

council chamber and called President Loofbourow from the chair which he vacated in favor of Hardy and left the hall.

INCOMPETENT PLUMBERS.

The committee on sewerage reported recommending that the chairman of sewer committee, the city engineer and plumbing inspector, act as an examining board to license plumbers; also the printing of 1000 ordinances in pamphlet form. Adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following appropriations were made:

Parker & Depue.....	\$ 57 00
Cannington & Co.....	42 10
Kirk & Bridger.....	43 65
A. W. Caine.....	3 30
Eagle Foundry & Machine Co.....	56 00
F. E. Schoppe.....	11 50
Inter-Mountain Electric Co.....	50
J. B. Morse & Son.....	25 00
Grant, Redman & Christy.....	275 97
C. M. Dull.....	5 20

Total.....\$519 22

SEWER EXTENSION.

The committee on sewerage recommended that the petition of O. J. Salisbury, to extend sewer on First South from Fifth to Sixth East on the south side of the street, be granted. Adopted.

Adjourned until Tuesday night at 7:30.

A BLOCK IN THE WHEELS.

The municipal manipulators of the taxpayers' money have got something to think over in a hue that is not altogether in harmony with their past experience. For some time past, when taxpayers have raised their voices by petition and otherwise against the way their money has been spent, they have frequently been spurned with contempt from the foot of the municipal 'solous' throne, and have had to submit. An opportunity has now arrived for an appeal for relief from an almost unbroken line of arbitrary decisions, and some of the taxpayers propose to avail themselves of it. Unless the City Council recedes from the position it has taken on some matters recently, the pressure of the courts may be brought to bear to see what can be effected in that line.

One item on which the question is to be raised is the \$1000 for an excursion for certain city officials to the Pacific coast. Had the expenditure brought any return to the city in the way of increased wisdom in its councilmanic body, the amount would not have been regarded as mispent. But it hasn't. The council is as much of a bear-garden as ever, and those of its members who had their fun on the western trip may now learn whether they will pay for it with their own or the taxpayers' money.

Another matter where the question of misappropriation of funds is also to be tested is in the case of the \$25,000 contributed to the copper refinery bonus. This is not because of any objection of the people to giving a bonus for the refinery, for they have shown their sympathy for that project. But the use of corporation funds in that way is regarded as a dangerous precedent because of its illegality.

Upon these propositions, a notice was served upon City Treasurer Duke

on Wednesday. The fact was communicated to the Business Men's association, but was kept back from the public in the hopes that a settlement might be arrived at, but last night all immediate prospects of a satisfactory arrangement failed, and the proceedings against the city officials came to light. The notice of Treasurer Duke was as follows:

To Harry T. Duke, City Treasurer of Salt Lake City:

Sir—The undersigned taxpayers and citizens of Salt Lake City protest against the misappropriation of funds by the Mayor and City Council and by yourself as treasurer of Salt Lake City, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of those members of the City Council who lately visited the Pacific coast on the junketing trip, so-called, to wit: \$1000, and for the purpose of aiding in or securing the erection of the proposed copper reduction works, to wit: \$25,000. If said misappropriation of moneys have been already paid out or disposed of by you and the City Council, the undersigned demand the repayment and return thereof to the city and its treasury, and intend to and will on behalf and for said city, begin suit against you and your bondsmen for the recovery of said amounts of money, with legal interest, in case you do not return and pay the same into said treasury; and if said sums have not already been paid out by you from the city treasury, then the undersigned, for and on behalf of said city, demand that you do not pay out the same for the purpose aforesaid or for any wrongful purpose, and if you do, we will, for and on behalf of said city, hold you and your bondsmen responsible therefor.

