

CITY COUNCIL.

Met as usual—late. Spent 42 minutes in reading minutes for January and February. Oh, for 10 minutes of James H. Shields as alderman, to "sit down" on that kind of nonsense, so long-drawn out.

Pumping Engineer Frank Laing reported pumping water for the month of February as follows:

Total gallons pumped.....	3,817,440
Daily average.....	136,333
Total fuel oil.....	3,418
Daily average.....	122
Used flushing sewers.....	1,450,000
Sold to railroads.....	665,000
Consumers used.....	1,462,915
Sold to Highwood in three months.....	250,000

Highwood don't use enough; President Hogan must insist on more bath tubs and fewer meters.

The city marshal reports 12 to 14 a night in the tramp house and "more to follow" before morning. Guess the gentlemen of this guild have found out the Park has a warm place.

There is one evil which needs correction—the aldermen going up to the city hall about 8 o'clock and then spending half an hour or so in committee work which should be done earlier. They keep anywhere from one to three or four dozen men waiting on account of their dilatoriness, and run the meetings till a late hour.

Edward Laing is the duly appointed and qualified sealer of weights and measures; and now, woe to any parties using "tinkered" scales or balances. Hereafter, they will be in danger.

The street and alley committee made no report on the expert tests of the street lights. It is evidently in a state of "innocuous desuetude."

The treasurer reported for January and February as follows:

Balance on hand.....	\$3,493.40
Total receipts.....	6,277.85
Total disbursements.....	2,144.07
Balance on hand.....	7,627.18

The petition of over 160 persons, many of them prominent citizens, asking for the privilege of riding bicycles on the sidewalks during the winter was presented, and on motion of Alderman Phillips it was referred to the finance committee and a special meeting Friday evening, March 12. Aldermen Fritsch, Bock and Phillips voted for this reference.

Ex-Judge Comstock, Messrs. Dings, Mitchell, McKenzie and others petition for a sidewalk to let them out to the depot. Alderman Rice favored the ordinance.

A. J. Noerenberg wants his old arc light back again and Messrs. Obee and Rice favored it, and it was ordered returned by a unanimous vote. Mayor Evans said that was the only arc light north of Central

avenue, and now probably there are fifty families without an arc light.

A bill for \$16.95 court costs in the matter of the cedar block pavement was presented and referred to the clerk.

The petition of the Highwood avenue residents for a rebate on that water main was granted to the extent of 12 per cent. of the assessment, just as the NEWS suggested some weeks ago.

A plank sidewalk on the west side of Block 75 was ordered, so Idlewild people can get up to the Park, on foot or on their wheels.

The sealer of weights and measures wants an outfit, and one will cost from \$125 to \$200. It will come up at the adjourned meeting, Friday evening, March 12th.

Aldermen Rice and Phillips had a little tilt about suspending the rules. Mr. Fritsch hit the nail on the head when he said this was not for expending money, it was for paying our debts and we need not suspend the rules for that. If some people should pay their debts, it would not only suspend, but radically change all the the rules of their lives. Bills ordered paid and the requisitions ordered. Adjourned at 10:08.

THAT LIBRARY.

A prominent business man said a few days ago, he hoped the NEWS would keep up the agitation of the matter of the removal of the public library from its present close quarters to the Athenæum building, till it was done. He said business men were asked and urged to help one and another of these enterprises, and they were glad to do it. He believed just as do others, that it would be a great convenience to the public to have these several organizations in one and the same building. Then it would make the library much more easy of access, and serviceable by being where the young men could get at it when they want to at the Club rooms. It would thereby double the usefulness of the library at only little, if any, extra cost.

To our mind, perhaps the greatest gain would be the confidence which such management would inspire in our wealthy public-spirited citizens. They would see that those administering the city's affairs, especially these semi-philanthropic matters, were level-headed people, and could be safely entrusted with funds for such an institution. Great as is the service which the library now renders, by good and judicious management, it could be largely increased. Move the library into the Athenæum is the popular demand.

THIRTY-FIVE.

That is the age in years of our popular post master, Wm. H. Dooley, and his personal friends to the goodly number of about two score or more, bore it in mind Monday evening, March 1st, the anniversary of his birthday, and called on him at his pretty Central ave. home. They did not make many long speeches of "glittering generalities", as the great Rufus Choate once said—that was not what they were there for. But they did have a good time and made their honored host happy, that was the objective point of their visit. They had music and audible smiles of course, and refreshments in abundance and of superior quality. Mr. Dooley ran a first-class grocery long enough to know how to secure those.

The great event of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Dooley of a fine Turkish easy chair upholstered in green and gold. They took it into the house via the back door and the butler's pantry, and had it in the centre of the parlor before he knew anything of it, and henceforth after he stamps the last letter at the office, he will go home and sit in that chair by the hour, and think of his friends and of the receding years. There was an elegant large birthday cake all lighted with candles, etc., but Mr. Dooley would not eat it. Query: Why would not the host cut the birthday cake?

No one thing is doing more to boom the city in first-class circles in Chicago than the Exmoor Golf Club grounds. The Onwentsia club at Lake Forest has more links on its enlarged grounds, but the grounds themselves, the house and general accommodations here are as fine as the first, and golf players are rapidly finding it out. Then it costs less than half per year for membership here than in most other grounds. Hence the rapidly growing popularity of Exmoor and the city of its habitation.

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