

HOT SHOT FIRED IN CITY COUNCIL

Murdoch and Fernstrom Lead
Attacks on "American"
Frenzied Finance.

SEWERS, SALOON LICENSES

"Might Just as Well Get Along With-
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ment at All."

The city council session last evening was enlivened by two or three vigorous attacks on the methods of the "American" majority in which the matter of upholding and enforcing the law was one particular item, while the allowing of the Moran bill for more than \$20,000 for repairing the wood stave pipe line was the subject under discussion during the second call down received by the majority.

When the matter of the license renewal of the Dool Druggery company and the George T. Brice Drug company came up, it was found that the report of the committee recommended that the renewals be granted, although the committee mentioned had been guilty of violating the liquor law. When the report was read Councilman O'Donnell, whose name appeared on the recommendation, denied that he had signed the report knowingly, and said he had not intended to make the recommendation.

Councilman Fernstrom denounced the position taken by the "American" majority of the council on the liquor violation question. "Statutes are violating the law all the time," said Mr. Fernstrom, "and slot machines are running all over town and no one is paying a cent for the privilege of playing. A license for the sale of gambling is granted and no effort is being made to stop the practice. We might just as well get along without any police department for all the good they accomplish in restraining crime and preventing violation of law," declared the speaker.

COMEDIAN STUART.

Councilman Stewart made one of his usual references to Mr. Fernstrom's "English," and said Fernstrom always made that kind of a talk just before election. Every time Fernstrom addresses a solar plexus to the "American" administration, Stewart always arises immediately and comments on the "political efforts" of the member from the "Third" and his "English." Then Stewart winks his "good eye" up and down the "American" side of the council for the usual sign of approval which always greets his "solaplecters," and the "joke" is on Fernstrom. Councilman Fernstrom declared that he would call for an investigation of the unparalleled conditions of crime which exist under "American" administration, and if it were not granted the "American" majority would stand convicted of encouraging the police department in its encouragement of crime.

PAT MORAN'S LITTLE BILL.

Councilman Murdoch of the First district also took a "fall" out of the "American" majority when the matter of approving Pat Moran's bill for \$20,000 for making repairs on the wooden stave pipe line came up for consideration. The committee recommended that the bill be checked up once more by the engineering department, and then said if no discrepancies could be found, a discrepancy of something like \$2,000 extra in the bill, but so far the committee have failed to find it, and in a last despairing effort it was passed up to the council last night with the recommendation that the city engineer go over it again and let it go at that.

MURDOCH INDIGNANT.

Councilman Murdoch, who usually says very little in the council meetings, arose to his feet in righteous indignation. He denounced the claim as "The fraud ever perpetrated upon this public." He said that the council passed that claim they would be looked upon as a parcel of fools by the public. "I know there are enough fools in the world," said Councilman Murdoch, "and perhaps some of them are here, but I will allow that outrageous bill, for coating the wooden stave pipe with two feet of lead all round it in order to keep the pipe from leaking, the children in the streets will laugh at us. I have made an investigation of this matter, and I want to say now that it is a disgraceful condition. Gentlemen, if there is as much cement and gravel in that pipe of 1,400 feet as Mr. Moran claims, then there is one cubic yard of concrete for every linear foot of wooden stave pipe required. The pipe is not leaking, it only leaked. Our city engineer nor any other engineer with any brains in his head at all would have approved any such thing. I tell you now these should be some excavating done to see how much concrete there is around that pipe. And there would have been no trouble at all if the contractor had followed the specifications drawn by the city engineer. Three thousand feet of pipe was in good condition and did not leak. And if the other 1,400 feet was as good as the stave that were leaking could have been taken out and new ones put in to stop the leaks. "If this claim is allowed I hope some middle-aged man will find an action in court and adjudge the city from paying it. It is the dirtiest fraud ever perpetrated upon this public."

PRACTICALLY NO INSPECTION.

It was shown that the work had been done without competent inspection; that no correct record of the time of the men employed had been kept; even Councilman Perry of the fourth committee backed up the claims of Councilman Murdoch and Fernstrom, that there was no certainty as to whether the men had been allowed double time in the claim, and he demanded that the matter be taken back to the committee for further investigation. On this the matter was again referred to the committee for searching investigation. To the committee were added the names of Councilman Murdoch, Hall and Bayliss, and Councilman Martin, Fernstrom and Bayliss. This augmented committee will meet in the council chamber at 10 o'clock Thursday morning with a check of the board of public works, represented by P. J. Moran, the mayor and such others as would be present to go over the bill again.

NO MINES IN CITY CREEK.

After some argument and a final vote in which Councilman Black and Councilman Martin were the only ones voting in favor of the petition of A. H. Sawyer to bore a tunnel and establish a mining camp in City Creek canyon was refused by the council. Councilman Black was the only one to make any talk in its favor. There were several petitions from women's clubs, etc., against allowing the establishment of the camp, on account of unsightly reasons. In response to a query from Councilman Black, City Attorney gave it as his opinion that the city could not prevent the



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owners of the property from operating a mining camp upon it, but he did not dare to venture an opinion at such brief notice on the weighty matter as to whether, should the company in such operation befall the water in the creek, from which the people of the city obtain their supply of water, they could be prosecuted and denied their right to operate under such circumstances. This, the learned attorney said, would require some considerable investigation at his hands, but he was perfectly willing to spend the time and effort in looking the matter up, if the council be requested.

The council did not wait for the matter to be looked up, but voted the matter down by a ballot of 12 to 2.

PLEA FOR PLAYGROUNDS.

