

ARRANGING FOR AN IMPROVED SERVICE

CITY HAS SCHEME TO PROCURE MORE WATER

Important Announcement Made by Ald. Fell at Weekly Meeting of City Council.

Anent the deplorable shortage of water in this city, Ald. Fell had a statement to make at Monday's meeting of the city council, which he thought would put a stop to some of the letters being written and turn the energies of the writers to better account. The letters alluded to were of course dealing with the inadequacy of the present water service, which laments in different parts of the city so sadly suggest, and which residents during the recent big fire could not procure in quantities sufficient to use. A garden hose for the protection of their own homes. Ald. Fell announced that the city had been working on a scheme for the securing of more water for the past three months—long before the fire added the ailment—and he expected that it would shortly be laid before the public. Ald. Fell did not suggest in any particular the character of the scheme, although rumor has it that they city officials have recently been paying considerable attention to Goldstream. Ald. Fell's announcement was made at the conclusion of the meeting.

Among the communications dealt with was one from Geo. W. Penketh, secretary of the parade committee of the forthcoming Labor Day celebration, who wrote asking that the members of the fire department be allowed to attend the parade. Referred to the fire wardens with power to act.

T. Maine and other residents of Tolmie avenue took objection to the council's reply to the letter soliciting water. The communication asked how outsiders were continually being given water while they were refused it. They had it on the advice of the city solicitor that on protest every one outside the city limits could be refused the city water.

The petition provoked considerable discussion. Ald. Vincent again opposed the giving of water to outsiders, and so moved. Ald. Beckwith moved an amendment that the petition be referred to a committee to confer with the water commissioner to see if something cannot be done. A four-inch pipe 900 feet long would carry the pipe to Oak street, where the connection would be tapped.

Ald. Goodacre seconded the amendment. The amendment was then put and carried. Ald. Vincent, Oddy and Fell voting against it.

His Worship then appointed Ald. Stewart, Beckwith and Vincent on the committee.

City Clerk Dowler's report mentioned the receipt of a number of communications handed over to the different departments.

The city engineer and city clerk reported on the cost and plans for extension of Birdcage Walk to Dallas road. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

James Wilson, sanitary inspector, reported as follows: To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

With reference to the communication from T. M. Brayshaw complaining of the unsanitary condition of Chinese laundries, I may say that during the summer of 1900 notices were delivered to each owner and occupier of laundries throughout the city to have their premises put in shape, to comply with the provisions of the Wash-house By-law with respect to plumbing and cement floors, I may say I was not consulted in the matter, and in fact it did not come within the sphere of my duties.

The Chinese laundries throughout the city are in as good sanitary condition as the present plumbing arrangements and wooden doors will permit of.

I have the honor to be, Your obedient servant, JAMES WILSON, Sanitary Inspector.

Received and filed. The finance committee reported accounts totalling \$4,200.34. Adopted. The streets, bridges and sewers committee reported as follows: Gentlemen—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee, having considered the undermentioned subjects beg to submit the following recommendations for adoption by the council, viz.:

Recommended that the city engineer be instructed to require persons supplying wooden blocks to the city for street paving purposes to furnish said blocks in all respects in exact conformity with the dimensions stated in the specification.

Recommended that the Tramway Company be allowed the space of eight feet between their double tracks on James Bay causeway, instead of seven feet, as decided upon by the adoption of a report of the streets and bridges committee of the last instant.

Recommended that the offer of the B. C. Electric Railway Company in regard to the hauling of silt for the foundation of the permanent sidewalk under construction on Fort street, north side, at Vancouver street, be not accepted.

Recommended that the permanent sidewalk proposed to be constructed on Hillside avenue from Douglas street, be constructed eastward as far as Third street only, and not to Fourth street, as already decided upon.

Recommended that the following sidewalks be renewed: Blanchard avenue, west side, between Queen and Pines streets, 218 feet, 6 feet wide; estimated cost, \$48. Pembroke street, north side, from Douglas street, westerly, 140 feet; estimated cost, \$78.

