

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Question of Municipal Lighting Introduced Last Night.

The board of public works held a meeting last night, there being present Mayor Kilduff, Commissioners Whiting, Blakeslee, Mahaney, Scully, Superintendent O'Brien of the bureau of water, Superintendent Reiley of the street department, Engineer Cairns and City Clerk M. J. Ryan.

Commissioner Whiting introduced the question of municipal lighting and stated that he had it on excellent authority that the city could install a plant at a reasonable outlay and by furnishing electricity to people who would want to use it.

Mr. Whiting said he knew the city was getting the worth of its money by getting to represent Waterbury at the annual meeting of the League American Municipalities in Charleston, S. C., December 12-15.

On motion of Commissioner Whiting the board recommended to the board of aldermen that the square formed by the junction of North Main, Bishop, Grove, Cherry and North Elm streets be known as North square.

It was voted that from and after December 1 in all cases, if plumbers fail to make prompt and proper returns as required by the rule, the proper officer be authorized and directed to refuse permits and report to the board the names of the plumbers.

Superintendent O'Brien reported that the pumping station will be in working order in a day or two and inquired if the board desired to give him any instruction in reference to proposition to clean the East Mountain reservoir. He was ordered to proceed with the work of cleaning the reservoir as soon as convenient.

The payrolls for the first half of the month were approved as follows: Bureau of Engineering, \$340.25; water department, \$1,222.30; street department, \$1,940.97; sewer department, \$1,222.25.

The board adjourned until November 27.

Secretary Long's Move.

Will Urge the Establishment of a National Reserve.

New York, Nov. 14.—Secretary Long, it is said, in a special dispatch to the Tribune from Washington, will, in his annual report, urge the establishment of a national naval reserve to supplement the existing naval militia, which is thought to have outlived its usefulness since the war with Spain.

The proposed national reserve is already under consideration in congress, with the endorsement of all naval and maritime interests. It contemplates the assignment of officers and seamen in the merchant service, much after the manner of the British reserve, at an expense far below that of the naval militia, with the distinct advantage of making experienced seafaring men available for service aboard fighting ships.

It will be shown that in case of war to-morrow the United States would require at least 500 officers and 10,000 men for fighting complements. With a national naval reserve enrolled this force could be secured and made efficient in a few weeks while, on the other hand, the present naval militia system could not supply one-tenth the number in twice the time.

LOOKING FOR METEORS.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 14.—The astronomers at the Yale observatory will keep vigil to-night and to-morrow night to look for possible Leonids, as they did all night and far into the morning to-day.

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Are you going to buy a new black dress? Read that list of materials and prices that Reid & Hughes print to-night.

Cloaks, suits and furs. Try Conlon Bros and you certainly will see something to suit your taste.

Empire wear for daytime, underwear for night, for men and boys. See Jones, Morgan & Co's handsome and serviceable stock.

K. Dougherty has received a lot of men's extra heavy fleece lined underwear and put on them the low price of 39c.

See Dalton & Co for cut flowers and floral designs. They give complete satisfaction in their work.

Life savers for horses, stable blankets, street blankets, fur and all kinds of winter robes at Miller & Peck's.

Currans will sell dress goods to-morrow that have been \$1.50 at the low price of 89c.

AMOUNT NOT KNOWN.

Assignee of Grant Bros. Stock Brokers, Declines to Disclose Failure.

New York, Nov. 14.—E. G. Stedman, assignee of the firm of Grant Bros. stock brokers, gave out the following statement to-day:

"The amount of the assets and liabilities of the firm cannot be stated until I have had opportunity to examine into its affairs and the schedules and inventory have been prepared; nor can I state the cause of the assignment beyond the fact that the firm was indebted to an amount greater than it had the means to pay, and that the reason therefor appears to be the recent discovery that its resources had been depleted in some way, the particulars of which may be definitely known only from thorough examination of the firm's books."

Mr. Stedman said he had read the statement of Mrs. John K. Van Sickle, wife of one of the partners in the firm of Grant Bros., in which she intimates that sensational developments will follow in the future, but he declined to reply to the same.

A BIG FAILURE.

Foreign Attachments Secured Against Well-Known Business Houses.

Philadelphia, Nov. 14.—William L. Strong & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, whose assignment was announced in New York yesterday have a branch house in this city at which a large business is transacted.

The summoning of the firms named is intended by the attorneys for the plaintiffs to secure possession of any goods or moneys belonging to William L. Strong & Co., that may have been in their keeping at the time of the failure.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS.

Talk On The Chinese Question—Early Settlement Looked For.

Pekin, Nov. 12, via Shanghai, Nov. 14.—A protracted conference of the foreign ministers was held to-day, at the conclusion of which there was a general expression of gratification at the progress made towards reaching a settlement.

United States Minister Conger said he was encouraged to believe that propositions would be made by the Chinese plenipotentiaries at an earlier date than he had heretofore hoped.

Reliable information from Niu Chwang indicates a disturbed condition of affairs there. Robbers and pirates are harrying the region and paralyzing commerce.

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"OUR MASCOT"—10 inch wick, aluminum steel oil tank, will heat a room 15 feet square. Our price \$2.75. Regular price \$4.

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Fine Steel Cribs With Brass Balls \$5.85, Why not buy all your Furniture here? Lowest prices, best attention, best satisfaction.

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