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RETRENCHMENT.

A Move in the Direction of Curtailing Public Expenditures.

The city council held a very important session last night, and adopted resolutions favorable to retrenching in the public expenditures. This if carried out will help even at this late day the almost depleted treasury. All street work was suspended except that which is absolutely necessary to keep the thoroughfares in proper repair; salaries of men engaged on the public grounds were reduced, and the retrenchment step will affect every department wherein a cut can possibly be made. Chairman Restall asserted that the rules governing the order of business be suspended and that the committee on retrenchment be allowed to make their report at once that business may be expedited. This was granted.

The report sets forth that "the city's expenses vastly exceed the income that can be raised by any judicious use of right of taxation, the financial condition of the masses of our citizens forbids any further imposts, and without a tax levy that would be burdensome our present city government cannot be maintained." The following reductions were recommended:

First—Sanitary department: Two men and teams, sanitary inspector's horse, $33.50 per week.

Second—Fire department: Close the tenth fire station; five men at $70 per month; horse feed, fuel, etc., $20.84 per week.

Third—Street department: Tramway engine and men, and 25 per cent of other employes and teams, $110 per week.

Fourth—Police department: That the salaries of patrolmen be reduced from $90 per month to $60, that of jailor and police court clerk from $100 to $85 per month, that of second jailor from $75 to $60 per month, and the price paid for prisoners' board be reduced from 25 cents to 12½ cents per meal, $47.04 per week.

Fifth—Crematory be reduced to one-half time, saving $7 per week.

Sixth—Hospital be closed, making a reduction of $57.65.

Seventh—Public buildings and grounds: That the salaries of laborers be reduced from $1.90 to $1.50 per day; the number of employes be reduced from eleven to seven; that the salaries of gardeners be reduced from $2.50 to $2 per day; and that the sum paid for team work be reduced from $5 to $3 per day, making a total for the week of $76.80. The report further recommends that no expense be incurred in any department, except for urgent repairs of machinery or bridges, without the consent of the majority of the city council; also that the city physician discontinue supplying patients with drugs or medicine at the city's expense, confining his attention on the part of the city to patients afflicted with contagious diseases and the enforcement of the quarantine and sanitary regulations of the city.

The report was read section by section and adopted or modified.

Some of the sections were adopted without discussion, others evoked considerable discussion, and some were amended slightly; and the report was adopted as a whole.

The committee on claims brought in a large number of bills most of which were ordered paid.

The committee appointed by the water-rate mass meeting, reported and asked that an appropriation of $500 be made to fight the water company with under the direction of John R. Rothwell, which entitles the citizens to a reduction of ten per cent on its water tax. This was objected to on the ground that the matter was an individual one and did not pertain to the city. A large batch of petitions were read, reports from the different departments heard, and thus ended a very important though stormy session of the city council.

A Residence Fire.

This morning about 3 o'clock the house of Hyrum Williams, on Twenty-third and Adams, was burned. Loss about $1800; small insurance.

Charged with Grand Larceny.

Nettie Berlin was before Commissioner Jeffress yesterday on the charge of grand larceny. The case is a very sensational one and further developments are expected to-day, as the hearing was continued until 2 o'clock p. m., at which time further evidence will be adduced.

Judge Cross's Death.

The death of Judge R. W. Cross, which occurred Sunday evening at about 5 o'clock, was a shock to his many friends, and the flag at the county court house is still at half mast to his memory. The funeral will be held at the church of Good Shepherd at 4 o'clock this morning and the remains will then be taken to the Mount Olivet cemetery, Salt Lake City, for interment.

A Forged Check.

Saturday afternoon a youth made some purchases at the Mascotte shoe and tendered a check of $9 in payment, which the proprietor, Mr. Pratt, accepted, little thinking that the paper was worthless. Yesterday the check, which was signed by Charles Lindquist, was taken to the First National bank, where it was discovered that the signature of Mr. Lindquist, the undersigned, was a forgery, and a very poor imitation of that gentleman's hand writing. Mr. Pratt now mourns the loss of his $9.

Notes.

The grand jury will convene on July 26th.

Daniel Lindsay was yesterday fined $10 by Justice Cahoon on the charge of assaulting the peace. Not being able to furnish the money he will go to the city jail for ten days.

Fire alarm box 14, at the corner of Washington avenue and Twenty-seventh street, has been changed by Chief Bishop to the center of the avenue and is now attached to a pole joining the one used by the street railway on the south side of the street.

PROVO.

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CITY COUNCIL.

Suit to be Commenced Against Rhodes Brothers for $20,000.