ARTHUR BROWN,
J. A. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. Duke obtained legal advice in the premises, and when all hope in the way of inducing an abandonment of the proposed interference with the council's misappropriation had faded, the treasurer served the following notice on each of the parties addressed therein:

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March, 16, 1893.
To George A. Lowe, William H. Rowe, Spencer Clawson, J. S. Cameron, M. J. Gray, C. F. Loofbourow and L. C. Karriek, Trustees:

Gentlemen—You are hereby notified that the following resolution adopted and passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 14th day of February, 1893, is illegal and not authorized by law or ordinance, to wit:

Resolved, That this city government purchase, through, George A. Lowe, W. H. Rowe, Spencer Clawson, J. S. Cameron, M. J. Gray, C. F. Loofbourow and L. C. Karriek, trustees, \$25,000 worth of unnumbered real estate, and that \$25,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose, and that the city treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay said \$25,000 to the above named persons at once, the title to said property to be taken to Salt Lake City Corporation. A. L. Simondi, E. A. Folland, C. E. Wantland, J. H. Bacon, L. P. Kelsey, W. H. Rowe.

"Motion by Councilman Rich:

"That the resolution be adopted and the amount placed on the appropriation list. Seconded by Councilman Lawson and carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes—Councilmen Beardsley, Bell, Evans, Folland, Hardy, Helss, Horn, Karriek, Kelly, Lawson, Loofbourow, Moran, Rich, Simondi and Wantland—15.
Noes—None.

And further, that the warrant drawn by A. W. Raybould, the auditor of said city, upon the treasurer of said city, for the

payment of said sum of \$25,000 to said Karriek, is illegal and not authorized by law or ordinance, said warrant being as follows, to wit:

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 14, 1893.
No. 915.

The treasurer of Salt Lake City will pay to L. C. Karriek, treasurer, \$25,000, twenty-five thousand dollars, on account of land.

A. W. RAYBOULD,
Auditor of Public Accounts.

Not negotiable.

And further, that the payment of said warrant by means said treasurer was illegal and not authorized by law or ordinance, and paid under a mistake of both law and fact, and therefore, that you or either of you are rightfully or lawfully entitled to the same or any part thereof, or to the possession of the same or any part thereof, and that the same is the money of and does belong to the said city of Salt Lake, and that said city, through its said treasurer, is entitled to the possession of the same and every part thereof, therefore, I, Harry T. Duke, the treasurer of said city, do hereby demand of you and each of you that you return to and deliver to me, as such treasurer and for said city said sum of \$25,000, or the sum of \$25,000 in lawful money of the United States, or in default thereof, you and each of you will be held personally liable for the same, and you and each of you are warned and admonished not to in any way use or dispose of said sum of \$25,000 or any part thereof, for any purpose whatever, at your peril and personal liability, except to pay and return the same and the whole thereof to said city, through me as its treasurer.

Very respectfully,
HARRY T. DUKE,
Treasurer of Salt Lake City, U. T.

Unless the parties who have received the money comply with the demand of the treasurer, or furnish him an indemnity bond, he will begin legal proceedings for its recovery.

While, in the event of the \$25,000 being returned to the city treasury, the sum now in hand for the copper bonus will be reduced that amount, it does not necessarily follow that the refinery will fail. With the prospect of the establishment of such an extensive industry in view, the amount might be covered by public subscription with less effort than has heretofore been put forth in that direction should not permit any failure in the matter of fulfilling the guarantee of \$100,000.

Judge Loofbourow today expressed his opinion that the location of the refinery here would not now be affected by this later movement. As to what disposal would be made of the \$25,000 he did not venture a suggestion, but in any event the contract with Mr. Green would be carried out.

Secretary Pearson, of the Business Men's association, thought that if a question of the appropriation was to be raised, it was better to do it now than a little later, but he did not see why it should be raised at all.

As to the expense of the junketing trip, the men outside of the excursion party who favor the city treasury being mulcted of that amount make themselves rather scarce, if, indeed, there are any.

ONE of our enterprising morning contemporaries has taken a picture of its star reporter and makes it do service this morning as a representation of one of the Aztec mummies exposed by Chief Maguire yesterday.