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***Baseball Adopted as the Solons' Sport***

***City Council Again Arranges Its Meeting Not to Interfere With the Game—Little Else Accomplished at Last Night's Session***

Those of Baltimore's city councilmen who have the baseball fever strong upon them diverted the course of legislation again yesterday in order that they might satisfy their craving for the national game.

Last Monday they adjourned until yesterday so as to be able to witness the opening contest scheduled for Wednesday afternoon. But it rained Wednesday and also yesterday, and last night, in adjourning until today, they fixed their meeting hour at 6 o'clock instead of 5, in order that they may see the last inning of the doubly postponed game this afternoon.

Little business of importance was transacted at the meeting yesterday. In the first branch the roll call showed but 13 members—a scant quorum—present. After his name was called Mr. Lamm left the chamber. This left less than a quorum, and Mr. Sproesser demanded another roll call. When it was made Mr. Morgan answered for Mr. Lamm.

This much displeased Mr. Sproesser, and a few moments later he strenuously objected when President Gephart declared an ordinance passed by the votes of the 13 members present. A reference to the rules showed that Mr. Sproesser was right, and accordingly a recess was taken and messengers were dispatched for the absentees. In a minute or two Mr. Couglar appeared and made up the needed quorum. Then Mr. Lamm reappeared and Messrs. Galvin and Grecht walked in and all was well.

***Railway Ordinance Passed***

The second branch passed three of Mr. Frank's quartette of railway franchise ordinances, and they were given their first reading in the lower house. The fourth, or "Park Avenue, Reservoir Street, Callow Avenue" measure, is in the hands of the city law department, awaiting the solution of problems regarding the ownership of streets affected.

***Infectious Diseases Hospital***

Health Commissioner Bosley's ordinance for the erecting of a municipal infectious disease hospital was finally passed by the second branch and now goes to the mayor for his approval. It carries an appropriation of \$25,000.

Other measures given the stamp of final approval were:

An ordinance granting the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company a permit to build an overhead passageway from its Light Street pier to the bed of Camden Street.

An ordinance changing the name of Chesapeake Street, from Baltimore Street to the northern city limits, to Kenwood Avenue.

An ordinance closing Jenkins' Lane and Point Lane.

An ordinance providing for the repaving of Bayard Street, from Columbia Avenue to Herkimer Street, with asphalt blocks at the expense of the abutting property owners.

A resolution for the payment to the W.J.C. Dulany Company of \$1,882.50 for printing the annual reports of the city departments.

In the first branch an ordinance granting Posner Bros. permission to construct an underground passageway under Clay Street, from their store to their powerhouse, was recalled from the table and passed.

*Mr. Steinacker Anxious*

Mr. Steinacker offered a resolution requesting the board of estimates to make an immediate report upon his ordinances for a new engine house at Carroll. Owing to the recent absence of Mayor Hayes the measures were not considered by the board. The resolution was passed under a suspension of the rules.

Favorable committee reports were received by the second branch on the following measures:

From the Committee on Water—An ordinance reducing water rents.

From the Committee on Education—An ordinance providing for the purchase of a lot for a new schoolhouse between Greenmount, Harford and North avenues.

From the Committee on Fire Department—An ordinance providing for the erection fo a new engine house on the York Road, Waverly.

Dr. Linthicum, in the second branch, introduced a resolution granting the School Teachers' Mutual Benefit Association the use of the iceboat Latrobe for an excursion on one of the Saturdays in June.

In the absence of President Wilmer Major Venable presided in the second branch. The council will meet at 6 o'clock this afternoon.