

## NATIVE CEMENT.

Mr. Simondi offered the following, which was referred to the Board of Public Works, with the city engineer added:

Whereas, The City Council has expressed a desire to use native materials in public construction as far as practicable; and

Whereas, The standard of tests on natural cement has been fixed at twenty pounds tensile strength per square inch for two parts sand and one part cement; and

Whereas, Two tests have been made as follows: Neat standing per square inch, eighty-one pounds and four briquets sand and cement as follows: Fifteen pounds, twenty-five pounds, seventeen pounds, thirteen pounds, an average of seventeen and one-half pounds. Second test—Neat seventy-three pounds, seven briquets sand and cement, fifteen, fourteen, ten, twenty-two, twenty-three and nineteen pounds each, averaging eighteen pounds. Showing good results excepting in very few instances where perhaps the briquets were defective. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the city engineer be permitted to use natural cement if the test does not fall more than 15 per cent. below the standard, provided the proportions of cement be increased to bring the tensile strength up to the required standard.

## A BAD SEWER.

The superintendent of sewers reported that he had uncovered a block of the sewer on Fifth South street between Second and Third East streets. The sewer was paid for by the Troy Laundry Company and is used exclusively by them, while the work was performed by the city. The sewer for the block, he says, is in a very bad condition, it having been laid without regard to grade or line and that the joints are imperfectly made and he suggests the construction of a sewer with regular connections for one block between Second East and Third East streets. Referred to the committee on sewerage and superintendent of sewers with power to act.

## LAID ON THE TABLE.

Heiss offered the following, which was laid on the table:

Whereas, The committee on water works has so far taken no action to secure pipe to complete water main extensions on which the assessments have been paid. Therefore,

Resolved, That the mayor be authorized to proceed at once to purchase pipe for said extensions.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Wantland a recess of fifteen minutes' duration was taken. The Council went into executive session to consider the paving bids. On reconvening Simondi moved that a committee of five, one from each precinct, be appointed to wait upon the board of public works and investigate the bids and report back their findings to the Council.

Beardsley moved to amend by referring it to the board of public works. Lost.

The vote then occurred on the original motion, which carried.

## WATER PIPE DISCUSSION.

The report of the committee on waterworks regarding the purchase of 850 tons of 16-inch water pipe from Rhodes Brothers, \$36.50 per ton, that firm being the lowest bidder, then came up.

Heiss submitted his resolution au-

thorizing the purchase of the pipe, owing to the inaction of the committee.

A personal tilt occurred here between Heiss and Rich, whereupon Rich was called to order by the Chair. Heiss continued to speak, whereupon Loofbourov struck the table a terrific blow with his gavel and said warmly:

"I called Mr. Rich to order, sir, and shall have to do the same with you. This personal matter has got to be stopped."

Heiss—Well, it ought to be.

Moran wanted the report referred to the Mayor with authority to make the purchase.

Wantland wanted it merely referred, but Moran's motion was carried.

## ANOTHER HITCH.

Then came up the amendment to the franchise of the Great Salt Lake & Hot Springs Railway company, when Rich moved to adjourn. This failed and the amendment allowing the company to convert its road into a regular railway was read.

## THE CITY PRISON.

Folland then moved to reconsider the vote by which the city recorder was authorized to advertise for bids for plans for a city jail. This was carried, when the whole matter was referred to the committee on prisons.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

Mrs. William Gilbert.....	\$ 227 85
Emma Madison.....	20 75
E. D. Hoge.....	30 00
Barratt Bros.....	57 50
Joseph Lippman.....	185 00
R. W. Dennis.....	40 00
H. W. Willard.....	81 00
J. H. Bowman.....	9366 03
Monheim Bird & Proudfoot.....	332 20
Samuel Galluzzi.....	339 00
C. E. Stanton.....	83 00
H. O. Heath.....	400 00

An adjourned session of the City Council was held last night, President Loofbourov in the chair. The members present were: Heiss, Wantland, Rich, Folland, Hardy, Karrick, Beardsley, Bell, Simondi, Evans, Moran, Lawson and Horn.

In the absence of Recorder Stanton, Deputy Ellsworth acted as clerk.

After some discussion the committee on streets was authorized to raise the cross walks on East South Temple street. There are eight of these walks and the cost of doing the work will amount to about \$150.

## CURB LINE PROTEST.

George M. Scott, F. Auerbach & Bro. and fourteen others submitted the following, which was referred to the board of public works and city engineer:

"We, the undersigned, property owners on the west side of Main street, between First and Second South streets, respectfully protest against the curb line as lately established, as it reduces the width of the sidewalk to 18½ feet, instead of 20 feet as heretofore, and which is the rule throughout the city. The traffic and travel on this block is greater than on any other block in the city, and the assessed valuation and taxes paid are higher also. In view of these facts we consider it a wrong to the public and ourselves to reduce the sidewalk in width as is done by the newly-established line, and we respectfully ask that you restore the 20 feet curb line.

## HIS HONOR OBJECTS.

The following communication from

the Mayor was received and filed without discussion:

In regard to the matter of the purchase of 850 tons of six-inch cast-iron pipe, referred to me on motion of Councilman Moran, I beg to report that the facts in the premises are as follows:

In the latter part of July last the waterworks committee, contrary to the methods heretofore pursued in the purchase of pipe, without authority invited bids from several of the large pipe manufacturing institutions of the country, and upon receiving such bids made a report recommending the acceptance of the bid of Rhodes Bros. This report was made August 9th. No action was taken upon this resolution (because, as I presume, the methods pursued were unusual and unauthorized) until the 6th day of the present month, at which date the Council adopted the report of the waterworks committee, and passed a motion referring the matter to the "Mayor for purchase."

The adoption of the report recommending the acceptance of the bid of Rhodes Bros. in connection with the motion referring the matter to me to make the purchase is susceptible of no other construction than that I am required to make the purchase on the Rhodes Bros.' bid, and am not authorized to act in the premises beyond this. To any such requirement I decline with emphasis to yield. The bids were made a month since, without any consultation with me, nor have I since been charged with the duty of inquiring into their validity or reasonableness. The Council by its action in the premises simply calls upon me to do a clerical act, giving validity to a transaction which in the regular course of business I should have participated in, and in regard to the validity of which I am not required to investigate.

In the former purchase of pipe, which was made by myself in conjunction with the waterworks committee, the prices paid to Rhodes Bros. was much lower than the bid upon which I am required now to purchase. For the 585 tons of sixteen-inch pipe purchased May 30th, from Rhodes Bros., their bid per ton was \$33.66½.

The bid in the present case is \$36.50 per ton, a difference of \$2.85, or on the 850 tons directed to be purchased, \$2,422.50. Even if the transaction was in the regular course, this difference would of itself be sufficient to arrest further action until explained.

## SEWER TAX LEVIES.

The ordinances levying the taxes for the four sewer extensions were read and under suspension of the rules finally passed. These provide assessments as follows:

On the south side of First South street from Second East to Fifth East; \$3 per front foot.

On the north side of Fifth South street from East Temple street to West Temple street; \$4 per front foot.

On both sides of Fifth East street from South Temple to First South streets; \$3 per front foot.

On the north side of First South street from Second East to Fifth East streets; \$3 per front foot.

## STILL HANGING FIRE.

Beardsley reported that the special committee on paving contracts had so far been unable to come to an understanding, but would probably be able to submit the results to the council on Tuesday next.

## THE GARBAGE ORDINANCE.

Beardsley presented the new garbage ordinance, "revised and improved." It was read the first time and a motion