

City Council.

Tuesday night was regular meeting. The mayor called to order at 8:30: reading records, etc., occupied half an hour, so that it was 9 o'clock when business began.

The first thing was the five anti-filter bed petitions, which contained some 260 names out of a few over 600 voters. The mayor, attorney and others spent some time in trying to find out whether the petitions had been returned in season. Finally, Alderman Grant called attention to the fact that the mayor kept the ordinance three or four weeks after, it was passed before it was published. Why did not the attorney have all these things at his tongue's end as Mr. Smoot used to do, and not consume time in turning over law books, etc.? Finally, it was decided to have the election Saturday, April 28th, A. D. 1900, from 8 o'clock a. m. to 7 p. m., and that there be two polling places—one in the new Library building for Wards 2 and 3, and one in the city building for Wards 1 and 4. Judges and clerks of the election were selected. Ald. Grant suggested that, in all fairness, at least half of these clerks and judges should be from the petitioners, but when it came to select their men it was found difficult to get any one whose name was not on one of those petitions.

The petition of the property owners on St. Johns avenue, laid on the table some two or three weeks ago, was taken up on motion of Mr. Stubbs, when Col. Davidson stated that a gentleman interested in the improvement of St. Johns had agreed to pay the \$80 Supreme court costs so as to relieve the city. Mr. Obee wanted the original adoption of the Conference committee's report so modified as to call on the original contractors to do the job of improvement. The whole matter was referred to the Council as a committee, of the whole, to meet and act thereon Wednesday evening, April 18th, the day after the city election. That removes the last obstacle in the way of the improvement of the avenue.

Ordered sewer and water connections made on Sheridan road north

before the street is paved, and property owners will be notified to do the work at once or the city will do it at their expense. Some of the water mains on that street will be lowered.

The Street committee are instructed to look after that fill near David Lighthall's before the electric road changes its tracks. The requisitions were ordered, and weights to make the street roller a 10 instead of a 7-ton one.

About 10:30 o'clock Council adjourned till April 8th at 8 p. m.

WATER PUMPAGE, MARCH.

Gallons pumped.....	7,242,708
Daily average.....	233,636
Coal burned, lbs.....	48,535

DISTRIBUTION.

Slippage	579,416
Sewer flushing	1,250,000
Leaks, dead ends, etc.....	750,000
Sold railroad company.....	1,062,750
Consumers and Fort Sheridan village	3,600,708

New Library Building.

Whatever people may think of how the Library board came into possession of that Young Men's Club building, all who go and examine it will confess that it is a big boon to the Library, and admirably adapted to its designed use as a library building. The little office in the north end, where we used to set up election booths and where Fletcher et al. had an old dilapidated cigar box bound together and locked for the special use of our female woman suffragists, when two ballots were cast into it, that has been transformed into a "stack room", and has adjustable shelving all around it save against the chimney, the upper halves of the windows and the doors into the reading room, the outside door, where voters once entered, opens no more. This room has accommodation for 3,500 volumes and the cases are all oak front in hard oil finish, making a very pleasant and serviceable room. The big middle room will be the "Reading room," with two or three large tables, chairs and magazines, and two cases with glass doors hold some 600 volumes, for encyclopedias and other reference books. About eight feet of the north end of this room will be railed off for the delivery counter, the librarian's desk, etc.

The halls and toilet rooms remain unchanged. The old south gymnasium and billiard room have been made into one fine large one known as the "Assembly Room," which just now is occupied by Trinity Church as a place for their Sunday and other religious services. They cleaned it, repaired and tinted the walls, put matting on the floor, shades at the windows, and it makes a very choice room, seated with good easy chairs. It is a place where lectures can be held and similar gatherings. Altogether the building is a choice one and will serve for ten or twenty years.

A Suggestive Similitude.

The way some of our officials regard the criticisms of their conduct suggests, as similar things did to President Lincoln, a little story. Soon after we located in the pretty inland town of Grafton, Vermont, the early home of the Hon. John Barrett, late United States Minister to Siam and prophet of imperialism, some two and thirty years ago, we had a neighbor who owned an old brindle cow. Being addicted, like some of our city officials, to a vigorous style of profanity, he and the cow sometimes had a "woodshed matinee". But of all this we knew nothing, being a newcomer in the town.

One Sunday afternoon, in a little talk to the children at a concert, we touched on the folly and sin of profanity. Our bellicose neighbor soon heard of the "elder's" speech and the topic thereof, and was exceeding wroth, taking the application to himself, after the manner of a guilty conscience. He went at once to one of the quadrilateral board of deacons in a state of mind.

The good and wise deacon, as such men always should, endeavored to ascertain the truth, whereupon our irate neighbor exclaimed. "So long as folks lie about me I don't care, but when it comes to telling the truth, that is more than I can stand".

Wm. Witten and Herman Borchardt, two young men well known here, have formed a partnership to carry on the business of laying fine floors. Both are good workmen and will achieve the success they deserve.