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CITY COUNCIL.

There was an adjourned meeting Tuesday night. It came to order at 8:20, then 20 minutes more to reading the minutes. Colonel Turnley presented a petition from the north end people for a hose cart up there; the right thing, of course. The board of health reported concerning garbage boxes in some alleys, and the flushing of the open sewers at certain points where there are no sewers. The appropriation bill was passed, a total of \$15,726, including \$1000 for library fund, \$3000 for street lights, \$1260 for streets and bridges, \$2800 for salaries and the other matters in lesser sums. The total last year was over \$17,000.

There were lots of new sidewalks ordered, plank and cement. Plank on McGovern and on west end, we think, of the Lasher lot on St. Johns. Cement in front of all the lot where Mr. Bohl lives, the old W. E. Brand house, from Park avenue to Central; in front of R. J. Street's; north and west of Presbyterian church; in front W. S. Lasher's, the Poppleham and Corey houses; in front of J. R. McQuiston's; lots 16 and 22, blk. 23, and some more. There may be errors in this, as we were excluded from the city maps.

Alderman Cobb introduced a resolution to exclude the representative of the News and other outsiders from the floor of the chamber and it was passed by three votes, Cobb, Obee and Phillips—how Mr. Fritsch voted we don't know. Colonel Davidson made a motion to invite the News man inside the rail, but he only voted for it. The editor of the News told the council he was invited to the floor, a chair and table provided for his special service during Colonel Turnley's administration, and that in all legislative bodies similar accommodations were provided for the press. He has occupied Alderman Cushman's chair during his absence. If the city council can afford to put itself on record in this reactionary manner, the News, we

guess, can endure it. That Messrs. Cobb and Obee should vote in that way did not surprise us, but we confess to a little that a man like Mr. Phillips should entertain such a measure.

Alderman Phillips read a full report of the committee to investigate the mayor. The committee found out nothing but the fact that they had no business with the matter, a fact they should have learned before they started. The report let the committee down as easy as possible. It was read and filed. They divided the city into two sprinkling districts Central avenue and all north into one, and all south into the other. Mr. Phillips said he had paid Mr. Tillman for all the work and now Mr. Falk presented him bills, and he wants order and justice. Mr. Obee said the Northwestern folks would put down a 15-inch tile and drain all that region just west of Raffin & Baker's coal yards and Michael Duggan's lots if the city would furnish the tile—a grand thing for all concerned. Bids were ordered for the tile. The street through block 44, opposite the Highwood M. E. church, never has had a name and so the council named it Logan, in honor of the hero of this week's Chicago doings. The matter of a cement sidewalk around the McDonald block was postponed till the next meeting to give him a chance to be heard from, though a lot of cement walk was ordered also on lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 in block 25. Mr. Fritsch called attention to the fact that the extension of sewer "A" up north, to reach him and others had progressed but little for two years, and he wanted something done. The attorney was called out and stated the supposed points of the new law, which were a surprise to many. After ordering a lot of bills paid Mr. Phillips made what the prohibitionists would call a "rattling good campaign speech" concerning the scandalous sales of intoxicants here in the city in an open manner, adding that he

was informed that barrels and barrels of liquor were shipped here to our drug stores and sold for other than medicinal purposes, and he had a resolution for the police to look this matter up, and it passed unanimously. About 11 o'clock they adjourned.

The next meeting will be in two weeks, Aug. 3.

WANTED--A CEMETERY.

It may be a grewsome subject, but Highland Park has no graveyard and needs one. There are old burial places scattered all about town, the most conspicuous being the old St. Mary's church yard. Then we are told there are old abandoned graves up in Port Clinton, as there are in the woods west of the track and street, up north of Alfred St. Peter's. Probably we have at least 75 deaths, perhaps 100 every year, and no place in which to bury them. Hence our people are obliged to go to Waukegan, Lake Forest, Rose Hill, Graceland or Calvary, all of them off out of town, where lots are expensive, and it is expensive taking our friends' remains there for interment. And here we are, with some 3500 people and no place to bury our dead. This is a very important matter, especially as the Lake Forest people are moving to shut out all outsiders. A local home cemetery, therefore, is a necessity, and the sooner something is done about it the better. The city, we suppose, has bought in at tax sale the old St. Mary's, which is on high and dry land, easy of access, and why not make plans towards enlarging and utilizing that? Some of our good people have spoken of it, and we see not why it may not be done.

We attend a coal and ice office part of the time and wonder why it is that so many people wait till the last shovel of coal is in the stove and the ice chest absolutely empty before they order a new supply, and then they want it "right off."