

ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.

Council Takes No Action on Franchises Asked For.

At the meeting of the city council Saturday evening a communication was read from N. C. Richards, attorney for C. S. Warren et al, who are asking for a franchise for an electric road through the streets of Sumpter, requesting more time in which to submit an ordinance covering the case. The request was based on the assertion that several interested parties are absent from town, and it is necessary to consult them in the matter. Further time was granted. The McGrew ordinance, which grants to him a similar franchise, was laid over for one week.

The judiciary committee was instructed to investigate the matter and ascertain if town warrants could be sold, for the purpose of buying a hook and ladder truck.

The contract for furnishing town patients with medicine was awarded to M. B. Mercer, at 22½ cents a prescription.

The attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance regulating the calling for bids and the expenditure of money. The same official was instructed to revise the numbering of ordinances already passed.

The ordinance providing for the numbering of houses was read and ordered enrolled.

The empounding ordinance and one relative to building permits and the use of streets by building material were passed. Both are of general public interest and importance. Those who wish to ascertain their provisions, can do so by making enquiries of the recorder, learning where they are posted and deciphering the weather stained and streaked documents. That is the method adopted at the meeting Saturday evening of giving publicity to municipal laws in future.

Pioneer Mine Owner Here.

E. P. Cowen, a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, was in Sumpter Monday, after an absence of many years, he having been in the district in 1888, at which time he was owner of the claims which now constitute the Columbia mine and the E. & E. mine. At that time Mr. Cowen could also have had the Red Boy claim for less than \$500, now occupying a position in the million dollar column. He has several interests, however, in the district, but says, of course, he came "too early and too late." Of the mining development of the past years of his absence, he is not surprised, knowing the country to be the best on the face of the earth, but when last here he says the entire townsite of Sumpter, with its three or four buildings, could have been secured for \$1000. Consequently when he came here this time and found a progressive city built, and that only in its infancy, he could not help but evince considerable wonder.

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