SECOND EDITION.

Friday, August 26, 1892.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Deputy City Recorder Ellsworth is expected back from Brighton about September 1st.

MESSRS. WALLACE, Mr. George Y. Wallace, Jr., Max Madsen and Grant Hampton have just returned from a short trip to Brighton, in Big Cottonwood.

THE City Council will meet again tonight and business ought to commence the completion of unfinished proceedings during the sitting of the board of equalization. It is expected that the work of revising ordinances will be taken up again on Monday night next.

THE unfortunate stranger who was found at the Hot Springs Wednesday died in a stupor yesterday and attempts to recover to the sisters' Hospital, called last night about 7 o'clock. Yesterday he was able to be around. He explained that he had his leg four years ago in an injury received in a runaway and since that time he has suffered from attacks. The man thinks he lived in Sacramento and that he was now on his way home from the East. He also said that he had no living relatives except one brother at Portland.

Examination of Teachers.

An examination, as prescribed by law, for teachers who are candidates for positions in the Salt Lake City public schools, will be held in the high school room, beginning Thursday, Sept. 1st, at 9 a. m.

J. P. MILLSPAUGH,
Supt. of Public Schools.

THE CENTER STREET GRADE.

An Anti-Cliff Dweller Says It's Protest Was Not a Game of Bluff.

Editor Deseret News:

The property owners on the east side of Center street, who have entered a respectful protest against the intended manner of grading a portion of that street, are very indignant because of the unwarranted statement made when the petition was presented to the Council on the 18th inst. A committman was reported as saying, in reference to the protest, "Well, it was all a bluff game anyhow." A local newspaper states that the protest is not likely to receive favorable attention, and a member of the Council said that it is necessary to cut down the street because the grade is now so steep that it is almost impossible to run the fire apparatus up there. As it seems that the indications are against favorable reconsideration of the matter by the Council, I beg the privilege of presenting some of the facts to the public through your columns.

In the first place, the signers of the petition are owners of the lots on three blocks east of Centre street, the first three blocks on east side of said street, just north of Mr. McCornick's residence. That portion of the street is, for most of its length comparatively level, and does not need to be cut down for the purpose of reducing the steep grade. The steep street, from either end of the street, is made before those blocks are reached, therefore to cut the street down in that section is superfluous, and a wholly unnecessary expense, so far as making the street easier is concerned. We are given to understand that the city wants the dirt that can be obtained by lowering the grade, to fill depressions in other streets (they would "rob Peter to pay Paul,") and can thus obtain it cheaply. Surely this can not justify the city in permanently damaging the property involved in this matter.

As stated in the petition, if the street is cut down as ordered, to a level with the west sidewalk, access to the lots on the east side will be made considerably more difficult than at present, and, as most of the owners are now under the necessity of climbing lengthy flights of steps to get onto their lots, they naturally object to the contemplated increase of their inconvenience. They are not ambitious to be elevated to the rank of cliff dwellers, without wings to aid in carrying them up the unsightly unwaited heights which the city proposes leaving in front of their habitations.

Such grading would also add very materially to the already too steep inclines of streets leading eastward from Centre street to Capitol Hill. Instead of increasing the difficulty of access to that desirable location, there should be an effort made to render it more easy. I am hardly prepared to believe the rumor that there has been, and is, a determination on the part of locomotive "traditions" in other portions of the city to detract from the advantages of Capitol Hill as an eligible location for high class of residences, certainly I can not think that any of the city councilors are parties in the matter; nevertheless the effect of grading Center street, as intended, would be an aid to real estate speculators in such a plan.

It is true that the street should be properly graded, from the east to the west side, making the grade as practicable in that direction, so that the street cars and wagons may have room to travel without danger, but the method described, viz., cutting down to a level with the west sidewalk, is a manifest injustice, and altogether in favor of the west side property owners and the Street Railway company. Besides, I think it can be shown that a cheaper, and certainly more equitable way to adjust the difficulty is that suggested by some of the interested parties. I allude to the proposition that the height of the street from level of west sidewalk to level of east sidewalk, be equally apportioned by a wall one-half such height being built along the edge of the water flume on the east side, and a similar wall to retain the sidewalk on east side. This would provide the full available width of the street for traffic, it would not interfere with grading the streets leading to Capitol Hill, and it would fairly divide the present disadvantages of the grade between both sides of the street.

Furthermore, if the street is cut down to a level with the west sidewalk, as ordered, and a retaining wall is not erected to support the east sidewalk, the requisite slope will materially reduce the width of this narrow street, making traffic almost impossible, and assuredly dangerous, when the car track is laid in the centre.

I apologize for intruding on your space, this is a longer explanation than I intended making, but it seems necessary in view of the assertion that our application "was all a bluff game anyhow." Yours respectfully,

D. M. MCALLISTER.

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 25, 1892.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

The Municipal Fathers Hold Another Afternoon Session.