The following business was transacted at last night's session of the city council:

Mr. Irvine reported an extension of time on the $5000 loan which had fallen due at the Deseret National bank.

The committee on license reported on the petition of the druggists of the city for a reduced license for selling liquors for medicinal purposes, that the Territorial statute made no provision for the sale of spirituous liquors except on the payment of not less than $500 nor more than $1500 per annum. Report accepted.

The salary ordinance came up for further consideration. The salary of the chief of fire department was established at $20 per month (the chief to be held in connection with other offices), deputy officers at the rate of $1.75 per day. The scavenger and nuisance inspectors were given their rank. The bill was referred back to the commission for compilation.

SUIT AGAINST RHODES BROS.

Mr. Farrer introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, Rhodes Brothers, in September, 1891, entered into a contract with Provo city for the reconstruction of a system of waterworks for Provo, conformable with certain specifications and of certain character and quality set forth in said contract, and at the same time executed and delivered to Provo city a bond conditioned for the faithful performance of all the terms and provisions of said contract on the part of said Rhodes Brothers to be kept and performed; and,

Whereas, Said Rhodes Brothers have not conformed with the provisions and terms of said contract, but have constructed a system of waterworks defective and insecure, and of a character detrimental and injurious to Provo city, whereby Provo city has been greatly damaged, and in that respect said Rhodes Brothers have violated the terms of said contract;

Now, be it resolved, that the city attorney be and is hereby instructed to commence suit against said Rhodes Brothers and their sureties of not less than $20,000 (damages for breach of said contract, and that the attorney is also instructed to commence legal proceedings against said Rhodes Brothers to recover certain sums of money paid by Provo city to S. S. Cluff and Elias Cluff for injuries sustained by Elias Cluff by reason of certain defects in the construction of said waterworks system.

The resolution was referred to the joint committee on judiciary and waterworks. D. D. Hoaglin, the city attorney, and the members of the council favor the resolution, but it was thought the measure was of sufficient weight to deserve more than a hasty consideration; hence the reference.

Notes and Personals.

J. S. Page, one of Payson's bright young men, goes to Ann Arbor in September to take a course in law.

The board of education held a special meeting this evening to make arrangements to decide for the housing election.

Two burglaries occurred in the city on Sunday evening. One has already been referred to in the NEWS. The other occurred at the residence of S. P. Eggertsen Jr., during the family's absence in the early part of the evening. Cupboard, bureau and desk drawers were ransacked for plunder, but so far as learned the only article stolen was a tin cash box without cash but containing several deeds and abstracts of property. The box was locked. Entrance to the house was effected through the west window, the fastenings being insecure.

A drunken tramp was charged with the theft of a razor from a barber shop owned by H. K. Rawlings and run by Elijah Cox, on Saturday last. He was tried yesterday in Commissioner Dudley's court and acquitted on a technicality discovered by his attorney, Soren Christensen; the complaint stried in stating the stolen property belonged to Elijah Cox instead of H. K. Rawlings. The defendant took his attorney's counsel, and shook the dust of the Garden City from his feet.

PLEASANT GROVE.

It Ranks as an Educational Center.—Business and Social News.

Correspondence Deseret News.

PLEASANT GROVE, July 17th, 1893.—Miss Ella Larsen returned home on Saturday from the Cook county normal school at Englewood, near Chicago, Illinois. Miss Larsen brings with her a diploma, signed by C. S. Cutting, president; O. F. Bright, secretary; Colonel Francis Parker, principal. She made frequent visits to the World's Fair. She will join the faculty of the Brigham Young Academy the coming year.

Miss Zina Baker and Miss Florence Cooke, the former a special teacher in the geography, the latter first primary teacher, came with Miss Larsen. Miss Baker and Miss Cooke stopped off at Salt Lake City. These ladies are from the Cook county normal school and will give instructions at the B. Y. A. summer school at Provo. They are sent out as special teachers by Colonel Parker.

Prof. John E. Daily has accepted a position as principal of the Oneida Stake Academy at Preston, Idaho. We congratulate the people of that Stake in securing his services, while we regret the loss of him.

The mechanics have taken a lien on the buildings at Geneva—The proprietor having failed to pay the workmen.

The masons have about completed the district school building and it is among the finest in the Territory. Two smaller houses have been erected in the outlying portions of the district to accommodate the rural pupils.

James L. Brown has resigned the superintendency of his Sunday school, as also the district schools, much to the regret of everybody. Mr. Brown has been sifted better independently elsewhere. Pleasant Grove boasts of supplying more teachers than any settlement in Utah of like size.

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