

and His angels, and upon the next lower of the saints, while the action of the drama took place upon the lowest. Upon one side of the last named there was a representation of the mouth of hell whence came fire and smoke and the cries of the lost. Demons also issued from it, their coarse jests and horse play forming the low comedy part of the entertainment and affording infinite amusement to the audience.

It was my good fortune, while sojourning in Naples some years ago, to participate in the elaborate Festa di Monte Virginie, which the Neapolitans annually celebrate on Whit Sunday and during the two succeeding days. The principal features of the celebration take place at a church erected upon a mountain near Avellino, a day's journey on foot from Naples, and the prettiest, most interesting part of the ceremony is the long train of carriages, wagons, carretas, and all sorts of wonderful, nondescript vehicles, gaily decorated with flowers, ribbons and garlands—as are also the horses, oxen and asses drawing them—which winds from the city along picturesque roads to the summit of the mountains, attended by great crowds of merry makers on foot, singing and dancing untiringly and bearing sticks which support brightly colored pictures of Madonna.

In St. Petersburg in 1875, I witnessed what was perhaps the last observance of a Whit Sunday custom which though once highly popular had long been gradually dying out. It was a show of marriageable women and girls desirous of obtaining husbands, and took place on Whit Sunday afternoon in the "Summer Garden," a place of popular resort. The young women were attended by their parents or some other elderly relative through whom, if a young man was smitten with a maid, he conducted his negotiation for her hand.

It is, of course, needless to say that this usage was confined to the lower and middle classes.

GEOFFREY WILLISTON CHRISTINE.

SAN JUAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the San Juan Stake was held at Moab, Grand County, Utah, on the 21st and 22nd ult. Elders C. R. Savage and Dr. James E. Talmage, and Sisters E. Howard and M. A. Freeze were present. The Presidency of the Stake and most of the Bishops and their counsel were also in attendance.

The usual reports of the Bishops were given, showing that the wards and branches are in a prosperous condition, and that the Saints, as a rule, are endeavoring to keep the commandments of the Lord.

Elders C. R. Savage and Dr. J. E. Talmage occupied most of the time, and their remarks and instructions were much appreciated.

The Relief, Y. L. M. I., and Primary associations held their respective conferences and were instructed by Sisters E. Howard and M. A. Freeze. An excellent spirit prevailed throughout the conference.

CHARLES E. WALTON,
Stake Clerk.

CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council met in regular session May 31st, Mayor Baskin presiding. The following Aldermen responded to roll call: Rich, Folland, Hardy, Moran, Bell, Horn, Loofbourow, Lawson, Evans, Ewing, Simondi, Beardsley and Heiss.

Absent—Karrick and Wantland, the latter having gone to Nebraska to col-
dole with W. H. Irvine who shot his wife's seducer in Lincoln on Thursday last. Recorder Stanton was also absent on a similar mission and his duties were performed by his deputy, Mr. Elmer Elsworth.

After the minutes of Friday night's session had been read and amended the Mayor announced that he had been authorized by the Council at one of its recent meetings to procure bids for water pipe. They were as follows:

SIXTEENTH-INCH.

Rhodes Bros.....	\$19,685 25
Wilson, Waugh & Co.....	23,253 75
Chattanooga Pipe Works.....	23,400 00
Howard-Harrison Iron Co.....	22,815 00
Dennis, Long & Co.....	22,932 00
National Tube Co.....	25,655 00

EIGHT-INCH

Rhodes Bros.....	\$ 1,812 20
Wilson, Waugh & Co.....	2,067 00
Chattanooga Pipe Works.....	2,080 00
Howard-Harrison Iron Co.....	2,028 00
Dennis, Long & Co.....	2,038 40
National Tube Co.....	

Referred to the water committee, with the Mayor associated, with power to act.

The proposals called for 585 tons of 16-inch pipe and 52 tons of 8-inch pipe. Rhodes Brothers also proposed to furnish 16-inch cast iron pipe laid, including trench back-filling, etc., for \$2.62 per linear foot.

NEITHER MORAN NOR LOOFBOUROW.

The Mayor—At 12 o'clock tonight, according to law, my duties as presiding officer of this body will end, and the election of a successor is necessary.

Evans—I move that action in the matter be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Council.

Horn—I second that motion. Carried.

PETITIONS

were read and referred as follows:

George Duffin asked for a free peddler's license. Committee on license.

City Building Inspector Hamlin asked that his office be fitted up at the city's expense.

G. Hill and others asked for the erection of electric lights at the intersection of Eighth South and Sixth, Seventh and Eighth East streets. Committee on improvements.

The Salt Lake cricket club asked permission to use a portion of Liberty Park in which to carry on their favorite sport. Referred to the mayor.

H. Hill asked permission to lay his own sidewalk. Committee on streets.

R. B. Young and others made a similar request. Same reference.

A CIRCUS COMING.

G. Castello, for the Raymond show asked permission to use the west side of Washington Square for circus purposes from June 17th to 18th inclusive; also that the license for such privilege be reduced to \$40 per day. Referred to the mayor with power to act.

ARTICLES NEEDED.

The city engineer submitted a detailed statement of the articles needed in his department for the ensuing

month. Committee on finance with power to act.

IT WILL COST SOMETHING.

The same official reported the cost of constructing suitable viaducts over the Union Pacific and Rio Grande Western tracks at the points named below:

On North Temple street.....	\$40,000
On South Temple street.....	95,000
On Third South street.....	50,000

Total.....\$185,000

Lawson—I move that the report be received and filed. Carried.

TARDY CONTRACTORS.

The board of public works returned the petition of J. M. Ricketts and others in relation to the tardiness manifested by the Pacific Paving company of Utah, in paving State street, and commented thereon as follows:

There has been no apparent effort of the company to comply with our requests and the conditions are daily getting worse instead of better. On March 21st, 1892, we granted the contractors an extension of time of ninety-three days in which to complete the contract dated the 6th day of November, 1891, on account of hindrance from inclement weather. At the expiration of that time (93 days from March 23rd) we recommended that no further extension be given unless we become convinced of the contractors' intention to complete the work and at as early a date as possible. The contractors are short of material necessary to prosecute the work, which we understand and believe can be obtained at a fair price and the work allowed to proceed.

Accompanying the above were several communications addressed to the contractors from the board of public works but to which no satisfactory explanation had ever been received.

The communications above referred to were read on motion of Horn, after which Hardy moved that the matter be referred to the committee on streets.

ANOTHER INSPECTOR.

The board of public works announced that it had appointed William Holmes Inspector of Improvements contemplated on Richards street, and under contract with the Wasatch Asphaltum Company, to commence work when needed—in the opinion of Chairman Haines at a salary of \$100 per month. Committee on streets.

WATERMAIN EXTENSIONS.

Recorder Stanton reported that notices of intention for the extension of watermain on T 1rd West street had been published in accordance with law. Received and filed.

BIG MONEY FOR GALLEAZZI.

The "Liberal" dog tax collector again demonstrated his vigilance in hunting down vagrants and unregistered dogs by reporting that he had collected \$426.00 in dog license during the past month. Half the amount \$213—was appropriated to Galleazzi's credit.

ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING.

Marshal Janney asked permission to have the rooms occupied by the police department cleaned, renovated, repapered and put in good order. Committee on Improvements with power to act.

PAVING DISTRICT NO. 2.

An ordinance creating Paving District No. 2, embracing Main street from South Temple to the south line