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CITY COUNCIL.

Promptly at eight o'clock the mayor's gavel called to order and business began. The records were read and approved. A communication was read from Nathan O. Moore about the "bulb" of an incandescent light at his corner and it was placed on file; it ought to have gone to the committee on "bulbs." A letter from John R. Walsh of Chicago calling for the correction of the water works special on the lot where W. R. Kenney resides was also read. Messrs. C. B. Rice, H. H. Chandler and Ledgermere club ask for a rebate on the Highland, Dean and Vinton avenue paving. They claim a rebate of nearly \$2,000 for the entire assessment. Alderman Cushman suggested that as one of the signers of that paper was the chairman of the street and alley committee at the time certain repairs were made, and largely under his direction, some of its features were not germane. A letter was read from the city treasurer about interest on city funds on deposit in the banks in Chicago or elsewhere.

The joint report of the committees concerning a condenser at the water works was read and suggests the postponement of the matter until the city decides whether to use the money for that or for water mains extension or fitting the station for an electric light plant, if the city sees fit to adopt such a policy. The auditing committee have audited the clerk and comptroller's books from May 1 to Dec. 31, 1897. The committee speak in the highest terms of the neatness, accuracy and business-like manner in which the books are kept. Also that there is in the treasurer's hands the sum of \$8,363.98.

Bills were ordered paid amounting to \$353.56. The treasurer's communication and his bills were referred to the finance committee. Mr. Eritsch reported respecting John Rudolph's claim for a rebate on his lot for the cedar block pavement and finds that he is entitled to \$7.72. Alderman Obee wanted a ten-inch water main laid on Linden from Central to Hazel avenues. It went to the fire and water committee.

Alderman Phillips introduced the ordinance re-dividing the city into four wards, providing for the division of the city exactly as outlined in the News two weeks ago, that the railroad track and Central avenue be the dividing lines. Ward one, will be north of Central avenue and west of the track, ward two, east of the track and north of Central avenue, ward three, south of Central and east of the track, and ward four, west of track and south of Central. That is Mayor Evans and Marshal Sheaben live in ward one; alderman Phillips and clerk Finney in ward two; aldermen Cushman, Cobb and Davidson in ward three, alderman Obee and treasurer Greenslade in ward four. According to this division there will be 186 voters in ward one; 183 in ward two; 163 in ward three, and 146 in ward four. Col. Davidson said he thought it was fair, and as near equitable as possible. Alderman Cobb said he believed the last city census was fair and correct and that the city had many more than the 3,000 required by law. The division of the wards is as fair and just

as it could be made. Alderman Phillips said everybody regarded these as the natural division lines. Alderman Cushman was sorry he felt compelled to oppose this measure. His first objection was a doubt as to whether we have 3,000 inhabitants and detailed the history of last summer's census. He said he did not want to disturb that \$1,000 for the library and so he was between the "devil and the deep sea." He said we could not take another census within three years according to law. He quoted from Webster, to show what constitutes an "inhabitant" and also from Bouvier's Law Dictionary, and from Judge Cooley's treatise. He thought we were emphasizing the idea of the "east" and "west" side. Each side will then claim "we are the saints," and "you, the other side, are the sinners." In number of voters and on geographical lines, the division was fair and just. He looked forward to a population of 15,000 to 20,000, and this ridge on the west side will be the finest residence property in this city or on this north shore, and he wanted this whole business indefinitely postponed. Mr. Cobb contended for the proposed division, claimed that it was fair; remarkably so.

Mr. Phillips said for Mr. Cushman he had heartfelt commiseration, that he stood between the devil and the deep sea, and it was clear that he was in the sea, and ought to be grateful he had escaped the devil.

The second ward alderman was so eloquent he was "almost persuaded" to be a Christian, said alderman Cushman in sotto voce, but Mr. Phillips relied on his friend's second sober thought for a final decision. He went on to show that the statute requires this division into four wards and we cannot escape it. As to a possible error in the census invalidating the work of the council, it is all a sham and a spectre, not real. Instead of this division emphasizing the "east" and "west" sides, it will wipe it out. We want to make our city a better and greater city. Col. Davidson said he needed light about that census, why it was taken and when it was, and alderman Phillips explained how and why it was done; because the council was compelled to act at a certain date, on the appropriations and tax levy and the census was necessary to say whether the council could raise that \$1,000 for the library. Unfortunately alderman Cushman and Davidson were out of the city and the other aldermen had to decide the whole question. Alderman Cushman was gone nearly all summer. The ordinance was then put to a vote. First to see whether the council would postpone the whole matter, and it voted "no". Then to see if it would pass the ordinance as read, and the council voted "yes," and so the city is divided into four wards as above stated; at 10:45 p. m. the council adjourned. Alderman Phillips lighted a cigar and all went home happy over a good night's work.

THE "ROCK OF AGES."

