

\$240 of which cannot be collected on account of change of ownership, and because old houses in which the water was used have been torn down to make room for new structures. I have ordered the water shut off in twenty seven places for non payment of rates. Some of them have since paid, but the majority have not. In the future, losses caused by change of ownership can be avoided by making prompt collections immediately after the assessment has been completed.

The regulation that all curb boxes must be exposed has not been rigidly enforced in former years. This is a matter of importance to the collector of water rates, because he cannot order the water shut off if the curb box cannot be found. There is another difficulty experienced in shutting the water off where payment has been refused. A citizen builds four houses and has but one pipe from the main. From this pipe he lays a branch to each of the four houses. In time he sells two houses or all of them to different parties. Two pay and two do not. Such cases have occurred, and I do not know how to proceed in case of payment by one and non-payment by the others.

On the 1st of January last there were 2,847 houses or business places supplied with water. Since then there have been added in February and March, 123; in April, 74; and in May, 91; making a total of 3,134 at this date. The extensions of water mains will add more every month, and it can be estimated that before the end of the present year at least four thousand houses will be supplied with pure water.

With the present rates and a strict assessment as per the schedule, the city can derive an income of at least fifty thousand dollars per annum from its water system. That amount would be an interest at 5 per cent. on \$1,000,000 while the whole plant cost only \$500,000.

In view of the above facts I would recommend:

1.—That in case the city funds permit the total credits due private citizens for laying water mains be paid off, so that the petty ledger may be abolished and the water rates collected annually from all parties taking water.

2.—That in future all water mains be laid and paid for by the city.

3.—That should your honorable body conclude to continue the present custom of levying a water main tax and refund the amount paid in water rates that the list of creditors be transferred to the assessor and collector of water rates and taken from the care of the auditor.

The assessor and collector of water rates having the petty ledger in his custody, and by entering the credits on the assessment roll of each would soon be familiar with that class of water takers, and could easily keep them posted as to their standing with the corporation. The change would be beneficial to both parties.

4.—That hereafter the assessment book be so arranged and kept that any citizen can see and convince himself at a glance that it is correctly kept. A new assessment book should be provided.

5.—That in view of the large income that will be derived from water rates some of the rates be reduced, and that the assessor be instructed not to assess for sprinkling lawns or sidewalks, public schools and boilers used in connection with stove or range in private houses.

6.—That a resolution or ordinance be passed declaring whether credits due individuals for laying water mains are personal credits or property credits.

7.—That the assessor and collector of water rates have the privilege to appoint a deputy to assist him in keeping books and taking charge of the office, especially during the period when assessments are being made.

CHRISTOPHER DIEHL,

Assessor and Collector of water rates.
Salt Lake City, June 10, 1890.

Referred to the committee on waterworks.

The committee on waterworks reported in favor of granting the extensions of water mains asked for by E. B. Aspenwall and the D. A. & M. Society. Adopted.

The committee on streets recommended that outstanding checks for work on the streets be received for poll tax for 1890. Adopted.

The committee on claims, on Wm. Carroll's petition to be reimbursed for the seats, grand stand, etc., on Washington Square, recommended

that a purchase of the same be made for \$1500. Action was deferred for the present.

Mr. Pembroke tendered his resignation as a member of the committee on claims. Accepted.

The committee on waterworks reported adversely on the petition of M. R. Gilman and Wm. Newton to use City Creek Canyon road for convenience of brick yards. Adopted.

The committee on fire department reported in favor of purchasing a chemical fire engine, \$2,200, and a hose carriage, \$475. Adopted, and the mayor authorized to make the purchase.

The committee on streets reported as follows:

