

"MUCH CRY, LITTLE WOOL."

Council Indulges in a Long Winded Discussion Over Alleged Obstruction by Lake Street Bridge.

MATTER REFERRED TO MAYOR LONGYEAR DESPITE HIS PROTEST.

Marquette Crosses Bats With Ishpeming Today—Citizens Invited to Lake Excursion. Visit of Grand Officers of Maccabees.

Alderman Shift Their Responsibility.
"Much cry and little wool" marked the special session of the common council last evening. That body was called on the request of the street committee to consider the bridge which the South Shore road is now building across Lake street for its new outlet to No. 1 dock.

The ball opened with a communication from General Manager Fitch, asking permission to go on with the work. Then Alderman Palmer sprung a resolution declaring the bridge dangerous in the judgment of the street committee and ordering its removal. Alderman Hennessey offered a substitute referring the matter to the mayor, with power to consult engineers and see if the plans could not be modified and if not to authorize the railroad to proceed.

Alderman Palmer accused Alderman Hennessey of going back on his former position in this matter. He declared against the railroad company for some time and said that the power to consult engineers was nonsense because all those obtainable were in railroad employ. Every man in the service of that company, from general manager down to greaser, had the brand "D. S. S. & A." on his forehead.

Alderman Mack sensibly remarked that he could see little but gain in allowing the railroad company to erect this bridge as it would greatly lessen the increasing evil, danger and obstruction of the switching across Front street. Alderman Helmer called attention to the fact that there would be more room under this bridge than under those already existing.

Alderman Hennessey got in a rejoinder to Alderman Palmer. He believed the bridge was, in one sense, an obstruction, but he favored what was practicable. He wanted it understood that he had no "D. S. S. & A." brand. He had never earned a dollar from the railroad, never should earn a dollar from it and had never been discharged from its employ.

Alderman Pendill spoke with great moderation that was in marked contrast to the temper displayed by some others but was convinced that the bridge as designed would be an obstruction and one that would grow worse with years.

At this point Mayor Longyear entered an emphatic protest against Alderman Hennessey's resolution as shifting upon him a responsibility that belonged to the council. It would be difficult and expensive to obtain engineers both qualified and unbiased to consider the question. The council was competent to decide the matter and should decide it. It was not right to shift the responsibility upon one man.

In response to questions by Alderman R. R. Todd and Helmer Engineer Payne submitted blue-prints and showed some of the difficulties of the work. The bridge could not be made longer because it would be impossible to put an 18 degree curve on a bridge of more than sixty feet length. To place the west bent nearer the walk would destroy the grade and make the track impossible of operation.

Mr. W. P. Healy asked to be heard on the part of the road.

"Cut it short," said Alderman Palmer. "I am not taking advice from you, sir," rejoined Mr. Healy and went on to state clearly the objects sought to be gained by this construction, the chief being the decrease by two-thirds of the traffic across Front and Superior streets. He admitted that Lake street was a dangerous thoroughfare but denied that its danger would be increased by this bridge. There was a great and present danger on Front and Superior streets now. This might be greatly reduced without injuring any other street. If the council would not permit the erection of a bridge that could be operated there was no use in building one at all. The speaker hoped to see the facilities of this port increased until every ton of ore produced on the range should come to Marquette. Alderman Palmer frequently interrupted Mr. Healy with satirical remarks but the latter gave him no further attention.

Mayor Longyear again protested strongly against the council shifting upon him a duty which belonged to itself, but without avail. The roll being called, the Hennessey substitute resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Aldermen Hennessey, Helmer, Mack, McGovern, Johnson, J. F. Todd and R. R. Todd; nays, Aldermen Palmer and Pendill; absent, Alderman Gillett.

The fight made against the bridge by Alderman Palmer had come out at the small end of the horn. The council stopped long enough to accept with thanks the invitation of Albert Jackson post, G. A. R., to join in Memorial Day exercises and a large map of the United

States, presented by Senator Stockbridge, and then adjourned.

Will Play at Ishpeming.
Marquette will play an exhibition game with Ishpeming on the latter's grounds, to-day. As this is the first meeting of two teams admitted to be leaders in the league the game will be a lively one. Perhaps Marquette will be beaten, then again perhaps her ball tossers may prove superior to those of the Hematite City. Whichever is victor it should be remembered that one swallow does not make a summer nor does one exhibition game decide the championship. The batting order and positions of the Marquettes will be as follows: Cross, ss; Shotts, lf; Scott, rf; Sullivan, cf; Craft, 2b; Allard, 1b; Welsh, c; Carney, 3b; Crout, p; Jones, sub.

Excursions on the Lake.
The steamer City of Marquette will leave Sault Ste. Marie next Friday evening for this port on her first regular trip, arriving here about noon on Saturday. Messrs. C. Endress & Sons, owners of the new boat, desire to extend an invitation to the citizens of Marquette and their families to take an excursion Saturday afternoon for a short run on the lake or to some neighboring point, as the passengers may elect. The boat will start from Spear's dock at 8 o'clock and Messrs. Endress & Sons desires as many citizens as can go and can be accommodated to participate in the excursion. Saturday evening the boat will run on a moonlight excursion on the lake, for which latter trip the fare will be twenty-five cents.

Knights of the Maccabees.
Three of the Great Camp officers of the order of Knights of the Maccabees will visit this city to-morrow and Lake Superior Tent has made preparations to entertain its guests in proper style. The Great Commander, D. P. Markey, of West Branch, ex-speaker of the legislature, the Great Keeper of the Records, Maj. N. S. Boynton of Port Huron and the Great Sergeant, Samuel Martin of Calumet, are expected in on the noon train. They will be taken to Odd Fellows hall and will there hold a school of instruction in the work of the order, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. At 7:30 o'clock the Knights will turn out in full uniform for a street parade, headed by the Marquette City band. The parade will end at Armory hall, where an open meeting will be held, to which all friends of the order are cordially invited. The grand officers will deliver addresses upon the objects, working and benefits of the order of Maccabees and a number of musical selections will be given between the speeches. After the meeting supper will be served at the Brunswick hotel to those who desire it. The Maccabees is a growing and vigorous organization both here and elsewhere, and the turnout will doubtless be a brilliant one.

The Tavernier Company.
The ever popular drama "Fauchon" was given at the Casino opera house last evening by the capable Tavernier company, headed by the clever soubrette, Miss Mae Powers, in the title role. The audience was large and the show made a hit from start to finish, applause being frequent and enthusiastic. The singing of the quartette was much admired. This evening the well-known favorite, "Ticket of Leave Man", will be given.

Thomaston Hotel Burned.
The South Shore's hotel at Thomaston was burned to the ground about 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Very meager reports have as yet reached the railroad officials here concerning the affair. Tom Craig was lessee of the house, he is reported to have lost nearly all his furniture in the fire. The building cost about \$16,000 and was insured for about \$10,000. The cause of the fire is not known.

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