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VETOES R. R. FRANCHISE.

Mayor Taylor Disapproves Granting Special Street Privileges Without Remuneration.

This concession is worth \$30,000 and suggests manner of payment.

Special Correspondence. Provo, Utah, Co., Sept. 11.—Mayor Taylor today filed with City Recorder Buehl his disapproval of the resolution passed by the city council at its last meeting granting a franchise to Reed Smith, et al., to use certain streets of the city for track purposes for the Utah County Electric Railroad Co. It is not thought that the friends of the movement can muster enough votes in the council to pass the same over the mayor's veto.

The mayor also filed his approval to the resolution granting certain street privileges, etc., to the Oregon Short Line Railroad Co., at the bottom of Academy avenue to encourage the railroad company to build new depot buildings.

The veto message is as follows: To the Hon. City Council, Gentlemen:—I herewith return unapproved the resolution granting a franchise to Reed Smith, Jesse Knight, C. E. Loe, George Haverkamp and Samuel R. Thurman. In my opinion, the same is in violation of the provisions of the city charter, and when any portion of said streets are monopolized, used by any firm or corporation for their private gain they should pay for their use the same as other individuals or corporations pay for the use of the streets to erect buildings or conveniences to engage in such business as they desire. As the streets cannot be sold, the next best thing should be a suitable rental for the use of the same, that there may be a source of revenue to the city.

The people have expended thousands of dollars in building these streets and are entitled to some remuneration. I would therefore suggest that in lieu of this grant that a similar one be given amended in section 2, after specified grants agree to pay to Provo City \$30,000, commencing ten years from date of said franchise, \$500 per year for the first ten years, and \$1,000 per year for the last 20 years of said franchise. This would be a very small rental for this property, and yet would aid the city in paying the taxes.

Cities that have given away their franchises are now beginning to regret such action, and we as the representatives of this city should be very careful in disposing of property for revenue to the city. The taxpayers are already groaning under the heavy load of taxation placed upon them, and it is our duty to lighten that tax, and if we can do so by renting out franchises we ought to do it. There need be no risk in giving away valuable franchises, and we are seeking to establish electric lines in all parts of the country, and in my opinion we will have no trouble in selling this franchise for even more than the amount I have named. Some years ago Provo granted without any remuneration a franchise for electric lighting on the ground that we should encourage enterprise, we have lived to see the folly of such and are now anxious to buy back what we gave away, and you are aware that it is thus far impossible to ever get a price named on sale.

We are elected to serve and take care of the people's interests, and should do all in our power to guard well the same, and be true to the trust reposed in us.

Trusting, gentlemen, you will give this matter your earnest consideration and amend said franchise so that a revenue may come to the city as suggested.

Respectfully submitted, THOMAS N. TAYLOR, Mayor.

NEPHI. COUNTY FINANCE Muddle.

Experts Straighten Out Accounts of Ex-Treasurer C. E. Abbott.

Special Correspondence. Nephi, Utah, Co., Sept. 11.—When Mr. Charles E. Abbott, county treasurer of Nephi, Utah, for the years 1897, 1898, and 1899, on the 7th day of January, 1901, turned the funds and books of his office over to his successor, Mr. D. B. Brown, the books were in a deplorable condition. When the county auditor's statement was rendered it was discovered that there was a deficiency in the funds of the treasurer's office. Mr. Abbott was informed of the fact but did nothing but plead that he was innocent of any misappropriation of the funds.

Nothing was done until May 16, 1902, when a demand was made upon Mr. Abbott and his bondsmen to make good the deficiency, when Mr. Abbott claimed that the proper auditing of the books would explain them.

The county then proposed that Mr. Abbott name any competent accountant to determine the books, and by expert accountants. Mr. C. E. Brown, this city, and the county would employ the two to examine the books and would abide by the determination. Mr. Abbott accepted the proposition and named Col. George E. Squires of Salt Lake City, joined these two gentlemen, whose qualifications for such work is well known, and after a tussle with figures for several days, on Monday last, made and placed before the board of county commissioners of this county their findings, and the annexed is a copy thereof together with the acceptance of Mr. Abbott.

Nephi City, Utah, Co., State of Utah, Sept. 9, 1902.

To the board of county commissioners, Nephi, Utah, Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, special auditors employed by your honorable body to investigate the accounts of Mr. Charles E. Abbott, county treasurer of the county of Juab, State of Utah, for the years A. D. 1897, 1898, 1899, find as follows:

That on Jan. 7, 1901, the balances standing against him as charged by the county clerk were as follows: Balance due the State of Utah \$ 709.45 Balance due the county of Juab 74.91 Balance due Nephi school district 371.23 Balance due Levan school district 168.29 Balance due Juab school district 25.87 Balance due Eureka school district 208.78 Balance due Noho school district 6.39 Balance due Mammoth school district 959.78 Balance due Silver school district 59.36 Balance due Diamond school district 19.08 Balance due criminal jury and witness fees 61.01 Balance due trust fund 427.45 Balance due general county fund 11,659.43 Balance due school fund 1,934.70

Total \$18,676.73

That on that day County Treas. Abbott paid to Mr. Brown, his successor, the total sum of \$15,405.10, and there remained against Mr. Abbott \$1,271.63; that we find in the various tax accounts and rolls, in the sum of \$101.74, against Mr. Abbott in the sum of \$101.74, and there remains now due from and unpaid by Mr. Abbott \$1,169.89.

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be in operation four months, or until Jan. 15. By that date 5,000 tons of sugar will be ready for the market. It was required 120 employees to place the factory in condition during the past two months, and nearly 200 men will be employed during its operation. Local conditions are declining to give out any information as to the cost of the plant, but it is believed the entire investment will not be far from \$150,000.

