

Steamroller debate inspired more drama than action

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wanted them . . . I am sorry we ever elected him senator and sent him to the senate and have him get up and make such a speech as that I have just heard. The hole he speaks of on the south side has cost the city \$25 per year to fill with crushed stone."

The argument then descended to the point where the mayor wondered out loud whether Duncan was accusing one or more members of the council of taking money from the steamroller salesmen to promote the sale. The senator replied that he had been told a "jaunting trip" (to see a roller at work) was being planned.

Finally, when he was assured that the council was not going to

make a definite decision about the purchase at that meeting, Duncan calmed down. But he was by no means satisfied.

Did the Bloomington City Council buy the steamroller? The men were still debating in July, calling for an account of how much money might be available to spend. On July 22, the decision was postponed indefinitely.

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