

CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council met in regular session last evening pursuant to adjournment, Mayor Jennings presiding, and the following business was transacted:

A petition from Mrs. Flora Malben was presented. She set forth that since the death of her husband, Henry Malben, a bill had been presented to her for \$16, water rates, which had accumulated during his lifetime, but had never been collected. The petitioner asked remittance of the water rate by reason of being in limited circumstances, and represented her willingness to pay the sum in the future. Granted, and amount appropriated for relief of petitioner.

A petition was presented from Isaac Hunt asking remittance of his license to run a job wagon, on account of limited means and bad health—the result of an accident, before which he had always paid his license promptly.

Referred to the committee on license.

A petition was presented from L. W. Hardy and Martin Garn, representing that by reason of the construction of the Jordan and Salt Lake City Canal, their farming lands in the Sugar House Ward had been materially injured—so much so that the land was almost useless, as they were prepared to prove; that for some 20 years before the construction of the canal their land required to be irrigated every season of the year to produce crops, but now by reason of the seepage from the canal in the summer season, said land was so wet that it was impossible even to get upon it with animals to plow; that they had laid the matter before the canal committee and their claim had been rejected without proper investigation as they considered. They therefore asked that the Council take such action in this matter as would by proper investigation reimburse petitioners for losses sustained.

Referred to the committee on claims.

Applications for license to do business as retail liquor dealers at their respective places of business for the ensuing three months were presented from J. T. Clabby, Binnie Schaufele and Lutz & Duncan, and granted.

Moritz & Cullen applied for a license to manufacture malt liquors at corner of Tenth East and Fifth South streets for a period of three months from the 9th day of January, 1884. Granted.

J. L. Dingin applied for a license to do business as an auctioneer at No. 229 East Temple street, for three months from January 9th, 1884. Granted.

The special committee appointed to make a distribution of an appropriation in the sum of \$2,500 among the family of the late Marshal, Andrew Burt, reported that they had investigated the matter, and recommended an apportionment into 13 shares, comprising the minor heirs of deceased, which they deemed a satisfactory adjustment.

Adopted, and committee discharged.

The committee on waterworks, to whom was referred the petition of James C. Watson, asking for a street sprinkling contract for 1884 and 1885, reported that they had examined into the matter, and recommended that a contract be let to the said James C. Watson for the year 1884 to use water for street sprinkling from the city stand pipes for \$150 per annum. They further recommended that the city make pipe connections with the city canal on First East and Third East Streets, and that two additional stand pipes be erected at or near the connection of these streets with First South Street; and that two or three existing stand pipes from which water is drawn from the city mains nearest to those proposed to be erected be discontinued. Adopted.

The following bills were presented for action and allowed: City Marshal's expense bills for December, \$370.32; Mrs. M. A. Burt, for boarding city prisoners for the month ending December 31st, 1883—3,126 meals at 15 cents, \$468.90; Salt Lake Power, Light and Heating Company for three electric lights from December 12th to January 12th, 1884, \$60; A. L. Williams, for 30,000 pounds of coal, \$90.

The committee on elections, to whom was referred the duty of ascertaining what steps, if any, were necessary to be taken to provide for the approaching election, reported that by careful examination of existing laws they found nothing whatever to be done by city officers. Approved.

An appropriation of \$85.50 was made to pay witness fees in the case of Sam Levy vs. City.

An appropriation of \$100 to the Fire Department contingent fund was made.

The City Attorney called attention to the condition of the city's gravel tramway laid in the eastern part of the city, and suggested that steps be taken to prevent accident at night.

Referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

The Mayor stated that the Secretary of the Territory, Hon. Arthur L. Thomas, had made application to rent the second story of the City Hall for the Legislative Assembly, which convenes on Monday next, and that he had arranged the matter at the same rates as were paid for the last previous session.

The verbal report was received and the action of the Mayor ratified.

The committee on claims were specially instructed to thoroughly investigate the claims for damages alleged to have resulted from seepage from the Jordan and Salt Lake City Canal, and in so doing to call to their aid all necessary assistance, that the facts in the matter might be determined, and a quietus put upon the numerous peti-

tions which are submitted on that subject.

Adjourned for one week.

