

claims of James Clary and six others who said they had claims against Watson Bros. and G. O. W. Showell, for labor performed by them on City Creek and North Temple street, saying that he found the facts to be that Watson Bros. had nothing to do with the matter whatever; that Watson had the contract with the city to perform the work and that Showell was a subcontractor under him to do a certain portion thereof; that the work was completed, and the city has paid Watson for the same, and Watson had settled with Showell in full for his part of the work; that the petitioners have no claim against the city; that all of said petitioners were employed by Showell, and he alone is responsible to them. Concluding, he said:

"I do not recognize the liability of the city in any case under garnishee process, nor do I think it is legally bound by such process when served upon it or any of its officers. I would recommend, however, that in all cases where contractors fail or refuse to pay the men, that the city, when garnished for the laborers' wages in future, waive that legal right and hold the money back for their protection against the employer. Contractors who do intend to and who do not take care of the laborers can, of course, take contracts at lower figures than those who pay for the labor, but I take it that the city does not approve of any such course."

Adopted.

#### THE CITY'S FINANCES.

The auditor submitted his report of the financial statement of the city for the month of July as follows:

##### RECEIPTS.

1898 July bonds	\$300,000 00
City tax 1891	20,833 73
Watermain extension tax	13,118 39
Liquor license	10,340 40
State Street paving	7,893 60
General license	3,911 35
Premium of bonds	2,245 00
Sprinkling tax	1,321 33
Sewer tax 1891	1,173 40
Sewer tax 1892	943 73
Fines	572 00
Dog tax	563 00
Richards street paving	510 60
Curbing and guttering	403 99
Sidewalk tax	333 54
Poll tax	271 05
Tax sales	241 23
Sewerage	213 80
Cemetery	200 00
Waterworks	119 51
Rent	110 00
Water rates	87 99
Street department	47 20
Interest	26 37
Jordan and Salt Lake canal	15 00
Watermaster	10 00

Total.....\$372,275 52

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Waterworks	\$ 23,518 85
State street paving	22,636 25
Street department	13,961 25
City and county building	11,900 62
Fire department	8,059 16
Richards street paving	7,716 30
Salary	4,373 72
Police department	4,349 67
Parley conduit	4,191 06
Street sprinkling	3,616 96
Watermaster	3,193 63
Street lighting	2,823 87
Health department	2,791 42
Engineering department	2,300 93
Printing and advertising	1,481 38
Retaining walls	1,380 15
Cemetery	1,290 89
Liberty Park	834 93
Prison department	714 00
Sewerage	696 14
Expense	590 70
Jordan and Salt Lake Canal	524 20
Assessor and collector's office	442 51
Claims	300 00
Watermain extensions	376 86
Dog tax	207 00
Land	200 00

Rent	110 00
License	102 30
Sidewalks	100 00
Hospital	90 00
Gas	89 50
Donation	83 33
Parley canal	75 00
Mayor's contingent fund	55 00
Furniture and fixtures, \$47, dues \$21.60	67 60

Total.....\$125,421 25

##### SUMMARY.

Balance in treasury July 1	\$ 64,708 64
Additional receipts	372,275 52

Total	\$437,074 16
Deduct disbursements	\$125,421 25
Balance in treasury July 31	\$ 312,652 91

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

A. W. RAYBOULD, City Auditor.

#### PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ALLEYS.

The city attorney gave his opinion that the city had a right to order paved all public alleyways, but no jurisdiction over private alleyways.

#### CLEANED AND STRAIGHTENED.

City creek between Sixth and Ninth West streets was ordered cleaned and the stream confined to a narrow channel.

#### DUKE GETS THE MONEY.

The application of Treasurer Duke for \$100 to be used as the salary of the paymaster was allowed.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT.

An electric light was ordered at the corner of Mead and Second West streets.

#### ELEVENTH EAST STREET.

The street supervisor was ordered to put Eleventh East street in good condition for travel.

