

VENTURA COUNTY.

Meeting of the City Council—Officers Elected.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held Monday evening, a full board being present.

The report of the City Treasurer was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Clerk Newby reported that he had paid over to the County Treasurer \$75.50 received from Trustee Jones as unexpended funds in the suit of the Santa Ana Water Company vs. the City.

Secretary Blackstock of the fire department submitted a report of membership of the fire department, and also asked that E. M. Hirschfelder be appointed chief of said department. Ordered filed.

Bills to the amount of \$104.65 were allowed, most of the same having been expended on street work. On motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Hund, W. E. Shepherd was appointed Town Attorney by an unanimous vote.

Mrs. H. R. McDonell was reappointed Town Treasurer by a unanimous vote of the board.

Business men and advertisers of Ventura will presently have explained to them a Times project of direct interest to them.

On motion of Trustee Giddings, George C. Power was appointed Town Surveyor. The clerk was instructed to secure from Sexton Richardson a complete list of all cemetery lots sold prior to the transfer of the cemetery to the city.

The Marshal reported having collected licenses amounting to \$406 for the present quarter.

The clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for doing the job printing and advertising, except notices of street work, which have to be published in a daily paper, needed by the town during the term of the present board.

As stated in a previous issue of The Times, the board was divided in the matter of the appointment of a night-watchman, two being for ex-Marshall Daly, and two for S. E. Atchison, the incumbent, consequently when the question of appointment came, quite a lively squabble ensued, with the result that the matter was laid over until the next meeting of the board, Monday, January 15. In the meantime each of the applicants will work his "pull" to the best advantage. Trustees Hund and Giddings are Daly men, and Jones and Sudden are equally as firm in their belief that Atchison should secure the prize, while President Collins seems perfectly willing to let the contesting sides fight it out, compromising if possible, thereby saving him the responsibility of casting the decisive vote.

The dispatch appearing in the morning papers to the effect that the President had nominated Jacob L. Argabrite postmaster at Ventura, would indicate that "our Cannon," or as the Ventura Democrat was pleased to call him, "That formidable piece of ordnance which left here loaded to the muzzle," has at last gone off; the charge, in the shape of his son-in-law's appointment, has hit the editor of the afore-named paper between "wind and water." It was a hard hit, too. The editor was himself a prominent applicant for the position, and rumor has it that when he saw there was no chance for himself, was instrumental in sending to Washington numerous remonstrances against the appointment of Mr. Argabrite.

The first of the series of lectures by Prof. Moses was given at Armory Hall Monday evening, under the auspices of the Curfew Club. There was a fair attendance, and the discourse was enjoyed by those present. The second number of the series will be given Wednesday evening at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John A. Walker, cashier of the Bank of Ventura, and family, have gone to Nordhoff, where they will remain until Mrs. Walker's health, which is very poor, is improved.

Miss Nellie J. St. Clair, who spent her holiday vacation with the Del Valle family at Camulos, has returned.

Dr. J. H. Love has been confined to his bed during the last week, with a bad case of la grippe.

Miss Ruth Allyn of Santa Paula is visiting Miss Della Hoppins.

J. E. Dunn and wife leave next week for Los Angeles, where they will make their future home.

L. J. Rose, Jr., is erecting a fine, new residence on his ranch near New Jerusalem.

Capt. S. T. Black has returned from San Francisco, where he attended the opening of the Midwinter Fair.