to the county limits the use of the present site to the erection of a joint city and county building. This limitation, if it exists, we have been informed by attorneys, will be an insurmountable obstacle in the way of making any other disposition of the present site.

Governed by an earnest desire to see the public building erected without further delay and to defeat the attempts of all persons to hinder, postpone and defeat its erection, we therefore most emphatically protest against the action already taken in passing the resolution adopted by your honorable body at its last meet-

ing, and respectfully petition you to rescind such action.

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W. S. CRISMON,
JOHN B. FARLOW,
H. S. YOUNG,
W. H. SHEARMAN,
HARRIET A. PARTRIDGE,
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JOSEPH E. CAIN,
ANNIE H. CAIN,
CORA E. HOOPER,
ISAAC JENNINGS,
C. O. WHITTEMORE,
E. R. ELDREDGE,
E. L. WILLIAMS,
JOHN R. WINDER, JR.,
T. A. WILLAMS.

Laid on the table.

PROPOSED AGREEMENT.

The City Attorney then submitted a form of agreement between the city and county, providing for the erection of a joint city and county building on Washington Square, said building to be for the joint use of the city and county officials; that the city shall pay half of the cost of the building, which is to be not less than \$300,000 nor more than \$400,000, unless hereafter changed; the plans and specifications for the building to be obtained by the joint committee and approved by the council and county court; that the city shall deliver to the county a deed of an undivided one half interest in the block; that the county shall sell its undivided one half interest in the site first selected and pay the proceeds to the city.

Councilman Pickard—Once more it becomes my duty to enter a solemn protest against the proceedings of this Council in prostituting its powers by perverting the use of our public squares. If an attempt is made to ratify the action of the joint committee with reference to the removal of the site of the proposed public building, remember, gentlemen, that you will be enjoined. The papers are already being prepared. I mean just what I say—nothing more nor nothing less. The parks must be preserved.

Mr. Lynn—For information I will inquire of the city attorney if it would not be possible, under such a contract, for the city and county, separately or jointly, to dispose of their respective portions of the square for any purpose that they might deem proper.

City Attorney Merritt (assuringly)—In the face of recent occurrences, anything seems possible in this city, sir.

Acting-Mayor Parsons—By the adoption of Mr. Spafford's resolution last Friday night bearing on the question, we agreed to go to Washington Square. In a meeting with the County Building committee last evening that action was sustained. In my opinion we should now stand by what we have done and at least be consistent with ourselves.

Mr. Pembroke—I move for a reconsideration of the action taken Friday night, and also offer the following resolution:

"Whereas, it has been asserted in a communication to the Council, signed by many prominent business men of this city, that legal opposition will be made to changing the site of the joint city and county building and against further delay in the construction of said building, which delay would occur in any such change as contemplated and be detrimental to the interests of this city, and

"Whereas, while we may think the site of the Eighth Ward Square superior to the original, we view with alarm any ef-

fort to further delay this building; therefore, be it

"Resolved, that we do request the committee of the City Council to endeavor to procure the sanction of the joint committee that steps be taken to immediately commence the construction of the said joint county and city building on the original site."

The resolution was defeated and the motion lost.

Mr. Hall—I am heartily in favor of erecting the public building on Washington Square and parking the grounds. When the question of selling Pioneer Square was so urgently advocated, the Council did not seem deterred from disposing of it, because of an injunction; then in the face and prospect of another injunction why should we be deterred from action? We are as likely to be enjoined from building on the original site as on Washington Square. The majority of the members of the County Court are in favor of the proposed change.

Mr. Lynn—If this matter has come up for final action I will state that I know that the members of the county court are not in favor of the change of site, if it will cause delay. In the face of the petition presented to-night and the warning given us by Mr. Pickard that we will be enjoined, it should be sufficient to prevent us from going astray on this point. If the matter is taken to the courts it can be kept there for two years at least, without much difficulty.

Councilman Pendleton—The selfish motives of the petitioners are plainly apparent. I do not think we ought to pay any attention to the protest.

Councilman James—In my opinion it would be a strange proceeding on our part to take cognizance of the threatened injunction. Our joint building must be erected and we are going to do it. Washington Square must and shall be parked and improved whether the joint building is placed on the original site or not. If erected on the site first selected, and in addition to that, we have to grade, park and improve Washington Square, then the four mills on the dollar levied by action of this Council last year will be entirely inadequate to our needs. Is it possible to ruin this city government at the present rate of tax? Not if the proposed policy is pursued. It will be necessary, gentlemen, to raise the rate of tax to at least six mills on the dollar, and perhaps more, and we ourselves, in common with the people, will have to pay it. I know where the kick comes from, but I do not care. It is between the east and west side. Now, then, let us do something.

Councilman Spafford—I move that the joint building committee meet tomorrow afternoon and come to some definite understanding and report the result of their labors to a special meeting of the Council held for the purpose of considering the matter.

Councilman Pickard—I am not in favor of railroading the thing through. I move that it be laid on the table and be made a special order of business for Friday night, and that the form of agreement and deed be ordered printed.

Carried.

ON SETTLING TANKS.

Superintendent of Waterworks Ryan stated that it was about time to begin to make preparations to use the Emigration canyon water, and as no steps