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Communication was received from the City Controller, appointing David Wunderlich as messenger in that Department. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ashton, from the Committee on Water, to which was referred the communication of Samuel Ogden, Chief Engineer of the Water Department, reported that after a full and careful investigation into the subject of said communication, they found it adverted to an anonymous paper, which had been circulated among members of Councils, calculated, as the Engineer believed, to do him great damage.

There being no other charges against him, the Committee would have at once asked to be discharged from its consideration, had not Mr. Ogden insisted that an investigation should be had into several allegations contained in said paper, feeling, as he did, that anything short of a full discharge would do him essential injury as a man and citizen as well as a public officer.

In this view of the case, as well as to arrive at the truth of the charges, the Committee, through the public press, called upon the author of the paper alluded to to come forward and make good his allegations, which he totally failed to do; and up to this time the Committee have failed to discover its author.

Many citizens who were named in the anonymous paper were examined under oath, and interrogated as to the charges made in said paper, and then as to their general knowledge. While giving testimony they adverted to other persons who were supposed to have some knowledge upon the matter, who in turn were subpoenaed, and appeared before the Committee, and submitted to the same examination as the others, without eliciting any new matter, or convincing your Committee that Mr. Ogden had been guilty, as charged in said paper. Nor does it appear that the charge that he (Mr. Ogden) had created any office, or appointed any officer in violation of law, has been sustained by a single proof brought before the Committee.

Over twenty witnesses were examined. After a long time had been spent in discussion of the whole subject, and the testimony submitted, the Committee conclude that the charges against Mr. Ogden, for malfeasance in office, have not been sustained.

They therefore submitted a resolution to be discharged from a further consideration.

The report is signed by Albert B. Ashton, Joseph P. Fisher, Joseph Taylor, C. B. F. O'Neill, Edward F. Mott, B. F. Wright, O. P. Cornman, O. Thompson, Wm. Horrocks and John Vasey.

Mr. Hagner said:—I have a statement to make in reference to this matter, and in order that it may be plain and distinct, I have written it. This affair, sir, shall not be smothered up and whitewashed over without an effort on my part to prevent it.—The oath of fidelity to the city I have taken here—my sense of duty—the reputation, honor and interest of the party in the ascendancy in these Councils, of which I am an humble member, all require this at my hands.

I therefore make this statement and the charges contained in it, publicly, before these Councils and the citizens of Philadelphia, which I shall take care to have published for their information, acknowledging my responsibility here or anywhere, for their truthfulness.

I now, sir, reiterates here the charges I made on another occasion, and defy all contradiction.

1st. I charge that Samuel Ogden, Chief Engineer of the Water Department, received various sums of money, on account of the city, from July to December, 1857, not one dollar of which has been paid into the Treasury up to this day, July 9th, 1857.

2d. I charge, That he has received various sums of money on account of the city since January, 1857, not one dollar of which has been paid into the Treasury up to this day, July 9th, 1857.

3d. I charge, That he has appointed Christopher Mason, at a salary of \$1080 per annum, \$90 per month, to an office, "Superintendent of Repairs," unknown to, and not established or provided for by any law or ordinance, and that the said Mason has received the salary up to June, 1857.

Some of these charges are proved by documents on our files, others by documents on file at the office of the Controller, which were all within the reach of the Committee, and could have been easily procured by a simple call on that officer. I understand that such a call was proposed by a member of the Committee, and resisted by a majority then present.

There are many other charges, which, in my opinion, require a thorough investigation, but I have confined myself to the above. I understand that a very different report will be made to the other Chamber on Thursday next, by a portion of the Committee, which will throw more light on the subject.

