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Nominations of the Mayor

Council Suspends Action on City Directors

Doings Of The Solons

Mr. Couglar Suspected a "Snake" in a New Measure

St. Paul Street Paving

More Money for South Baltimore Park-Building Regulations-Adjourned for Two Weeks

Because there are charges against the Female House of Refuge management the city council, at its meeting last night, suspended action on the nomination of the city directors in the institution made a week ago by Mayor Hayes.

The confirmation of the city directors in the Male House of Refuge was also delayed because of the committee's failure to report upon them.

In accordance with a favourable report by the committee on city passenger railways Messrs. Samuel Rosenthal and Mark O. Shriver were unanimously confirmed in joint session as city directors in the Union Railroad Company.

Looking for "Snakes"

The presidents of both branches introduced, "by request," an ordinance establishing an examining board for electricians-contractors and workmen. This proposed measure provides for the appointment of five examiners by the mayor two to be approved by the Electrical Contractors' Association, two to be approved by the Electrical Workers' Union and one by the Fire Insurance Underwriters. Fees for examinations and fines for noncompliance are specified.

In the first branch Mr. Couglar Vigorously attacked the ordinance.

"I have reason to believe," he said, that it is a scheme to believe," he said, that it is a scheme concocted by the electrical contractors to 'freeze out' certain members of the Electrical Workers' Union. I move that the measure be tabled."

To this Mr. Reinhart protested.

"I favour the protection of union labor," he said, "and for this reason I think the ordinance should be referred to a committee, by whom all 'snakes' could be detected."

President Gephart disclaimed all responsibility for the measure, and on Mr. Couglar's withdrawing his motion it was referred to the committee on police and jail. Later Mr. Morgan

presented a petition from the Electrical Workers' Union protesting against its passage. In the second branch the ordinance was not discussed.

In the Courthouse

Mr. Houser, in the first branch, introduced a resolution calling upon the law department for an opinion as to the right of boards appointed by the Governor to occupy quarters in the courthouse without paying rent. Comptroller Smith explained that the state's attorney and the liquor license commissioners at present pay an annual rental for their offices. The other boards, he said, are strictly municipal. The resolution was adopted.

In the second branch Mr. Hubert introduced a resolution calling upon the mayor for information regarding the remodelling of two rooms in the courthouse to make room for the park board. The mayor ordered the "remodelling" despite the protests of the courthouse commission. The resolution was adopted without dissent.

Bridge Over Light Street

President Gephart, of the first branch, introduced an ordinance authorizing the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway to build a bridge over Light street from its piers-Nos. 3,4 and 4 1/2-to the south sidewalk of Camden street.

Solons Want More Time

The first branch passed the ordinance providing that the Appeal Tax Court shall hear no petitions for an abatement of taxes upon any property on which back taxes are unpaid. The ordinance reorganizing the court's office staff was laid over, as a number of members desired to examine it more thoroughly.

Aimed at Ginger Pop

In the second branch Major Venable introduced an ordinance providing for the inspection of non-alcoholic beverages.

At Their Own Expense

The committee on highways made a favourable report upon the ordinance authorizing the repaving of St. Paul street, from Thirtieth of Thirty-first streets, with vitrified brick at the expense of the Central Real Estate and Trust Company and Mr. John S. Moke.

Increased Appropriation

The first branch amendment to the South Baltimore park ordinance increasing the appropriation to \$25,000 was agreed to by the second branch.

New Building Regulations

Building Inspector Preston's ordinance for preventing the obstruction of streets during the erection of buildings was introduced in the second branch.

Two Weeks' Vacation

As there is little public business of importance on the schedule the council adjourned for two weeks-until Monday, February 25. By this time the decision of the Court of Appeals in the mayor-council case will have been handed down and it will be possible to fix the tax rate.

Names on Wagons

The council committee on police and jail yesterday gave a public hearing to persons interested in the proposed ordinance requiring wagons to be marked with their owners' names. President Whitridge and Secretary Hansell, of the S.P.C.A., spoke in favour of the ordinance, and Messrs. Fahey and Rhodes, representing the coal dealers of the city, opposed it. The committee will further consider the measure next Wednesday afternoon.