

give Travers & Co. a bill with five cents fare, under the veto of the Mayor, when Barnum and others had a bill with three cents fare.

Answer. I did ; I sustained the measure throughout.

By Mr. *Campbell*. I think I understood you that the three cent bill never was binding ?

Answer. There was nothing of the character before the body ; it was a movement of Montague when the seventh section was under consideration.

Question. Montague had, up to the second reading, advocated five cents ?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. And when the Travers bill was about to be engrossed the three cent proposition was introduced which you understood to be a parliamentary dodge ?

Answer. I so regarded it.

Question. You have said you received no money or promise of any ; have you received any office or appointment ?

Answer. Never.

Question. Have you made anything in any way ?

Answer. No, sir, I would like to have any one here undertake to prove it.

By a member of the Committee. You state positively that you know of no inducement held out quietly or indirectly for the support of any member of the City Council at that time ?

Answer. I say so on my oath ?

By Mr. *Campbell*. And you were the only Democratic member of that Branch ?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock in the evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Committee met at a quarter past 8 o'clock.

Wm. Henry Burr was duly qualified as a reporter for the Committee.

John T. Ford called and examined by *Mr. Pratt*.

Question. You were a member when this ordinance passed ?

Answer. Yes sir.

Question. Which branch.

Answer. The first.

Question. Were you President of the Council ?

Answer. I was.

Question. And acting Mayor at one time ?

Answer. During the absence of Mayor Swann.

Do you know whether or not any money was offered or paid to any member of the City Council for his vote upon this Travers bill ?

Answer. I certainly do not.

Question. None was paid to you ?

Answer. None whatever.

Question. And none to your knowledge paid to any member of the City Council ?

Answer. None that I am aware of at all.