I regret, Mr. President, that I am under the necessity of pursuing this course. Nothing but a sense of duty impels me to it. It has been alleged, for sinister purposes, no doubt, that I desire to remove the present incumbent, to make room for some one else. I am actuated by no such unworthy motives. So far from it I have not, neither do I intend, to interfere in the election of the Chief Engineer, further than giving my vote when the time arrives. I have no interest or desire in the matter, other than that the city shall have a good and faithful officer at the head of the Water Department, I care not who he is.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the report of the Committee, which was participated in by Messrs. Cornman, Cuyler and Hagner, referring to the proceedings of the Committee. The report was received, and the Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Democratic Caucus.—A large crowd, composed mainly of natives of the Emerald Isle, assembled in front of the State House yesterday morning, to see and aid the result of the caucus of Democratic members of the City Councils, which was held in the Common Council Chamber, to determine who should receive the support of the party at the election in the afternoon, for Chief Engineer of the Water Works, Commissioner of City Property, Chief Commissioner of Highways, and two Assistant Commissioners of Highways. Outside pressure was great and effective. Between ten and eleven o'clock the caucus was called to order, Captain Day in the chair. The Chief Engineer of the Water Department was first taken and after a feeble opposition on the part of the opponents of Mr. Ogden, the present incumbent, a vote was taken. It resulted as follows:—

Ogden, 57
Abern, 96-3
Miller, 6
Hagner, 2
McCarthy, 3

Mr. Ogden was declared the caucus nominee. The next question was the nomination of the Commissioner of City Property. There was also a competition for this office. The ballot resulted in the choice of Mr. Eugene Ahern, the present incumbent, by the following close vote:—

Ahern, 37
Miller, 10
Hagner, 18
McCarthy, 5
Ogden, 2

Mr. John Arthur, the present incumbent, was nominated by acclamation. For Assistants there was a hard fight. It resulted in the choice of Messrs. Street and McCullough, by a close vote.

Water, Public Buildings and Highways.

We call attention to the report of ANDREW MILLER, Esq., to be found in another column. This Report, in connection with the expose of Mr. HAGNER in Select Council, make out an unanswerable case against Engineer OGDEN. Documentary evidence makes it absolutely certain he did retain over \$500 of funds due to the City until fear compelled him to pay the amount into the Treasury—that he has still in his hands sums of money due the City, which he has not yet paid over, and that without authority of law, he has created high salaried officers and expended the City money upon them. It is also clear that he has used his official station to swell the profits of the private business firm of which he is a member, by selling old materials to them at nominal prices or corruptly low prices, and by purchasing articles for City use from this firm at exorbitant prices. It appears, too, that OGDEN has subsidised the Water Committee by employing relatives of a majority of them in the Water Department.

And yet this man is re-elected! So is AHERN, whose stupid management allows the public offices and INDEPENDENCE HALL to be again and again broken into and plundered. It is disgraceful that the old Hall should be under such charge. McCARTHY, the Highman, is also re-elected. This is throwing dust in the eyes of our citizens, and scattering mud on their garments.

Mr. MILLER is getting back, we hope, to his ancient ideas of reform and party purity. Let him keep up the steam—go ahead—and drag corruption and imbecility from its municipal hiding places, and public commendation will be his.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Proceedings of Councils. A stated meeting of City Councils was held yesterday afternoon. In the Select Branch, a communication was presented for the abatement of a nuisance at Ninth and Locust streets, on the city lot; one from the Board of Health, informing Councils of the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the resignation of James Thomas, the member from the Twenty-first Ward. Referred.

The Chief Engineer of the Watering Department sent in the following nominations:—
Register—Wm. V. McKean. General Clerk—Joshua M. Raybold. Purveyors, 1st District—Charles M. D. Smith. 2d. Geo. W. B. Felton. 3d. Joseph Hunker. 4th. George Esher. Inspectors—William Schofield, E. W. Powers, Edward M. Bready and Samuel L. Leech. Messenger—Samuel L. Snyder. Engineer of Schuylkill Works—Isaac S. Cassin, in place of John Macutechen, transferred to Delaware Works, vice William Elise resigned. Engineer of Delaware Works—Robert Shered, vice J. A. Dowdy resigned. Referred to the members of the Watering Committee from Select Council.

The Chief Commissioner of Highways sent in

COMMON COUNCIL.

A message was received from the Mayor stating that he had signed certain Ordinances and Resolutions.

