

Priesthood Meeting.

The Priesthood of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion met in the Assembly Hall today (Saturday, August 4th) at 11 o'clock, President Angus M. Cannon presiding.

After the opening exercises the roll was called showing all the Wards of the Stake to be properly represented excepting the 8th, 9th and 17th city wards, and North Jordan and Sandy of the county.

A number of the Elders Quorums were not represented by their presiding officers.

President Angus M. Cannon announced that a special conference of this Stake would be held next month, and, after calling for an expression from the brethren present with regard to the time for holding it, it was unanimously decided to meet in this capacity on Saturday and Sunday September 1st and 2nd, 1888.

Reports were called for from the Bishops wards, Elders Quorums, Relief Societies, Sabbath Schools, Mutual Improvement and Primary Associations. The Bishops and delegates appointed to wait upon the Bishops that did not respond to the roll call and show them the necessity of attending their duties and their calling, were requested to see that these reports are furnished immediately, and that they be correct in every particular. That a uniformity may prevail, the reports should be made up for the year ending June 30th of this year.

The importance of the Saints to live up to every duty and requirement was strongly advocated. The Bishops were particularly enjoined to see that no person suffers for any of necessities of life, and the ward teachers, as helps to the Bishops, received admonition with regard to their calling in the priesthood. The necessity and importance of the Bishops and ward teachers expending more time than is done in some instances in visiting the families of the Saints at their homes and administering temporal blessings where needed in connection with spiritual food, was impressed upon all. It was also stated that the time had come for the Priesthood and the people to awake, and be united in maintaining the principles of righteousness in the earth, to the glory of God and the salvation of the pure in heart.

Col. John R. Winder read a letter that he had received from one of the Twelve Apostles, after which he made some timely remarks upon the importance of the Saints attending to their several duties.

SUICIDE AT OGDEN.

A Commercial Man Puts a Bullet in His Head.

Yesterday a deliberate suicide was committed in Stevens' store at Ogden. A stranger in the city came into the store and inquired for a good pistol. One worth \$14 was handed him, and at his request it was loaded. He put a \$20 piece on the counter for the weapon. As the salesman was getting the change, the stranger put the muzzle of the pistol to the side of his head and fired. He dropped to the floor insensible. Doctors were summoned, and extracted the ball, but the wound was fatal, and in an hour and a half the man was dead.

An inquest was held last evening. In the pockets of the deceased was found \$35, a silver watch and some small articles. A tax receipt and a receipt for donation to a hospital fund, bore the name of J. Noy, San Francisco. This is supposed to be the dead man's name. He was registered at the hotel, however, as B. L. Huntsman, of Hailey, Idaho.

The coroner's jury did not finish their labors last evening, and took an adjournment till today, when it was expected that the dead man would be more positively identified, that his friends may be informed of his fate.

DETERMINED TO DIE.

John P. Thacker Takes Laudanum and Strychnine.

Last evening there was another addition to the list of suicides. In this case the victim chose as the place to end his earthly career, the city cemetery, and swallowed the fatal drug while leaning against a headstone. About 5 o'clock last evening, as the men who have been doing some grading at the cemetery quit work for the day, they met a man, who entered the enclosure and wandered about looking at the graves. He was advanced in years, and was on crutches, one of his legs having been amputated. While his actions were a little strange and his face wore a sad expression, nothing further was thought of him except that he was one of those who frequently visit the city of the dead to gaze at the resting places of departed friends.

About 6:30 p. m. R. F. Aveson, a boy residing in the Twenty-first Ward, rode through the graveyard, near where the strange visitor was, toward the east end. The man accosted him with "Enjoying a ride, boy?" to which the reply was in the affirmative. Shortly after, the boy returned, and was again spoken to. This time he noticed that the man was trembling as though he had had a fit. His crutches were lying beside him, and he was in a half reclining position, resting his body against a headstone, which had been partially loosened by the violent shaking.

The boy passed on a few rods, and returned, when he noticed the man take a drink out of a bottle and eat some bread. As young Aveson approached him, the man told him to keep away, but the order was unheeded. He thought the man was drunk, and began asking him questions, by which he learned that his name was John P. Thacker, and that he had been living at Mrs. Briscoe's, in the Fifteenth Ward. He was 63 years of age, and had been in Utah 28 years. One of his daughters was dead, while another was married and living in the city. His wife had separated from him many years ago.

While the conversation was going on, young Aveson had approached, and his eye suddenly came upon a bottle containing what he took to be strychnine. The idea of suicide struck him and he immediately notified George Cole, the gate keeper, who went up to Mr. Thacker, and found two bottles. One had contained laudanum, but the drug had been swallowed by Thacker. He had also taken 15 of 17 grains of strychnine which had been in the other vial.

