

however, took it upon himself to defend Mr. Doremus. He said that gentleman was not responsible in any degree for the costly mistake. It was a matter of record that Mr. Doremus had opposed the laying of the pipe on the north bench, which was entirely uninhabited. The city engineer performed his work largely under the direction of the City Council and had never been instructed to give the grade for the north bench system. Ryan laid the pipe and no one else had anything to do with the matter so far as he knew.

A MILE OF PIPE EXPOSED.

Mr. J. K. Gillespie, of the real estate firm of Kelsey & Gillespie, was seen today and asked for a statement of the case. He said: Time and again the council was petitioned by property owners for the fixing of grades on the north bench before the new water system was built, but no attention was paid to their appeals.

"I see," said the reporter, "that in constructing the boulevard on Eleventh street you have uncovered the water pipes."

"That is right; we were compelled to do it and it comes from the Council ignoring the property owners. The boulevard had to be cut down to grade and, acting under the direction of the Council, it took up far below the pipes—as much as seven or eight feet in many places."

"How much of this pipe have you exposed?"

"A little more than a mile—about one mile, I think."

"The city will have to replace it will it not, Mr. Gillespie?"

"Certainly, and for no other reason than the foolishness of its members. The cost of relaying could easily have been avoided by laying the system to grade. As it is it will have to be torn up whenever a street is graded."

SHOULD HAVE BEEN LAID ON THE SOUTH.

L. P. Kelsey, who in connection with Mr. Gillespie owns a great deal of North bench property and who has had charge of the boulevard construction up to date, reaffirmed what Mr. Gillespie had said. The whole difficulty could have been prevented, even at the ignoring of grades, provided that pipes had been laid on the south side of all streets running east and west. This is because the south side of the streets is much lower than the north. There would have been no cutting or filling in grading the streets.

WHAT RYAN SAYS.

"Yes," said Superintendent of Waterworks Ryan, "Kelsey and Gillespie have uncovered a mile of water pipe, a part of the new system on Eleventh street, in constructing their part of the boulevard, and left it hanging in the air. I then ordered the joints burnt out and had the pipe rolled up on the hill to save it."

"Under whose direction was the pipe in question laid, Mr. Ryan?" asked the reporter.

"The work was done under my supervision. No attention was given to the matter of permanent grades, the

ground being followed over the entire eight miles of the system."

"Has the system ever been used?"

"No, sir; water has not been turned in it yet."

"By the way, Mr. Ryan, were not these pipes laid by the force of election hobos you had colonized in the Fourth precinct last fall?"

To this question Mr. Ryan hung his head and smiled faintly but did not reply.

Councilman Kelly declares that it will cost at least \$3000 to relay the pipes torn up along the route of the boulevard, and commenting thereon an anti-Liberal councilman said today: "The entire high line water system was put in to give employment to election laborers last fall, and mark my word, the same kind of a gag will relay the pipes before the next election. It is only a part of the game."

If the statements of certain city officials count for anything, there will be a lively time before this matter is satisfactorily explained.

TROUBLE BREWING.

Trouble of a serious character is brooding in municipal circles. Charges exceedingly grave are being covertly whispered about among those who claim to be on the inside. When approached some of these selfsame individuals shake their heads ominously and say their suspicions have been aroused and that on inquiry they have ascertained more than they care to tell.

In this mysterious manner things have been going on until an attempt will be made to hold an official investigation. Those who are instrumental in forcing the matter to an issue say they are doing it simply to expose fraud and not to further any private scheme of their own.

Several weeks ago Councilman Lawson, in opposing the granting of the franchise of the Salt Lake & Ogden Gas & Electric Light company, said that "money ruled the world and it appears that money rules this franchise."

Later in the session, in speaking on the same question, he made the extraordinary statement couched almost in the same language, with the exception that it was stronger, that "money rules the world and money is ruling this franchise."

Mr. Lawson was highly passionate at the time and spoke in thunderous tones but was not replied to. Subsequently the franchise was granted by the council and vetoed by the mayor. Later the executive disapproval was sustained. Later still that action on a vote of reconsideration was reversed and now the charges are made that all is not right. Councilman Lawson is indignant beyond measure and said the public must know the details and with the accomplishment of that end he had the following cunningly worded resolution drawn up which he expected to present at the meeting of the City Council on Tuesday night last but was prevented from doing so on account of a sudden adjournment:

Whereas, It is alleged that the contracts heretofore given the Salt Lake Electric Light company are irregular and

Whereas, It is alleged that the franchise to the Salt Lake and Ogden Gas & Light company, was irregularly granted, and hence illegal, and

Whereas, The City Council is anxious to protect the city and its citizens; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Mayor and city attorney, be requested to investigate and advise the City Council as to the facts.

J. L. LAWSON.

Lawson says he will introduce the resolution at tomorrow night's session and urge its adoption. In case it is rejected he declares that he will "go to the bottom" by other means probably not so pleasant and expeditious but more effectual. He intimates that certain gentlemen of public trust are notorious money takers and have emblazoned with glaring brilliancy upon their official breasts the letter "B," signifying boodle and says he is anxious to tear off the covering and turn on the light.

Altogether the prospective "expose" promises some sensational developments and racy reading.

Councilman Heiss was seen by a News reporter this afternoon, and when questioned said that he had heard these rumors for some time but knew nothing of the facts. He hoped, however, that a full and speedy investigation would be made of an affair that was assuming serious proportions.

Councilman Folland and Evans were also spoken to on the same subject and admitted that they, too, had heard of the charges. Folland said he had seen Lawson's resolution but did not know what was back of it.

DEATH OF JOHN KERR.

Major John Kerr died on Saturday at his home near Berthoud, Colorado, and was buried on Sunday, says the *Denver News*. Consumption, superinduced by a gripple, was the cause of his death. He was born in Winchester, Va., a little over seventy years ago. He was an early pioneer in the West, having crossed the plains in 1850. He organized and owned several freight outfits that carried freight from St. Joseph, Mo., to California. He located the stage route and was superintendent of the Holladay stage line that ran from Denver to Salt Lake, and was widely known throughout the West as a genial gentleman of courtly manners and a brilliant conversationalist, who loved to talk of pioneer times and frontier trials, when men took their lives in their hands in the active times of the early fifties. He resided in Denver several years, where he has many friends. He has a wife, but no children, having buried a daughter several years ago.

IN BANNOCK STAKE.

Hon. L. J. Nuttall has returned from a trip through Fremont and Bingham counties, Idaho. These counties are included in the Bannock Stake of Zion, and this the first visit the gentleman has made to that section since the organization of the stake, nine years ago. The contrast between that time and the present in the improvement and settling up of the country is very marked. As yet, not many townships have been built up to any extent, as