

TO ORDER A HEARING

COUNCIL MAY NOTIFY SMITH AND WILSON TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL.

Question of the Water Purchase May Come Up Tonight—Merits of Kettle River and Duluth Stone Will be Discussed—Claims for Storm Damage Will be Made.

There will probably be a resolution passed at the council tonight calling on President Smith and Mr. Wilson of the board of public works to appear for trial on the charges brought against them in connection with the letting of the pump-house contract. While neither of them have asserted positively that they will not tender their resignations, it is generally understood that they will not do so, and in case they do not there is little doubt from the expressions of the aldermen that a hearing will be ordered.

The question of the water purchase may come up again on a resolution by Alderman Doren to appoint a committee of aldermen and citizens to look into the offer, with a view to getting facts and figures on the earning capacity of the plant, its present condition, etc.

Another subject that is now attracting a good deal of attention will be discussed. It is the advisability of giving preference to Duluth granite over Kettle river sandstone for the lining of the new reservoir. Two members of the council committee, who, in connection with the board of public works, have the matter under consideration, are opposed to the Duluth stone on the ground that it is impracticable to use it because it will be too hard to quarry and because it is said to be full of blind seams that will show up when it has been exposed for some time to the action of the weather and water. The other member has not expressed himself on the subject. Two of the members of the board of public works would give preference to the Duluth stone, while the other has said that he regards the sandstone as good and at the same time cheaper. The Building Trades Council and other labor organizations are strongly in favor of cutting the stone in Duluth, and are using every effort to induce the acceptance of the contract providing for it.

The licenses of the Ideal beer hall and George Esh will again come up, and it is understood that enough of the aldermen favor granting them to carry the assurance of their passage. Zeig Levy has applied for a license at the place that Jacob Zien was refused permission to run, and his application will probably be acted upon favorably. The application of Simon Budnik, which was turned down last week, will probably come up again, and there will be 20 or 30 other licenses asked for about which there is no question.

G. W. Bergthold will have in a claim for a cow that was washed away with a bridge in the recent storm, and it is expected that there will be other claims for storm damage.

Estimates of \$5,398.78 to the Prescott company and \$4,891.33 to the Rensselaer company will come up for allowance, and it is probable that the monthly bills will be allowed. There may also be some question about the salaries that were held up on the fire department.