A DARK PICTURE

Of the Vice of Our City Painted by Folland.

A TRUTHFUL AND ELOQUENT

Arraignment of the Incompetency of the Extravagant Incumbent Administration.

THE LONG-DELAYED REPORT OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE.

Petitions and Communications—The Smoke Stack Nuisance—The Pepperton Place Franchise Again—Other Matters.

It was nearly 8 o'clock last night when Mayor Scott's gavel fell and the councilmen took their seats preparatory to beginning the transaction of the large amount of business that had accumulated during the last two weeks. The members in attendance were: Messrs. Spafford, Karrick, Heath, Folland, Pendleton, Hardy, Hyde, Young, Anderson, Lynn, Parsons and Pickard. The following

PETITIONS

were read and referred as hereinafter indicated.

P. L. Williams, attorney of the Union Pacific, asked for the removal of a large shade tree near the company's track. Committee on streets with power to act.

The Union Pacific company asked for the privilege of constructing a spur or switch from their track to the Summerhayes property. Granted.

John P. Thompson presented a claim for damages for alleged personal injuries sustained by falling over an obstruction on First South Street. Committee on claims.

Joseph Kranz asked to be allowed to erect a sodas stand adjoining Smith's drug store. Committee on streets.

The Salt Lake City Railway Company asked for an extension of one year in which to complete their line on Seventh East from Ninth South to Roper Streets. Committee on Streets.

The Great Salt Lake and Hot Springs Railway Company asked to be allowed to construct a 8 foot cinder sidewalk into the north half of lot 4 block 84 plat A. Committee on streets.

C. S. Ford asked to be allowed to transfer his liquor license. Granted.

The petition of J. A. Cunningham and J. E. Jennings, asking for sewerage, went over for one week.

The petition of Simon Bamberger and others, asking sewerage for Market street, was granted.

Barnes & Byrne asked to be allowed to sublet a portion of the Warm Springs property for the purpose of establishing a saloon. Committee on public grounds.

Matthew Cullen asked to be relieved from paying special sidewalk tax for the reason that there was at present an excellent walk in front of his property. Laid on the table.

R. L. Conely et al., asked for the laying of a water main on Wall street. Committee on waterworks.

C. F. Annett asked for a twenty-year franchise for an electric light plant. Committee on improvements.

Barber Ferguson asked that the canal on Seventh West street be abolished. Granted.

C. P. Jack reported that employes of certain contractors on public works had been unable to obtain their pay while not going to law and suing. He suggested that as a matter of justice in future the city retain from amounts to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to protect payment for all claims on labor performed on said work. Referred to the city attorney.

C. E. Woolland et al., asked that the old city dumping ground near the Jordan river, at the termination of North Temple street, be set aside as a public park. Committee on public grounds.

J. E. Forberg asked that one Green who, he alleged, had appropriated a certain spring near the Warm Springs, be ejected. Committee on streets with power to act.

The Federated Trades council asked for an appropriation of $100 to assist in defraying expenses that would be incurred in the celebration of Labor Day. Granted.

Bill of Salt Lake Stradamant Asphalt company for $3,183.47, for paving the intersection of First South and State streets, was read and referred to the committee on streets.

A NEW BACK COAT AT PENITENTIARY.

Mayor Scott reported that he had appointed A. M. Wilson to a position on the police force in place of John Lintz, removed. Committee on police.

SIDEWALKS ACCEPTED.

The Board of Public Works reported its acceptance of sidewalks laid by the following persons in front of their premises: Eliza M. Mogan, S. T. Atwood, Auerbach Bros., L. L. Tarbet, Sarah Houghton, Clara D. Young, Nabby H. Clawson, Annie S. Cutts, Fannie W. Sayers, W. H. Maloney, J. Walker, Jr., Louisa M. Reese, Clara F. Stewart, W. F. Salisbury, F. R. Pratt, Mary A. Nixon, H. C. Chambers and Martha Dyett. Adopted.

MUST BE MORE EXPLICIT.

The Board of Public Works reported as follows:

We herewith return the petition of Dobson & Williams, contractors of Parley's canyon conduit, dated August 3rd, 1891, asking for extension of sixty days time in which to complete the work on the conduit.

