MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Electric Light Ordinance Repealed by the City Council.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS IT.

The Lights Will be Cut Off from the Several Finds—Committee to Entertain Silver Delegates.

The City Council met in regular session last night, President Morris in the chair, and all members present except Councilman Hanks.

PETITIONS.

Geo. Pryor, Frank Pyne, Sheridan Smith, Kelsey & Gillespie, asked for relief from taxes, granted.

Owen Olsen, that he be permitted to remain in city jail in Farley's tenement of that the city pay him for improvements. Committee on public grounds.

Hyrum Ellis, for refund of water dues on Second South. Committee on waterworks.

Twenty-five West Water company, for right of way for water mains and privilege of carrying flowing water in Fifth North between Second and Third West. Committee on streets.

Ben Warnhouse, asking for a refund on his liquor license at Saratoga Hot Springs of $40 per month. Committee on license.

Charles Miller and others, asking the Council to appropriate $1,000 for a Fourth of July celebration. Committee on finance.

STREET TAX REFUNDED.

The committee on improvements presented the following report:

Your committee on improvements, to whom was referred a petition of Joseph E. Walker, F. Anderson & Bro., E. D. Waterman and others, requesting the City Council to pay for the lighting of the streets of Salt Lake out of the general funds, beg leave to report that we have given the matter the attention its magnitude would justify, and therewith begin briefly their views upon the important question.

It is hardly necessary to go fully into the history of this lighting matter, but it is not out of place to briefly recite the numbers that when the present City Council came into power they found that the corporation of Salt Lake City was paying about $40,000 per year, or $11.50 a lamp per month for 3,475 lamps. The council ended on the 31st of December, 1891. Shortly after the Council reduced the number of lights from 3,475 to 1,800 and by agreement with the company it was temporarily arranged to have the lights furnished at $10.00 per month. That after repeated efforts your committee succeeded, with your assistance and approval, in making a contract with the electric light company at further reduction on the moving year of $8.50 per month for each lamp, a reduction of about one-third of the original cost, thereby getting 1,800 lights for about $216,000 per year.

The next question we had to go into was, Your committee believed then, as it believes now, that the lighting was a local benefit, and should be paid for by local assessment. That no person should be required to give gratuitous compensation for the right received, that the absolute cost to furnish it. Added to this the claim appeared reasonably to rainy money immediately to pay for lighting imposed your committee is convinced is the honestly held thought of the system of special local taxation to support this public measure. The matter was referred to a committee duly appointed under the law, and they, with the aid of the attorney of Salt Lake City, have made their report to the Council, with which your committee body are familiar. By reference to the report it will be seen that four separate times, as well as we can ascertain, that the matter should be given by those for whose benefit it was made to a vote appropriate, in the not spread, but not long enough that, from what conversation your committee had with the committee, and was the attorney for charity, it seems reasonable to infer the same would have been carried, to make the assessment otherwise than they have done.

After looking into the assessment as far as has been practicable, your committee are satisfied that the sum is reasonably fair taken from the basis on which the assessment should be necessary to operate, but it is some the less a disappointment to your committee and to a minority of this Council, and, in the end of things, to allow the idea to the taxpayers for 3 years from the general fund.

In view of these facts, and the difficulties set forth, the committee believes it is wise the City will be on hand shall worry about the idea for the payment of taxes with the further fact that the Electric Light company signified a willingness to give money than $1 per for lighting, and, and further, and, with of all, that the special assessment seems very unpopular, and some doubt exists in the minds of many, whose judgment is the opinion of your committee, that the assessment of the City Council and your committee is mistaken in supposing that the ordinance is legal, and that special assessment for the purpose of public lighting be repealed, and that the work thereof be taken from the general fund.

In conclusion the question was considered of the time that the work ordered the ordinance and which the assessment was made, and they are satisfied that the special assessment must be repealed, but it is rarely possible that the time some months would be lessening the assessment, the City Council, in the Council to repeal at a date. In the end, however, the city would probably, the Tyrs of the people, making the work, with the exception of the work, the City Council, to be repealed to the City Council, and your committee for the work that and to be repealed to the City Council, and your committee for the work that and to be repealed to the City Council, and your committee, of the opinion, the time ... to repeal it. In the meantime, the ... the people, or the ... the ... of a great majority of property ... repealed.

All ... discussion the ... was adopted, Daly voting in and Hanks being absent.

THE RIVER DISTRICT.

Councilman O'Meara presented the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, Gilmore Company, of the City of Sacramento, has ... by good judgment by ... of ... in the ... for ... and ... the ... of the ... and ... the ... of the ... and ... the ... of the