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Agitation Again in Somerville — Creep Into Politics—Rally Last Night—Opposition to Granting Further Licenses.

The city of Somerville is agitated over the question of granting a license to the New England Dressed Beef and Wool Company for the erection of buildings in the vicinity of Medford st. for the purpose of slaughtering of sheep and the preparation of wool.

Ward 1 is particularly opposed to the scheme — that is to say East Somerville doesn't want any part of it.

Quotations from circulars will give an idea of the feeling of some of the citizens ■

The granting of a license for more slaughter houses is but the entering wedge for the building up of a mammoth industry with many attending evils. The greater the industry, the greater the nuisance.

Such establishments ought not to exist in the centre of a large population.

They are regarded by the boards of health of our cities as dangerous to the public health.

They will depreciate property and prevent the erection of many desirable residences in our city.

They will lower the moral and social standing of our city.

Somerville is rapidly growing in the right direction. Do not change the current of healthy growth.

Vote for candidates for aldermen who are known to be opposed to slaughter houses in Somerville.

Another circular presented the portraits of Allen F. Carpenter, Albert W. Edmands and William A. Hunnewell, candidates for aldermen.

Additional quotations are given:

In ward 2 the avowed candidate in opposition to the slaughter-house is Allen F. Carpenter.

In ward 4 the avowed candidates in opposition to the slaughter-house are Albert. W. Edmands and William A. Hunnewell.

If you want to defeat the slaughter-house project vote for these three men.

Vote before going to business Tuesday morning, Dec. 2.

In answer to the circular between 200 and 300 voters, mostly from ward 1, assembled in Odd Fellows' Hall, Winter Hill, last evening.

President Capen of Tufts college presided.

Hon. Mark F. Burns, an ex-mayor, was opposed to the project.

He claimed there would be no advantage in having the establishment in Somerville. He would welcome any good thing. If the scheme prevailed, he thought there would have to be additional appropriations for schools, police and the poor department.

He spoke of offensive odors from the slaughtering establishment.

The question is, "How to regulate them?"

Now they come and ask permission to put in a larger plant.

The time has arrived to oppose the measure.

How can it be done? he asked.

Unfortunately the power is in the Board of Aldermen. The mayor and members of the Common Council have not anything to do with it. If five aldermen says "yes" the slaughter-house becomes a fixed fact.

It is our duty to elect a board of aldermen opposed to it.

The election is next Tuesday.

The candidates are: Ward 1, Alderman Sanborn and Councilman Willey; ward 3, Alderman Nickerson and Mr. Osgood, president of the Common Council. These gentlemen are sure to be elected.

In ward 2 three nominations have been made for aldermen by caucus and nomination papers. Mr. Carpenter is a regular nominee and is opposed to granting the petition. (Applause.)

Elect him.

He is an honest, upright, honorable man. He is entitled to re-election.

The other two nominees are Mr. Lyons and Charles S. Butters. Both have been councilmen. I don't how they stand on the question.

Mr. Lyons is a gentleman and an honest man.

In ward 4 one candidate failed to meet the approval of the caucus. Alderman Edmands was nominated by papers. He is a pronounced opponent of the slaughter house.

The business of the city is perfectly safe in his hands. He is entitled to a re-election.

As to Mr. Nichols, under other circumstances we should vote for him.

We should be just before we are generous.

Another slaughter house will have a disastrous effect on property.

Do you want to spread "Brick Bottom" all over your city?

One improvement society is worth more than 100 slaughter houses.

Be sure and vote for Edmands and Carpenter.

President Capen read a communication from Mrs. Lowe and other ladies.

They were opposed to the erection of any more slaughtering houses in the city. They said: "These establishments bring pollution and retard the growth of a city."

William E. Weld said no city ever asked a nuisance to come into its border.

Somerville is the third slaughtering house city in the United States.

No more are wanted.

We all know what the Miller's river nuisance cost Somerville.

There is simply one thing to do. Next Tuesday do all you can against granting a license.

President Capen was sorry that so many lawyers had accepted retainers and had forgotten their duties as citizens. He was pleased that some lawyers have been true.

He then introduced Lawyer John Herbert.

No corporation has money enough to retain me against the best interests of the city.

There are a few men in ward 2 who favor the slaughter house because it will put money in their pockets.

May my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if ever I vote for a measure so disastrous to the welfare of the city. (Applause.)

Lawyer A. A. Perry said we know by experience that slaughter houses are nuisances.

Rev. A. E. Winship spoke at length on the question, and viewed it in all its phases. We have got all the slaughter houses we want.

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