

opening a road through City Creek Canyon to Morgan County. This also died for want of a second.

TO PROCEED AT ONCE.

Councilman Parsons submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Be it ordered that the City Council hereby determine to proceed with the improvement of laying sidewalks in districts 1, 2, 4 and 13, and that the work of improvements be made under the supervision of the board of public works.

TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENT.

The following was presented by Mayor Scott:

To the City Council of Salt Lake:

Gentlemen—This city will soon be honored by a visit from the President of the United States, and that proper recognition of the event be made by the city, I request that a committee of five from this Council be appointed to arrange for the reception and entertainment of the President and his party, with authority to co-operate with the citizens' committee and make all necessary arrangements.

On motion of Councilman Spafford the recommendation was adopted and the mayor authorized to appoint such committee. His Honor named Parsons, Anderson, James, Noble and Pembroke.

PAVING ORDINANCES PASSED.

The ordinance levying the tax and for the assessment of property to construct sidewalks on both sides of First South Street, from East Temple to Second East, was then taken up and passed. The tax is \$1.52 per foot front on property abutting on the street to be benefited by the improvement.

A similar ordinance levying the tax and for the assessment of property to construct sidewalks on both sides of First South Street, from Second East to Eighth East Streets, was passed. The tax in this district is 82 cents per linear foot.

The ordinance levying the tax and for the assessment of property to construct sidewalks on both sides of Second South Street, from Second East to Eighth East, was then passed. The tax in this district is also 82 cents per front foot.

A similar ordinance for a sidewalk on both sides of First South Street from East Temple to Fourth West was then passed. The tax in this district is \$1.52 per front foot.

PAVING DISTRICT NO. 1.

Councilman Parsons introduced an ordinance creating paving district No. 1, the boundaries of which are as follows: On the north by North Temple, on the south by Third South, on the West by West Temple, on the east by Fourth East Street. The lines are, however, extended half a block in all directions, and cut through the centre of the blocks, so as to include both sides of the streets named within the district. Passed.

WATER PIPE FOR FIRST EAST STREET.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the Mayor was authorized to purchase 8-inch water pipe for First East Street, as recommended by the superintendent of waterworks. Mr. Pembroke only voting in the negative.

THE SALE OF MORE BONDS.

The report of the committee on

finance recommending the sale of \$200,000 additional bonds was then taken up.

Mr. Pembroke objected to the bonds being sold within sixty days, as he did not think that so much money would be needed within that time.

Mr. Lynn said that more than the amount mentioned would be needed within the specified time, whereupon Mr. Pembroke withdrew his objection. Mr. Lynn stated further, by way of explanation, the amount which will have to be raised comprises the following items: Sewerage, \$150,000; waterworks, \$28,000; fire department, \$35,000; land purchases, \$27,000; city and county building, \$10,000; sidewalks, \$12,000; Emigration Canyon pipe line, \$35,000; Capitol Hill reservoir, \$11,000; cemetery, \$10,000. This makes up a total of over \$300,000.

The report was adopted.

RAILWAY FRANCHISE GRANTED.

The ordinance granting a franchise to the Salt Lake, Hailey and Puget Sound Railway Company was then taken up and passed.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following appropriations were made:

Mount & Griffin.....	\$150 00
Fifteenth Ecclesiastical Ward.....	62 90
Fifteenth Ward Relief Society.....	25 00
Parley's Conduit fund.....	100 00
Total.....	\$337 90

A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

ROME, April 23.—About 7 o'clock this morning a tremendous explosion shook the city to its foundations, spreading terror and dismay on all sides. People rushed affrighted from their homes into the streets. The houses rocked, and pictures fell from the walls. Thousands of panes of glass were broken. Everywhere crockery was shattered and furniture overturned. Chimneys crashed down upon the roofs, and in some instances toppled over into the streets below. The cupola of the House of Parliament, immediately after the explosion, shook violently, and then collapsed with a crash, which added still further to the feeling of terror. The scenes in the streets and in the houses, after this fearful explosion, have, possibly, never before been equaled during the history of modern Rome. All thoroughfares were strewn with brick, stones, splinters and other debris, hurled there by the force of the powerful concussion. Houses, doors, windows and cupboards were burst open. Rents and cracks appeared in the walls, plaster fell from the ceiling, and general desolation prevailed. In many instances people were thrown from their beds by the shock, and cries of terror filled the air as thousands of families rushed out into the streets—parents with their children in their arms and children leading their aged parents. The younger were helping the elder and all made for the streets, as if their only chance of safety depended upon their being able to reach the open air. The general opinion that prevailed was that Rome had been visited by an earthquake shock, and that a second shock might reduce the city to ruins. Many fell on their knees and prayed aloud. Finally, when something like order was re-

stored, the real cause of the explosion became known. It was discovered that the immense powder magazine at Piazza Pantellio, four kilometers from here, had exploded, and that it had caused an enormous damage to the neighboring fort, which was filled with soldiers.

THE REPORTS OF THE AFFAIR

which have reached here, are that, happily, an officer in command of the fort heard a rumbling sound previous to the final explosion, and hastily ordered the soldiers to leave the fort. He succeeded in avoiding a terrible disaster. As it was, several peasants who were in the vicinity of the scene of explosion, were killed outright and a number of others were more or less injured. As this dispatch is sent, King Humbert and the military staff accompanied by the Italian premier, the Marquis di Rudini, and by all the members of the Italian cabinet left this city for the scene of disaster. Around the ruins of the powder magazine and the fort, a cordon of troops has been drawn, in order to keep back the crowds of people who, now that the cause of the explosion is known, have flocked to Piazza Pantellio.

ALL HOUSES

within a radius of one kilometer of the scene of explosion are seriously damaged. The exact number of killed and wounded is unknown at present. Two officers are dangerously wounded and fully 120 civilians have been taken to different hospitals, suffering from wounds or bruises caused by the explosion. King Humbert used his own carriage to convey wounded people to the hospital. The races which were to have been run this afternoon have been postponed on account of the explosion. The Vatican shook with the rest of the Roman buildings, when the forces of the explosion was felt, and several famous historical stained glass windows in the old buildings were shattered. The full amount of the damage done is not known at present, but the loss is very severe. The interior of many old palaces and churches having suffered to a great extent.

Another report says that five people were killed, in addition to the large number of wounded already mentioned, and forty small houses were reduced to ruins by the explosion. The magazine contained 250 tons of powder. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

A GIGANTIC SWINDLE.

PROVO, Utah, April 21.—A gigantic swindle was perpetrated in Provo last night by which George C. Whitmore, president of the First National bank of Nephi and a prominent stock man of southern Utah, were defrauded out of \$6000. A fellow by the name of Henry Johnson, who professed to be profoundly ignorant and whose appearance naturally bore out that supposition, came to town early yesterday morning enquiring for a man by the name of Whitmore, a stock raiser, saying that he had been entrusted with an important message from an old acquaintance of this man, Whitmore, and that he could deliver it to no other person but him. Ex-Sheriff J. W.