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CITY COUNCIL.

The mayor was absent on the excursion to Joliet and Alderman Cushman took the chair and presided admirably. James McDonald wanted his seven per cent discount allowed for full payment on the Central avenue paving. Daniel Collins and others had a new petition for a crossing up on Highland avenue. S. M. Coe and J. C. Anderson want the electric railroad track carried over on the west side of the street. Laing & Happ asked for a hearing on their claim for extra work on Vine avenue west. The ordinance for a \$1,000 bond in \$100 denominations was passed. A resolution calling on George L. Wrenn to plat his west side property was passed. Ordinances taxing foreign insurance companies 2 per cent on gross income. Attorney Smoot wanted ordinances passed making the superintendent of streets and engineer members of the board of local improvements, according to the new law, but Alderman Phillips objected and wants two alderman and the mayor to constitute the board.

New cement walks were ordered in front of Messrs. Lasher's, Corey's and the Burgess places. The electric railway bond was adjusted and reports of Judges Hibbard, Holmes and Dooley were present. Alderman Fitch reported adversely on Judge Dooley's petition for rebate on the block pavement. Col. Davidson said his committee had looked all over St. John's ravine up to Bloom street and advised that bridges and grading be not done this season. The attorney reported in writing that there would have to be a new and accurate survey to determine whether Mrs. Mary R. Hammond is entitled to a rebate for that three feet as she claims. Alderman Cushman presented a careful report of his dealings with the Northwestern for their delinquent tax of \$429.72. Plans for new fire engine house to cost about \$400 were presented and referred to fire and water

committee. The bills were passed. Mr. Noerenburg ordered paid \$340 on his work on the big fill on the Sheridan road north. At 11:15 the council adjourned. Aside from its length the meeting was an ideal one, there was no friction, no long speeches, the only special spirit was Daniel Collins' chastisement of Street Superintendent Nolan who did not seem much disturbed. City Pumping Engineer Edward Laing reports September pumpage as follows: Total gallons pumped 10,444,995: daily average, 348,166. The largest pumpage of any one month since 1894, when we had no meters and people left their hose on all night, and throttles wide open. It was 50 per cent over September of 1896.

TURNLEY vs. LOGAN.

We have received a pamphlet containing Col. P. T. Turnley's reply to the committee inviting him to the unveiling of the Logan monument in Chicago last July. The colonel exposes enough of Logan's history as a soldier in the Mexican war and his treatment of Mexican soldiers to justify his opposition. But his letter is the most trenchant, terse, keen piece of biting sarcasm we have read for many a day. It is worthy the pen of Charles A. Dana. We never worshipped at Logan's shrine; he said once he knew all about political economy—he had devoted two days to its study; eminent economists have devoted years to it.

Colonel Turnley's little brochure is marked "personal," but it is so sharp and pointed, especially his exposure of Logan's treatment of Gen. Fitz John Porter, that we want others to read it. It would have made even "Black Jack" turn black in the face.

John C. Duffy and his bride have returned to Highland Park and John has resumed his duties at the depot.

The new cement sidewalk in front of the Presbyterian church lots was begun Wednesday morning.

THAT NORTHWESTERN TAX.

We publish below in full the report of Alderman Cushman, who was instructed to endeavor to collect the unpaid \$429.72, the general tax of 1896, from the Northwestern railroad company. While technically in the right, we had hoped, with Alderman Cushman, the Northwestern would do as every other tax payer in this city has done—pay the levy in full cheerfully for the public good. Mr. Cushman wields a trenchant pen, and in this contest he comes off the better of the two. Read his report with care; it won't hurt you to read it twice, we have done so, and liked it better in the second than at the first reading:

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill., Oct. 5.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Highland Park, Ill:

Gentlemen:—At your regular meeting held on the 7th day of September, 1897, the undersigned was appointed a committee of one to interview the authorities of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway company, with a view of securing for the city, a shortage of \$429.72 in general taxes due the city from said company, as reported delinquent, July 16, 1896, by the county treasurer of Lake county, Illinois.

In pursuance of the instructions, contained in said resolution, your committee opened a correspondence with the officials of said company, copies of which are attached hereto, marked exhibits A, B and C., and made a part of this report. From their perusal it will be seen, that said company claim, and the claim seems to be well founded, that said sum of money, reported delinquent, was declared by the county court of Lake county, to have been illegally levied, and therefore, not due. And it is evident from the correspondence hereto attached, that the company propose to avail themselves of the decision of the court. Your committee believed at the beginning

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