A communication was received from the Chief Engineer respecting the Good Intent Engine Company and Taylor Hose Company for running out of their district, and the Weacoac Engine Company for disobeying his orders. Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Companies.

Mr. Boyle submitted a petition from the Moyamensing Hose Company, asking for admission to the Fire Department. Referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Kauffman, a petition for gas lamps in the Third Ward. Referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Lewis, a petition for a culvert in Spruce street, from Seventeenth to Eighteenth streets. Referred to the Committee on Survey.

Also, a petition for a bridge over the Schuylkill at Spruce street. Referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Potts, a petition for culvert on Race street, between Seventh and Eighth streets. Referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Mascher, a petition for water pipes in the Sixteenth Ward. Referred to the Committee on Water.

Mr. Vanhorn, a petition for water pipes on Washington street, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth streets. Referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Geisz, a petition for the admission of the Hibernia Hose Company to the Fire Department.—Referred to the Committee on Trust and Fire Companies.

Mr. Holman, a petition for the paving of Dauphin street, from Frankford road to West street.—Referred to the Committee on Highways.

A petition for the opening of Huntingdon street, from Washington street to the Frankford road, was referred to the Committee on Survey.

Mr. Drayton, of the Committee of Highways, submitted a report and an ordinance making an appropriation of \$10,000 for the payment of interest on outstanding warrants. Agreed to.

Also, an ordinance making the security of the Chief Engineer of Water Works, \$25,000, and of the Register of Water Rents \$14,000. Agreed to.

Mr. Miller submitted a minority report in regard to the charges against Mr. S. Ogden, the Chief Engineer of the Water Works.

Mr. Mascher arose to a point of order. He thought the gentleman was not a member of the committee.

The Chair decided that the report was in order.

The clerk then read the report. It was a lengthy document, and charges the Chief Engineer with malfeasance in office, and also with employing about the Water Works the son of one member of the Committee on Water, the brother of another, the brother-in-law of another, the nephew of another, &c. It also states that the employees of another member furnishes the works with coal, while other relatives of certain members are employed about the engine rooms, furnish tallow, &c.

The report also states that certain movables about the works suddenly disappeared, but where they went or what became of them was a mystery. Besides this, twenty-four cart loads of iron castings were removed from a yard on Cherry street, to Messrs. Henderson & Co.'s foundry, without being weighed, and that Mr. Ogden is a member of the firm of Messrs. Henderson & Co. It charges that if Mr. Ogden did sell this iron to H. & Co., and paid for it, he did it without the consent of Councils. Several cart loads of dressed stone were also taken from a yard in Kensington and used in the construction of the Armory of the National Guards, in Race street near Sixth, which stone was not accounted for.

Messrs. Henderson & Co. have rendered several bills to the city for work done at their establishments, which are vouched for by Mr. O., who is a member of the firm. The report also states that 1700 perch of stone were bought, at \$2 per perch, to be used in repairing the dam at Fairmount, while the article could have been purchased at 75 cents per perch—thus defrauding the city out of \$2130. It also charges the Chief Engineer of Water Works with appointing a Superintendent of Repairs, at a salary of \$1080 per annum, without the consent of Councils. The report contained a number of other charges.

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The vote for Chief Engineer of the War Department was as follows:—

For Samuel Ogden, 67 votes.
" Charles Brock, 20 "
" Frederick Graeff, 2 "

The Chair announced that Mr. Ogden was elected. The Presidents of both branches declined voting.

The vote for Commissioner of City Property was as follows:—

For Eugene Ahern, 63 votes.
" Edward P. Molineaux, 16 votes.

Mr. Ahern was declared elected.

The vote for Chief, and Commissioners of Highways, stood as follows:—

FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.
John McCarthy, 78 votes.
Alpheus W. Green, 14 votes.

FOR COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHWAYS.
Thomas McCullough, 77 votes.
Emanuel Street, 77 votes.
Robert Shoemaker, 14 votes.
Charles McCowan, 14 votes.

The chair announced Mr. McCarthy, and Messrs. McCulloch and Street, elected.