WESTERN FLOATS.

Walt. Hodgman, brother of J. W. Hodgman, at one time proprietor of the Virginia Chop House, in Butte, left for Snake River about two weeks ago, and as not been seen or heard of since. His brother has telegraphed to all points in the territory, but failed to get any trace of him.

On Thursday of last week, at Corvallis, Oregon, Thomas J. Dennis, an old resident of Alsea Bay, was found with a bullet hole through the heart, undoubtedly killed with a rifle. His son-in-law, John Burbank, was arrested on suspicion. The motive of the crime was \$700 in coin in the old man's cabin.

At Santa Cruz, at 9.30 on the evening of the 5th, two young men, while passing through the Pacific Ocean House garden, saw a man in the act of stabbing himself in the breast with a pocket knife. Quickly running to him one of the young men disarmed the would-be suicide, who gave his name as Geo. Riley, and said he was tired of living, as he was suffering with consumption.

At 8 o'clock on the night of the 5th a young man who was stealing a ride on the emigrant train from the East fell from a brake-beam at Sprada, twenty-eight miles east of Los Angeles and had both legs cut off below the knees and his right arm near the shoulder. He lived two hours after the accident. He gave his name as Michael Sullivan and said he was from Ottawa, Ill., where his parents reside. He was about 24 years old.

William Swift, or "Swift Bill" as he was called, died at Helena, Montana, few days since, by a dose of morphine administered by himself. He had been known there but a short time, and was seen about his apple stall hobbling around on stumps of legs trying to make an honest living. About all that is known of him is that he was a stage driver on the Yellowstone, where he got lost in a snow storm and had both his legs so badly frozen that they had to be amputated.

An exciting time occurred on the Central Pacific ferry-boat *El Capitán* on the 9 o'clock trip from San Francisco to the other night. When the vessel was nearing Goat Island the alarm of "Woman overboard!" was raised, and the greatest confusion prevailed. The steamer was brought to a standstill and in two minutes a lifeboat was lowered and put off. The boat was soon lost in the darkness and the steamer proceeded on her way. Several passengers say they saw the woman jump off the upper deck of the vessel.

At a quarter past five on the afternoon of the 3rd, at Keogh, Montana, the garrison at that post were shocked to learn that a soldier named Keoth had met his death at the hands of a guard named Ullmer. The circumstances attending the shooting were few, and can be summarized in the statement that the deceased, known as "Big Keoth," was under arrest in charge of Ullmer, and, becoming refractory, was reprimanded by his guard; in retaliation he made an attack on the guard, and then sought to escape from him. Ullmer, after halting him several times, fired, the charge taking effect in the body killing him almost instantly.

A correspondent of a Montana Territory paper suggests the insertion of the following provision in the constitution of the proposed State of Montana: "No person, except corporations or associations for benevolent, charitable or educational purposes, shall take, or be allowed to take money or property of any kind by inheritance, will or devise, exceeding in value the sum of one million dollars. And the excess of any inheritance or legacy of such money or property over one million dollars shall go to the next of kin of the decedent, after said heirs or legatees, provided, no person of such next of kin shall take more than said sum, and in case there is no next of kin, or in case there is an excess after such next of kin has or have taken, the excess in either case shall escheat to the school fund of the State."

A prisoner in the State prison of California tells the San Francisco *Call* that money will buy whatever the convicts may want, and that whisky-selling is a lucrative trade in the prison. He adds: "The men who have been convicted of the highest crimes are always the most popular over there among the prisoners, and the officials too, and if they have coin as well, there is no end of favor shown 'em. Just take 'Black Bart' as a sample. He sticks up stage coaches single handed. You newspaper gents give him whole columns for a send-off. He blows his own trumpet, and struts around as a swell highwayman. The prisoners at San Quentin look at him with a wish that they'd gone in for the same big game, and the officers of the prison gather him in as a pet lamb, and appoint him right off at the start as head man of the laundry, where he gets lots of pickings, where he sits around in a private office, and has his meals cooked by his own Chinaman—one of the prisoners, of course—on his private stove."

The Municipal Election takes place the second Monday in February.

LOCAL NEWS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 8.

