

made by the Council sitting as committee of the whole, conducted with a view of hearing the facts connected with the charges made in the Mayor's veto message dated January 2nd, with reference to the committee on waterworks and the contract with Rhodes Bros., and

Whereas, This committee have had various parties connected therewith under examination, also all communications in possession of the waterworks committee bearing on the matter.

Resolved, that it be the sense of the committee that the evidence as adduced is clear and convincing, and that the various charges and assertions made in said communication are unfounded, and further that the waterworks committee has exercised due care and diligence in conducting the business entrusted to them without prejudice or partiality to any concerned.

I concur in the above so far as the evidence submitted has been given.
ELI A. FOLLAND.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The city school met in regular session last night. All the members were present.

APPLICATIONS REFERRED.

Several applications from persons desiring to be appointed janitors were referred to the committee on furniture and supplies.

IF IT CAN'T BE DONE WITHOUT COST.

The committee on sites and buildings reported on the action of the board suspending operations on the heating and ventilating apparatus at the Hamilton and Jackson school buildings, that they deemed it advisable to have work resumed on the Hamilton building, as the company claim they are prepared to remedy the defects in the system. Accompanying the report was a letter to the company telling them that they might proceed with the work on the Hamilton building, under the old contract, and that they would be followed the same length of time beyond the date that is embraced in the contract as has elapsed since work was stopped. The letter was amended to notify the contractors that the board would permit them to relinquish their contract, if they desire, providing it can be done without cost to the board, and that the board be notified of such relinquishment before Tuesday evening next.

The treasurer submitted the following report of receipts and disbursements for the month of December:

Balance on hand December 1st.....	\$ 74,240 44
Received from F. J. Leonard, city taxes	42,829 02
Received from F. J. Leonard, city taxes paid December 31st.....	10,000 00
Received from bonds 150, 10 year, balance.....	142,500 00
Received from interest on same, 4 months, 28 days.....	3,042 08
Received from premium on bonds.....	1,062 00
Total.....	\$274,213 54
Paid Clerk's warrants.....	71,451 91
Balance on hand December 31st.....	\$202,761 63

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BLACKBOARD BIDS.

The committee on sites and buildings recommended the acceptance of the bid of Midgley & Company for placing manilla blackboards in twelve class rooms and one recitation room at the Lowell school for the sum of \$431. Adopted.

FAILURE TO HEAT AND VENTILATE.

In the matter of the failure of the contractor to properly heat and ventilate the Bryant and Lincoln school buildings, Pike moved that the committee on sites and buildings be required to report at the next meeting of the board what action they recommend should be taken in the premises. Carried.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Appropriations were made as follows:

Teachers' salaries for December.....	\$10,659 50
Janitors' salaries for December.....	1071 00
A. Stiefel, freight on furniture.....	485 90
Hiram Johnson, salary as member of the board from July 19, 1890, to April 9, 1891.....	310 00
George W. Snow, salary during the first year's organization of the board.....	298 00
Arthur Pratt, salary as member of the board from July 23, 1891, to December 31, 1892.....	429 00
Total.....	\$13,153 41

Adjourned.

Reorganized.

The new board then elected Wm. Nelson as temporary chairman, and after the transaction of some preliminary business the election of officers commenced.

Col. Nelson was elected president, Richard W. Young vice president, and J. B. Moreton clerk.

TIE VOTE ON TREASURERSHIP.

Twice tie votes were cast for H. T. Duke and Heber M. Wells for treasurer of the board.

Adjourned for one week.

NOTES.

News has been received of the suicide of J. M. Bacon, a wealthy resident of Sioux City, Iowa, at the Sanitarium, near San Diego, Thursday night last. To melancholia is attributed the cause. He had been there one week and became despondent. He got a pistol from the night watchman's satchel and blew out his brains.

A serious collision occurred three miles east of Ash Fork, Arizona, on the Atlantic & Pacific railroad between two freight trains on Friday last. The engineer of the westbound train, Thos. Prowlett, and Fireman Dickinson were killed, and Engineer Buggly and the fireman of the eastbound train and brakemen were injured, but none of them seriously. The accident was caused by the operator at Ash Fork giving the eastbound train wrong orders.

New Whatcom (Wash.), Jan. 2.—While oiling machinery yesterday at the Blue Canyon coal bunkers, J. H. McGee, a fireman, had his clothing caught in the machinery and was killed. His clothing was torn completely off his body and when picked up he was naked. Both his arms were broken. The deceased was about 35 years old and leaves a wife. He has relatives living in Oregon and in Seattle.

Los Angeles, Jan. 2.—An Eastern crook of the most pronounced type was safely landed in the city prison this afternoon, and the indications are that he will spend some time behind the bars. On Friday night he forced his way into the residence of C. B. Mc-

Clure on Boyle Heights with the aid of a jimmy. The family happened to be away from home at the time, and the thief ransacked every room in the building. He got a couple of gold watches and a pair of opera glasses.

Thomas Rose, who has been running the New York restaurant at San Bernardino, Cal., for the past three months, suddenly disappeared Jan. 1, taking with him all available resources, including about \$400 in money. For a year previous he had been steward at the Stewart hotel, and six months ago married a Mrs. Manning of Oakland. He was doing a good business and his wife is heart-broken. There is no clue to his location, though the officers have sent his description to all points. The restaurant is now under attachment by creditors there.

The new town board (Heber) met Monday afternoon and decided upon their mode of procedure in appointing the officers of the board for the ensuing year. They determined upon the following salaries to be paid to the officers: Marshal, for all services including that of street supervisor and watermaster, per year, \$720; clerk, per year, \$75; treasurer, per year, \$35; attorney, per year, \$250. The marshal we understand is to be appointed next Friday evening, so now is the time for all those who are hankering after that delicious plum, to apply in honeyed words.—Wave.

Redwood City, Jan. 2.—Last evening Thomas Ryan shot and mortally wounded Jack Smith, a well-known character in this county, at Menlo Park. Smith was drunk and, with some companions, was on the street making considerable noise. Ryan, who is night watchman, ordered Smith to be quiet and an altercation ensued. The officer arrested Smith and on his refusing to go to jail knocked him down and pulling his handcuffs ordered Smith to put them on. The latter refused and, getting up, drew a knife and cut Ryan's clothing in an attempt to stab him.

Los Angeles, Jan. 2.—There is a move on foot in this city among sporting men to frame a bill revising the game laws of California and to present it to the legislature. At present there is a state fish commission, but no legalized body for the protection of game, and the game laws are not enforced unless the various sportsmen clubs throughout the country take the matter up. Some of the leading sportsmen of Los Angeles believe that the fish commissioners should also look out for the game, and a meeting has been called for next Saturday, at which all hunters and clubmen are expected to be present. There will be several important changes in the present law proposed.

Canon City, Col., Jan. 2.—About 10 o'clock last night, as freight train No. 61, on the Denver & Rio Grande was pulling through the Grand canon, a large tank car filled with crude oil was discovered to be on fire. The men at once cut the car loose and started to throw it on the side track at a point two miles east of Parkdale, but just as the switch was reached, one of the journals on the car broke and let the car down on the track, where it had to be left. The fire was confined to the