

CLOSE THE STORES.

A Petition Asks That Fruit Candy and Cigar Stores

BE CLOSED ON THE SABBATH

A Petition to Sunday School Scholars—Fifteen Millions of a Half Year's Schooling—Baptist Society Asks Help.

At 8.15 last night Mayor Teague called the council to order. There were present: Mayor Teague, Messrs. Harris, Munn, Baker, Styles, Dwyer, Vigelin, Wilson and Ledingham.

City Clerk Dowler stated that the following communications had been received during the week and referred to the respective committees:

Street Committee—Hon. Amor DeCosmos, with reference to the grading and paving of Yates street, north side, east of the drainage of Comstock street.

Hon. Amor DeCosmos, drawing attention to the desirability of grading a portion of School street, otherwise known as Ormond street, and sidewalk (by school) said street.

Sewerage Committee—Dr. J. C. Davis, calling attention to the unsanitary condition of a drain surrounding his property on Belcher street.

Water Committee—Drake, Jackson & Watson, asking to be informed definitely what action the council propose to take in reference to the Steinberger claim.

Mayor Teague reported that a writ had been served on him. It was the result of a legal action given in the courts to quash the electric light bill. Referred to the city lawyers.

Secretary Mason asked for the aid of the council to the B. C. Benevolent Society. Mr. Mason stated there was a great draw on the society, there being a large number of poor people asking for help.

Referred to finance committee.

Referring to the cemetery committee, Mayor Teague reported that a society of master plumbers had been organized. The letter asked that a by-law be framed governing the plumbing of houses and recognizing plumbers' certificates.

Referred to sewerage committee and assistant engineer.

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should be so formulated that the right of collection by the council could not be questioned.

Mayor Teague said the motion would have to be put.

Ald. Vigelin said the rates had been of 5 per cent. for those who would pay their water rates by a certain date.

Ald. Dwyer stated there was no school rates. The collector collected what he could.

Mayor Teague said it was a happy so lucky matter, but thought that was not the question.

The resolution carried. Ald. Dwyer and Ledingham voting in the negative.

Ald. Wilson asked permission to introduce a by-law governing hawkers and peddlers.

Ald. Ledingham said it would be well for Ald. Wilson to consult with members of the market committee before taking any step.

Ald. Wilson maintained it had nothing to do with the market committee. This he simply gave the city power to collect its license from hawkers.

Ald. Baker said that hawkers were governed by the market by-laws. There were already three amendments and if there were any more there would be confusion. He wished the matter to be left over.

Ald. Wilson said he did not appreciate this system of dilly-dally. This had nothing to do with the market, and he could not understand the opposition. The by-law was a means of raising revenue for the city, and as chairman of the finance committee he had made the move.

Ald. Vigelin said he was chairman of the market committee and did not feel slighted. Ald. Wilson was looking after the finances, and that was the right way.

Ald. Munn would like Ald. Wilson to make the amendment apply to the market by-law.

The resolution passed. Ald. Baker, Dwyer and Ledingham voting negative.

The finance committee reported accounts totalling \$2,000, of which \$3,000 were for educational purposes. Passed.

The sewerage committee reported on private matters. Adopted.

The street committee recommended that tenders be called for street sprinkling, and advised that the claim of R. P. Rithet for drainage to his property at the outer wharf be not entertained. Passed.

The question of cutting a road from the shore bench to Moss street was discussed. The idea had been advanced by the school trustees that a quantity of driftwood, if a road be cut, could be secured, and would save money.

Ald. Baker favored the idea, as well for the poor people as for the school.

Ald. Styles objected to the mutilation of the foreshore for the sake of a few dollars. The council only a few weeks ago had voted \$20 for putting in protection posts, and now the council was going to cut down the beach. There was a good beach and road at Ross bay.

Ald. Baker said the beach was quite wide at Moss street and \$50 would pay the expense of cutting the road.

Ald. Dwyer said a number of poor people had secured driftwood from the beach this winter. A road cut from Moss street junction would only cost \$50.

Mayor Teague favored a road.

Ald. Vigelin objected to the cutting of a road. The poor people did not get the benefit, it was the people who had horses and wagons.

Ald. Wilson objected to the building of a road for the sake of a few dollars' worth of wood.

Referred to the city engineer to report.

Chief Deputy of the fire department reported that C. Palmer, driver of No. 4, had resigned and desired to be placed on the roll as a call man, and that Hoseman Market had resigned. The chief recommended that Truckman H. Pettibone be driver of No. 4. C. Palmer, truckman in No. 1 and P. W. Dempster replace Hoseman Market. The purchase of five new hydrants was recommended.