WANTS TO KNOW.—Mr. Thomas J. Campbell, of Boonboro, Washington County, Arkansas, wants to know the whereabouts of W. Calvin Garrison, who emigrated to Utah in 1847.

WANTS TO LEARN.—Mrs. Jesse Redbird, of Dannenberg, wishes to learn of the whereabouts of Mr. George Crouch, who emigrated to Utah before the war. Any word from him or his daughters Nannie and Eliza, will be thankfully received by the above. Address: Flint Postoffice, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

SOMETHING WRONG.—There are great complaints from subscribers to the News at Bountiful, about not getting their papers for two or three days after the date of issue. We assure them that the Semi-Weekly is mailed so that they should have it on Tuesday and Friday mornings, and if they do not, there is something wrong in the Postoffice at Bountiful. If necessary, report again friends, and we'll see to it.

THE "HERALD" ANNUAL.—The *Herald Pictorial Annual* for 1884, a pamphlet of 42 pages with a handsomely illuminated cover and numerous illustrations, is a very creditable publication. It contains information of interest to every inhabitant of the Territory, not only in regard to Utah but the United States and other countries as well, besides treating of abstract matters in abundance. It will be found of use in every household.

THE "EXPONENT."—The *Exponent* for January 1st contains among many interesting articles the following: "Meditations of the New Year," Hannah T. King; "A Daughter of the Patriots," Sarah A. Fullmer; "Have we Charity," M. E. Kimball; "The Year that's Gone," Hope; "To Mary J. Tanner," Emily Scott; "Nothing Lost," Isis; "The New Year," editorial; "A Woman's Opinion," Helen M. Whitney; "Our Travels Beyond the Mississippi," same; "The Tenth Plague of Egypt," Hope; It is a valuable number and should be read by everybody.

HOME.—A telegram received at Coalville, on the 2d instant, by Brother Alma L. Smith, from his son Willard, stated that the latter expected to leave New York on Wednesday last, and would probably reach home yesterday afternoon. The young man has been on a mission to England, having been for some time president over the Liverpool Conference. It was contemplated by the President of the Mission to release him to return home last fall, on account of failing health, but as he thought he could stand it through the present winter he remained. It appears, however, that it has been deemed advisable for him to return.

FUNERAL SERVICES.—The funeral services over the remains of Sister Mary V. Young, took place at 11 a.m., to-day, at the White House, Eighteenth Ward. The house was filled to overflowing with mourners and sympathizing friends. The meeting was conducted by President Angus M. Cannon. Counselor D. H. Wells offered up the opening prayer, and Presidents George C. Cannon, Joseph F. Smith and John Taylor in turn addressed the assembly in words calculated to comfort and instruct the souls of all. The benediction was pronounced by President Wilford Woodruff.

The music was rendered by a choir of selected voices under the direction of Brother Horace G. Whitney. An extended discourse of vehicles, filled with friends and relatives of the departed, followed the remains to their last resting place, where President George C. Cannon offered up the dedicatory prayer over the grave.

HOME FROM NEW ZEALAND.—Elder Joseph S. Morris, of Greenville, Beaver County, returned Sunday morning from a mission to New Zealand, upon which he started May 2d, 1882. He labored all of his time in that field with the exception of the last month, which was spent in Australia, previous to sailing for home. The last three months of his stay in New Zealand he labored in Southland, a new district, where he and Elder Bastow organized two branches, (making three in the district), baptized about 22 persons and blessed over 20 children. Prior to that time he was in Canterbury and other places.

The Elders had much to contend with, the people being very indifferent to religion, but since the advent of the Salvation Army, which awakened quite a sensation in such matters, conditions had improved, and balls once closed against the Elders, were now opened, and they even received invitations to occupy them.

Brother Morris sailed from Sydney, Australia, December 6th, touched at Auckland, N. Z., saw President W. T. Stewart, and then resumed his voyage homeward. He also stopped a few hours at Honolulu, met with the Elders and Saints there, and re-embarked for San Francisco, where he arrived December 31st.

He was accompanied to Salt Lake by a number of tourists from New Zealand and California, who were much pleased and interested with the city, through which Elder Morris acted as their guide. He left for the south to-day.

LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS.—The members of the Utah Legislative Assembly, which convenes in this city next Monday, are as follows:

COUNCIL.

Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Millard, and Plute counties—Robt. W. Heyborne. Box Elder and Weber—Franklin S. Richards. Cache and Rich—Jas. T. Hammond. Davis, Salt Lake and Tooele—H. J. Grant, Heber J. Richards, William W. Taylor and Jos. Barton. Emery, Sanpete and Sevier—Luther T. Tuttle. Juab and Utah—Joel Grover and Jno S. Page. Kane, San Juan and Washington—Edwin G. Woolley. Morgan, Summit, Uintah and Wasatch—W. W. Cluff.

HOUSE.

Beaver and Plute counties—P. T. Farnsworth. Box Elder—O. G. Snow. Cache and Rich—B. F. Cummings, Jr., and Jos. Howell. Davis, Morgan and Salt Lake—James Sharp, John Morgan, John Clark, D. C. Young, Caleb T. Brinton and Sam'l Francis. Emery, Sanpete and Sevier—R. R. Lewellyn and A. D. Thurber. Garfield, Iron and San Juan—John Houston. Kane and Washington—Jno. Rider. Millard—Jos. V. Robinson. Summit—John Boyden. Tooele—Chas. L. Anderson. Uintah and Wasatch—A. Hatch. Weber—D. H. Peery and Jos. Stanford.

A TERRIBLE TALE.—A. O. Lamereaux, of Preston, Idaho, son of Dr. Lamereaux, of Logan, tells our cotemporary in that city a tale of suffering through which he passed on New Year's eve. He left home on December 30th, on a deer hunt. The same day he managed to shoot a deer and reach the house of Gordon Beckstead at Swan Lake. The next morning he again started out and followed deer tracks until he got about 14 miles north of the lake into the mountains, where he left his horse and overcoat. On the side hills the snow was from four to five feet deep, but in his anxiety to reach the game which were in sight, he plunged onward until he became exhausted. In the meantime the weather became intensely cold, the thermometer falling to 20 degrees below zero. Mr. Lamereaux vainly endeavored to retrace his steps. He believes he crawled upon his hands and knees for miles, until he reached timber, which he thinks was about 11 p.m. He fortunately found himself the possessor of a full box of matches, of which he used all but about twenty in starting a fire. With frozen feet and hands he kept moving about and replenishing his fire till morning, when he started out to recover his horse, which he found about three quarters of a mile from where he had passed the night. By the help of harness, which fortunately was on the horse's back, he managed, after great exertion, to get into the saddle and reach again Mr. Beckstead's house, where his boots had to be cut off his feet, and the best remedies that a new country afforded applied to relieve his sufferings.

TELEPHONE RIGHT OF WAY.—The right of way through Davis County has been granted by the County Court of Davis County, to the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company, under the following conditions:

That on all roads or highways not exceeding four rods in width, the telephone poles to be placed not less than twenty feet from the centre of such road or highway; upon all roads or highways more than four rods, and less than six rods wide, the poles to be not less than twenty-eight feet from the centre of such road or highway; and on all roads more than six rods wide, the poles to be not less than thirty-five feet from the centre of the road.

Mr. Joseph Barton the county engineer is appointed by the County Court to see that the above provisions are carried out wherever telephone poles or posts are placed in the roads belonging to the county.

It is the intention of Mr. Annett the manager of the company to connect Centerville and Farmington with the Salt Lake Exchange at as early a date as possible; the different settlements in Davis county will then have placed within their reach a cheap and convenient medium of communication with this city.

We understand from Mr. Charles E. Pearson, attorney for the company in Davis County, that mischievous lads have been in the habit of throwing missiles and shooting at the insulators and breaking them, causing much trouble and expense. It is the intention of the company to prosecute all persons guilty of this inexcusable vandalism.

AN EDITOR ASSAULTED.

Special to Deseret News.

OGDEN, January 8, 1884.

This afternoon Leo Haeffell, editor of the *Ogden Herald*, was assaulted by Oscar Vandercook, U. S. deputy marshal, for having been implicated in a local item in Monday's issue concerning the capture of gamblers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL.

