

PROVO CITY COUNCIL.

Riley's Hotel at Provo, on the day before yesterday was the scene of a blaze which threatened to be very disastrous, but fortunately it was extinguished in its incipency. Several persons indulged in a fusillade of words against the alleged general incompetency of the local fire department, and while they were thus amusing themselves other persons whose better judgment prevailed obtained a private hose and put out the fire which was caused by a kerosene lamp being knocked over by a plumber named Clayton. It is said that the fire alarm was sounded and that only one member of the department responded. There has been considerable ill-feeling existing among the members of the department for some time.

CHIEF CHEEVER RESIGNS.

The disaffection has existed to that extent that Chief Cheever of the department sent in the following resignation to the City Council, which was received after a good deal of discussion:

To the Mayor and City Council of Provo City:

Gentlemen—Owing to the action taken at the last meeting of the Council in regard to taking the fire team from the department and using it for sprinkling the streets, against the wishes of the department, I herewith tender you my resignation as chief of Provo fire department, and ask you to accept the same.

J. E. CHEEVER.

FROM THE FIREMEN.

The firemen whose names are herewith attached sent in the following:

We, the Provo volunteer fire department, wish to state that we have turned in our equipment belonging to the city to Mr. Ferre. As we have stood the censure of the public for the last two years on account of not getting out on time, and as we now have a good water system and hose wagon, and wishing to make a record second to none in the west for a volunteer fire department, and realizing it is impossible to do so and have the team working on the streets, we notify you that we have tendered our resignation to the chief of said department.

Charles Dorious, foreman; Jerry Cluff, first assistant; Felix Bachman, second assistant; Geo. A. Graves, Henry Cheever, jr., Geo. Ross, Isaac H. McEwan, Thomas Osborne, A. G. Beebe, Ed Young, Hyrum Hatton, Ern Buckley, J. H. Brown, Leo. Halliday, H. Mooney, Hyrum Johnson.

This communication caused a good deal of indignation among the members of the city council, as the following, as appears in the *Dispatch*, will attest:

Councillor Simmons wanted to know who was to rule the city—the fire department or the council? It was well known that the city was not able to afford a dress parade of the fire department; it was a time for economy. It was an insult to the city for the fire department to come here and dictate terms as it had done to-night. He moved that the resignation of the department be accepted.

Councillor Simmons' motion was seconded by several members.

Before the motion was put Mayor Dusenberry took occasion to state that he could not see what great crime the council had committed to cause such a tempest as the department had worked themselves up to.

Councillor Farrer said that his idea in moving to refer the communication to the committee on fire department was to see if it was not possible to effect a compromise. He had no doubt but that the action of the boys had been too hasty, and from a conversation with a majority of the department he felt perfectly free in stating that the boys would willingly give up the hall so long as they were allowed to retain exclusive use of the team.

Councillor Irvine said the committee had requested the chief to meet with them, and when he did so the committee had endeavored to show him how the city was endeavoring to curtail expenses, and that how by doing so it would create a fund from which the city could equip the department with rubber coats and boots and other necessary conveniences. The only compromise that could be effected by the committee, if this communication was referred to them, would be to acquiesce in the terms dictated by the department. For one he was not ready to be controlled in any such manner, especially under the circumstances. The committee recommended the use of the team on the streets for ninety days "for a test." If, at the end of thirty days, it had been demonstrated that it would be wisdom to take the team off the streets, then he believed the city would have done so. The boys had acted altogether too hastily.

Councillor Barney thought the department had drafted their petition in too strong terms, considering that the action of the city in proposing to put the team on the streets was merely for a test.

Councillor McCullough did not see what excusable grounds the department stood on in sending in such a petition, when the council took the action they did with the sole view to benefiting the whole city. He was in favor of accepting the resignation, and that, too, with a vote of thanks. If this department were the only men in the city capable of extinguishing fire, possibly then they would have to yield to their unjust demands.

Councillor Barney said the whole matter was merely a test, but yet if the city had to take a stand on the matter he was ready to settle the question to-night. He was with the boys of the fire department on every legitimate proposition, and would only be glad if the city could afford them every modern convenience; but the city was compelled, through force of circumstances, to cut down expenses, and it was only with a view to economy that the report had been made, recommending the use of the fire team on the sprinkling cart. The boys had forgotten to mention in the petition the fact that the city was paying nearly \$400 a year rent for their hall.

The matter was temporarily disposed of by referring it to a committee.

For inflamed eyes, bumped heads and sprained ankles, use abundantly water as hot as can be borne.

A "Young Men's Conservative Society," numbering 1750 members, has been constituted in Christiana, with the avowed purport of cautiously advancing the new ideas of the times.—*Festina lentel*.

TOOELE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Tooele Stake was held in Tooele City on April 24th and 25th.

On Sunday at 10 a. m. the meeting was called to order by President H. S. Gowans. Present on the stand were Prest. Gowans and Counselors and a number of the Bishops and leading brethren of the Stake.

Counselor C. F. Richards, James Ratcliffe, Robert C. Shields and President Gowans occupied the entire time discoursing, among other matters, upon the proper culture and education of our children, a correct understanding of the principles of the Gospel, the promotion of officers and members to the quorums of the Priesthood, etc.

In the afternoon Bishop Jas. L. Wrathall of Grantsville and Bishop Thos. Atkin of the Tooele wards reported the condition of the organizations in their wards as very satisfactory. A. J. Stookey spoke on the effect of influence and example. President Gowans read the circular issued by the First Presidency of the Church calling upon the Saints to observe next Sabbath, May 1st, in fasting, prayer and thanksgiving.

On Monday morning Bishop H. D. St. Geor of Clover, Bishop John C. Sharp of Vernon, Bishop D. H. Caldwell of St. John, Bishop John C. Shields of Lakeview ward, each reported as to their respective wards, testifying to the steady increase in union and good works. A. G. Johnson, superintendent of the Sabbath schools of the Stake, spoke of the great good being accomplished by this organization, and advised the selection of teachers to visit the parents of children not attending school, invite them to become enrolled and to increase the average attendance of those enrolled. Counselor C. L. Anderson said the High Council, Bishops, and prominent brethren in the Stake should be models of perfection, for their influence and example will be more or less patterned after. He exhorted parents to instill correct principles in the minds of their children and manifest faith by works. We should be found doing our part in erecting and completing temples, to be dedicated to the Lord for our special blessing and benefit.

At 2 p. m. S. W. Woolley occupied a portion of the time, treating upon authority in Priesthood, the necessity of revelation and the justice of God in awarding to each what they merit. The statistical report for the past six months was read by the clerk, and the General authorities of the Church and local officers of the Stake was presented by President Gowans and unanimously sustained.

President Gowans informed the Bishops as to the instructions received for conducting the exercise at next Sunday's fast meeting.

The meetings during conference were well attended, and the spirit of the Lord was richly enjoyed by speakers and hearers. The singing by the choir added much to the enjoyment of the meetings.

GEO. ATKIN, Clerk.

TOOELE CITY, April 25, 1892.

To get rid of soft corns, apply cotton wool soaked in castor oil. Bind it on with a piece of soft linen.