

DESERET EVENING NEWS.

Wednesday, June 3, 1896.

LACKED ONE VOTE.

The Mayor's Veto of the Lighting Contract is Sustained.

FIVE STOOD BY THE MAYOR.

Thus Depriving the Contract of the Necessary Majority—Wants Six Thousand for Flood Damage.

The veto by Mayor Gouding on the street lighting contract with the Big Cottonwood Power company was sustained in the Council last night. When the veto was called on Councilman Calister opened fire on some of the Mayor's statements on the grounds that they were very misleading, in answer to the assertions of the Mayor that the lighting of the streets could and should be done much more cheaply, Mr. Calister said the half Lakes & Ogden company was willing to throw open its books and show that money was less at \$3.50 per light. As to the proposition of the Power company, that could not be considered because it came in after the Council's recommendation of the Big Cottonwood company.

Mr. Calister said that so far as the statement about the cheapness of light in St. Louis is concerned, it is well known that that city observes thousand more lights than we have, and furthermore, the company offers to pay \$50,000 per year in consideration of release from the contract.

Mr. Dale presented his objection to the contract being made for more than a year, and stated the indications were that the company would get the upper hand in electrical circles in this city.

Councilman Romney thought that if the citizens could or would stand by to be in darkness for a year he would not care. He had a written one year contract, as the Council had decided for two years he would vote for the passage of the contract over the Mayor's veto rather than allow the electric company to have a pre-emptive right.

Mr. McLean insisted that the fact that the half Lakes & Ogden company was capitalized to double its value and had an ancient plant with which to manufacture its light, there was no wonder it could not afford to furnish light at a lower rate.

Mr. Wiscom was in favor of an approval of the contract, but objected to some of the language used by gentle- men on the Mayor's veto.

The question being put the contract was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Alice, Banks, Calister, El-

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Donald, McLean, McLean, Mc-

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