In the matter of the petition of H. N. Baskin, asking that the established grade in front of his residence on First North Street, between East Temple and First East streets, be changed, your committee desire to place their report in this case by saying that in their opinion the public interests require the establishment of permanent grades throughout the entire city at the earliest practicable time, and that such grades should be laid with reference to a datum, instead of present requirements, in order to avoid the probability of subsequent alterations and to insure parties who may make valuable improvements against future disturbance and loss. In many cases grades laid with a view to permanency will appear extravagant, but the establishment of a grade does not imply that the street be made to immediately conform. In fact it should not be made to do so, before the public good requires. The grade once permanently laid, however, remains a perpetual notice to property owners that their improvements must be made to conform or admit of adjustment to the street when it shall have been properly graded. Partial grading of a street can be done from time to time, as the public needs demand, and will each time reduce by so much the aggregate of the work to be done. All private improvements being in the meantime made with reference to the final plan, not only remain undisturbed, but are augmented in value by each public expenditure for street improvements. Your committee, after having carefully examined the street in question and considered its relation to other streets, are satisfied that in the near future it will become a very important thoroughfare, affording as it does the only convenient approach for inhabitants of the west side to the Capitol Grounds, and are unanimous in the opinion that the grade as established is the proper ultimate grade for the street and therefore recommend that it be not changed.

The question of immediately bringing the street to its final grade was not submitted to your committee. We, however, beg leave to add that inasmuch as the work has been ordered done in response to the earnest petition of residents and property owners along the street, we see no reason why the work should not be completed. If continued, we recommend that the sidewalks be also graded at the same time, and that the entire street between East Temple and First East streets be made to conform to the grade and plans of the city engineer, and put in first-class condition.

The report was adopted.

The committee on license reported favorably on the petition of J. D. Simpson asking that his livery stable license be transferred to E. Steele; they also recommended that the petition of G. E. Yeaton be returned to him. Adopted.

The committee on streets reported on the petition of J. D. Shaffer and others, that certain springs on Eleventh Street be flumed. Adopted.

The committee on streets recommended that C. A. Dahl be appointed to the position of engineer of street roller. Adopted.

The committee on streets reported favorably on the petition of Annie M. Green, and on the petition of Geo. M. Scott & Co., fixing the

rental in the latter case at \$8000 month. Adopted.

The committee on streets reported favorably on the petition of G. R. Bothwell, for improving Fifth South Street, between Fifth and Sixth West, and on the petition of the Rapid Transit Company for a switch at the corner of Third West and Seventh South streets. In the latter case there was a protest from the residents of the district, but it was not even read by the Council. The recommendations of the committee were adopted.

Justice Laney submitted the police court report for May, showing 307 cases and \$3860.20 collected in fines. Filed.

The city prison report showed 42 meals at the county jail for the past month to be \$298.65 for 1891 meals; and at the city prison \$591.90 for 3946 meals.

A. L. Anderson presented a bill for \$168.20 for work done on city canal.

The committee on public grounds recommended that the petition of A. C. Jacobs, for a corrected deed, be referred to the city attorney. Adopted.

Mr. Coats presented a bill for \$1,900, for work on the city hall foundation. Referred back to be approved by the architect.

Mr. Pembroke offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the discharging of rockets, powder, fireworks, etc., within the business portion of this city, be prevented during the celebration of the coming Fourth of July.

Mr. Pembroke offered the following:

Resolved, That the fire limits of the city be extended to all points to which water mains have been laid.

Referred to the committee on municipal laws.

The following communication was read:

SALT LAKE CITY FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION,
SALT LAKE CITY, June 10, 1890.

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council, Salt Lake City:

Gentlemen—On behalf of the Citizens of this city, represented by the General Committees having in charge the coming Grand Fourth of July Celebration, we have the honor to petition that your honorable body will have made, prior to that event, such repairs, improvements and other things as may have for their object the comfort and good of the general public and the improvement of the city's property.

Yours very respectfully,

FRED. SIMON,

Chairman of the Committee

"Read it again," exclaimed several members.

It was read.

"What does it mean?" was the next chorus.

Nobody knew.

It was finally referred back to Mr. Simon for interpretation.

The following bids for the new fire department hall were opened:

Boher, Crow, stone work only.....	\$ 2,857.75
Taft & Kropfgantz, no plumbing.....	7,951.00
Thomas Wilson, no plumbing.....	7,199.10
D. McDonald, stone work only.....	2,125.00
Heesch & Ellerbeck, plumbing.....	1,040.00
R. Morrison, plumbing.....	950.00
T. O. Coombe, entire building.....	12,370.00
D. O. McGregor, same.....	8,800.00
Hanlian & Benson, same.....	7,910.00
James Stevenson, same.....	90.00
H. C. Havener.....	7,900.00
T. Lloyd.....	7,970.00

The bids were referred to the