CUT NEWELL'S WINGS

Republican Majority Will Name Its Own Committees.

LLOYD OUSTED—ELLIOTT SEATED.

Judge McKay Appointed City Attorney To Place of Hogg, Resigned—A Veto Message by Gleadinning.

The auditorium of the City Council chamber was packed to its utmost capacity last night—some of those present very likely expecting that the Mayor would give vent to his appointive power, and drop innumerable heads into the basket, while others attended with expectations of seeing a "circus." The latter's anticipations were partially realized, as a factional fight was on, and each member, evidently eagerly watching for a chance to strike at his political opponent, and score a victory for his side, took in every opportunity, the main contention, however, being on parliamentary rules, upon which point, the city solons, are wofully deficient.

At 7:30 the roll was called, at the conclusion of which Mr. E. T. Lloyd, who was appointed by the old Council to succeed Joseph M. Watson, deceased, and who has heretofore contended that he was justly entitled to a hold-over seat in the Council, arose and reiterated his former claims, and asked that his name be placed upon the roll.

O'Meara objected, as the gentleman, in his opinion, was not a member of the Council, and was out of order.

The clerk, not being in a position to state definitely whether or not Mr. Lloyd was a member, requested him to defer further discussion until a later stage of the proceedings, which Mr. Lloyd conceded to.

After the reading of the minutes O'Meara arose to make a motion, said he: "We have in the past been the laughing stock of the public, and before the minutes are approved I want to suspend the rules in order to offer an amendment to the order of business as accepted at the last session."

He then made a motion to suspend the rules, but chairman Newell ruled it out of order.

"What," queried O'Meara frantically, "do you hold, Mr. President, that a motion to suspend the rules is out of order?"

"I do," answered the President, and if you don't like it, you have a perfect right to appeal from my decision."

"I certainly do appeal," said O'Meara.

A vote taken on the appeal was declared lost for want of the necessary two-thirds supporting it.

Another motion to suspend the rules was made by the unseated member from the Fifth, which brought Dale to his feet on a point of order, he contending that a week's notice of such intention would have to be given.

The President, having refreshed his memory on Roberts's rules of order, held that Dale's point was not well taken, and a suspension of the rules was ordered.

Then with a look of victory in his eye, O'Meara moved to amend rule 15 by striking out all after the word "by" in line 4, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "a committee of three of the council," making the rule read as follows: "The following standing committee, consisting of not less than three members each shall be appointed by a committee of three of the council."

O'Meara, in support of his motion, thought the majority of the Council should rule in the appointment of standing committees, and without any intent to insinuate that the president would not act fair and impartial, he believed the amendment would meet the favor of all the intimated solons, and would tend to bring about a feeling of harmony.

Dale moved that the committee of three, provided for in O'Meara's amendment, be appointed by the president, but it failed to find a second and hence was of no effect.

O'Meara's motion was carried by a strictly partisan vote as the following will show: Yeas—Buckle, Diehl, Callister, Romney, Wiscomb, Stewart, O'Meara and Le Fevre. Nays—Allen, Dale, Hayward, Morris, Mulvey and Fewell.

Callister moved the appointment of Stewart, Buckle and O'Meara as that committee, which was carried.

Stewart moved an amendment to rule 4 by striking out the word "president" and inserting the words "committee of three," making the rule read as follows:

"The committee of three shall appoint all committees except when the Council shall otherwise order."

Dale raised a similar point of order, as in O'Meara's amendment, and the president ruled it well taken, whereupon Stewart withdrew his motion and gave notice that he would reiterate it at the next session.

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The alleged vacancy occasioned by the death of Councilman Joseph M. Watson from the Third precinct, was then taken up by Stewart arising and preventing with a nominating speech before a motion to take up that order of business had been made.

O'Meara, however, made a motion to proceed with filling the vacancy, and upon it prevailing, he finished Stewart's speech by placing in nomination "Wm. Elliott, a good Republican, and an honest, straightforward man."

E. T. Lloyd, the claimant to the seat, was nominated by Morris, while Dale seconded the nomination, with the contention, however, that a vacancy did not exist.

A roll-call vote was taken and a strict party vote recorded, Republicans for Elliott, and Democrats for Lloyd.

Mr. Lloyd arose and reiterated his claim to a seat in the Council, because he was duly elected and qualified. He asked that the action taken in ousting him from the municipal body, be recorded in detail, which request was granted, and Mr. Lloyd took a back seat.

JUDGE MCKAY GETS THERE.

A communication from the Mayor informing the Council of E. D. Hoge's resignation as city attorney, and the appointment of Wm. McKay, and asking the confirmation of his action, was read.

Diehl moved to confirm Mr. McKay's appointment, but O'Meara moved to amend by referring it to the committee on municipal laws.