The poison had been purchased by Thacker with a view to ending his life. When asked why he wanted to kill himself, he replied: "If you knew my troubles, you would not wonder at it. They are so great that I want to get away to my friends." Mr. Cole sent young Aveson to the Sisters' Hospital for a doctor, when Thacker said, "Don't bring a doctor, for if he brings me around, I'll poison myself again." Dr. Benedict was brought, however, and Thacker removed to the Deseret Hospital. All efforts of the physician were useless, however, and at 9:45 last night he died.

Today at 12 o'clock Coroner George J. Taylor held an inquest over the remains. In addition to the above facts, Mrs. Briscoe testified that two women visited the deceased yesterday afternoon; there seemed to be some difficulty; they shook their fists at him, and he seemed greatly agitated. She insisted they were to blame for his rash course.

In consequence of her testimony the inquest was adjourned till Monday, to see whether any more information could be obtained. The women referred to were subpoenaed to be present at 2 p. m. on Monday.

CITY COUNCIL.

Important Subjects Under Discussion Last Evening.

The City Council met in special session last evening at 7:30 o'clock, Mayor Armstrong presiding.

George Cameron and others asked for an extension of the water mains from Second to Third South streets. Referred to the committee on water works.

The Salt Lake City Railroad Company was granted permission to erect poles from the corner of Second South and Ninth East streets, to Tenth East Street, thence south to Fifth South, for the purpose of testing the Casebolt elevated cable system for a period of sixty days, the poles to be seventy feet apart.

Edmund Wilkes made a proposition by which he agrees that if the Council will grant him a franchise for an electric road along Second South Street, he will deposit with the city treasurer the sum of \$10,000, which shall be forfeited if work is not commenced in ninety days, from the granting of the franchise.

Councilor Dooley moved that the franchise be granted when the forfeit be deposited.

Alderman Sharp offered as an amendment that the proposition lay on the table, to be considered with the report of the committee on streets, which was carried.

Alderman Riter stated that a representation of the residents of Fourth West Street was present, and desired to make a statement in regard to the petition of the Salt Lake and Fort Douglas Railway for right of way along that street.

Mr. B. F. Cummings Jr., then stepped forward and said: The persons owning property abutting on Fourth West Street, along the route asked for by Mr. John W. Young, feel that if the petition is granted by the Council, it will result in great injury to them, aggregating thousands of dollars. The street is thickly populated, and there are many fine residences on it. The value of property will be greatly depreciated should a steam railway exist there. It is true that the D. & R. G. W. and other railroads have been granted rights of way along certain streets, but there are points of law and equity connected with such matters which should be presented to the Council. We hold that the proposition that the fee of the soil of streets and sidewalks vests in the corporation, is not an accepted one. The universal rule prevailing in the older states is that where the title to lands is derived from any other source than the United States government, the fee to the sidewalks and streets vests in the owners of property abutting thereon. When citizens purchased from the city their lots on Fourth West Street they undoubtedly purchased an interest in the street and sidewalk as well; hence, if that street is to be taken from them, and devoted to a steam railway, they are entitled to be recompensed. The principle upon which people are taxed to pave sidewalks shows that they have an interest in those sidewalks. It is done upon the principle of police power, upon which the citizen is re-

quired to remove a defective flue from his house or put and keep his own property in a condition consistent with the safety and convenience of the public. To deny that an abutter has an interest in the sidewalk and street is to deny the right of this Council to compel him to pave and keep the same in order.

We ask that the Salt Lake & Fort Douglas Railway be required to obtain the consent of the property owners on the street before a franchise is granted. It is not consistent with the principles of good government to give away a valuable right of way, particularly when the property on the route of the road would be depreciated in value.

We have heard that some members of the Council are in favor of granting the petition on condition that the railroad would gravel and grade the street. Such action would be arbitrary and unjust. We submit that if we were damaged, we should not be forced by the City Council to receive gravel as a recompense, when we don't want gravel. It appears to me that the action of the Council in relation to these matters has been rather at random, and not in harmony with fixed principles, either of law or equity.

