

the prayer of the petitioners at once. It will benefit fifty families above the present water system.

Young—That does not agree with a statement made here once by Mr. James, who said that he went over the bench and made a careful examination and only found four families who would be directly benefitted by the extension of the system. At present I doubt whether there are more than that number of people living there. The proposition for the city to expend thousands of dollars in extending the water to a few goat ranches is in my opinion, absurd. I will venture the assertion that not one of the residents on the north bench have signed the petition. It is a speculative scheme.

Parsons—It is only a question of whether or not the city wants to derive any revenues from that locality by encouraging settlement there.

Hardy—The city cannot spare the water. Our supply last summer was entirely inadequate on the upper floors of four and five story buildings. I don't want anyone to go without water, but I am not in favor of taking it away from the legal owners and giving it to those who have no right to it.

James—My position on this question is just the same now as when we voted \$50,000 bonds to make the extension, last spring. I believed it illegal then, I believe it illegal now. I have always contended that in every city the water belongs to the original incorporators. We have no right to give it to speculators.

On motion of Folland the matter went over for another week.

LICENSE ORDINANCE PASSED.

The ordinance amending the license schedule which was read at the last meeting of the Council was amended by striking out the following: That section 41 of chapter xxviii of said revised ordinances, relating to merchants' licenses, be and is hereby repealed.

The bill then passed. It takes effect at once.

WEST TEMPLE STREET RAILWAY.

Young moved to reconsider the vote whereby a franchise was denied the Salt Lake City Street Railway Company, for a right of way on West Temple street.

Spafford declared that the motion was out of order, but the mayor decided otherwise.

Mr. Young then offered an amendment providing that a single track be laid on West Temple street from Ninth South to Roper street, and that the property owners there dedicate a strip of land ten feet in width on each side of the street for street purposes.

A vote resulted in the passage of the bill, the vote being as follows:

Ayes—James, Young, Hardy, Hyde, Folland, Karrick, Pendleton, Tuddenham, Parsons—9.

Noes—Lynn, Spafford—2.

A MISDEMEANOR.

A bill to amend the ordinance creating the office of city engineer then came up. It makes it a misdemeanor for anyone to commence improvements on any lines of streets without first applying to the city engineer for correct data. The bill passed.

STONE CULVERT.

The city engineer was authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of a stone culvert across City Creek at the head of State street.

APPROPRIATIONS.

J. F. Brown.....	\$ 80 00
J. W. Farrell & Co.....	91 23
George Boggs & Co.....	17 00
Charles T. Nelson.....	200 00
Tribune Publishing company.....	61 00
C. F. Brooks.....	21 00
Mr. Ramsden.....	80 00
Total.....	\$480 23

Adjourned for one week.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW.

HENRY CLEWS, in his report for the week ending Nov. 21, 1891, says that the stock market relapsed into its old stagnancy, notwithstanding the gain in bank reverses, the strong statement of the Bank of England, and an increase of 8½ per cent. in the gross October earnings of railroads. This seems inconsistent with the hopes entertained that activity would result from large crops and general prosperity. But it appears that business is not as lively as one would imagine. The current bank clearings at seven of the principal cities of the Union show a decrease of over 10 per cent. as compared with a year ago.

This condition can be explained by studying the situation in Europe. The financial centres of that continent have been seriously affected by many influences for some time, and which seem now to be approaching a culmination. Speculation and inflated capitalization have been doing their deadly work there as well as here. There is also a sharp competition between European States for foreign commerce. Further, the Baring suspension and South American affairs generally have started an industrial and commercial reaction throughout Europe which is attended with declining prices and with the obstructions to credit that always attend such a state of things. Added to all this, there is a condition of international relations which threatens to precipitate the great conflict between the Eastern and Western powers. The crop failures of France and Russia increase the danger. Germany is preparing for serious action in the spring.

Paris and Berlin have been selling largely of Russian issues of late. Of these it is estimated that France holds \$500,000,000, and Germany \$1,500,000,000. Spain is almost bankrupt. Yet while confessing its inability to pay a temporary loan from the Rothschilds of \$10,000,000, it is asking a further loan of \$15,000,000. France, it is said, holds \$800,000,000 of Spanish securities. Italy is in a bad financial way. At Vienna the state of finances is one of high tension. Portugal is still struggling. Want of confidence still prevails there. This is the situation in Europe, and of necessity it affects the American markets.

