

CITY COUNCIL.

Called to order at 8:25, rose 12:15 next morning. About twenty minutes were taken by the clerk in reading the minutes. The only petition was for a sidewalk down near Mr. Hudson's. Reports of officials were presented and referred. Then came up the filter-bed ordinance, postponed several weeks ago, when Mr. Montgomery on behalf of the citizen's association, asked for a delay till the 30th, so as to have the state board of health full report on the condition of our water supply and the best method of purifying the same, saying the state board would not meet till the 15th and it would then take a few days to get their report into shape to send out here, after which the Water Commission and Citizen's Committee wished to meet and prepare their report to the council. Mr. Grant opposed delay, said the council had been the foot-ball of the citizen's association long enough; it had been delay all the time from first to last with the committee and intimating quite strongly that delay was for the sake of defeating the measure, and fired a shot also at the water commission which Chairman Phillips resented. Alderman Clappitt was opposed to delay and moved that the date be the 25th, as Alderman Grant could not be here the 30th. Mr. Grant talked as though the citizens had no business to meddle with this case; that the aldermen alone have rights and knowledge and honest motives. His reply sounded too much like an insult to Mr. Montgomery and his committee, though of course Mr. Grant did not intend it as such. But the citizens have their rights and may know as much as the aldermen about this matter. At all events, nothing final should be done till the state board's report is received and carefully considered. There is no great hurry, nothing can be done this three months. Mr. Phillips suggested to his old associates the wisdom of "policy," in municipal legislation.

The gas ordinance took up a long time. It was gone over section by section through all of its dozen sections. Messrs. Grant, Van Riper and Obee, some of the time, contended for forfeiture and

purchase clauses, but the grantees, Messrs. McMullen and Osborne, flatly refused to accept such features and the ordinance passed without them, Mr. Obee voting for its passage. The mayor, attorney and some others seemed especially anxious to have it pass. Messrs. McMullen and Osborne had sized up their men pretty correctly. The mayor read a part of Marshal Leesch's letter of resignation, intimating that the marshal was not just the kind of officer that is wanted. Of course not, so he appointed T. M. Dooley, but the citizens, property owners and taxpayers regard Mr. Leesch as one of the best, if not the best marshal the city ever had.

Mr. MacPherson demanded his rights for the Electric Light Co., and will get them, for he has the city in a hole.

Highland Park Woman's Club.

The Highland Park Woman's Club held an informal reception at its club house for members and associate members on Tuesday evening, January 2nd.

The color scheme of the dining room was white and red; Mrs. White and Mrs. Prior served.

A literary and musical program was one of the many delightful features of the occasion. Mrs. Brand and Mr. Prior (piano and violin) were enthusiastically enjoyed. Mrs. Frank Green gave a recitation entitled "The Conglomerate Club," an inimitable bit of wit and humor, that was rendered (if possible) more complete from the fact that it was written by Mrs. Green for the occasion. After repeated and insistent urging Mrs. Green gave two other character sketches and then with Oliver Twist like persistency her audience cried for more. Mrs. E. H. Brown read (as Mrs. Brown alone knows how to read) an old negro mummies' protest upon her daughter, Mary Jane's higher education, showing her individual solving of the problem. Mr. Charles Warren did some sleight-of-hand work and there were some good stories told and some bright impromptu speeches made by Mr. Mac Baker, Mr. Erskine, Mr. Willis Cummings, Mr. E. H. Brown, Mr. William Dooley, Mr. B. A. Fessenden and

many others. And take it all in all, the "at home" of the Highland Park Woman's Club, was a great success.

The study class will hold its regular meeting at the club house on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, at 10 a. m. Topic: Nathaniel Hawthorne; Leader, Mrs. Prior.

Trinity Church.

The vestry of this parish having accepted the kindly offered hospitality of the trustees of the Highland Park Pres-byterian church, it is hereby announced that on Sunday, January 7th, services will be conducted at the Presbyterian chapel as follows: Holy communion, 9 a. m.; Sunday school, 3 p. m.; Even song, 4 p. m.

The Baptist Sunday school last Sunday elected Prof. W. A. Wilson superintendent, with M. R. Bortree as assistant.

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