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Prospectors of the Chestnut Street Railroad Scheme Withdraw Their Ordinance

BOW TO PUBLIC OPINION

City Councils Overrides Comptroller Huffy—Street Commissioner Mohrman Attacks the Committee

That public sentiment was opposed to an elevated railroad on Chestnut street, South Camden, was so strongly expressed at the hearing before City Council on Monday evening last that the four Philadelphia promoters of the scheme sent a communication to Council last evening withdrawing their application for a franchise. The request was granted, and that ends the matter.

Councilman Sayrs, leader of the Republican minority, was able to attend the Council meeting last evening after a prolonged illness.

City Comptroller Huffy returned to Council the bill of \$156.72 for costs in certiorari proceedings in the contest over the street paving contract. He said that half of the amount should be paid by Aaron Ward & Company, the contractors, as they were co-defendants in the suit, and had paid but \$24.80. Council ordered the Comptroller to approve a warrant for the full amount.

Tax Receiver Burdsall reported that since June last the tax receipts had amounted to \$519,135.76, of which \$47,581 was for delinquent taxes. He said there was still \$83,173 of this year's taxes unpaid.

City Comptroller Huffy sent in a communication disapproving a bill of City Clerk Kramer for \$333.32 for the time he acted as city clerk, when T. P. Varney was the legal city clerk, but was kept out of office by the reformers. The bill was ordered paid by a vote of 17 to 1. Mr. Jessup voted against it.

There was a lively tilt between Street Commissioner Mohrman and Councilman Jessup when the Street Committee's report was presented. Mr. Mohrman was granted the privilege of the floor, and severely criticised the Street Committee for holding private meetings and changing the disposal of the city garbage without consulting with him. He said the city contractor was being paid \$5 a day to cart garbage outside of the city limits, and in five months this would cost \$650, while the expenses of burning the garbage in the city crematory would be but \$277.44. He said the crematory could be put in excellent condition for much less than \$1000.

Mr. Jessup accused the Street Commissioner of neglecting to cut down the sewer, paving and grading corps when ordered to do so by the Street Committee. Mr. Mohrman hotly declared this to be false, and said that the committee made changes in the street department without consulting him.

By a vote of 10 to 8 the crematory was ordered repaired. In the meantime the garbage is to be carted out of the city by a Pensauken township farmer for \$6 a week.

The Fire Commissioners reported that they had accepted the resignation of Fireman Wright Cox and had appointed Logan Bates to fill the vacancy, but had afterward reconsidered their action and laid the appointment over for two weeks.

Council adjourned until December 8 when some action regarding the new water plant may be taken.