We would like something more explicit from said contractors before taking any action. They do not say when the extension is to commence.

Referred to the city engineer.

GRANTED.

The committee on irrigation reported favorably on the petition of Lee Grand Young, asking that a new channel be constructed that portion of Parley's creek which is apportioned and used through what is known as the Kennedy ditch, to make.

THE BOOMER'S PLACE.

City Attorney Bateman reported that by authority of the council he had purchased and placed in position a safe at a cost of $275, and asked that the amount be appropriated. Adopted.

ON CROSSWALKS.

The committee on streets reported that it had received a communication from the board of public works relative to the repairing of crosswalks, and asking for instructions as to how they should be constructed. In answer the committee stated that left crosswalks were to be constructed. They recommended the use of stone only instead of flagging, and for the conducting of irrigation water that iron pipe be used wherever practicable. The committee recommended that no sidewalk crossings be used except in case of the paving of the street with that material, and that all crosswalks be eight feet wide. Adopted.

ON SEWERAGE.

The committee on sewers, to whom was referred the communication of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railway Company relative to waste water, etc., in connection with engines and machinery, reported that the city attorney stated that the City Council could not legally grant the company the right to connect with the city sewers. Adopted.

The matter of allowing St. Mary's academy to connect with the sewer main, was referred to the sewerage committee.

TO PAVE STATE STREET.

The petition of a number of residents of First East, between South Temple and Fourth South, asking that a pavement be laid there, was granted, and an ordinance to that effect was passed.

A CLEAN SETTLERS.

City Attorney Hall reported that in the matter of the condemnation of right of way for Parley's canyon conduit over certain property belonging to R. Crawford Smith, that after an examination of the facts he would recommend that the owner be indemnified by being paid $300 for damages sustained to his property. Adopted.

GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.

City Reminder Jack read the following majority report in the long delayed police investigation:

We, your committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Williams of the policemen of this city, asking that certain charges preferred by them against Captain Parker and Sergeant Glenn be investigated, beg leave to report as follows:

The investigation by your committee was begun July 16, 1891, at 2 p.m., and held almost daily sessions since then up to date.

The examination of witnesses was conducted by D. C. Dickson, assistant city attorney, in an able manner, twenty-five officers of the force were examined as witnesses, also citizens, both male and female. The evidence on the part of the petitioners was as strong as reliable as your committee were able to asperse would be offered, from the time and language used in the petition. The evidence for the defense was strong and decisively in opposition to that of the petitioners. After due deliberation and investigation we do not find that the charges have been sustained, but we do find that personal language is used to a great extent by all of the force, which appears to be conspicuous. Also that there appears to be a disposition on the part of some to talk about their business outside of the department, and that has been said or overheard by some before other persons, which should not be said or heard. This has caused a lack of promotion feeling because of being reported to the city council for expulsion, which rules as a influence to persons outside of the force who have taken sides on so important a matter, and it has also had its bearing on the spirit of this petition.

Captain Parker, we consider, has done his duty faithfully, but in his zeal we observe he bring the force up to a degree of military discipline, where a property balance, may have spoken more and sharpy at times. But we do not consider that it would warrant a removal, but we recommend that he be reprimanded or removed from the force.

Sergeant Glenn has shown allowed his temper to get the best of his better judgment. As we have said before, the best of his intentions seemed to have become almost general, and we think he should be reprimanded for using said language. We believe it to be the part of the police the spoils of his future association, but no officer entitled to promotion or entitled to promotion should become members of the force, and the positions should be reprimanded for such conduct. We find and sustain charges without any evidence to substantiate the same.

In relation to that part of the petition that refers to Marshal Young, most of the officers testify that they had not reported their grievance to him, and therefore he could not be blamed, as Marshal Young testified that he was not aware of the dissatisfaction that was supposed to exist.

Of the twenty-five officers who signed the petition, only seventeen appeared before the committee. While all of the officers testified, one introduced to bear the committee out in their conclusions, we find that personal motives on the part of certain persons had a great influence on certain members of the force who were being used by a party to gratify personal spite and to injure the present administration in the hands of the public.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ANDERSON,
A. J. PENDLETON,
M. K. PARSONS,
Committee.

August 11, 1891.

MINORITY REPORT.

