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Solons Wearied of Their Work

Dull and Tiresome Session of the Council

Greenbag of the Mayor

City Directors in Refuge and Union Railroad Nominated

Ordinance Providing That Street Sweeping Machines Have Rubber Tires Defeated

Yesterday's meeting of the first branch city council was one of the most boring and tiresome in the history of the body. Five times somnolent members moved an adjournment before they were successful.

Once they aroused themselves to laugh down Mr. Howser's ordinance providing that the city street sweeping machines be equipped with rubber tires. Again they went into joint session with the members of the second branch to consider nominations by the mayor. The names in His Honor's greenbag were the following:

To Be City Directors in the House of Refuge—Gen. Lawrason Riggs, Dr. Albert H. King, and Messrs. William A. Knapp, W. O. Atwood, Charles H. Oehm, Wilton Snowden, Charles E. Berry, Charles J. Lotz, Richard Stumpf and W. S. Henning.

To Be City Directors in the Female House of Refuge—Dr. Charles H. Dohme, Mr. Daniel C. Ammidon, Jr., Mr. William O. Atwood, Miss Ellen Ridgely and Miss Mary G. Eccles.

To Be City Directors in the Union Railroad Company—Messrs. Samuel Rosenthal and Mark O. Shriver.

In accordance with the charter, the nominations to the house of refuge directorate were sent to the second branch, where they were referred to the committee on the refuge. The other nominations were sent to the first branch and considered in a joint convention of the two branches.

On Motion of Mr. Brown, the nominations to the female house of refuge directorate were referred to the committee on the house of refuge. This motion was opposed by Dr. Sudler. The motion was carried, however, by a vote of 20 to 5—Messrs. Sproesser, Sudler, Lamm, Reinhardt, and Watty, all of the first branch, voting "nay."

The Union Railroad nominations were referred to the committee on city passenger railways.

Approved and Disapproved

The first branch passed the ordinance providing for the macadamizing of Augusta and Collins avenues, Carroll.

Mr. Howser's ordinance providing that the city street sweeping machines be provided with rubber tires was defeated by a vote of 12 to 8. Mr. Howser protested against his colleagues' evident belief that the measure was intended as a joke, but they did not heed him.

The ordinance providing for a new park in South Baltimore and the ordinance granting Edward J. Gallagher permission to repave Baxter street, from Baltimore to Fayette streets, with vitrified brick, were passed.

New Measures

In the first branch an ordinance was introduced authorizing the Central Real Estate and Trust Company and Mr. John Moke to repave St. Paul street, from Thirtieth to Thirty-first streets, with vitrified brick, at their own expense. It was referred to the highways committee.

Mr. Couglar introduced an ordinance appointing Howard C. Rouzer a constable in the Eleventh ward, vice Charles Straub, resigned.

Dr. Sudler offered a resolution thanking the A. S. Abell Company for copies of the Sun Almanac. It was passed by the first branch.

In the second branch Mr. Lindeman introduced an ordinance providing for the repaving of Bayard street, from Columbia avenue to Herkimer street. An ordinance for this purpose, passed by the council some time ago, was vetoed by the mayor because of a defect in it.

Highways Committee Reports

From the highways committee favorable reports were received upon Mr. Watts' resolution advocating the concentration of street repair work under one departmental head, and upon the ordinance providing for the repaving of Chesapeake street, from Fayette street to Fairmount avenue, with vitrified brick.

The ordinance changing the name of Chesapeake street, from Baltimore street to the northern city limits, to Kenwood avenue, was unfavorably reported.

A Public Hearing

The committee on police and jail yesterday afternoon held a public meeting upon the ordinance providing that all teams shall be plainly marked with their owner's name. The measure is designed to lead to the ready identification of drivers who are cruel to their horses, and Secretary Robert Hansell, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, spoke in favor of it. Collector of Licenses Shafer was also given a hearing. It is proposed to amend the ordinance so that the transfer of a license shall not necessitate a new sign. The hearing will be continued next Monday afternoon, when Mr. John A. Whitridge, president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, will be heard.