When the wild tempest of a great grief bursts over us, when we are tossed and buffeted about by the foaming, raging waves of a mighty sorrow, we cannot think, we cannot feel, we cannot even consciously pray. All we can do is to cling, and to cling with the blind, instinctive, desperate grip of a drowning man to "the Rock of Ages;" and that, thank God, is faith.

THE OSSOLI CLUB.

Yesterday afternoon was regular meeting day, and at 3:30 of the clock work began, with Mrs. Dr. Newman, president, in the chair and Miss Van Schaick, secretary, at her post. The formal opening exercises were refreshingly brief and sensible. Miss Van Schaick has fallen into her niche; she has the requisite talent for that kind of work; the majority of the people have it not. Mrs. Newman comes to her duties well equipped with native ability of the right kind, well trained and then she does what is so often not done by presiding officers,—she has her work each day well in hand, knows just what is to be done, when, and how; hence everything moves along like clock work. She is a first class presiding officer. The attendance was large and only a few tardy ones; they will yet learn that half past three is just fairly minutes past, not forty five or fifty. The topic of the day was "Music," and before the essay was a rendering by Miss Carpenter of Chicago, on her violin, with Mrs. Tiffany at the piano. People here know Miss Carpenter and she was up to the mark yesterday. The street gamin who once heard Ole Bull, made this laconic comment, "golly can't be play." That was our sentiment yesterday.

Miss Van Schaick read Mrs. Chas. F. Everett's paper on "Music," one of broad historic scope, great and critical familiarity with her subject on its theoretical and practical sides, large knowledge as a pupil and performer, and a fullness of reading, biographical and critical, which really surprised us. Of course we are not competent to criticize such a paper, but we enjoyed it—it was full of information and what seemed to us discriminating criticism. Its chief value, from our standpoint, was its history of musical development, especially of harmony, and its brief, concise and clear sketches of some of the great masters, as Bach, Beethoven, and Mendelssohn. To use the printer's nomenclature, they were models, set in nonpareil, fourteen lines to the inch. A brief resume of the art of to-day closed the paper. Prof. Gray sat an interested listener to his daughter's paper.

Then came another number by Miss Carpenter and Mrs. Tiffany, with a very vigorous encore for Miss Carpenter, which she neatly acknowledged with a bow and a smile of appreciative gratitude. This was followed by a lively and decidedly practical discussion by several ladies as follows, if we got their names aright: Mrs. Daniel Cobb opened, "Home means more than a place to get three meals a day and sleep at night (applause). Some music should be taught every child. Prof. Huxley insisted on this, especially for the working people, where other elevating amusements are none too numerous." She cited the success of the experiment in Liverpool. Mrs. Cobb made lots of good points, clearly and cogently stated, and thoroughly practical. She is the wife of Alderman Cobb, whom we are going to keep in the city council. Mrs. Paul Smith, we think she was, propounded a series of clean cut, searching and practical questions in the line of every child having musical talent, and the ceaseless and enforced practice on the piano, whang-banging, to the disgust of the family and neighbors. Miss Alice Green spoke in her

mother's place, and though the Club was sorry over Mrs. Green's absence, they did not regret hearing Miss Alice. She thought many children have no talent for music, any more than for mathematics. She said her mother would plead for music, and more music in our public schools. If the schools taught as much about music as of fighting generals, etc., it might produce as good results. "Think of our boys and girls going to the Olympic or other cheap theatre, instead of to Theodore Thomas orchestra, just because they have not been taught in our public schools to appreciate good things" (applause.)

Mrs. Winchester spoke about a dozen words, to the intent that it does pay to catch a boy and make him practice on the piano. She tried it once and now has a son who thanks her for her heroic devotion to maternal duty. (More applause.) Too many mothers don't catch their boys and make them practice music, or any other virtue; she leaves them for the devil to catch, and he does it. Pres. Newman suggested that the Club might have to take up this matter of music in the public schools and give it an airing. It sorely needs it.

Mrs. Schaffler spoke by request. We used to go to the office of her father, Alex Manvel, when he was general manager of "Jim" Hill's railroad, in St. Paul, of a hot summer's day and see him sit there in his shirt sleeves and dispatch a world of complex business. Well, Mrs. Mrs. Schaffler's speech was the same broad, common sense kind of talk; every word told, and great nuggets of truth fell from her lips from first to last. She scouted the idea of any lofty attachment in music or anything else without lots of and long-continued hard work. She told of the natural musical instincts of her boys, and then how her parents trained her to love the best of literature; they read in the family and did not allow the children to read the cheap trash.

Miss Coleman thought a change from school work to music might be restful; it was a change, and that is the essential of rest.

Mrs. McQueston of the Fort spoke briefly, but forcibly, of good and bad music in their effects on children.

The President asked Miss Carpenter if she knew she was a genius while she was studying music, and she protested her innocence of the great fact.

