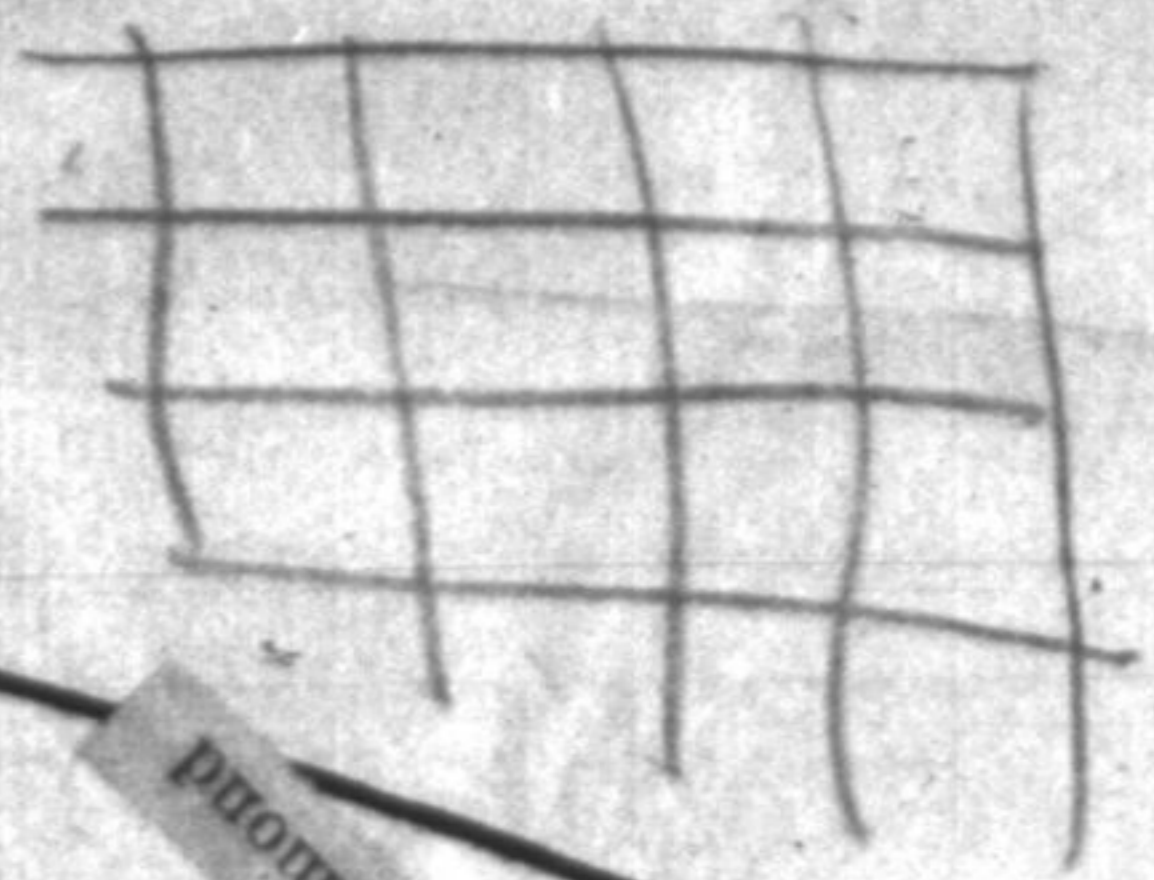


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Alderman Grant's Speech.

Mayor Cobb, Aldermen Davidson, Grant, McCaffrey, Stubbs and Clampitt, with City Attorney Knox, met Friday night, January 26th, to act on the filter-bed ordinance. Aldermen Obee, Van Riper and Brand were absent. After the other business Mayor Cobb read a letter from P. A. Montgomery, of the Citizen's Association committee, asking for further delay till the official report of the state board of health was received. This letter was accompanied by one from Dr. Hunt explaining the delay.

On this proposition of delay Alderman Grant, of ward four, delivered a somewhat remarkable speech which we report for the benefit of the public and especially the voters of his ward. It was directed against what he styled the "so-called citizen's committee." He went on to say, in substance that not one of his constituents was on that committee. He should bear in mind that this committee represents the Citizen's Association, they were appointed by the Association and not by themselves and therefore his criticisms of

the committee are really criticisms of the Association itself. He then said that the citizen's committee consisted of a few soreheads, "who tried to get the suffrages of the voters in Highland Park some nine months ago and failed. This council was elected to serve the people, and when we refuse to give the people pure water we injure the people. These soreheads have no standing; as individuals they have their rights, but as a citizen's committee they have no standing. The cat did not jump last spring as was expected. There is a nigger in the fence somewhere, I am persuaded. If this council fails to put this ordinance on its passage, we shall fail of our duty. This council don't need any instruction from this citizen's committee." He then went on to say this filter-bed question was the issue before the voters in his ward last spring and he was elected on that issue.

As to the "standing" of the Citizens Association and its committee, we will try to enlighten Mr. Grant next week, as we have quite a number of the original documents, and he will learn that some of his fourth ward fellow citizens had a standing

in it, to their honor and public spirit, be it said.

THE SORE-HEADS.

He says this committee consists of a few "sore-heads." Who are they? Why S. M. Millard, Esq., George D. Boulton, the banker; Frank D. Everett, a retired capitalist, and Palmer A. Montgomery, another retired capitalist. These are some of the citizen's committee and the others are like unto them. We have heard that some of the Citizen's Association were misled into supporting Mr. Grant's ticket last spring, and we presume they have felt "sore" about it many times since. But seriously, does Mr. Grant think it becoming for him, as an alderman of this city of Highland Park, to rise up in open council and denounce publicly such men as we have named, as a "few soreheads," and men of "no standing?" No, they don't "stand" with Mr. Grant, and some of his associates who aid and abet such speeches and measures as his. This Citizen's Association originated with and is composed of the best men of this city, as respects business ability, social position and culture, personal integrity and uprightness, and public spirit. But Mr. Grant seems to feel proud that he does not belong to them; does not affiliate with such men, and is sure the voters of his

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