

employe from obtaining employment, or false statements of the causes for discharge, or posting list of discharged employes to prevent their employment, it might serve some useful service. As it stands it is impracticable and unjust. The act applies only to corporations, though corporations are not the only employers.

Section 1 prohibits any corporation or its agent from giving any reason for discharging employes unless in writing and to one proposing to employ him, and requires a copy to be furnished to the employe within ten days after demand, to the address named. If the reason for the discharge is not in writing, or to a proposed employe, it would be deemed an attempt to prevent employment, however truthful it might be, and if a copy is not given in writing, no reason, not even the truth, can be given. This would require a record of the discharge of all employes, and a retained copy of the reasons for the discharge, from which another copy could be made, or else the corporation and its agents must say nothing.

Section 2 permits the discharged employe to apply for the reasons for the discharge, and unless the same are given within ten days, no reasons can afterwards be given to any person.

Section 3 requires any person who has received any reason for the discharge, by word or sign, to give a copy; and section 4 ends the series by requiring an employer who has discharged an employe in one branch or division of its service to permit him to be employed in another division without protest.

Under such an act corporations and their agents would be prohibited from exercising the liberty and freedom of speech guaranteed to all, and those truthful and confidential communications between friends and acquaintances, which are necessary in all the relations of society, are restrained and made unlawful. To justify the truth it must be in writing, and retained copies kept; and though the employer may prefer to say nothing it must give a reason in writing, on demand, or forever keep silence. If the employer dismisses an employe from one division of its services, even for known dishonesty or for carelessness or incompetency, involving the lives of others, it must not prevent his re-employment in another branch of its business. There are laws against slander and libel, and the law should permit an employer to engage and discharge men whenever his interests demand it. Honest, capable employes do not need protection to the extent contemplated by the act, even if a law which makes the truth culpable, or which requires it to be in writing, could be enforced.

I see many reasons for not approving the act and none for approving it as it stands.

Very respectfully,

ARTHUR L. THOMAS, Governor.

C. F. 100, for the incorporation of loan and trust companies, was considered and passed.

MONDAY, MARCH 7.

After the usual opening exercises, Lawrence presented a petition (H. P. 86) from J. D. Atkinson and others of Utah County, for a bounty on Utah sugar, asking that it be referred to the committee on manufactures and commerce.

Sargent moved to lay on the table indefinitely. Adopted. Allen and Olson being the only Democrats voting nay.

The committee on claims and public accounts reported on the claim of Weber County for \$200, recommending its allowance. Adopted and referred to committee on appropriations.

The same committee reported on

claim 55 of J. S. Corran, assessor and collector of Juab County, for \$300 for statistician's work, recommending its rejection. Adopted.

C. F. 44, creating a bureau of statistics, was read and rejected.

A message was received from the Governor, announcing his approval of H. F. 101, to protect forests, etc.

H. F. 15, regulating the working of metalliferous mines, was read the third time and passed.

## CITY COUNCIL.

The auditorium of the City Council chamber was filled to overflowing last night with spectators and persons seeking for appointments to positions on the police force. It was 8 o'clock when Mayor Baskin took the chair and called the municipal legislators to order. Those who answered to roll call were: Rich, Folland, Karrick, Moraz, Bell, Horn, Ewing, Simondi, Lawson, Loosbeurow, Hardy, Evans, Beardsley, Heiss and Wantland. Absent—none.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, amended and approved, after which the following

### PETITIONS

were read and referred as specified.

Joseph Openshaw asked for an extension of sewerage laterals on H street. Committee on sewerage.

H. Dinwoodey complained of excessive watermain assessment. Committee on waterworks.

G. R. Bothwell and others asked for an extension of watermains in City Park Addition. Committee on waterworks.

J. R. Walker asked to be allowed to use a portion of the street on which to pile building material. Committee on streets.

F. W. Blohm asked for free license for three months. Committee on license.

Thomas E. Wissing asked a rebate on his merchant's license. Committee on license.

William Davis asked for a free beddler's license. Committee on license.

Mosher, Flood & Company asked a rebate on liquor license. Committee on license.

J. A. Groesbeck and others asked that Seventh South street, between Fifth and Eighth West streets, be put in passable condition. Committee on streets.

Yeadon & Heath asked that Second West be graded and graveled from Fifth to Eighth South streets. Committee on streets.

Mrs. J. Robbins asked for an extension of watermains on Ninth East, between Fifth and Sixth South streets. Committee on waterworks.

Robert Smith sent in a communication in which he protested against a canal being constructed through his property. Committee on irrigation.

Robert Smith asked for the third time that the Rio Grande Western Railway Company be compelled to put Sixth West Street in a passable condition. Committee on Streets.

J. H. Cochran and others asked that the drain ditches around their property be repaired. Committee on irrigation.

Edward H. Evans asked that the city compel the Union Pacific Railway

Company to remove a switch from the street in front of his property, or reimburse him in the sum of \$1,200. Committee on claims.

Auerbach Bros. asked that they be relieved from paying certain sidewalk taxes. Committee on streets.

T. J. Everill asked that the city lease him an acre of lime stone ground in the northern part of the city. Committee on public grounds.

John H. Walker and others asked that T. J. Davison be appointed mounted patrolman. Referred to the Major.

The resignation of Benjamin Johnson as a member of the Franks' patrol system was recorded.

### WANT DAMAGES.

The Sells Lime Rock and Cement company represented that its property had been damaged to the amount of \$500 by the construction of a water pipe line through the same, and asked to be reimbursed to that amount. Committee on claims.

### COST OF NORTH BENCH PIPE LINE.

Superintendent of waterworks Ryan reported that the amount of the special assessment for water main extension on the north bench was \$20,930.69, at four mills per square foot, and that the estimated cost for six-inch pipe with four valves to each street was \$60,000, provided that four-inch pipe is laid on streets running north and south and six inches on streets running on east and west. Received and filed.

### THE CITY'S RESOURCES.

City Auditor Hoag submitted, by request, the following statement which was received and filed:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Gentlemen—In reply to your request for information regarding the city's financial condition, I beg leave to report that the balance of cash in the treasury to date (March 1st,) is \$57,284.16. The only indebtedness is in outstanding bonds. The available resources consist of \$150,000 in unsold bonds of the issue of July 1, 1891; 787 shares of stock in the Salt Lake Gas company; the parcel of real estate situated at the south-west corner of State and First streets, being the abandoned site of the joint city and county building, and various other pieces of land which I am unable to describe.

### RECORDED AND FILED.

The reports of the city engineer were read and referred to the committee on streets.

### WATERMAIN EXTENSION.

City Recorder Stanton reported that notices of intention to extend watermains on Sixth South street from midway between Eleventh and Twelfth East streets running east 165 feet; on Back street from North Capitol avenue to Fern street, with necessary laterals, had been published according to law. Committee on waterworks.

### TO COMMENCE SUIT.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the communication of Assessor and Collector Clute, in which he announced that he was unable to collect \$837.05 from Zion's Benefit and Building Society, recommended that the assessor be not relieved from the collection of the tax and that he be authorized to institute legal proceedings in his own name for its recovery. Adopted.