

men His will they rejoiced and felt as if liberated from a prison. They were willing to go forth and receive of the fulness of the Gospel. All who have received the truth, all Saints, have this feeling of joy and universal love for the human family. None is satisfied to have received the Gospel himself, but all want their neighbors to bear it also. So the Gospel is preached with its various principles, including repentance, forgiveness of sins, good works, etc.

From time to time the Lord revealed to those who have accepted the Gospel such things as are necessary for their advancement. Among the first commandments given were to keep the Word of Wisdom, to observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy; not to profane the name of the Deity, but speak of it with a feeling of reverence in our hearts, and in no wise to be disrespectful to the Lord. When we were taught these things we were expected to profit by them and be prepared to advance a step further. Let us go on to perfection and not have to be constantly reminded of what was God's word to His people when they first believed in Him.

Every blessing we can think of belongs to the Gospel. The sick shall be healed by the power of the Priesthood, which has been given with the Gospel. If any be hungry or naked and full of sorrow, they shall be made happy by the ministrations of those who hear the Priesthood. Thus the Gospel is all in all, bringing happiness with it for time and all eternity.

The choir sang the anthem, "Let the Mountains Shout for Joy," and the congregation joined in the Doxology.

Elder Willard Done pronounced the benediction.

THE PAVING AWARD.

About the only topic that seems absorbing in business circles today, especially among those who have to pay for it, is the paving question, and speculation as to whether the City Council this evening will be as manifestly unfair and show such a decided disposition in favor of alien interests as the board of public works has done. I have not met a person who regards the award to the Barber people as just and proper, while the opinion to the contrary is universal and sometimes expressed in language more forcible than polite. Nor do many people hesitate to reflect on the integrity of some of the officers who favor this award, the injustice being so glaringly apparent. But it is with another phase of the situation that I desire to call your readers' attention, as it is something every citizen should know.

A careful perusal of the specifications shows me that the board and the council have the undoubted right of not only rejecting any or all bids, but of so dividing the contract as to give the curbing to one party bidding, the blocking to another, and the asphaltum to still a third, and it is difficult to understand why this was not done. The Culmer-Jennings bid on the curbing was the lowest. All things being equal, they should have the job. The Ryan-Griffin bid on the blocking was the lowest by considerable, and I believe they are fully competent and

responsible and should have that part awarded them. Then the Culmer-Jennings people were much the lowest bidders on the asphaltum work, and, besides, were the only bidders who agreed to use Utah material. Most positively these are the two best reasons that could be offered to entitle them to get the contract. Why were they thus discriminated against?

Again, a little figuring shows that if the board had the money interests of the city at heart, this segregation of the bids would result in a saving of \$9420 to the shunters who have to pay for it.

Another very interesting phase of the story is this, as can be verified at the office of the city and county assessors: The Barber Asphalt Co. contribute not one blessed cent either for property, income, school, special or poll tax, nor have they ever done so in this city.

The Culmer-Jennings company, who propose to use wholly Utah material, money and labor, have the following record: The firm itself, through its individual members, pays city, county, territorial, school, special and poll taxes, amounting to about \$3,250 per year. Besides this they are principal stockholders in the Mountain Stone company and Wasatch Asphaltum company, whose products it is proposed to use if the contract is awarded to them. Other stockholders in these companies are such well known heavy taxpayers as Elias Morris, J. H. Rumel, S. J. Lynn, John Beek and others. To be brief, I have estimated that these people have, in the past twenty years, paid more money in taxes alone than this whole award amounts to. This is a remarkable showing, and if taken into consideration by the "powers that be" ought surely to influence in favor of the Culmer-Jennings company, as against any of the other bidders.

H. C. JAMES.

CITY COUNCIL.

Certain members of the City Council are fast acquiring a reputation for tardiness. When the appointed time for the commencement of the transaction of business arrives, their seats in the council chamber are invariably unoccupied. Tuesday night was no exception to the rule. Three-quarters of an hour was lost for the lack of a quorum.

On motion of Rich, Beardsley was chosen chairman in the absence of President Loofbourow. The members present were: Rich, Folland, Hardy, Horn, Evans, Hesse, Lawson. Later on Simondi, Moran, Wantland and Loofbourow entered. Mr. Beardsley vacated the chair in favor of President Loofbourow.

The minutes of the last regular session were read, amended and approved.

PETITIONS.

The West Side Hotel Company asked to be allowed to construct its own sidewalk. Committee on streets.

John A. Monk and other Green Street residents complained that they had paid taxes for the extension of watermains but the work was not done. Committee on waterworks.

Ephraim J. Benoh asked for the removal of a water ditch running through his property. Committee on Jordan canal and irrigation.

ELECTRIC WIRE DISPUTE.

The Bell Telephone Company sent in a communication saying that the street railway company had put in a misleading statement in regard to the interference of their wires with the telephone wires. They claimed that when the street railway company extended its lines out State street the interference with the telephone wires was so great that they asked and obtained permission to string their wires to Murray, the Penitentiary, etc., on Second East street, and after that time the street-car company had moved upon that street without legal authority. They also said that all their wires were operated upon ordinary return wires, and that the remedy suggested by the street railway company was therefore impracticable. The disturbance of their wires could only be remedied by the removal of the street-car wires from that street. Laid on the table.

THEY WANT PROTECTION.

The following communication was then read:

To the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen—The undersigned respectfully represent that in February, 1890, they received certificates of election setting forth that they had been duly elected members of the Salt Lake City Council, and on those certificates they took their seats in the Council and served the city for about seventeen months, and received the regular salary for that service.

The legality of our election was contested in the courts, and the Supreme Court of the Territory decided in favor of our contestants. We at once vacated our offices, and our contestants took their seats in the Council. These contestants have now brought suit against us to recover the salary that the city paid to us while we served in the City Council. We claim that inasmuch as the certificates of election were regularly issued to us by the duly constituted authorities we did our duty in entering upon the duties of the office, and the city having accepted of our services and justly paid us the salary we should now be protected against loss or annoyance in regard to the same.

If a mistake was made, it was not our mistake, and we should not be made to suffer on account of doing what we believed every good citizen will admit was our duty (what other course could we have taken? We could not presume to act as judges of the election). Our action has resulted in clearing away the doubt which hung over the interpretation of the law governing elections in this city, and it seems proper to us that the city should save us harmless in this matter. We therefore respectfully ask that you assume the defense of the suits mentioned above which have been instituted against us.

L. E. HALL.

DANIEL WOLSTENHOLME.

T. C. ARMSTRONG.

Referred to the committee on claims, with the Mayor and city attorney associated.

A LIVELY AWAKENER.

To the Hon. City Council, Greeting:

A long year ago the citizens of West Salt Lake handed you petition after petition asking to have the water nuisance between Sixth and Seventh West streets abated, and since the present administration has been in power we have called your attention time and again to the shameful sanitary condition of the block bounded by Fourth and Third South streets and Sixth and Seventh West streets.