

City Council Meeting Minutes Index 1904

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July 11, 1904

- approved Health Committee's report that it examined condition of water closets, etc., adjacent to sewers in city and found a "deplorable condition of affairs"; in many blocks adjacent to sewers there was no sewer connection, and in some places only one or two connections along an entire sewer; in Block 1 there were nine homes and stables and 11 water closets all in use and no sewer connection, although a new lateral sewer extended through the block; in the block on west side of Main Street, running from Homing grocery store to Simpson's hardware store, there was only one sewer connection, which was installed "by a Chinaman"; Committee reported these were fair examples of general condition of affairs, and condition of water closets, etc. could "readily be imagined"; Committee recommended Council take immediate steps for passage of ordinance compelling property owners to make sewer connections wherever possible 153
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