

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

C. P. Holly Nominated to Succeed T. D. Bellinger.

At the meeting of the city council Saturday evening Mayor Robbins named C. P. Holly to succeed T. D. Bellinger as a member of that body. The nomination was confirmed. This was a surprise to the members of the council as well as the public in general, as Mr. Holly's name had never been mentioned or thought of in connection with the position.

A remonstrance against planking south Mill street, signed by all except two or three property owners interested, was presented, and that proposed improvement was declared off. A. Elliot, who owns lots fronting on the street, made a talk favoring the graveling proposition, and a resolution to that effect was passed. This work will doubtless be done, as the property owners are thought to be willing to "stand for" any improvement in reason, in proportion to the value of lots.

Engineer Fenner's report on a general sewer system was discussed at length. Ex-Mayor Gleason being present, was asked to express his opinion on the subject and he pointed out some serious defects in the proposed plan. Attorney Chance gave it as his opinion that under the charter bonds, cannot be issued for this purpose, for the reason that only the property benefitted can be taxed to pay the bonds and that securities based on less than the whole city would not be legal. The matter was referred to the committee on health and police.

The matter of putting in a public watering trough, the company having agreed to furnish water free, was referred to the committee on streets and public property, with power to act.

Alderman Neill called attention to the bad condition of sidewalks on Granite street. The city marshal was instructed to notify property owners that same must be repaired, made to conform to the contour of the street and built the full width, from buildings to curb.

An ordinance was passed providing for the taxing and killing of dogs, which is officially published in the MINER today.

A request was received from the Fire department, asking for a light wagon, in which to haul extra hose.

A secret meeting was held after formal adjournment, to discuss gambling, the social evil and other subjects of a like delicate nature.

Powerful Explosive Accidentally Discovered

If the report that Gustave Beraud, a chemist, formerly of Anaconda, Montana, has discovered a new and powerful explosive is true, the discovery is a valuable one. Mr. Beraud is in Dawson City and there is where the discovery is said to have been made. A Dawson City paper thus relates the circumstances attending the accidental discovery: "While making an analysis of Rock creek coal, in order to ascertain whether it combined barium and sodium, Mr. Beraud was startled by a loud explosion. Upon investigation he found it to have been caused by contact of potassium permanganate, a salt of potassium, with a solution of tin salt known as metastannic acid, together with another salt the character of which is unknown and not referred to in works upon explosive substances. In order to learn more of its properties, Mr. Beraud placed an ounce of this powder in a steel pipe, closed at one end, and placed a weight of 75 pounds upon the open end. When the explosion took place the weight was thrown out about ten feet from the projectile. He further found that when the respective salts were precipitated and prop-

erly mixed, they exploded violently by contact with moisture. Mr Beraud has already sent his discovery to the French academy of chemistry to be fully investigated by that able body, and expects it will create quite a furore in the scientific world, as well as prove its commercial value."

Joe Kirchoff's Hard Luck.

From a gentleman who arrived here from Baker county a few days ago, we learn that Joe Kirchoff, who went from here last winter, to take charge of the machinery of the Golden Eagle mine, which is owned by parties in this city, is still in the Baker City hospital and only a week ago it was still a matter of doubt with the doctors whether they could save his left hand or not, after amputating two of the fingers. Mr. Kirchoff has had hard luck up there. He was not long at his new job when a piece of steel was driven into his left hand and, the wound being neglected, blood poisoning set in, and for four weeks the poor fellow hovered between life and death. As soon as the doctors will permit him to leave, Mr. Kirchoff will come back to The Dalles and recruit.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Preparing for the Mining Congress.

The effort to make the session of the International Mining congress at Boise "the biggest yet" is meeting with success. Many mining districts of Idaho are coming to the front, and they will have fine exhibits. The suggestion made in the Statesman some time since that boxes be filled with vein matter of the different mines, with the wall rock at each end, to give an exact idea of the property, is being taken hold of by several owners. They will send in such exhibits, and the city committee on exhibits will see that these are placed to give the best results. Information is also coming in that machinery men will send in good exhibits. At headquarters the impression is gaining daily that the congress will bring to Boise the largest crowd ever seen here.—Statesman.

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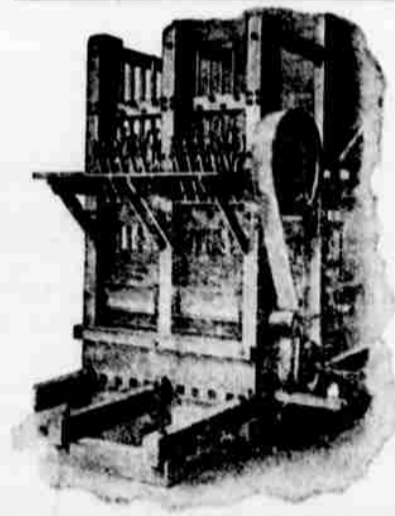
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