

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

### A Regular Meeting Held Last Evening—Little Business Transacted—Contract Between the City and the Water Company.

A regular meeting of the board of aldermen was held last evening. In the absence of Mayor Bolknap President Rawlings took the chair. City Clerk Mackay also being absent, City Assessor Ferguson was appointed temporary clerk. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Alderman Biter presented the report of Mr. Kruttschnitt, the expert appointed to examine the books and accounts of the city for last year. The report was laid over till the next meeting of the board.

#### THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE WATER COMPANY.

The following contract between the Virginia and Gold Hill Water Company and the city, which had been drawn up and presented for consideration, was read by the clerk :

This agreement, made and entered into this ——— day of September, 1877, between the Virginia and Gold Hill Water Company, party of the first part, and the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Virginia, party of the second part, witnesseth as follows: The party of the first part, for the consideration hereinafter stipulated, agrees to keep well supplied with water all reservoirs, pipes and hydrants which were constructed for the city of Virginia by said second party under certain contracts between said parties, the first dated December 8, 1875, and the second dated June 8, 1876, and the said city shall have the right at all times when necessary to use the water so supplied for the extinguishment of fire and for its protection from damage by fire, but shall not use the same for any other purpose whatever.

In consideration of the above, the party of the second part agrees to pay to the party of the first part \$500 in gold coin per month for the privilege of using the water as aforesaid, payments to be made monthly on the ——— day of each month.

The party of the second part further covenants that it will not use, or permit to be used, any of the said water for any other purpose than above specified, and that it will keep said reservoirs, pipes and hydrants in such repair as shall prevent any waste of water by leakage; and the said second party further agrees that upon a failure on its part to perform any one of the foregoing stipulations the obligation of the party of the first part to supply water as hereinbefore contracted shall cease and determine.

Alderman Biter moved that the agreement be laid over for one week for consideration. No second.

Alderman Comstock moved that the agreement be referred to a committee of one, to report at the next meeting of the board. The motion prevailed, and President Rawlings appointed Alderman Biter as such committee.

Alderman Comstock asked if the mayor had signed the last water ordinance.

President Rawlings said it had been signed by the mayor and put on file by the clerk.

On motion, the board adjourned.