COUNCIL DECLINES.

Will Not Stand for a Nominating Convention.

The city council held a meeting Saturday evening, but transacted very little business. Its time was taken up with a request from a number of citizens that a mass meeting be called for the purpose of placing in nomination a non-partisan ticket for the coming municipal election.

The council very properly decided that such action would be wholly without its jurisdiction and declined to comply with the request.

Candidates will therefore have to be placed on the ticket in the same way as has heretofore been the custom. All that is necessary is to file with the recorder within five days of the election a petition signed by ten voters and you can enter the stirring career of practical politics, office seeking.

This being the easy case, it is said that many will try their luck at the uncertain game.

It is reported and generally credited, that there is a move on foot to put a straight republican ticket in the field, headed with Tom McEwen, for mayor. The purpose of such a move is difficult to divine, for even on a party fight this town is democratic, and many good citizens are opposed to drawing party lines in municipal elections.

There will undoubtedly be a non-partisan ticket in the field. A persistent effort is being made to induce J. H. Robbins to run for mayor. He has not yet definitely decided what he will do, though it is very probable that he will yield to the strong influence now being exerted to this end.

For minor offices there is no dearth of candidates. For the position of marshal there are a dozen men in this camp who are in the hands of their friends.

Smelter for Seven Devils.

A private letter was received in this city yesterday from a gentleman associated with Boston and Seven Devils Copper company, which is operating a large group of claims in the mining district of that name, which gives some important information. The letter states that this company is "busy on the completion of the railroad and the development of the properties, in order to have a large output when they erect a smelter." There has been considerable talk anent this smelter proposition, brought about by the fact that the company's holdings are not of large value without this adjunct and, while this is recognized by the people forming the corporation, yet no immediate steps towards such installation is to be made this season. There must be much more work done before a smelter could properly be operated in that section, though when that development is accomplished it will warrant one of the largest smelting plants in the United States.—Boise Statesman.

Bogus Gold Specimen Bunco.

The police department made an important capture yesterday in the person of Thomas Taylor, who was held in Judge Herrick's court on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, and is now in the county jail, from whence he was but a few days since discharged, having served time for a disturbance he had raised in Chin Man Sui's place some time since. After the issuance of the warrant as above it was found that he had committed a much more serious crime—counterfeiting—which is punishable by imprisonment for not less than one or more than fourteen years. Taylor is known about town as a mining man, adicted to the morphine habit, with a not too savory reputation with the police, though none of them ever believed him capable of his present crime. The complaining witness is Charles Granholm, who swore that defendant borrowed from him the sum of $10, securing him in the loan by the deposit of four pieces of quartz, literally "lousy with gold"—some of the most handsome specimens ever seen in this city. The "gold" was a counterfeit, worth probably $20 a carload, and it is to the charge of counterfeiting, probably, that Taylor will have to answer, as Section 7035 of the revised statutes of Idaho distinctly denominates as forgery any utterance of bogus money, gold dust, concentrates, or quartz. When arrested and searched there was found upon the man $3.35 in cash, a number of papers, and when Chief Francis compelled him to take off his shoes a broken package of diamond dye, of a golden color, was found hidden therein.—Boise Statesman.

Cassidy Arrested on Two More Charges.

Henry F. Cassidy was arrested Saturday evening on warrants sworn out by Letson Balliet on two charges of criminal libel, one growing out of an article appearing in the Herald under Cassidy's management, and the other for the circulation of a handbill on Saturday, attacking the plaintiff over his, Cassidy's, signature. Immediately after his arrest Cassidy was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Messick and waived examination. He was held to answer with bonds fixed at $250 on each charge. J. H. Parker and Wm. Pollman went his security. This makes three different charges of libel on which Mr. Cassidy has been arrested and admitted to bail. The circuit court convenes a week from today and as criminal cases are the first called for trial, it is possible these libel suits will be disposed of early in the week.—Baker City Republican.

Red, White and Blue Mill in Operation.

R. M. Wilson, of the Red, White and Blue group of mines, has been in the city the past few days on business connected with his property. Mr. Wilson's property is situated 30 miles south of Baker City and is making a fine showing. He says he is preparing to commence extensive development work as soon as winter is over. There is a mill on the property which will be operated all winter, and the work now under way will be steadily prosecuted.—Republican.

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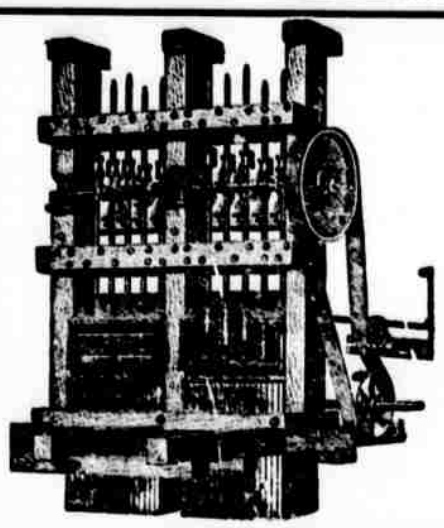

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