THE CITY FATHERS HAVE A SCHEME

TO GIVE VICTORIA GOOD WATER SUPPLY

They Have Had It Under Consideration for Several Months—Some of the Proposals.

THE BODY WAS FOUND AT LAKE WASHINGTON

Geo. B. Cliff, Well-Known Railroad Man, Lost His Life—Missing Since Thursday Last.

The body of Geo. B. Cliff, superintendent of the Seattle division of the Northern Pacific railway, who was missing since Thursday evening, was found on Sunday morning at the bottom of Squak slough, about three hundred yards from Lake Washington. First the coat of the dead man was found, then the canvas canoe in which he had last been seen, and finally the dead body.

There were no bruises on the corpse, but from his position it was evident that he had made a struggle. The hands were clenched. The thumb of the right hand was clenched between the second and third fingers. When taken from the water blood flowed freely from his mouth and nose.

The body had been caught by a three-tonged grappling hook, which had been used by the searchers to drag the bottom of the slough. At the time a half dozen boats containing nearly 100 men, were working at points in the slough up as far as Swamp creek.

Various theories are advanced concerning the way in which the superintendent met his fate. Some believe he capsized while rowing in the open slough. Others think that he struck a snag, and the canoe filled and went down. The theory now believed is that he capsized while attempting to take his boat over a boom of logs which were near the mouth of the slough, and which obstructed the channel. To have gained the lake Mr. Cliff had either to pole his boat around these logs or drag it over them. He was not a swimmer, and he fell into the slough while getting out of the boat as he encountered the logs.

Several holes had been torn in the bottom of the boat, and it is possible that he stuck his feet through the bottom of the canvas, lost his balance and sank with it.

George B. Cliff was one of the best known railroad men in operating department work in the Northwest. Mr. Cliff was born in Galva, Ill. thirty-eight years ago and received his early education on the Union Pacific system. He went to Seattle fifteen years ago, and entered the employ of the old Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railway as a train dispatcher. With the exception of two years he spent on the Oregon Short line as a dispatcher, he had been with the property, under various names and ownerships, ever since. He rose successively to the positions of chief dispatcher and master of transportation, prior to the property passing to the city, when he was appointed superintendent of what was then designated the Seattle & Inland, embracing the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern, the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern.

PHOENIX TRAGEDY. Colored Woman Died Half an Hour After Being Stabbed—Her Assault Captured.

The Phoenix Pioneer of Saturday says: "Friday a tragedy occurred among the houses of all-fame in this city, the victim being a colored woman, Annie Allen by name. The tragedy occurred about 10 o'clock in the afternoon, the murderer being a colored man, Joshua Bell, who came here this morning on a prize fighting outfit that gave an exhibition on Wednesday evening. The woman died half an hour after receiving the fatal stab."

"The alarm was at once given to the police, the murderer having escaped over the hills, with a bare half hour's start of the police. About 6 o'clock last night Chief of Police Flood came into town having the prisoner. He started back over the hills towards the War Eagle, figuring that Bell would strike for an unmet trail, and thence for the boundary line. He ran across Bell's tracks some two miles west, and then made a cut-off and awaited for the man to come along. This Bell did in an unsuspecting way, the chief jumping from behind an oak shack and having the handcuffs on Bell before the latter knew what had happened."

"When safely lodged in jail, Chief Flood sent for Annie Swan, keeper of the house where the murder was committed, who positively identified Bell as the murderer."

"Bell waited in hiding for the Allen woman to come out of her house when he stabbed her in the breast with a knife, and then kicked in her teeth. Then Annie Swan, in whose house the Allen woman lived, came out, and Bell chased her around the house. His motive for the crime is said to be money, which the victim said she did not have. After this the attack and murder followed."

"It is said that Annie Allen was legally married to Bell, a colored man, with him. Bell had a gun when captured by Chief Flood three or four miles away in Wellington camp."

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION

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