The following was offered by Councilman Folland in rebuttal of the majority report:

To the Mayor and City Council:

The undersigned, the minority of your committee on police, to whom was referred the petition of Sergeants J. J. Thomas, Edgar M. Denny and twenty-seven others, report that we are forced to dissent from the majority for the reasons herein set forth in the petition, the conduct of officers exists in the police force which demands a change in its management, and more efficient service may be secured, the force being composed by the existing conditions of bad management, drifts and lack of spirit. The abundant use of profanity, in violation of the city ordinance, and all rules of decorum, is undermining to the dignity of the government, to a positive degree. The charges against Captain Parker of being overbearing we consider as sustained. The charge of having favorites is not fully sustained. The evidence upon that point requires those who bring them and the accusers rather than the opposite.

The charge of using loathing and profane language against Sergeant E. M. Glenn is fully sustained, and the fact is without the shadow of a doubt, and his judgment so fully that the present state of affairs is somewhat unfortunate to him, and his actions are not praiseworthy.

The chief of police was probably not acquainted with all the existing conditions of dissatisfaction, but ignorance should be no excuse for his ignorance of the fact that probably was very common, and that conditions existed which were not proper, that the current things on one another gut stirred and shaked, ultimately, and no tightening process seem to be applied to effect a state of proper harmony, and the cause of perfect work ensued.

1.—We recommend that Captain Parker be suspended fifteen days without pay, and be placed back in patrolman's position on his wages.

2.—That Sergeant E. S. Glenn be demoted from his force.

3.—That the chief of police be requested to use more diligence in enforcing the support from officers, to discipline and vice versa; that the time of changing shifts be as frequently as possible, we understand this has been done since the 1st of last month; the proper discipline and time to be observed, while patrolling, and good conduct on and off duty; and a strict supervision be given to all office and non-political preferment, and to maintaining the police force of the city, that some show preference and promotion.

4.—That the Salt Lake City police force, you should see to it, we would be pleased to have you review the evidence offered in this case, and we feel that your judgment would come as to a sound finding.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ED. A. PARSONS,
FERDINAND HEATH.

Councilman Spafford—I move that the consideration of both reports be deferred for one week.

Councilman Anderson—For what reason?

Councilman Spafford—Well, for one, I haven't had time to digest them.

Councilman Hyde—I move the adoption of the minority report.

Councilman Pickard—I second that motion.

Councilman Folland spoke in the following eloquent and strong terms in support of the minority report:

Mr. President, at the conclusion of the police examination recognition, we were refused by the chairman to see the minority report, being as we said, we didn't propose to give an opinion. And, as it was with a degree of astonishment and surprise I listened to the majority report, being as we have, being led by what we heard, that a unanimous, or at least a majority report would have been given in favor of justifying the action by which the police of our city was sustained, and I was asked by the committee that for the sake of the peace which there was for a week prior, the chairman of the committee would not have a police force short-sprecock, be submitted to so I hope that such a decision will be made that will place the administration above suspicion in regard to the morals of our fair city.

I do not see that the law is so uncertain as to justify the majority report. I certainly believe that your finance is flying in the face of the guidelines plus the wishes of the people, and that the great mass of the people who desire our city to wear from the taunts of least, and to avoid the disgrace of being called to their condition of a witness the effect that occurred by such sights of wicked thinky tend to place a stigma with honest men who go by their trade in open sight, on houses and the coming of which is to be in the same place, and situations to this country in passing through the public streets at all hours, drunkard and unfortunate, the poor, coming in his carriage, and the poor, man's daughter, and the poor, man's wife, and the poor, man's son, and the poor, man's mother, and the poor, man's father, and the poor, man's brother, and the poor, man's sister, and the poor, man's cousin, and the poor, man's uncle, and the poor, man's aunt, and the poor, man's friend, and the poor, man's enemy, and the poor, man's neighbor, and the poor, man's lawyer, and the poor, man's doctor, and the poor, man's minister, and the poor, man's priest, and the poor, man's bishop, and the poor, man's president, and the poor, man's God, and the poor, man's devil, and the poor, man's hell, and the poor, man's heaven, and the poor, man's everything, and the poor, man's nothing, and the poor, man's everything else, and the poor, man's everything else, and the poor, man's everything else