

a present of *one thousand dollars in gold*, and also cheerfully pay all expenditures incurred upon your journey. Fair enough, isn't it? My prices are as follows: \$300 gets three thousand; \$400 gets five thousand; \$650 gets ten thousand; \$1000 gets thirty thousand. The more you invest the cheaper you get the goods. The sizes run from "One" to "Twenty." 300 worth of my goods is positively the very smallest amount I will sell under any circumstances. If you will invest \$650 or more I will agree to give you the exclusive State right. Now, should you wish to do business with me, you must obey the following instructions, and do only as I tell you.

"First—Don't as long as you live, ever write a letter to me until I give you permission. If you do it will be refused. See? I mean exactly what I say, and furthermore, all business relations between us will end.

"Second—If you wish to come on here and see me, send the following telegram (Remember telegram ONLY will be received, and simply say: 'SEND INSTRUCTIONS,' then sign your name as per 'pass word and number' given you.

"Third—On receipt of your telegram I will send you full instructions how to meet me and where to stop, then no mistakes will be made in finding one another.

"In conclusion I wish to say if you cannot come on here, or have not \$300 to invest, and you think favorably of my business, send the following telegram: 'What is market prices?' I will then make you another proposition. Now kindly allow me to caution you again *not to write letters!* Be patient, and be guided by my advice. If you do, you will be sure of success. No such thing as fail. Act square! Be true and honorable! Do me no harm, and you will never regret it as long as you live. You can make money faster and easier by dealing in my goods than you ever dreamed of before in your life. Won't you try it?

CAUTION:—No other person is authorized by me to correspond on this subject. Do not be deceived by shoddy imitations. I am the sole owner and proprietor of this enterprise. Communications from others offering similar goods for sale are absolutely unreliable and positively worthless. Pay no attention to them. "Nuf-cod."

The latter part of a similar letter was published in these columns a little more than a week ago. Others have been received in different parts of Utah. Whether anybody here has been foolish and erratic enough to respond to this fraud we do not know.

The usual trick when this bait is taken by some hungry gudgeon, is to show him genuine money or give him a chance to pass some to prove that it cannot be detected, and then make up a package which appears to be composed of greenbacks but which when opened, after being paid for, is found to be nothing but waste paper.

The capture of the leader of a gang which operates in New York and some of the larger western cities was effected by stratagem. One of his partners named Tylor was trapped by a detective, who acted as a county softhead anxious to leny the "green goods," and Thomas, alias Moore, who appeared to give bail for the arrested swindler was spotted by a person who had been previously swindled by him in New York. From the particulars gleaned it is evident that the letters we have reproduced came from the same gang.

It is true that every person who is

cheated out of his money by this disreputable means deserves the punishment he receives for his folly. If he were not dishonest himself he would not bite at the tempting bait held out to catch him. Little sympathy can be felt for such a crooked simpleton. But nevertheless it is a matter of congratulation when the operators of this scheme of robbery are detected and placed on trial for their villainy. It is to be hoped that these captured rascals will receive the full penalty for their offence, and that easily tempted people everywhere will take warning by this new exposure, and save themselves from both robbery and disgrace.

## CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Scott presided at the regular weekly session of the City Council held April 28th. The following members were in attendance: James, Spafford, Pembroke, Heath, Wolstenholme, Armstrong, Hall, Anderson, Noble, Pickard, Lynn and Cohn.

### PETITIONS.

W. H. Smith asked to be allowed to erect and maintain a fruit stand at the corner of West Temple and Secoud South streets. Committee on license.

The Salt Lake City Street Railway Company asked for a franchise to construct and operate an electric street railway on Fourth East, to Roper street. Granted.

William P. Reed, Superintendent of the Salt Lake City Street Railway Company, asked to have the street lamp posts removed from South Temple street, east of East Temple street. Committee on streets.

J. R. Bost asked for a rebate on license. Committee on license.

H. W. Lawrence and others asked that Samuel Carlisle be appointed supervisor of sidewalk paving. Referred to the board of public works.

C. A. Carlquist asked that Fourth West street between Sixth and Seventh South streets, be put in passable condition. Committee on streets.

The Burton-Gardner company asked permission to lay a 2-inch pipe from the water main to their yards on Eighth South at their own expense. Committee on water-works.

### THE R. G. W. PROPOSITION.

E. A. Welby of the Rio Grande Western railway company presented a communication in which he stated that his company would comply at once with the order of the council requiring it to plank certain street crossings. He requested that Sixth West, between Second and Fourth South streets, be granted to the company, and the company would deed to the city a street through the centre of the block adjoining Sixth West street on the west for the same distance. This would bring the railway yards together and would be safer and more convenient to both the company and the public. Mr. Welby also asked permission to put tracks on the east half of Sixth West street, and a track on the west, from Second to Eighth South. He suggested that a committee be appointed to meet with him and discuss these matters. The matter was referred to a special committee.

### FROM THE CITY ENGINEER.

City Engineer Doremus reported

that he had set stakes on Seventh West street, in accordance with the petition of the Rio Grande Western. Adopted.

The same officer reported that he had arranged for right of way for the Parley's canyon conduit through a portion of section 22, township 1 south, range 1 east, for \$400. Approved.

The same officer recommended that the map and profile of the switch from the Union Pacific track to lot 5, block 30, plat A be approved. Adopted.

### ASSESSMENT PLATS FILED.

Recorder Jack reported that the assessor had filed the plats and lists for the assessment of property for the construction of sidewalks in districts, 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8. Adopted.

### THE LICENSE QUESTION.

The following letter from City Auditor Hoag was read:

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen—In answer to a request regarding the license department of the city, I beg to represent that I am familiar with all of the work connected with the issuing of licenses and collecting money in payment therefor, and I believe that it has been attended to in a more thorough and systematic manner in the last few months than ever before.

I have a list of 163 firms who had formerly paid city license but were delinquent all the way from one to four months at the time the change was made from the recorder's to the treasurer's office, and also a list of 108 firms who had never taken out a license at all, and were doing business in violation of the city ordinance. These were all looked up and made to pay in less than thirty days from the date of the change, and since then new firms have been carefully watched and licenses collected from them as soon as they began business. The revenue has thus been increased fully 30 per cent. As the work is now divided it is almost impossible for mistakes to occur, inasmuch as each department checks the other, and I do not see how the present system can be improved in any way.

A resolution introduced at the last session of the council states that the salary of the deputy treasurer is \$125 per month. This is wrong, as \$100 a month is all he has ever received per month from the city. The treasurer has been paying him \$25 a month out of his own pocket, as the work performed is fully worth it.

Received and filed.

### ON STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The committee on streets made the following recommendations: that the permanent grade on First South street, between Fifth and Ninth East, as reported by the engineer, be approved; that the petition of Spencer Clawson and others asking that the name of First East street be changed to State street, be granted; that the petition of J. C. Conklin and others asking that South Temple street, east of Sixth East, be repaired, be granted; that the petition of J. K. Gillespie and others asking that First North street be repaired, be granted. Adopted.

### CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of N. S. Larsen for \$1500 damages for injuries sustained through falling into a trench in front of his premises on South Temple street on June 6th, 1890, recommended that the claim be compromised for \$600. The report was adopted and the amount placed on the appropriation list.