#### RELIEVED FROM THE TAX.

Folland's resolution relieving the Brigham Young Trust company from the payment of paying taxes on State street, because of land deeded to the city for street purposes, was adopted. It exempts twenty-five feet on State street and fifty-six on Commercial street.

#### WATER MOTORS.

The board of education asked that the Council enact an ordinance allowing the use of water to propel motors for ventilating school houses.

Rich was in favor of doing anything he could for the public schools, but he was very much afraid that the city could not consistently allow so much water as would be necessary to propel the motors to go to waste.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the committee on waterworks.

#### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

It was ordered that the Council sit as a board of equalization to hear protests on the extension of the sewers on Thursday next, August 25, at 2 p.m.

#### MUST HAVE REQUISITIONS.

Evans offered the following:

Resolved, That all officers in charge of departments shall be required to furnish the City Council, when necessary, requisitions for supplies and material for their respective departments. Such requisitions after being read by the recorder, shall be referred to the proper committee with power to purchase; providing that when purchases require bids to be submitted, committees shall be authorized to obtain such bids, and report the same to the Council with recommendations.

Laid over until next meeting.

#### SPONGING ON THE COUNCIL.

A bill for sponges for the street super-

visor's department was sent in from the Wasatch Drug company, amounting to \$4.40.

Bell—I move that the bill be referred back for particulars. I know something about fine horses and how many sponges are required to wash and keep them in sleek condition. But it occurs to me that a great many sponges are being used in the street supervisor's department.

Wantland—I certainly would, not object to an occasional sponge once in a while.

Bell—Neither would I to an occasional one.

Simondl—It is rather a spongy question. I second the motion to refer back.

Horn—There has been entirely too much sponging on the council in this manner. (Laughter.)

On motion of Rich the bill was rejected.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

J. N. Farrell	\$ 7 00
Neder & Oleland	11 25
Simpson-Hill Drug company	11 00
Salt Lake Power Light and Heat company	12 00
Morse & Sons	3 00
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G. M. Scott & Co.	85
Kelly & Co.	12 50
Tribune Job Printing company	10 50
F. Auerbach & Bros.	1 85
W. L. Pickard	10
E. C. Coffin	5 25
Barratt Bros.	1 75
A. W. Canine & Co.	1 25
Grant Bros.	3 00
Rio Grande Western Railway company	1,010 00
Salt Lake Power Light and Heat company	4 32
Times Printing company	334 65
Wiscomb & Co.	25
Star Printing company	62 70
Utah Lead Pipe company	1,788 51
Eagle Foundry and Machine company	1,568 10
H. T. Duke	100 00
E. E. Coffin Hardware company	1 75
Pitts & Watson	145 00
Sullivan & McDonald	39 90
T. C. Armstrong	21 00
G. M. Scott	383 72
Sullivan & McDonald	114 60
W. O. Read	169 00
Pitts & Watson	159 30
E. Sells & Co.	69 03
Morrison, Merrill & Co.	5 40
Pleasant Valley Coal company	229 95
Sierra Nevada Lumber company	276 28

#### THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education met in regular session last night, Vice-President Nelson in the chair. The members present were: Alf, Young, Baldwin, Pike, Newman, Raybould and Dooly.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The monthly statement of receipts and disbursements were as follows:

Balance on hand July 1st	\$230,269 51
Received from E. K. Clute	1,654 00
Sale of coal house on Lincoln site	5 00

Total	\$231,928 51
Paid Clerk's warrants	\$ 39,379 43

Balance on hand July 31st.....\$192,549 08

#### Referred to finance committee.

The report of the committee on sites and buildings approved the additional work done by the contractors on the Lincoln school building. Adopted.

The committee on sites and buildings recommended that a school site on the east bench should not be purchased. Adopted.

It was recommended that a school be established in the Presbyterian church on Second West and Ninth South. Adopted.

The same committee recommended that leases be executed for the following buildings: African M. E. church