

preparation of the lesson, the study of how to interest the children should be the aim and effort of every teacher who would attain success.

Elder E. F. Parry, in summarizing the general subject—"What are the best incentives to increase attendance in the Sunday School?"—brought up many interesting points worthy of note. He thought that one of the greatest incentives were capable officers and teachers who made it their business to create sufficient interest in all the departments of the Sunday School to draw the children to the school.

Bishop Bills, of South Jordan, made a few interesting remarks relating to the Sabbath school of his ward.

Assistant Superintendent Glover, of the West Jordan Sabbath school, stated that his school was well officered by interested and earnest workers. The school was graded and had been for some time, and the school was doing much better since it was so organized.

Counselor Joseph E. Taylor urged the importance of using great care in teaching the theological classes. Such simple doctrines as will fit the young men to fill missions in the world should be aimed at, and profound mysteries should be avoided.

Superintendent Griggs urged the officers of the Sabbath schools to see to the warming of the meeting houses and making them comfortable for the children, so that the little ones should not suffer with the cold when they meet in Sabbath school.

The Seventh Ward will furnish the music at the next meeting, which will take place in the same room on the third Monday in January, 1892.

Benediction by Assistant Superintendent W. C. Burton.

J. H. PARRY, Sec'y.

CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Scott called the City Council to order at 8 o'clock Dec. 22nd. Roll call was responded to by Councilmen Spafford, Heath, Pendleton, James, Parsons, Lynn, Anderson, Young, Tuddenham, Hardy and Hyde.

Absent—Pickard, Smith, Folland and Karriok.

PETITIONS

were read and referred as follows:

Arthur Meades asked that he be remunerated for a mule which was killed in Emigration Canyon by an obstruction in the road. Committee on claims.

The Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Company asked for the correction by the city of a certain deed transferring a piece of real estate to that society. Referred to the mayor.

Anna Terry asked that her taxes be remitted on account of poverty and old age. Laid on the table.

T. P. Murray sent in a communication in which he signified his acceptance of the railway franchise recently granted him through certain streets of the city. Received and filed.

A. G. Paddock asked an extension of the lease, to him, of the north bench sand pits upon the same terms as the old franchise. Granted.

Gustave H. Backman and others asked that the Salt Lake Railway company be not given a franchise over the streets named in the petition of that company. Committee on streets.

A TWO MILLS RATE.

The Board of Education sent in the following communication which was recorded and filed:

We hereby certify that the Board of Education of the city of Salt Lake on December 17, 1891, at a meeting held, levied a tax of two mills on each dollar of taxable property in said city, for the support of schools therein for the school year beginning on the first day of July, 1892.

VEHICLE STANDS.

The Mayor presented the following, which was referred to the committee on streets:

Gentlemen—I beg leave to call your attention to the ordinance establishing stands for public vehicles. See chapter XXIX, section 2, Revised Ordinances of Salt Lake City. Since that law was passed the conditions of our streets have greatly changed, and I recommend that the matter be referred to the committee on streets to report to the council, at an early date, an ordinance to meet the existing conditions.

DAMAGE SUIT SETTLED.

The city attorney reported that in the matter of the action of W. N. Cook and others against the city, a verdict and judgment were rendered against the city for \$800 damages and \$60.45 costs. He recommended that the amounts named be appropriated to the plaintiffs. Adopted.

FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

The committee on revision of the city charter recommended that they be empowered to employ legal assistance in the preparation of a bill for a new city charter to be submitted to the legislature, and that an amount not exceeding \$1000 be appropriated to cover such expenditure. Adopted and appropriation made.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The city engineer reported that he had found it impossible to complete final estimates for brick pavements laid in districts Nos. 2, 4, 6 and 17, for want of positive information as to the location and extent of walks that were laid by private contract and therefore asked that he be provided with certified lists showing the lots and parts of lots in the districts named where walks have been laid by private contract.

The same officer represented that he was of the opinion that asphaltum pavements should not be laid in grades exceeding 4 per cent., if the grade remained unchanged, and that if the plan prescribed for intersections had been carried out, it would result in a disfigurement of the street. Inasmuch as the ordinances required him to prepare the places for such improvement, and the public held him responsible for the appearance and effectiveness of the work he asked that the facts be allowed to appear in the minutes. Granted.

WATERMAIN EXTENSIONS.

The city recorder reported that the notice of assessment for extending water mains on Sixth and Eighth South and Third West streets, had been published in accordance with law. Confirmed.

UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Street Supervisor Paul reported that in reference to the petition of Robert Smith and others asking that the Rio Grande Western Railway Company grade Sixth West street, between Fifth

and Seventh North streets, he had communicated Superintendent Welley of that company who stated that the matter was now in the hands of the company's attorneys.

EXCHANGE MADE.

The committee on public grounds to whom was referred the communication of L. C. Trent, relative to the exchange of land with the city, near Capitol grounds, reported that the final exchange had been made. Adopted.

ANOTHER CLAIM SETTLED.

The committee of claims, which has had under consideration the claim of the administrator of Jacob Ekker, who was killed in a sewer trench in front of the Social Hall, on State street, reported that a compromise had been effected with the claimants for \$3525, and recommended that the amount named be appropriated. Adopted.

FROM A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The special committee to which was referred the report of the city engineer, submitting a statement of the cost of constructing sidewalks, recommended that the city pay one-half of the cost of grading and that the balance of the cost of such construction be paid from the taxes levied and assessed against the abutting property and that the assessor and collector be directed to proceed to collect such taxes accordingly. Adopted.

NATURAL GAS ORDINANCE.

The city attorney submitted the following ordinance for the construction and maintenance of works and pipeage for utilizing and distributing natural or fuel gas for fuel, in the city of Salt Lake, Utah:

Section 1—Be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah: That the said City of Salt Lake hereby gives and grants to the American Natural Gas Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Utah Territory, and its assigns, as hereinafter specified and provided, for the term of twenty years from and after the passage of this ordinance, the right and privilege of constructing, maintaining and operating works and pipeage, for the purpose of distributing and utilizing natural or fuel gas for heat and fuel only, in the city of Salt Lake; provided, that the rates for such natural or fuel gas shall not exceed the charge of one dollar per thousand cubic feet to the various consumers and for the purpose of furthering and assisting said American Natural Gas Company and its assigns in supplying said natural or fuel gas, the said American Natural Gas Company and its assigns are hereby granted and given the right and privilege to use any and all streets, avenues and alleys of Salt Lake City, necessary in which to lay and maintain mains and service pipes for conveying and distributing said natural or fuel gas, as aforesaid throughout said city; provided, that all excavations in said streets, avenues and alleys be speedily repaired and put in as good condition as they were before such excavations were made, or as near as may be.

Section 2—This grant shall be void: First, if said American Natural Gas company or its assigns shall fail within one year to commence in good faith to lay mains and pipes from their gas wells to, and into Salt Lake City, for the purpose of distributing such natural or fuel gas; and

Second, if said American Natural Gas company or its assigns shall fail within one year to lay in the city of Salt Lake miles of main pipe not