

and accompanied by estimates of the expenses to the payment of which the money so drawn is to be applied; and the Territorial treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same from the sum so appropriated, and no deficiency whatever for which said Territory shall be liable shall be created by said board: Provided, That for the years eighteen hundred and ninety-two and eighteen hundred and ninety-three there shall be levied and directed to be assessed and collected annually an ad valorem tax on all taxable property in Utah Territory for Territorial purposes of two and one-quarter mills on the dollar as now provided by law.

Sec. 9. That this act shall take effect from and after its approval.

THE PLAT E MUDDLE.

There was a meeting of the City Council and the residents and property owners of Plat E last night. Mayor Baskin occupied the chair. The following councilmen were present: Beardsley, Wantland, Lawson, Simondt, Evans, Folland, Hardy, and Rich. The call and object of the meeting were read by the deputy recorder, after which

CITY ENGINEER DOREMUS

made an explanation, in which he said there seemed to be some misapprehension on the part of the residents of plat E as to the intent of the council. There was no intention of making any extensive alterations, but the idea was to make the lots conform to the records. He had found there was no recognized datum point, and for this reason no two engineers in town could make the same result, and even a man who had made one survey might make a different one the next time, unless he remembered the exact point from which his survey was commenced. In some cases there was a difference of forty feet between the present line of fences and the original plat. On the north side of Plum street the fences were 46 feet further south than they should be. The fences on the south side of the street had been moved south 35 feet. Almond street was platted as a crooked street 50 feet wide, but now it was a straight street 23 feet wide. The inaccuracy was so great that some men who owned property in one lot had built their houses upon another. And there were several other bad discrepancies. What he wanted to know was whether he should accept the lines as they are shown by the present fences or upon the original plat. The thing to be desired was to have the records conform to the improvement. When an agreement was reached and monuments placed, they would perpetuate the record for all time. In block 20, there was found 46 feet more ground than belonged to it. In order to make streets of practicable width, in some cases it would be necessary to tear down some houses probably. In block 23 there was an encroachment on Center street of 12½ feet.

CONDITION OF CENTER STREET.

James Solomon said that according to his recollection the previous city council had granted persons living on Center street the right to move out their fences.

This statement was corroborated by

other property owners who said the ordinance was passed in 1882, which made the street four rods wide from McCornick's house to Plum street; from Plum to Peach the street was made five rods in width.

Mr. Doremus also corroborated the statement.

The mayor called for further remarks on the subject, saying it was very desirable that this matter should be adjusted amicably.

ALMOND STREET.

John N. Pike said the crooked street (Almond), as platted, was ordered by the city council to be straightened some years ago. The records of the city council would show this, even if the records of the engineer's office did not. The residents of Almond street had accepted the street and were satisfied with it.

The Mayor—It is a narrow street. Is it wide enough for use?

Mr. Pike—To widen it now would be to tear down a vast number of improvements that had been made in good faith.

The Mayor—To open the street to its full width—would this infringe upon the property rights of anybody?

A voice—No; the moving of the fences would be the only injury.

Engineer Doremus in answer to a question, said the blocks that would be most largely affected were 17, 20, 21, 16, 13, 14, 5, 6. The fences in block 8 were about five feet over on Center street.

A COMMITTEE.

Councilman Hardy suggested that the citizens present appoint a committee of five from among themselves to associate and confer with the engineer and submit their findings to the citizens interested.

James Solomon thought this body could not reach private properties.

The Mayor said the council had a perfect right to order the adjustment of the lines, even though a street should go through the houses. This, however, the council did not propose to do—the disposition was to make the best of it.

Hiram Barton said some people seemed to think that greater injury was liable to ensue from this resurvey. This he did not believe. The idea was merely to find out what the exact lines are; to have permanent monuments placed.

The mayor said the question should be settled once for all.

Wantland said he had found it very difficult to get two people to think alike. He thought any committee that could be appointed by the citizens would merely waste time. His idea was to have a commission appointed to look up all the detail and make an exhaustive report to the City Council upon which that body should act.

Mr. Hansen did not like that idea. He thought the streets should be kept as they are.

The mayor thought Almond street should be opened to its full width, as previously platted.

Mr. Hansen thought the people who lived on that street were perfectly satisfied with it.

The Mayor—Almond street was at first crooked, but in order that it might be made straight the property-owners had deeded to the city a certain amount

of property, but the street only occupied half of the ground.

Wantland urged the appointment of a commission to look up the entire matter and make an intelligent report. This might mean a good deal of money, probably \$1,000.

W. L. Dykes agreed with Wantland. A dozen different propositions had been made, but each time there had been a most pronounced failure. There was so much land in each block, no matter where the lines were put.

Fred Bolwinkle suggested that the man who made the surveys was a city official at the time he made them, and as that was true, he did not see why the city should not make good the mistakes of its employees.

Nick Treweek said he had resided in the plat some eighteen years, and he was glad to see an interest taken. When the survey was made a number of years ago by Fox, he was permitted to move out some twelve feet. He thought that a committee should be appointed to consider the matter and make such a report to the council that would settle the matter.

C. O. Whittemore said the people themselves would never come to an amicable arrangement of the difficulties. He favored the appointment of the commission suggested by Wantland. Let the citizens of plat E be given the authority to appoint a commission of three or five, whatever expense being thus incurred to be paid by the city, which had the right to appropriate money for such a purpose.

W. M. Stewart favored the idea of Wantland.

Alf Reese suggested that a vote be taken upon the two propositions before the house.

Wantland said his idea was the appointment of a commission of three—one engineer, a man versed in real estate and a citizen; the first two to be named by the mayor and the latter one to be chosen by citizens.

C. O. Whittemore thought the commission should consist of five at least.

J. N. Pike suggested that the men who were vitally interested in the matter should have the right to say who the committee should be.

Wantland then renewed his motion, allowing the Mayor to appoint a commission of three, and that \$500 be appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary to cover the expenses. The money, he said, would be well spent. There would be some trading of property between the residents there, and the city would gain some land.

Folland opposed the motion, because it would only delay the matter. If the wishes of the property-owners were to be consulted, they should have a voice in the appointment of a commission.

Wantland said the people could never come to an agreement. The experiment had been tried before and had failed.

Mr. Hansen objected to this statement. The people never had had a chance to meet together before.

Simondt doubted whether the City Council had a right to delegate its power.

Beardsley moved that the commission be composed of three, all to be selected from the citizens.

Folland seconded this.

Wantland then amended his motion so as to allow the citizens to select a