HANKS-GODDARD NUPITALS.

Mr. Ernest T. Goddard, a well known business man of Salt Lake, and Miss Maud Hanks, the beautiful daughter of Mrs. R. M. Hanks of this city, were married at the residence of the bride's mother by Justice Thomas X. Smith Wednesday. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for Huntington, Ore., to visit with the bride's brother, Frank Hanks. They will make their home in Salt Lake.

BALLANTYNE-CARDON NUPITALS.

Logan, Cache Co., Sept. 11.—The ceremony uniting in marriage Mr. Geo. D. Cardon and Miss Lillian Ballantyne occurred in Logan temple Wednesday. A large and highly enjoyable wedding was held at the residence of the bride's parents, the same day. The groom is a popular school teacher, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Cardon; and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ballantyne.

COALVILLE. WEDDING CHIMES.

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the eastern parts of the state. No rain occurred during the week.

CROPS.

Hay and Grain.—It is thought that in another week the hay and grain harvest will be complete in all sections. In fact the hay harvest is confined to cutting the overgrown lands in the northern sections, harvest of the third crop alfalfa and second crop clover in the southwest counties and saving of the second crop alfalfa in the eastern and central districts. The grain now to be harvested consists largely of late sown wheat, and very little of this remains standing, except in the extreme eastern sections. The weather has been ideal for harvesting and threshing. Wheat, oats, barley and flax are equaling or exceeding the average yield in nearly all sections. A large part of the hay crop has been baled. Corn is growing nicely and the ears are filling in a manner to indicate a fair to good yield.

Fruit.—The weather has been favorable for the maturity of fruit. Heavy shipments of pears, plums and caneloes were made. Some Italian prunes were shipped from the Payette sections and more shipments will be made from southwest Idaho during the week. A larger part than usual of the Italian prune crop will be dried. Apples are growing and coloring well. The apple crop is heavy and free of worm injuries than for many years.

Sugar Beets.—Sugar beets have received the late watering for the season and are now being cultivated for the first time. The weather conditions have been favorable for maturing a beet with a large percentage of saccharine matter.

Stock.—Although the streams are low, as the result of drought for about 30 days, and pastures are reported dry, stock continues to be reported in good condition. Range horses are being shipped to eastern markets.

Vegetables.—The potato crop promises a yield much in excess of that of 1901, and turnips, carrots, cabbage and other garden vegetables are good crops.

PARKER, IDAHO. SILENT MOVING TO OREGON.—Births.—Close Political Contest.

Special Correspondence. Parker, Fremont Co., Ida., Sept. 10.—The Parker election has been pushed with vigor and the hot crop is especially good; wheat fair.

Mr. Fanny Grover, wife of the late Edward P. Grover, and three children are sick with typhoid fever.

Born to the wife of Horby W. Mason, Aug. 16, a girl; to the wife of Frank Oviatt, Aug. 24, a boy; to the wife of George Flint, Aug. 24, a girl; to the wife of T. Pearce, a girl, all doing well.

There are several of the old settlers who have sold out preparatory to moving to Oregon.

The political pot is beginning to simmer and a close contest is expected this coming election.

OAKLEY, IDAHO. VALUABLE PROPERTY SOLD.

Clark Bros. of Grantsville Acquire "Land Ranch"—Wedding.

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area 69 were sold for \$42,398. No bids were received upon the remaining tracts owing to their character and the limitation in selling price, which was fixed by Congress at not less than \$10 per acre.

THRESHING DESTROYED.

Word has been received here of the destruction at Robin, Bannock Co., of W. T. Hall's threshing machine, which was burned to the ground on the evening of the 2nd, while threshing at Andrew Thacker's place. The machine was valued at \$150. The threshing was destroyed. The neighbors came to the rescue and saved the premises from destruction. The fire is supposed to have been started by a hot box in the machine, which was full of straw and caused an explosion. Several of the men were very narrowly escaped but none were injured.

ERICKSON-LARSON NUPITALS.

Gustave Larsen and Mrs. Sophia Erickson, both of Oakley, were made husband and wife Saturday night.

PARIS, IDAHO. CHILD DROWNED IN A DITCH. Stake Primary Festival—Work on Pleading Academy.

Special Correspondence. Paris, Bear Lake Co., Idaho, Sept. 10.—The stake primaries are holding a fair today and tomorrow in the 4-rd Second ward meeting house. They will give a dance tonight and a concert to-morrow evening. The proceeds of the three events to be given in aid of the stake academy. The latter building has been erected and is now being occupied by a large force of mechanics at work, who are rushing it to completion. It is expected that there will be a very large attendance of pupils. The commencement exercises and every preparation is being made for their accommodation.

SAD DROWNING. On Monday the six-year-old son of Wm. Thornley of Bloomington was drowned in a large irrigating ditch which flowed near the house. The circumstances are rendered more sorrowful from the fact that the parents lost a bright child from diphtheria last spring, and the mother is now in a delicate state of health, having given birth to another child two weeks since.

DISASTROUS BLAZE. One hundred and ten tons of hay belonging to the Bannock County Hay Co. was burned yesterday. Cause of fire not known.

The grain has been nearly all harvested and the haul of the threshing machine is now heard.

POCATELLO, IDAHO. THRESHING MACHINE EXPLODES. School Opening—Blaine Tax Levy—No Sale for Indian Lands.

Special Correspondence. Pocatello, Ida., Sept. 11.—The Pocatello public schools will open Monday, Sept. 15. The Academy of Idaho will open its doors for the admission of students on Monday next, Sept. 15. The requirements for entrance is the completion of the eighth grade in the public schools.

BLAINE COUNTY TAX LEVY. The commissioners of Blaine county have fixed the tax levy for this year at \$2.50 on the \$100 valuation.

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