

obliged to help support a school they never wanted, and from which they derive comparatively small benefit. They have tried several times, once this year we are told, to get the school abolished, but this they can't do. While we might have approved that once we do not now. But this they can do and will do, if the Park people give them a chance. They will poll their fair vote, plump it on their man, elect him as they did the last time and control the board, and put in some cheap John teacher at \$600 per annum and so put the school at the bottom of the hill again. They got one man at the last election, because the Park voters did not go to the polls and they will do it this year if you give them a chance, and we don't blame them. We want their grievance remedied but not in that way.

Now voters of the Park, if you want the High School maintained at its present state of excellence, see to it that you are at the polls at the Young Men's Club house and vote for Pease and Smoot. You can get away from your business if you will. If you do the school will be saved, if you do not it will be lost.

TOWN MEETING.

It was one of the most largely attended meetings we have ever seen in this town, and as good-natured as it was large. The town hall, over which there has been so much talk and so much feeling, did not even show its head; no one wanted a town hall, no matter about the cost. The whole matter was "postponed indefinitely." The town hall lot lies for future decision and the town board of auditors, with the assessor and collector, are to divide voting precinct No. 1 into two precincts; that is, tell the county board how we want it divided. The meeting developed lots of fun. Judge Peter F. Dooley, the chairman, said he was a "little green"—no pun intended on the Emerald Isle—but he was good-natured. He will get used to it as the years go by and make a good officer. The beauty of the whole meeting was the good-nature of everybody there. Where we grew up town meeting lasts all day and the people decide on every question—a pure, complete democracy.

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CITY COUNCIL.

Four aldermen were present, Messrs. Cushman and Phillips being absent. It was 8:30 when the session began. A lot of petitions and reports were presented, among them being water pumping:

Total gallons pumped.....	3,698,277
Daily gallons pumped.....	119,621
Total oil used, gallons.....	3,585
Daily average, gallons.....	115
Sold to railroad.....	650,000

Alderman Rice read a letter from Joseph W. Keeler and George W. Higgins, giving the city a deed of land for a street west of First avenue, near Alfred St. Peter's, to the Exmoor club grounds, and a petition to have the same paved and a seven foot sidewalk built on the south side of said street, and water mains laid at once. This, of course, will give a first class paved street from St. Johns avenue and Sheridan road to the club grounds. Ordinances will be prepared to this effect for next meeting.

City Engineer Bowen advised the cleaning of the mud at the crossings and sundry repairs on the Sheridan road and Central avenue and the same be rolled.

Street and alley committee made a report respecting the improvement

of the streets on the east side of the railroad, which is published in full elsewhere.

Messrs. Smoot and Hipwell made vigorous speeches on the general subject; the latter got fired up and poured hot shot into the ranks of the aldermen right and left. Mr. Smoot laid down a few nuggets of law on the general subject of assessments. The aldermen proposed a special assessment on Laurel and Prospect avenues of about 45 cents per foot, on each side to repair and remacadam those streets, which provoked discussion.

When Alderman Obee came to read the bills, no one seemed to care about that; what they wanted to know was what the council would do about macadamizing fifteen or twenty new streets. Be on hand Thursday evening, April 22, and you will learn.

COMMUNICATION.

EDITOR OF THE NEWS:

Why is it that our streets are not being scraped and rolled; at least such of them as are not macadamized, and possibly some of such as are improved one way or another? What was the scraper bought for, except to be used. There are people in the city, owners of teams and other persons who would be glad of a job, even a small one. Our observation has been in the past that there is a tendency to "put off" till the

clay soil of our streets becomes so hard that the scraping is not worth half price. Whether this is the fault of the proper officers, who are supposed to look after this matter, or of the condition of the public purse, the writer does not presume to know. But ruts are allowed to remain and be filled with water by each little shower, until one scraping cannot accomplish the work.

Suppose there is here and there a place not sufficiently dry; the scraping will help to dry it and prevent it from holding so much water, if another April shower should come unbidden. Some streets are ready for the scraper and roller sooner than others. Begin the work; begin now and keep a team employed constantly for two weeks, if the weather permits, and I am certain we should find the results proving economical. The wear and tear of horse flesh and vehicles on our streets saved by prompt and more frequent scraping and rolling would compensate the cost twice over. H. P. DAVIDSON.

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