An exercise wagon is needed to save the apparatus as taking the hose out on the chemical engine or other apparatus means breakages and expense. The drainage of No. 1 hall is defective, and the swamp beneath the floor will breed disease to the men compelled to live there. Three fires had occurred recently, and it was impossible to find the cause of one of them. In all cases the houses and contents were insured. The last fire in Victoria West is evidence of the need of fire protection in that part of the city. The fire alarm system is still defective and cannot be depended on. The two old steam fire engines were tested and found able to stand 150 lbs. pressure. The new hose, 5,000 feet, was tested and found in good condition.

Ald. Baker said the sprinklers would give the horses all the exercise they wanted.

Ald. Dwyer approved the idea.

Referred to the fire wardens.

Council adjourned at 10.

IMPORTED HAY.

England Consuming Vast Quantities of the Transatlantic Article.

London, April 25.—Fifteen thousand tons of American and Canadian hay were imported into this country during the week ending on Tuesday night. This exceeds the imports of hay for any single month, according to the tabulation of the government authorities. The demand is due to the fact that owing to the dry weather of the past two hay seasons there is an unprecedented scarcity of the domestic product, and but for the transatlantic consignments a veritable famine might be chronicled.

What there is to be obtained of English hay is selling at from £7 to £10 a ton, or \$35 to \$50. The American shipments are in demand at £10 to £12, or \$22 to \$31. The recent action of the war department in ordering a large consignment of compressed fodder, or fodder bricks, from the United States, is also likely to open up a large trade in this commodity.

These bricks, which are an American product, are made of crushed oats, corn and chaffed hay, a fodder which was brought to the attention of several prominent horsemen who relied the United States during the World's fair, who brought its advisability to the attention of the war department when the pinch on the hay market began to make itself apparent.

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REVELSTOCKE RIPPERS.

Resumption of Travel—Trappers Returning—A Society Wedding.

Kootenay Mail.

Messrs. Cumber, Marpole, Griffiths and Kilpatrick, of the C. P. R., were in town on Wednesday inspecting the Columbia river bridge, to be replaced by the new steel bridge to be commenced early in the coming fall.

The first passenger train over the Revelstoke and Arrow Lake railway this year left Revelstoke on Wednesday evening for Green Lake. The train was in waiting to carry the passengers and cargo to Nakusp (for the Sloan & Robson for Nelson).

There was a public meeting in Peterborough last Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of passing a resolution urging upon the government the necessity of commencing labor on the Big Bend and Lardner Pass wagon roads at once.

Five or six being brought in yesterday by the trapper, mostly from the mountainous fisher. A lot from small's Landing was offered Thursday, and realized good prices. Wm. Kirby arrived up from Fire Valley this week with a large number of skin which he had secured this winter. Mr. C. B. Hart and Co. purchased 175 mink and muskrat. Some of these skins are very fine and all in excellent condition.

Work on the C. P. R. towards the completion of the Kootenay River bridge will be in charge of the gang of men. The portion of land partly cleared last summer will be put in such shape that it can be laid out in blocks and lots. When that is finished the timbered land will be cleared.

C. Erskine Shaw, of the Revelstoke postoffice, was married this afternoon (Saturday) to Miss Frederique Lingquist, sister of Capt. Alex. Lindquist, of the C. & K. Navigation Co. The knot was tied at the residence of the bride, and the happy couple left on the evening train for Simsbury, where the honeymoon will be spent.

Robert Brickmore and John Jackson, who have been trapping about 20 miles up the river, at the mouth of the C. B. River, arrived down this week with 70 marten skins, 14 beaver and one otter. They had to portage at Death Rapids and Priest Rapids, but came through Steamboat canyon all right. The river was open with the exception of one ice jam.

RACING FOR BURIED RUBIES.

Ex-Soldier and Gambler After Gems Stolen at the Sacking of a Palace.

Among the passengers who arrived in New York from the Majestic was John D. Reuter's Telegram Company, who has been strangely connected with the remarkable story of the search for hidden treasure now going on at Mandalay, Burma.

British Indian King Theobald, a sportsman named William White, and a sportsman who has become possessed of his secret in part, are now racing towards Mandalay in anticipation of being the first to find the hiding place of the crown jewels of King Theobald.

Yesterday we took out some celery on our trip grounds. Many of the stalks were 15 inches long, many an inch in diameter and so brittle that I could and did take a stalk by each end, and by a quick move of the hands, in opposite directions, snap a piece out of the stalk, and it fell away from the stalk as if it were bent out by a knife.

They don't care to use any that they can buy after having this. And yet this was grown on clay soil, that, six years ago, was a barren, unproductive piece of land.

By sowing or sowing, and if celery can be grown on that, perhaps as poor a soil for its growth as can easily be found, every Michigan farmer ought to grow it. They certainly can, if they know how, and to know how they must study the principles of the soil.

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