

OUR CITY FATHERS.

**A Protracted Meeting—Plenty of Reform
But Very Little Business—The Steam
Heating Co.—Additional Car Tracks
to be Laid—Main Street Bridge to
be Built—Ordinances Adopted—
Coal Contracts—A Spirited Dis-
cussion on the Value of the
Coal—Cannot Elect a Po-
lice Commissioner.**

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held last evening, President E. B. Chace in the chair.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as published.

The following petition from the Rochester Steam Heating Company was presented and read :

The Rochester Steam Heating and Power Company respectfully represents that it has been duly organized and incorporated for the purpose of furnishing steam from one or more central points, to be conveyed in iron pipes properly guarded and protected, for general use for heating buildings and providing power.

That it can also be used for cooking purposes, for extinguishing fires and generally for all purposes for which steam or steam heat are or can be employed.

That its general use will also greatly diminish the fire risk, the risk of accidents from explosion and reduce insurance rates.

That the pipes used for carrying steam are of small size; do not require to be placed very deep, and can be generally carried through alley and back streets.

The undersigned trustees of said company do therefore respectfully request—

That your honorable body will grant to the said company the right to lay pipes through or under the public streets, alleys or bridges, for the purpose of conveying steam, the same to be done under the supervision of the Executive Board, and upon the said company giving satisfactory security to protect the city against any claim for damages that may occur in consequence thereof.

It was received filed and published.

two weeks.

The Steam Heating Company were granted permission to lay their pipes under the various streets, bridges, &c., the company agreeing to furnish a bond in the penalty of \$10,000 to protect the city against damage, and the compensation to be paid to the city was fixed at \$50 per mile of main pipe.

Dr. H. H. ... Police Commissioner was then