

draw them from their hiding place and dispatch them he discovered to his dismay that they had been stolen. His disappointment was so bitter that he confessed to having lifted up his voice and wept.

Here is an excellent specific for the blues, prescribed by an exchange. Try it: "Go straight to work and do something for some one more miserable than yourself. Whatever your trouble may be, there is always some one to be found who has a harder lot to bear. The other day a young wife was deserted by her scamp of a husband and taken to the hospital to face a terrible illness, without a friend to stand by her in her hour of need, and without a cent to defray expenses or unlock the door of the future. Suppose you go hunt her up and offer a helping hand. Such betrayal and desertion discounts your puffs of vapor. A mother watched the coffin lid close the other day, between her yearning eyes and the face of her only boy. What is your transient depression compared to the heart anguish of such a grief as hers? Don't you think it would help cure you of the blues if you sat down and wrote that mother a letter, or dropped in for an hour or two to keep her company? It seems such a selfish thing to be so exclusive in bearing trouble. A load shared is a load lightened, and the deepest gloom takes on a bright tint now and then if overshadowed with the sunshine of love."

The chief topic of conversation everywhere, on the streets, in private homes and in business haunts is the lawless and consequently unsafe condition of Salt Lake. Citizens in all parts of the city regard it as unsafe for them to walk the streets alone after the shades of evening have fallen. Each morning people are led to remark: "I wonder who was assaulted and beaten, held up or robbed last night, or whose house has been burglarized?" Execrations of the "Liberal" city government, which puts forth no effort to put down the reign of terror, are common. There is also considerable talk about the advisability of the citizens taking steps to protect the community, by organizing a vigilance committee, for the purpose of detecting and summarily disposing of the criminal characters which abound here at present. We hope that no such step will be taken. The vigilance committee business is all wrong. There is a proper way to remedy the evils which now afflict the community. That is, by the ballot. When the next city election comes around let the citizens protect themselves by defeating the party which, for political reasons, throws its protecting influence over vice and lawlessness.

We are in receipt of a communication from R. E. Bruce, who has been induced by reading our article on the feasibility of establishing a starch factory to give the benefit of his views and experience regarding another field of utilization for potatoes. He claims that when properly dried and put up in packages they can be made a great boon in the camps of sheepherders and miners. The correspondent gives the following as his method of preparing the tubers: Steam or scald them; peel

and put them through an "Enterprise" fruit press, so as to render them fine; or they can be rubbed through a colander. They must then be dried as rapidly as possible, to prevent souring. When wanted for use the dried potatoes are placed in a vessel, covered either with warm water or milk and placed on the stove until sufficiently swollen and soft. When done they are seasoned to taste, the result being excellent mashed potatoes. Our correspondent states that potatoes treated in this way are very convenient when the old ones become unfit for use.

CITY COUNCIL.

The regular weekly session of the City Council was held Tuesday evening, November 17th, Mayor Scott presiding. The following councillors were in attendance: Spafford, Heath, Folland, Hyde, Hardy, Young, Lynn, James, Parsons, Pendleton and Tuddenham. Absent—Smith, Anderson, Pickard and Karriek.

The following

PETITIONS

were read and referred as specified:

P. P. Sutherland asked that the Council adopt and endorse the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Common Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, join in and earnestly endorse the memorial of the Bar Association of this Territory in favor of an independent Supreme court and six District court judges for this Territory, as provided for in bill accompanying said memorial.

On motion of Councilman Young the resolution was adopted.

H. Cohn and Auerbach Brothers asked that the committee on irrigation take some action in reference to a former petition by them. Received and filed.

Amanda Payne and others asked that a gaslight be placed at intersection of Fourth East and Ninth South street. Committee on Improvements.

Charles Nelson asked for a rebate of \$200 on liquor license, having gone out of business. Committee on license.

The A. Fisher Brewing company asked to be allowed to tap the water-mains with a 4 inch pipe at a point about 200 feet west of Tenth West on Second South street. Committee on waterworks.

The following petition from Duncan M. McAllister was read:

Nov. 17th, 1891.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Salt Lake City:

Gentlemen.—I have been a resident here, and a tax payer, for twenty-eight years, and it is only within a comparatively recent period that I have felt insecure in life and property. The unprecedented frequency of burglaries and highway robberies that have occurred recently, and the inadequacy of measures for protection of the citizens from such lawless acts, has developed a condition of alarm which I share in common with other residents of the city. This feeling is now greatly augmented, in my case, by the murderous attack to which I was subjected by four highway robbers last Saturday evening, on Main street.

I respectfully demand of you, as delegated guardians in general of the lives and property of residents in this municipality, that you at once inaugurate measures that will more adequately protect

my fellow citizens and myself and, if possible, drive from our midst the gangs of lawless characters which are rapidly producing a reign of terror in our city, otherwise so desirable to live in.

I trust there will be no delay in the enforcement of such effective means as you may adopt to secure to us a reasonable assurance of security in person and property.

Referred to the police committee.

Fred S. Hadra asked the transfer of his liquor license to other parties. Committee on license.

H. Dinwoodey and others asked that a ten and two-thirds per cent grade on North State street be made the temporary grade, and that a seven and a fourth per cent grade, beginning at First street, be made the permanent grade. Received and filed.

John W. Dolan and others asked to have Third West street extended from Ninth to Tenth South streets. Committee on streets.

Julius Thompson and others asked that Second South street near Seventh West be graded the full width instead of twenty feet as ordered. Committee on streets.

S. I. Clawson and others asked that the building known as the old silk factory, in City Creek canyon be removed in as much as it was now a rendezvous for thieves.

B. F. Stewart and C. E. Scroggin represented that they wished to erect and maintain a theatre with the privilege of selling liquors in the same at some point between First and Third South and between West Temple and First East streets, and asked if the council would grant a liquor and theatre license within the above described limits. Referred back to petitioners for more specific information.

WANT HIM APPOINTED.

The Building Laborers' Union sent in a communication in which they unanimously endorsed the application of William Henry Roberts as inspector of stone work on the joint city and county building. Referred to the joint city and county building committee.

ON CLAIMS.

The committee on claims reported as follows:

We recommend, first, that the petition of John Davlos, in reference to the damages to his cemetery lot, be referred to the committee on cemetery; that \$5.50 be allowed A. M. Christenson for damages sustained by him from the hook and ladder truck; that the petition of Adolph Hunger for \$115, for loss of horse and fruit in the Seventh West canal, be denied; that Assistant Fire Chief Levy be allowed \$50 to pay Dr. Smith for services rendered for injuries received at the Hooper-Elldredge fire; that the petition of John H. Campe, for \$5 injury to his shoe had been withdrawn, but the committee recommended that the engineer be required to remove grade stakes at the earliest possible moment after the construction of sidewalks; that H. R. Paulk's claim for \$75, because a mule with the glanders had been killed, be denied; that the claims of Mrs. Dudley and Frank Fitzgerald for damages caused their property by a washout in Parley's canyon, be referred to the city attorney, or other city official, to see that the contractors settle these claims, as they are required to do so under contract with the city; that William Leggett's taxes be refunded to him by means of an appropriation, he being old and feeble; that E. M. Childs be reimbursed for taxes illegally paid; that F. C.