After thanks to Mrs. Shields for her beautiful and delightful reception last week, and Mrs. Tiffany, and announcing a special meeting Thursday, the 13th, at 2 o'clock, to hear Miss Florence Kelly, the club adjourned for a good cup of tea, crullers, etc.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Jno. Booth starts school next week. Miss Dora Kline, who left school a year ago, has returned.

Miss Gertrude Jones of Marseilles high school joined our school last Tuesday.

Prof. Wilson has enrolled the names of three new students on the high school register.

The class which studied book-keeping last term, have taken up the study of arithmetic for the rest of the term.

You can buy all kinds of amateur photographic supplies at Schumachers.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting of the United Evangelical church and Sunday school, the following officers were elected: A. J. Norenberg, superintendent; C. A. Kuist, assistant; F. D. Fritsch, secretary; Wm. Tillman, treasurer; C. Streiber, librarian. The report of the Sunday school treasurer showed \$98.89 in the treasury. The school, with the home class has 140 scholars, the average attendance for 1897, was 87. Bible verses learned, 4102.

Mr. Paul Gieser was elected a trustee for five years. The sale of one lot by the trustees was authorized and confirmed. Plans are considered to take down the steeple of the Bethany church, move the building upon the parsonage lot, near the new church on Green street, and build additions to it, and rearrange the house for a parsonage.

Regular revival services will be held every evening for several weeks beginning with Sunday evening.

MR. PATTON'S BARN.

If you want to see the finest barn in this town, go down to Mr. R. W. Patton's. We have seen more pretentious affairs and larger ones, but for real service it is complete, the carriage room is large and lighted on the north side, ceiled in beaded Georgia pine. The stalls are five feet wide ceiled in the same, the floors are of oak properly grooved, with iron gutter at the rear of the stalls. The door to the box stalls swings on nickel plated hinges. The manure pit is beneath, not exposed to rains, etc., well ventilated. The grain bins are above with automatic supply chute. The harness room is large, accessible alike from stable and carriage rooms. Everything is first class and it is painted "fire red." Just at the south end of the barn is the bridge over the ravine to his house, 126 feet long and 41 feet above the bed of the ravine. It is perhaps the finest bridge in the city, built in a most thorough manner. Midway across it are two extended platforms, one on either side of the carriage way, with large easy seats, for places of resort when mosquitoes abound, or a place to sit and read. Mr. Clow is doing the work.

HIGHWOOD HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. C. D. Gail is visiting Miss Carrie Bowman, in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Gretter of Chicago, spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ward.

The Northwestern line has improved the mail service considerably, by putting Highwood mail on the 9:14 from Chicago, and sending it in on the 9:28.

Mrs. H. L. Harvey left Wednesday night for Jacksonville, Fla., in company with her sister, where she will stay for three months, returning the first of April.

The old historic city hall and jail which so long has done its duty as a meeting place for the city fathers, as well as a sobering up place for those who broke the peace, has been advertised for sale. City clerk Evans has posted notices, though the board of trustees will receive sealed bids for the old structure, which will be opened Feb. 8th. The building must be moved before April 1st.

Get Chase & Sanborn's Orloff, Formosa Oollong and Orange Pekoe teas at Evans Bros.

Christmas exercises at the school occurred Friday morning, A. M. The school house filled to the doors, by an immense enthusiastic audience. The exercises which were reflected great credit both on the pupils and teachers. Mr. Christy, president of the board of trustees, made a very acceptable address. The exercises, which lasted about an hour and a half, ended with the presentation to those of bricks from the chimney which was built of red paper and candy and nuts.

Evening Ed. F. Morris' Lyric Club, a colored organization, gave a benefit concert to the Aged Colored People, at the Lyric Club. Though a strong company of first class entertainment was given, the much disappointment of those having charge. Too much cannot be said of their performance, and they ever again, come to the Lyric Club. The hall is large enough to hold the

Mr. Wycoff tendered a coffee luncheon to a few of her friends Thursday afternoon, at her

Following are a few of our customers who are using

Sunshine stoves:

James Larkin
Dr. T. D. Conger
T. F. Clayton
H. L. Bowen
H. Duck
W. E. Egan
Fred Greenslade
J. Hessler
Miss Lalar
B. F. Schumacher
Charles H. Baker
W. W. Boyington
Dr. Ingalls
G. D. Boulton
Charles Larson
J. Blackler
C. Siten
M. Dugan
A. S. Campbell
J. C. Coe
Mrs. Duffy
William Smith
City Hall
M. Mott
James McNeill
J. S. Prall
J. F. Rice
M. Rogan
P. Thors
John Rudolph
Colonel Davidson
A. J. St. Peter
Mrs. A. Rock
Mrs. J. Grant
Miss Eskine
B. F. Gump
L. G. Yoe
J. Harriott
M. Corwith
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