O'Meara's amendment was lost on a tie vote, when he moved to lay the document on the table for one week, which resulted similarly.

The following vote on the original motion confirmed the action of the Mayor in the appointment of Mr. McKay:

Yeas—Allen, Buckle, Dale, Diehl, Hayward, Morris, Mulvey, Newell—8.

Nays—Callister, Le Fevre, O'Meara, Romney, Stewart, Wiscomb—6.

VETO MESSAGE.

A communication from the Mayor, vetoing the $31,000 final claim of Houlahan, Griffiths, Morris & Lane and Winter on for work done on the gravity sewer, was then read. It was quite a voluminous document setting forth in detail the action of the former council in making the appropriation and the position taken by the Board of public works with regard thereto.

The mayor recites the terms of the contract and the repeated extensions of time granted the contractors in which to complete the work and concludes that the city is entitled to retain out of the money that otherwise is due the contractors the sum of $13,000 as liquidated damages. The veto is in fact reviewed at length. The mayor not concurring with the board's view that a waiver of the city's right to the money is a justifiable act of generosity, especially in view of the condition of the city treasury. He says it is a duty of the officials to see that such generosity shall not operate as an injustice upon the already overburdened taxpayer.

On motion of O'Meara the veto was laid over until Thursday's committee meeting, and then to be taken up by the committee of the whole.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The building committee's report presented to the Council on Dec. 31, 1895, granting to the Woman's Exchange the privilege of conducting a refreshment stand in the basement of the joint building, during the Legislature, was confirmed.

The appointment of Harry P. Lytle as deputy treasurer was reported and referred to the committee on finance.

The auditor's financial statement was reported received, when Buckle arose for information as to whether it was the custom of the auditor to furnish each member of the Council with a copy of the monthly statement, as he thought should be done.

O'Meara informed Mr. Buckle that a true copy of the statement could be found published in the daily papers.

Mrs. Cornelia Paddock appeared before the Council as a representative of the Deaconess' Home and asked for the continuance of the monthly allowance of $50 for the care of fallen women, as granted by the former Council.

On motion of O'Meara the sum of $50 was allowed for the month of January, at the expiration of which time the completion of the city treasury fortunes may cut a material figure as to the Council's future action in that respect.

The following resolution offered by O'Meara was adopted:

Resolved, That the heads of all departments are hereby instructed to send to the Council at the next meeting a requisition for all supplies that may want for six months.

William T. Foulger et al asked that the West Side Rapid Transit company be compelled to furnish regular service to citizens residing on their line. Committee on streets.

Sixty cents was allowed City Attorney Hoge as a balance due on salary.

James T. Hammond, Secretary of State, appeared before the Council in behalf of the Senate, and asked permission to remove the reporters' desk in the Council chamber, so as to make additional room for the senators.

Stewart was not in favor of granting the permission asked for, and it would be a great disadvantage to the newspaper men, besides he thought such a move was entirely unnecessary.

Romney favored allowing the senators to make whatever changes they saw fit for their own convenience, and a committee consisting of Romney, Stewart and Diehl was appointed with power to act in the matter.

Appropriations in the sum of $20,80 were allowed and an adjournment taken for one week.

THE CITY'S CASH BOX.

It Contained a Balance of $56 654 35 on January 1.—Receipts and Disbursements.

City Auditor Raybould's statement to the Council on municipal finances for the month of December was submitted last night as follows:

RECEIPTS.

City taxes, 1895	$75,000 00
Liquor licenses	7,450 00
Tax sales	1,470 00
Paving tax District No. 1	1,400 00
Miscellaneous licenses	1,420 00
Sewer connections	1,300 00
Fines and forfeits	1,200 00
Water rates, 1895-96	107 14
Interest	1,000 00
Cemetery	352 00
Land	213 00
Paving District Twenty	118 27
Warrants extension tax	105 00
Sundries	202 00
Tax 1894	202 00
Liberty park	231 74
Cutting and guttering	110 21
Engineering department	72 00
Heat	105 00
Water rates, 1896	1,000 00
Deposits on deposits	72 00
Water works	40 75
Cemetery	2 00
Legal contracts	8 00
Street department	2 00
Total	$90,112 79

DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest, July, 1895, bonds	$ 13,700 00
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Salary	4,000 00
Interest, July, 1895, bonds	3,300 00
Sinking fund	6,000 00
Police department	4,132 41
Fire department	3,200 00
Water works	1,798 44
Contingent department	2,407 00
Streets and bridges	2,000 00
Parks	1,000 00
Cemetery	1,000 00
Engineering department	1,000 00
Interest on bonds	1,000 00
Salaries	1,000 00
Contingent