The claim has been made that the Fourth West Street people will not be injured materially by having a railroad along the street, but if a member of the Council owned a fine residence, then would he not feel that the building of such a road in front of his residence was an invasion of his rights? Supposing that a residence on that street is worth \$20,000 today; how much would it be worth tomorrow with a railroad passing in front of its doors? Its value would be decreased \$2000 or perhaps \$5000. Does the Council think it has the right to take such a sum of money from the pockets of a citizen, and hand it over to a railroad? The destination of the Salt Lake & Fort Douglas is unknown—its terminal points are unknown, and we hold that before a franchise is granted, they should be required to make some definite showing in regard to these matters. There is a fixed suspicion in the minds of the people whom I represent that it is the intention and desire of the railroad to obtain a right of way for the sole purpose of selling it, and if this is true, the Council should not lend itself to such a scheme. Another idea held by some was that the road merely wished to build a spur from their depot grounds in the southern part of the city to the other depots. It was for their own benefit and not for the public good. We think a court of equity would say to this municipality: "You cannot take \$3,000 or \$4,000 from the pocket of a resident of Fourth West Street and put it in the coffers of a railroad corporation; and we ask that the railroad company be required to reimburse the residents of that street for damages or adopt the alternative of going into a court of equity."

A main point in Mr. Cummings' argument was that the Council should simply require the railroad to proceed in the manner prescribed by law for securing a right of way, which would afford all parties in interest a chance to be heard and to secure such recompense as was just. He held that for the Council to arbitrarily give a steam railroad a franchise in the street in question without provision for recompense to abutters would be tyrannical and unlawful.

Alderman Riter stated that the attorney of the Salt Lake & Fort Douglas was out of town, but desired to make a statement on his return.

S. L. Ensign and others residing on Second South Street, asked that Mr. Remington's petition for a franchise be granted. Laid on the table to be considered with the report of the committee on streets.

The Salt Lake Mill and Elevator Company represented that they were engaged in erecting a flour mill about half a mile northwest of the Warm Springs, and asked permission to drive a well near the corner of Fifth North and Third West streets, and lay pipes to the mill. Granted.

Wm. Perks protested against the projected extensions of the mains on Center Street. Tabled.

Auerbach Bros. represented that they were erecting an expensive building on Main Street, and desired to know if the city intended to establish a system of sewerage. Referred to the committee on sewerage.

J. Pitts was granted permission to pile building material in front of his premises near the corner of commercial and First South streets.

Kate Farrell represented that she was the owner of part of lot 1, block 95, and was entitled to a portion of the waters of City Creek, which she is at present deprived of. Referred to the committee on irrigation.

George M. Scott & Co. desired to know, in view of the heavy expenditure of money incurred by them in erecting the Scott-Auerbach building, whether it was the intention of the city to construct sewers and how soon a move would be made in that direction, as the construction of sewers would relieve them from the necessity and expense of building cess pools. Referred to the committee on sewerage, with Engineer Lowrie associated.

Elizabeth White represented that she was unable to pay the tax contemplated to be assessed on lot 1, in block 50, in plat D, for extension of the water mains along K Street. Laid on the table.

Michael Earl and Hermann Hill asked permission to extend the water mains to their property in plat D. Referred to the committee on water works.

John N. Pike presented a protest against the proposed extension of the mains on Centre, Plinn and Quince streets. Laid on the table.

Peter C. Bixen and twenty others asked that Third East Street, from Eighth South to the southern limits of the city, be graded and graveled so as to be passable in the winter. Referred to the committee on streets.

R. F. Neslen protested against his property being assessed for the proposed extension of the water mains on Third Street. Laid on the table.

C. K. Gilchrist called attention to the fact that in May last, himself and others petitioned the Council to order sluice boxes to be put in on the west side of Main Street, between Third and Fifth South Streets. No action had yet been taken, and he requested that the matter be given attention immediately. Referred to the water-master.

Gordon G. Hall, G. H. Braby and others protested against the proposed extension of the mains along Third South, from Eighth to Tenth East Streets. Laid on the table.

Two retail liquor licenses were granted.

The superintendent of waterworks presented the following estimate of the cost of extending the water mains; as petitioned for:

Robert Patrick, Jr., and others, Second Street, two blocks, \$500.

W. H. Rowe and others, First Street, three and one quarter blocks, \$1,600.

Mary L. Keats and others, nine blocks of piping, \$6,975.

Adopted.

The same official presented his report for the quarter ending May 31st, which shows the expenditures in the department during the quarter to have been \$7,287.16, leaving a balance unexpended of \$2,712.84.

The city attorney reported that he had examined the title of Messrs. Morris and Nichols to certain lands claimed by them, and there could be no objection to the Mayor being authorized to issue a deed to them. Adopted.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred the profile of East Temple Street, submitted by the city surveyor, recommended that the grade be established in accordance with the profile. Adopted.

The city attorney, to whom was referred the petition of Maria Simerson, asking that a corrected deed to a certain lot be issued to her, recommended that the prayer be granted. Adopted.

The committee on waterworks, to whom was referred the petition of J. Judges, asking that the water mains be extended along Third Street, recommended that the petition be granted, and that the superintendent of waterworks be instructed to prepare estimates.

