CITY SOLONS MEET.

Barnes and Byrnes Secure an Extension of Their Warm Springs Lease.

GAS AND ELECTRIC FRANCHISES.

The Question of Expending $20,000 on Liberty Park Improvements Comes Up and Again Goes Over.

The City Council met in special session on Saturday night and for several hours discussed matters of public interest. The members were all present except Rich, Hoss and Beardsley.

GAS FRANCHISES.

On recommendation of the committee on streets the petition of Wendell Benson and M. J. Gray for gas and electric light franchises, were referred to the city attorney to prepare ordinances covering the same.

The committee on waterworks recommended that the petition of M. F. Malin et al for water main extension on Fourth East street be granted. Adopted.

The committee on Jordan canal and irrigation recommended that the petition of H. E. Booth et al asking that a certain ditch on Third North be filled up, be granted. Adopted.

The committee on Jordan canal and irrigation reported adversely upon the petition of Anthony Koenen et al, asking that certain ditches on Fifth South and Ninth West streets be constructed, owing to the fact that Fifth South has not yet been graded. Adopted.

The same committee reporting in the matter of the petition of Le Grand Young, asking that a new flume be put in at Red Butte hollow, recommended that the watermaster be instructed to do the work. Adopted.

The committee on public grounds, reporting on the matter of the sand and gravel pits owned by the city, recommended that the following be adopted:

Resolved, That the Warm Springs gravel pit and the sand pit at the north end of H street be placed in charge of the committee on public grounds, with power to make such arrangements as may be necessary to work said pits to the best advantage during the remainder of this year.

Laid over temporarily.

The committee further reported:

We recommend that the petition of Cyril Peck for the lease of certain sand pits on Capitol Hill be granted for one year at a rental of $60 in advance.

We recommend that the petition of H. F. Cummings Jr, for the lease of certain sand pits south of Ensign Peak be granted for one year at a rental of $50 payable in advance.

Referred back.

The committee on streets recommended that the petition of the Holy Cross hospital, to put down their own sidewalk, be granted, under the usual provisions. Adopted.

The same committee recommended that Second South street between Twelfth and Thirteenth East streets, and Thirteenth East street between First and Second South streets be put in passable condition, as petitioned for by the undertakers of the city. Adopted.

The same committee reported on the matter of a claim of the Salt Lake Streadamant company, stated that as the former Council made payment on the basis of the measurement of the intersections and approaches paved, they would recommend that the first payment be made on the same basis covering the amounts referred to, $470.49 and $241.44. Referred to city recorder to look up the record.

Three members of the committee on public grounds, reporting on the matter of the resolution providing that $20,000 be appropriated for the improvement of Liberty park during the present year under the supervision of a board of park commissioners or such supervision as the Council may elect, recommending that the resolution be adopted, and that the committee on public grounds be authorized to expend the same, or so much thereof as may seem judicious, pending the appointment of a park commission. Referred back for other members of the committee to consider.

President Loofbourow presented the following, which was signed by W. E. Hubbard, C. P. Mason, M. H. Walker, Frank Knox and J. H. Bacon of the Chamber of Commerce and Wendell Benson of the Business Men's association:

Gentlemen—The expense of entertaining the delegates to the Trans-Mississippi congress in this city on the 26th inst. is $475.20. Of this amount the Chamber of Commerce and Business Men's association have each paid $50, reducing the amount to be paid to $375.20. In view of the fact that the benefits from enterprises of this nature applies to all the people alike, we, the finance committee, feel justified in asking your honorable body to appropriate the amount of $375.20, balance due. We would earnestly request your speedy and favorable action upon this matter.

Committee on finance.

Barnes & Byrnes were granted an extension of seven years on their Warm Springs lease.

Appropriations to the amount of $299.01 were made, after which the Council adjourned until tomorrow night for the purpose of considering franchises to the exclusion of all other business.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Will bonds be issued to secure gold to meet the continued demand on the treasury for gold? That question continues to be asked just as frequently as during the last two weeks of the Harrison administration, and an authoritative answer is still lacking. Without entering into the question of individual opinion as to whether bonds ought or ought not to be issued the impression is general here that bonds will be issued; but impressions, whether general or individual, are not always considered by official acts. About the only thing that can be positively stated on the subject is, that no bonds will be issued for a week to come, simply because President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle are on their way to Chicago to open the World's Fair, and will not return until next week. Public opinion sustains the administration in its refusal to accept gold from Wall street upon conditions not exacted by bankers in any other section of the country.

A senator, who although opposed politically to President Cleveland is his personal friend, and who has discussed the financial situation with him, said to a private correspondent: "My impression is that the administration will endeavor to persuade the bankers of the country to put their gold at the disposal of the treasury and that it will continue to pay out gold for all classes of U. S. notes presented, silver certificates excepted, of course, just as at present, with the hope that the tide will soon turn and the treasury begin to accumulate gold again. If that policy fails, and it becomes apparent that the entire gold reserve fund of the treasury will be exhausted, I believe that Mr. Cleveland will, instead of issuing bonds, call an immediate extra session of Congress and throw upon it the responsibility of devising financial relief. I know that he now even thinks of doing so, and would have issued a proclamation last week calling an extra session to meet in May, but it not been for his belief that a majority of both House and Senate would pass a bill for the free coinage of silver, as its idea of what the country needs. Mr. Cleveland is more strongly opposed to free coinage than ever."

Council for the Brotherhood of Locomotive engineers confidently expected to have made their arguments in the appeal case involving the imprisonment of James Lennon, an engineer, for contempt in refusing to obey the orders of the court, under the widely discussed Toledo decision of Judge Ricks, before the U. S. Supreme court this week, but the court had arranged its program, which made today the last upon which argument could be made at this session, before the arrival of the lawyers in charge of the appeal. Consequently the appeal will have to go over to the October term.

The court of claims has decided that the Delaware Indians are entitled to one-thirteenth of the money to be paid by the government for the Cherokee strip. Two delegations of Cherokees have been here this week, one to talk with the secretary of the interior about the recent disturbances in Indian territory, and the other to talk money with Uncle Sam's representatives. Nobody seems to know just how this money business is to be arranged, but as Congress has voted the money it will be fixed up in some satisfactory shape after President Cleveland and his cabinet returns from the World's Fair. A special agent has been sent to the territory armed with full authority to settle the disturbances there.

Among the small batch of appointments made by President Cleveland before he left Washington to attend the naval review and the opening of the World's Fair, were the names of three ex-congressmen—L. F. McKinney of New Hampshire to be minister to Colombia, T. L. Thompson, of California, to be minister to Brazil, and J. M. Wiley, of New York, to be consul at Bordeaux, France—and Messrs. H. F. Dimock of New York, Don M. Dickinson of Michigan, J. W. Doane of Illinois, Fitzhugh Lee of Virginia, and J. W. Paddock of Nebraska, to be government directors of the Union Pacific Railway company.

Washington without the office-seekers has a strange appearance. It has been so quiet around the White House and the offices of the heads of departments, only one of which—Secretary Smith—is at present in Washington, for a couple of days that one might suppose a funeral to be in progress. As soon as the presidential train started for New York the office-seekers disappeared as if by magic. Where they went only they can tell, but they will be back again as soon as Mr. Cleveland and the members of his cabinet is as certain as death and taxes. A thoroughbred office-seeker never turns loose, no matter how often he is disappointed, and all but the thoroughbreds have dropped out of the race some time ago.

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