London, Nov. 29.—Mr. Chamberlain has forwarded a draft of the workmen's pension bill to Morley for submission to Gladstone.

OBITUARY.

SKIDMORE—At Richmond, Cache County, on the 14th inst., Sarah Armina Skidmore. She was born in Farmington, Davis County, February 10th, 1853. Her parents were Albert and Hozina Knapp. Deceased, with her mother, three brothers and two sisters, moved to Rich-

mond in 1835. She was married to William L. Skidmore in the Endowment House by President D. H. Wells, March 28th, 1868. Her husband was set apart as Bishop of the Richmond ward May 4th, 1879. Her influence has always been for good, and the counsels she has given in accordance with the true spirit of the Gospel. She was the mother of twelve children, two of whom are dead. She leaves her husband and ten children—the eldest of whom is twenty-two years of age and the youngest only one month old—to mourn her loss.

The funeral services were held in the Richmond meetinghouse, which was filled with sympathetic relatives and friends. Among the speakers who made consoling remarks was Apostle W. W. Merrill, who spoke of the good record which Sister Skidmore had made. Upwards of sixty vehicles followed the remains to the cemetery.—[COM.]

DEATHS.

HALL—at Verona, Sugar House Ward, Salt Lake county, Utah, Sunday morning, November 22nd, 1891, at 3 a. m., Mary Elizabeth Neff Hall, daughter of Benjamin and Martha Bitner Neff, and wife of Brother Hubert L. Hall, proprietor of the White House. Born June 11th, 1868, at Mill Creek, Salt Lake county, Utah. Cause of death, childbed fever. She leaves three lovely children, the youngest but two weeks old, and husband to mourn her demise.

Her character was strongly marked by her unwavering integrity and devotion to God, and an unwavering faith in the Gospel. Faithful and true, kind and gentle, she lived, earning a crown worthy her noble character in the mansions above. She died as she lived, in full faith of the Gospel. Nothing that kind and devoted hands could do was left undone; loving friends constantly ministered to her.

GOWANS—November 20th, 1891, at Tooele City, of old age, Andrew Gowans. Deceased was born December, 1799, in Fortarshire, Scotland; was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in February, 1850, at Arbroath, Scotland. He emigrated from that place to Utah in 1855, crossing the plains from Mormon Grove in Milo Andrus' company, and arriving in Salt Lake City October 24th of that year. The following month, at the solicitation of O. P. Koekwell, he, in company with Hugh S. Gowans and Bishop George W. Burridge and their families, moved to Kush Valley, Tooele County, to live on the government reservation, but in consequence of the Indian troubles was compelled to move. This he did in March, 1856, locating in Tooele City, where he had ever since resided. He was an upright and respected citizen; his faith was ever unshaken in the Latter-day work, and he passed away as if going to sleep. He looked all for the Gospel's sake, being accompanied to this country only by his wife and youngest daughter (the wife of President Hugh S. Gowans of Tooele Stake). His wife died in April, 1884, in the 97th year of her age. Both lived and died in full faith of the Gospel and the hope of a glorious resurrection.—[COM.]

REES—At 10:30 p. m., November 11th, at his residence, Wales, Sanpete county, Utah, David P. Rees. The cause of death was heart disease. Deceased was in his 64th year. He was born in Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorganshire, South Wales, Dec. 7th, 1827, and leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss. He was an unwavering Latter-day Saint and was a Teacher in the ward in which he lived for many years, as well as a leader of the choir.—[COM.]

COUNSELL—At her residence, 258 North Seventh West street Nov. 28, after a brief illness of erysipelas, Matilda Counsell, aged 51 years.

ALFRED—Luia Luetta Alfred was born June 9th, 1872, in Spring City, Sanpete county, Utah, died November 22nd, 1891, in Spring City, after an illness of twelve days, with bilious and malarial fever.

Two days before she was taken sick she saw her death, took adieu of her friends, also the large funeral procession in attendance. All passed before her and was related to her friends next morning. It was one of the largest funeral processions ever witnessed in this place.—[COM.]

BURBIDGE—In the Seventeenth ward of this city, November 27th, at 10:30 a. m., Mary Brown Burbidge, born in Bedfordshire, England, December 16th, 1815. Deceased leaves five children—two sons and three daughters—thirty-five grand-children and ten great-grand-children to mourn her loss. She lived and died a faithful Latter-day Saint.

Funeral services will be held at the Seventeenth ward meeting house on Sunday morning, at eleven o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.—[COM.]