The January meeting of the Deseret Sunday School Union was held last evening in the Assembly Hall and was presided over by General Superintendent George Q. Cannon. The opening exercise was an excellent rendition by the 21st Ward Brass Band.

After prayer by Elder John Vincent and the usual exercises, the minutes of the December meeting were read by Secretary Richards and approved.

Superintendent John Cowan briefly reported the Fifth Ward School. It numbered within it nearly all the children of the Ward. The sacrament was administered every Sunday with satisfactory results. The Sunday morning visitors had been out one day only, and their efforts had resulted in gathering into the school thirteen new members. They had more teachers than classes, and altogether the school was in a flourishing condition.

Superintendent A. G. Gagne, of the Sixth Ward, said that Sunday morning visiting was started some four or five weeks since, with very gratifying results. The increase in attendance was more than 20 per cent. already. In some cases whole families were brought to school, and many who had never been inside a meeting house for two or three years were now attending Sunday school.

A finely rendered organ solo by Jos. J. Daynes, was given.

The following paper was then read by Assistant Secretary J. H. Parry:

The Salt Lake Stake Sunday School organization, being desirous of encouraging punctual and regular attendance in the Sunday Schools of the Stake, and the commencing of schools promptly at the appointed time, and also the maintaining in each school of as full an organization as possible through the coming year, offer the following prizes, subject to the conditions stated below.

To the school that reports the largest percentage in punctual and regular attendance of officers and teachers during the year, first prize, \$20.

To the school showing the next largest percentage, second prize, \$15.

To the school showing the next highest percentage, third prize, \$10.

To the school showing the fourth highest percentage, fourth prize, \$5.

Rules.—1. The first prize is offered to those schools only that maintain the following complete organization during the year 1884, namely: Superintendent, with First and Second Assistants, a Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian. It will, however, be allowable for one person to hold two offices, the duties of which do not conflict; and in the report such person, when punctual, may receive a credit for each of his offices.

2. The prizes will be paid in Sunday School books to be selected by a committee appointed by each school winning a prize.

3. The prizes will be awarded on the reports of the Sunday Schools to be made on special blanks, which will be supplied by the Stake Secretary at the end of the year. Such blanks will show the following headings: No. of officers and teachers enrolled; No. of officers and teachers punctual each Sunday; No. of times school is held during the year; No. of times school opened punctually at the appointed time.

4. The S. S. officers of the Stake will be the judges.

All the Sunday Schools of the Stake are expected to compete for the prizes.

Elder George Reynolds stated that as the minutes of these meetings were published in the *Deseret News* and *Juvenile Instructor* the practice of having them read in these meetings would be discontinued, as they took up too much valuable time.

A class of seven little girls from the 5th Ward school very sweetly sang "Only an armor bearer," with a full chorus by the choir.

Brother George Goddard said the results of the labors of the Sunday school workers who were visiting the houses of the Saints to urge the attendance of dilatory scholars, was doing much good already. It was desirous to have the practice made universal so there would be no children of the Saints going astray from the influence of the Church. He was much gratified at the progress of reform that is being wrought throughout Zion. In regard to the Word of Wisdom, he was much pleased to be able to state that a more effectual work was being accomplished in the last few months than he ever saw before. He called upon the young men and women of Zion to live up to their privileges in taking hold of the blessings bequeathed them by their fathers, and magnify their Priesthood and callings.

Mrs. Bird and the choir sang the Sunday School song, "Let us treat each other kindly."

Asst. Supt. John Morgan related some of his early experience in the Church and his early missionary labors in the South. The interesting narrative was eagerly listened to by all, and though short, was well calculated to inspire faith in God and in His Gospel.

Music by the brass band.

General Superintendent George Q. Cannon, said that it was of the utmost importance to all of our settlements to see that the children were properly trained in the path they should go in. There was probably a greater percentage of children among the people of Utah than anywhere else in the world; hence the greater need of correct teaching and example. Perhaps one of the most needed reforms was the correcting of the spirit of irreverence for age, associated with which was irreverence towards God. He was well pleased with the reports in regard to Sunday morning visiting in the Wards. He said the work was needed, and hoped it would be continued till all the children of the Saints were made acquainted with the good influence of the Sunday School. He wished all the Sunday Schools of this Stake especial-