

STREET COMMITTEE.

Many Improvements Are Recommended.

MISSION CREEK DRAINAGE.

California-Street Railroad Franchise—Dolores Street Obstructed.

"We're in sore distress," said a gentleman to the members of the Street Committee of the Board of Supervisors yesterday. "We represent property-owners and residents on Dolores street. We have suffered from the refusal of the Southern Pacific Company to obey the orders of this body in maintaining the embankment on our street. Since the heavy rains the bank of earth has caused a dam, the resort for cats and dogs with suicidal intentions. The pool is a nuisance, covered as it is with the bodies of animals in all stages of decomposition."

"The railroad was instructed to abate the nuisance long ago," said Mr. Filster. "Why hasn't the work been done?" he asked, turning to Superintendent Ashworth.

"Because the road wouldn't do it," replied that gentleman. "You can pass orders, but you can't take the road by the scruff of the neck and make it obey them."

"We want a bridge there," said the Dolores-street gentleman.

"All right," said the chairman, "the road is instructed again to do the work there, and the Superintendent has the power to call in police aid in making the road abate the nuisance."

The following protests were recorded: Against the re-macadamizing of Castro street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth; against paving the crossing at McAllister and Sutter streets; against the passage of proposed order for change of grade on Stockton street, between California and Pine; against the macadamizing of Golden Gate avenue, between Lyon and Scott streets; against paving with bituminous rock Webster street, between Bush and Pine; against paving with bituminous rock Twenty-fourth street, from Mission to Howard; against the paving of Buchanan street, between McAllister and Fulton. All the work is stopped by these protests for six months.

The following petitions were favorably reported on: Dredging the outlet of the Mission creek sewer; paving of Linden avenue, between Gough and Octavia streets; grading Mississippi street, between Santa Clara and Solano; grading, sewerage and macadamizing Eleventh avenue, from Point Lobos avenue to A street; changing the grade of the crossings of Clements street with Thirteenth and Fourteenth avenues; paving the crossing of Hyde street and Broadway; paving Fillmore street, from Union to Bay; paving Ivy avenue, between Franklin and Octavia streets, with bituminous rock.

The property owners at Polk and Union and Filbert and Greenwich and Lombard streets asked that the grades at the crossings should not be changed. They believed that they were up to the official grade, but a survey proved the contrary. The petition will be granted.

The California Street Cable Railroad Company was granted a franchise to construct a single or double track, with necessary and convenient stations, switches, etc., along the following streets: Commencing at the intersection of O'Farrell and Market streets, thence along O'Farrell to Jones, with the right to construct curves into Jones street; on Jones street from the southerly line of Bush to Pine, with curves into Pine; thence westerly along Pine to Hyde, with curves into Hyde; on California, commencing at Kearny, easterly along California to Davis. The company will pay 2 per cent of the gross earnings on all the lines except California street.

The petition of the Edison General Electric Company for a fifty years' franchise to lay conduits in the streets was passed for a week.

W. B. Farrell asked a reasonable appropriation for the improvement of Alta Plaza. The committee reported in favor of carrying out the improvements that were recommended before. The Superintendent of Streets was instructed to revise the original plans and advertise for bids for the work.

The committee considered the proposition to abrogate all orders granting privileges to individuals and corporations in the eight years prior to January 1, 1890, which had not been used in that time. The matter was laid over for one week.

The matter of the dredging of the mouth of Mission creek was discussed at length. A large number of property-owners were present to urge on the committee the necessity of immediate action. Many people had been compelled to erect bridges in order to get to their homes, the overflow was so great.

Superintendent Ashworth corroborated these statements in regard to the bad condition of the neighborhood.

The committee instructed the Street Superintendent to prepare plans and specifications to enable the board to advertise for bids to dredge a proper channel, and thus give the relief asked for.

Mrs. Schenia Levy was given permission to use twelve inches of O'Farrell street, near Stockton, in the erection of a new building. The adjoining house projects into the street, and her structure would be concealed from view if it were built the proper distance back.