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Mayor Signs School Bill

Affixes His Signature to Mr. Ford's Ordinance

Municipal Matters

Fire Board Discusses Considerable Routine Business

Against Secret Sessions

Council Committee Endeavors to Shape an Ordinance Agreeable to Everybody

Mayor Hayes yesterday signed Councilman John T. Ford's ordinance for the purchase of a lot and the building of a new schoolhouse in the territory bounded by Fulton Avenue, North Avenue, the Western Maryland railroad tracks and the northern city limits.

The new school is badly needed and Mr. Ford has been untiring in his efforts to secure it. More lucky—or more energetic—than some of his fellow solons, he has met with success. The \$50,000 appropriated for the school will be taken from the levy for 1902 and work will be begun next January.

The mayor has approved the ordinances appointing Howard C. Rouzer and Frederick W. Schuler constables in the Eleventh and Fifth wards, respectively.

Fire Board Matters

In the absence of President Cathcart, Mr. John H. Sirich presided at the fire board's meeting yesterday afternoon. There was no repartee and no polite persiflage.

The ordinances of Councilmen Guyton and Couglar for a new engine house at Waverly were returned to the council committee, as they do not coincide in the provisions regarding the purchase of a lot. Councilman Couglar will make his measure agree with Mr. Guyton's. Both gentlemen were before the board.

Messrs. Sirich and Parrish deferred action on Mr. Guyton's pipeline ordinance on the ground that they are not yet familiar with the operation of such aids to the department. On the recommendation of Chief Engineer McAfee, new fire alarm boxes were ordered to be placed at the following points: Clifton Avenue and Fifteenth Street, Chesapeake Avenue and Eleventh Street, Clifton Avenue and Payson Street, Lanvale and Florence streets.

Three horses were purchased from Joseph Kaufman & Co. and three from Mr. George M. Berger. Both bidders took three condemned horses in part exchange. Their bids were the most advantageous offered.

Chief Engineer McAfee was ordered home yesterday morning by Dr. Alex Hill, the department surgeon. The chief is suffering with bronchitis. His illness, it is thought, will be of short duration. Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraphs Frank G. Boyd is also ill.

Steinacker's Measures

Councilman Joseph Steinacker of the Nineteenth Ward spent an hour and a half yesterday endeavoring to demonstrate to the Board of Public Improvements that a new engine house is needed at Carroll. His ordinance for that purpose was before the board and was approved by it. His ordinance for additional fire plugs at Carroll was amended so that plugs shall be established only upon lines of existing mains. In its original form it required the extension of several lines. The amendment will reduce the number of proposed plugs from 12 to 6.

Anti-Secret Session

The conference committee appointed by both branches of the council to agree upon a mutually satisfactory revision of the Howser anti-secret session ordinance held a fruitless meeting yesterday afternoon. But four of six members—Messrs. Venable, Moylan, Howser and Sproesser—were present. Messrs. Howser and Sproesser objected to the second branch's amendments, which practically nullify the measure, but Messrs. Venable and Moylan would not agree to a compromise. A further conference will be held Monday, when it is thought that all of the members of the committee will be present.

Lighting Contract

After many days the troubles of Superintendent of Lamps and Lighting McCuen are about to end. Late yesterday afternoon he received from Mr. R. Stanley Carswell, the street lighting contractor, an assurance that the lighting contract would be signed and the contractor's bond filed today. Mr. Carswell said that he had already affixed his signature to the papers and that all that remained was their approval by the law department. He will take charge of the street lamps Monday.

In anticipation of a further delay Mr. McCuen had endeavored to arrange for the continued use of the Welsbach lamps now in place. President Brown of the Welsbach Company will come to Baltimore today, however, and the negotiations will be declared off. Until the Carswell lamps are in position Mr. McCuen will make use of the old style flat flame burners. Mr. Carswell will bond in the sum of \$175,000.