

orable body and the proper committee to the fact that we are in no condition to cope with fires such as destroyed the Dinwoodey building and later the Opera House. There exists an imperative necessity for taking action to improve the department. We only have thirteen men; we have not on hand a sufficient supply of hose; we have not the requisite number of engines. Since we cannot hope to control a large fire with a high wind, I would therefore suggest as follows:

First—That there be 3000 feet of new hose purchased; the old hose on hand I have found from my experience in the Opera House fire would not stand the pressure of the steamers. Without good hose no department can be expected to do good work.

Second—I would respectfully ask that immediate action be taken upon the question of the purchase of a lot for building a house for a department on the most suitable site.

Third—I respectfully ask for two more horses for steamer No. 2, as the old team used at present is too old and was completely exhausted in going to the fire at the Salt Lake Brewery and thereby causing a delay of at least 20 minutes in making the run with engine No. 2.

Fourth—I respectfully recommend that the city purchase a lot in the southern part of the city on either Fourth or Fifth South, not exceeding two blocks from Main Street, for the purpose of erecting another house for the department.

Fifth—I respectfully ask for a piston engine to be placed at one of these stations.

Sixth—I also recommend the purchase of another Silsby engine.

Those suggestions are made in the interest of public welfare. The town is no longer a village and something must be done or serious results may follow.

W. A. STANTON,
Chief of Department.

Referred to the committee on fire department.

The city engineer submitted an exhibit of the grade lines on First South Street between East Temple and Second East streets, and on First East between Second and Third South streets, which was accepted.

The following is from a communication addressed to the mayor and city council by Chief Stanton:

I have conducted the business of the department with a view of bettering its condition in every way possible, and have instituted such improvements as in my judgment would best meet this end. There are still some changes in contemplation that I hope to effect soon. When these are accomplished I anticipate that the department will be in the best possible condition and equal to any demands that may be made on it.

The total cost of maintaining the department for the quarter just ended was \$3100.62, less \$83.75 charged to the waterworks company, and the statement below will exhibit particularly the different sources of expense:

FIRES DURING THE QUARTER.	
Loss by fire.....	\$194.195
Insurance.....	113.523
Miles traveled by department.....	181
Hours in service.....	401
Hose used (number of feet).....	11,850
Number of fires.....	23
EXPENSES DURING QUARTER.	
As per vouchers No. 1 to No. 59.....	\$3 100 62
Credit to one dozen 1½-inch brass valves supplied to waterworks company.....	73 00
Express charges.....	5 75
Total.....	\$ 83 75
Balance.....	3,016 87

The chief of the fire department asked for \$1,000 for general expenses and supplies.

The expert water commission submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:

In accordance with the resolution of your Council, June 17, 1890, we would state that we have performed the duties therein prescribed, and herewith present tabulated lists of the bids for constructing the work of bringing in the waters of Parley's and Emigration creeks, such bids having been publicly opened in the presence of contractors so bidding. The mere statement of the amounts of each bid we do not consider sufficient to warrant the making of any definite recommendations on our part. That the best interests of the city may be conserved, we suggest that to consummate this most important work the bids be referred back to this commission with the mayor and city attorney associated, and that they be authorized to make a contract for the whole or such portion of the work as your Council may deem advisable.

In this connection we are pleased to note that the bids are, with one exception, considerably below the estimated cost. Tabulated statements of the bids received and opened by the water commission on July 5, 1890, for water supply from Emigration and Parley's canyons: For pipe line, exclusive of excavations—Francis Smith & Co., \$23,025; J. S. Morse & Co., \$23,025; J. E. Riley & Co., \$24,665; Regan & Delanes, no bid; M. McDonald & Co., \$23,755. For brick conduit—J. S. Morse & Co., \$149,522; S. E. Riley & Co., \$140,995; Regan & Delanes, \$112,647; M. McDonald & Co., \$181,620.

Further, in accordance with request of the Council we would state that a very close estimate of the cost of bringing in the waters of Emigration Creek alone by a line of wrought-iron riveted pipe shows that such cost, including the earth and rockwork, furnishing and laying all material and fitting gates, gate houses, waste weirs and irrigation services, will be \$51,570. The time for such construction will be about, as near as we can now estimate, ninety days from the date of contract.

Respectfully submitted,
A. F. DOREMUS.
M. J. MACK,
C. L. STEVENSON.

The matters treated of in the report were referred to the waterworks committee and mayor with power to make contract.

The committee on streets recommended the laying of a wooden trough on South Temple street to irrigate the trees with, and certain other improvements in that street. Adopted.

The same committee reported favorably on the city engineer's profile of West Temple street.

The committee on public grounds recommended the leasing of about three acres of land near the Warm Springs to Barnes and Bailey, for a quarry, at \$100 per year for three years. Adopted.

The chairman of the board of public works was authorized to employ a clerk at \$75 per month.

The bill for an ordinance making it an offense to injure or obstruct the use of a fire hydrant, amending section 17 of chapter 22 of the revised ordinances, was passed.

The bill for an ordinance relating

to the keeping and storing of combustible materials within the fire limits, was also passed.

Residents of Third Street, between A and B, asked that the street be graded before the street railroad track be laid. Referred to committee on streets.

A petition showing the dangerous character of Third South Street, between Fifth and Seventh West, went to the same committee.

The sum of \$750 was allowed on account to W. J. Coots, contractor on the city and county building.

Police Justice Laney's report for the last month showed:

Cases tried, 332; cash paid into treasury, \$3,171 35; old fines collected, \$122.	
The statement is follows:	
Fines assessed.....	\$3,171 35
Old fines collected.....	122 00
Total.....	\$3,293 35
Cash in treasury.....	\$1,425 35
Fines paid in labor.....	1,858 00
Remitted.....	10 00
Total.....	\$3,293 35

The following appropriations were ordered:

Superintendent waterworks dept.....	\$10,000 00
Fire department.....	1,000 00
W. J. Coots.....	750 00
Sidewalk department.....	75 00
Geo. M. Scott & Co.....	11 25
Total.....	\$11,836 25

Adjourned for one week.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

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There is a census enumerator in Squaw Creek who insists that citizens from Missouri should have naturalization papers. This is the last straw, and the Missourians are going to organize and assert their rights.—*Caldwell Tribune*.

District court closed at Hailey yesterday. Judge Beatty has held court continuously for a month, and often held night session. He found over 150 cases on the docket, and when he closed court yesterday there were not half a dozen cases left.—*Shoshone Journal*.

Eight hundred dollars have been offered as a reward by the citizens of Washington County, Idaho, for the arrest and conviction of the thief or thieves who have been perpetrating the wholesale larceny of horses from the ranges west of Weiser. Several hundred head have been stolen.—*Keystone*.

One day last week a lady in Clayton sent her dog to the company's store with a note in its mouth, and said to the dog, "Bring me a piece of bacon." The dog went to the store and stood around a while with the note in its mouth, and finally followed one of the salesmen into the warehouse, dropped the note, picked up a piece of bacon and started for home amidst the yells and stones hurled after him. The note was found afterwards, and the proprietor charged for the bacon. This dog is not for sale.—*Clayton Press*.

The Territorial papers are agitating a Press Association again. In the language of a modern poet, we give vent to the expression "Rats!" The newspaper men of Idaho don't want an association. It has been weighed in the balance and found