PIONEER SQUARE POLICEMAN.

Discussion on the Public Lands of the City Unsecreated For.

The City Council met in regular session this afternoon at 2:30, President Lorenzo Snow in the chair. Roll call showed the following members were in attendance: Rich, Pollard, Hom, Samuelli, Westwood, Hess. The chair announced that a quorum was not present and business could not be proceeded with. Councilman Beardsley was observed in the hallway on the outside and Rich immediately suggested that the Black Maria be sent after him. That did the desired effect, for Mr. Beardsley at once entered and the transaction of business commenced.

GAS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

A communication was received from the Indiana Natural Gas company asking that its ordinance be amended. Committee on municipal laws.

PIONEER SQUARE POLICEMAN.

Henry Boddie and others asked that Thomas Dabney be appointed custodian and special policeman of Pioneer square.

Rich said that the proposed appointee was living at the square and that he had allowed the same to fall into a disgraceful condition. Committee on police.

AFTER THE HAGGERS.

A. C. Smith & Company, druggists, complained against the manner in which hackdrivers allowed their teams and vehicles to stand in front of their place of business at corner of Main and Second South streets. Committee on streets.

HIS OWN SIDEWALK.

J. D. Updegraff asked to be allowed to construct his own sidewalk. Committee on streets.

CENTER STREET GRADE.

John W. Donnellan and a large number of others asked that Center street be brought to a permanent grade. Committee on streets.

WATERING TROUGH.

A number of residents on South State street asked that a watering trough be placed near Dorius-Gardner's Lumber company. Committee on streets.

A MESSENGER BOY.

A communication was received from the mayor in which he announced that he had appointed Charles Greenough in place of Archie McKay, resigned, as messenger boy. Confirmed.

WITHOUT CONSENT.

The board of public works sent in a communication, without comment, received from the Pacific Paving company.

MOTION—That the proposition to send in a communication without comment was ridiculous in the extreme. It should be returned back for particulars.

Rich moved that it be referred to the committee on claims with the city engineer associated. The latter was the arbitrator between the Council and contractors. He received $600 per year for the work he had done for the city, and his opinion was worth something and he wanted to have him join. If the committee on claims should differ from the city engineer on this point, it would be a shame if they had the right to issue a protest into the Council. The motion carried.

CEMENT SIDEWALKS.

The board of public works reported that it had entered into a contract with Frank Harrigan for the construction of sidewalks on the following streets, which had been laid down by the South Temple street between South Temple and Sixth South streets; on the west side of East Temple street, between South Temple and Second South streets; on the east side of West Temple street, between Fourth and Sixth South streets; on the west side of Main street, between South Temple and First South streets.

Lawson moved that it be referred to the committee on streets for investigation. He was not in favor of swallowing the entire contract at one gulp without examining its ingredients.

Wandland move as a substitute that the report be accepted and the contract approved.

Lawson opposed this. He did not propose to act ignorantly. Perhaps the contract and specifications were all right, but it was entirely likely that they were not. The matter should go to the committee on streets.

Rich took the same view. It could be considered during the time that intervened between now and Tuesday night next, when it could be approved.

The matter ended by voting that the contract not was not short by a motion from Moran carrying, to the effect that it be laid on the table until later in the evening.

SIDEWALKS ACCEPTED.

The board of public works reported that it had accepted the sidewalks laid by Rudolph Aull, James Bagle and John Leslie, and recommended that the special tax assessed against them for sidewalk construction be cancelled. Adopted.

DITCHES CONNECTED.

The city engineer sent in a communication in which he announced that the city maps prepared by the Salt Lake Aqueduct, Title, Guaranty and Trust Company had been returned to his office uncorrected.

Haley said that he knew that the maps were not complete. Certain pieces of valuable real estate belonging to the city was not on the records. He knew an abstract company that would be very glad to get $5 per each of the tracts on abstract book if could find for the city that was not described in the plats recently made.

Wandland said such a proposition was merely a big bluff. He considered it a very clever advertising scheme.

The city engineer, with whom the city attorney and been associated, explained that under authority given by a resolution he had allowed the records to be taken from his office for examination. The company had simply made the corrections, but omitting about lands unaccounted for.

The matter was referred back to the city engineer and city attorney.

THE CITY GAS MAIN.

Councilmen Beardsley and Pollard rose ways and means common report of that they thought that the offer of $1.25 per share for the city gas work was a good one, and that he did not like to take a share in the business, and therefore desired to ask the Council for further instruction.

Hom said that he understood that the city could really sell its property in the Eastern Boulevard. He moved that it be referred to the city attorney for an opinion as to whether the city could legally dispose of the stock at private sale. Referred.

APPROPRIATIONS.

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