The city attorney represented that, during the last quarter no cases had been appealed from the Police Court, and no appealed cases had been tried in the Third District Court.

The committee on waterworks, to whom was referred the petition of O. Allen and others, recommended that a spill be established near the corner of First and N streets. Adopted.

The committee on irrigation reported that they had examined the reports of the watermaster and found them correct.

The committee on public grounds reported that they had examined the report of C. H. Wilkens, assistant superintendent of Liberty Park, and found it to be correct.

The committee on streets presented the following report:

Your committee on streets, to whom was referred the petition of His Excellency Governor West, the Salt Lake City Gas Co. and St. George & Young, asking for a franchise to lay pipes in the streets of this city for the conducting of natural gas, beg leave to report that inasmuch as there are several applicants for a franchise for the above purpose, and as the introduction of natural gas would be a great benefit to the inhabitants of the city, and not desiring to grant special privileges to any one to the detriment of any other party seeking the same object, your committee have deemed it best to reach the desired end by the passage of a resolution general in its character, which resolution we offer herewith:

The following resolution was then read and adopted:

Whereas, certain persons have petitioned the City Council for the right to lay pipes in the streets of this city for the purpose of supplying natural gas to the inhabitants thereof, and

Whereas, it is deemed to be of great importance to the growth and prosperity of this city to obtain a supply of natural gas for heating, lighting and manufacturing purposes, therefore

Be it resolved by the City Council of Salt Lake City that whenever any person or persons, corporation or corporations shall produce and open for use to the inhabitants of this city, natural gas in such quantity as to be safe and harmless to use, and in quantity sufficient to warrant its introduction for the uses above mentioned, and at prices to be determined by the City Council; and in that case the City Council hereby pledges itself to grant to any and all such person or persons, corporation or corporations a franchise and right to lay pipes through the streets of this city for the purposes aforesaid, under such stipulations and restrictions as may be necessary in the premises, in order to properly guard the rights of said city and the inhabitants thereof. This resolution shall be in force until revoked by the City Council.

The report of the committee on streets in relation to the petitions of the Salt Lake City Railroad Company, W. H. Remington and E. Wilkes, for franchises, came up as unfinished business.

On account of several members, being absent, action was deferred until Tuesday night.

The report of the committee on city prison was laid on the table subject to call.

The resolution of Councilor Dooley, authorizing the committee on sewerage and waterworks to employ a competent engineer for such time as his services might be required, was adopted.

One thousand dollars was appropriated to the city marshal's fund.

Alderman Sharp and Councilor Dooley offered a number of minor amendments to the form of the bonds to be issued which were adopted.

Councilor Sharp stated that several members of the Council had voted for the passage of the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds under the understanding that only \$300,000 worth of the bonds would be put on the market, and he objected to the advertising for the sale of \$500,000 worth of the bonds.

It was finally decided to sell \$250,000 worth of bonds at first, and reserve the balance until such time as the money shall be needed.

The Council then adjourned.

Park City Notes.

Early last Monday morning Scotty Hunter had his shoulder dislocated by his horse falling on him while on the way over to Bonanza flat.

Yesterday afternoon as Thos. Owens was cleaning up his stove between the fifth and sixth levels in Ontario No. 3 he fell through the manway, a distance of 75 feet. He was picked up in an insensible condition and conveyed to his home in town. Dr. Gregor and Dr. Wilson dressed his injuries which were a scalp wound and a cut lip and chin, besides several bruises. It is a wonder that the accident did not result fatally.

A few days ago a young couple were bound for the Provo to fish, and as the ascent to the Deer Valley divide was being made a team was met. The lady placed no confidence in the gallant driver's abilities and got out of the buggy till the road was clear. It was fortunate for her that she did so, for the next minute horse, buggy and man rolled down the embankment. Luckily the damage done was slight to both the human and the chattels.

Last Tuesday Dr. Gregor was called to attend a six-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blackburn, and the doctor was surprised to find that it was a fully developed case of small pox, though in its mildest form. Immediately Dr. Gregor informed the city officers and early the next day the infected family was moved from their place at the mouth of Empire Cañon to a pest house below town. The vacated premises were thoroughly fumigated and guards were stationed at the pest house to enforce a strict quarantine. Dr. Mantor was engaged by the city to attend to the case and at last accounts the patient was getting along nicely. The prompt precautionary measure taken by the city officers is very commendable and has prevented a spread of the disease. All danger has passed and there is no apprehension of new cases developing. The Blackburns but recently returned from the east, and it is likely that the disease was engendered there. A rumor gained currency Thursday to the effect that a Scandinavian had been stricken with the disease at Skook's boarding and lodging house, but investigation proved that it was merely a case of lead poisoning.—Park Record.

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