Councilman Hall introduced a resolution last evening having for its purpose the acquisition by the city of ground for public parks and playgrounds. Mr. Hall said that if the city expects to stand abreast of the times and of leading municipalities throughout the country, it must begin to provide for these parks and playgrounds, which become an absolute necessity with increasing population. The resolution provides that in future the proceeds from the sale of the city land and lots be devoted to a special park extension fund for the purpose of purchasing land for parks, boulevards and playgrounds. Mr. Hall asked that the matter be referred to the finance committee, with the park commissioners and the mayor associated, and it was so ordered.

LICENSES ARE GRANTED.

Four new liquor licenses were granted by the council. They were for the Moxam hotel, Fourth South and State streets; Edelman & Gales, 228 South State; Dwyer-Wood Co., 279 South Main; and the Smith Drug company, 106 South Main.

The resignation of L. C. Kelsey as city engineer, effective Oct. 12, was received from the mayor and concurred in by the council without an objection. The appointment of G. D. Mills, Benjamin J. Harvey and Frank Williams as firemen was confirmed.

PROTESTS AGAINST THE CONSTRUCTION OF

SEWER EXTENSION 220, INCLUDING TERRITORY FROM SOUTH TEMPLE TO NINTH SOUTH, AND FROM THE INTERSECTING SEWER TO SECOND WEST STREET, WERE INSUFFICIENT TO DEFER THE WORK, AND THE COUNCIL SENT THE MATTER TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ADVISE FOR HIDE. THE WORK WILL COST ABOUT \$100,000, WHICH WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG.

SEWER COMPLETED.

After four years of good and bad fortune in the construction of the intercepting sewer, and the expenditure of \$125,000 more than the contract price called for in its completion, Acting City Engineer Chancy last evening reported to the council that the intercepting sewer was completed, and that it had been connected up with the old Fifth South sewer on the last day of September.

All the bills have not been paid on the intercepting sewer yet. The sewer was ordered constructed in 1905. The work was begun in 1906. It has dragged along through the years and the expenditure of vast sums over and above the price agreed upon in the contract, which was \$100,000, until it has reached the enormous total of present of \$275,000, with more bills yet to pay. But the people will have a sign of relief and breathe a devout "amen" to the final completion of what has been a great source of expense and controversy, the intercepting sewer.

CLAIMS AGAINST CITY.

A number of claims for damages were received last night by the council, on account of the flood waters last January and August. They were referred to the committee on claims, as follows: J. H. Whitbeck, \$100 damages from flood waters near Eleventh South and Seventh East streets, in January; C. J. McNulty, \$500 damages for injuries received from an electric current while working in the intercepting sewer pumping plant; J. E. Mullin, Jr., \$100 damages to land from flood waters last January near Eleventh South and Seventh East streets, in January; J. E. Mullin, Jr., \$100 damages to land from flood waters last January near Eleventh South and Seventh East streets, in January; J. E. Mullin, Jr., \$100 damages to land from flood waters last January near Eleventh South and Seventh East streets, in January.

THE ROUND OF THE THEATERS

THEATER—That powerful emotional actress, Mrs. Leslie Carter, who years ago won the name of "The American Bernhardt," is giving Salt Lake a fourth opportunity to witness her art this week in her new play, "Vasta Herne." On her previous visits, Mrs. Carter rendered "The Heart of Maryland," "Zaza" and "Du Barry," and each time she left an indelible impression.

Since the days of her last triumph, especially since the time she and her discoverer, David Belasco, separated, Mrs. Carter's report has been that she was groping in a theatrical wilderness, on a weary hunt for some play which should enable her to maintain her old reputation. How much Mrs. Carter has achieved in many failures she experienced, and how many fortunes she spent during her search would form a history, but Mrs. Carter and her friends came upon "Vasta Herne," they felt that her wanderings were ended, that Mr. Pepin had given her the long sought opportunity, and that the almost forgotten days of her glory of gold and laurel were at hand once more.

Such has been the burden of the song of the press agents sent out to herald Mrs. Carter's coming since three weeks ago, when "Vasta Herne" had its first production in Milwaukee; last night a critical audience of goodly size sat in judgment upon the new play and watched with the keenest interest the evidence of Mrs. Carter's rare powers. That those powers have in no way diminished was strikingly evidenced from first to last. She charmed the attention of her audience throughout, and in her delineation of the striking role, which created pity one moment and repulsion next, Mrs. Carter gripped her listeners as with a vise, and there is too painful to allow many bursts of enthusiasm, the actress had some strong reveals during the evening.

The character, that of a woman who has become a slave to landowners, who must have her drug before she can command her powers as an authoress, and who fights the fiend that possesses her, is surely a striking one, but there is a desire to make herself worthy of a good man's love, gives her an opportunity to do some acting of a terribly realistic and pathetic sort. Add to this the fact that the woman has been betrayed by a scoundrel, who is the publisher of her works, and who encourages her to go on using the drug which is surely a shocking one, and we have a figure, landed in a series of situations, which absorb the interest of an audience, but which unfortunately excite only the most momentary of sensations. The fear for "Vasta Herne" is, not that it does not give the star superb opportunities, and not that she does not make them hers, but that the audience of today will not through playhouses to see such superb, not to say gorgeous, exhibitions. The lack of the present day is all for heartiness and diversion, not for studies in the neurotic and the horrors of life. Mrs. Carter's portrayal of the wrecking of a brilliant mind, and the powerful death scene at the close, vividly recall such early day histrionic memories as Ristori, Scott Siddons, Modjeska and others, who made their triumphs depicting the Elizabeths, Marys, Adriennes and the Camilles of the stage, but it is to be feared that the audience which glared in those triumphs passed away with the artists who achieved them.

The support was good throughout. Mr. Hattcliffe and Mr. Hattcliffe during the careful work which always distinguishes the best of schooling and experience. The staging and continuing were equally admirable. The orchestra should be said for the orchestra.

think of an evening spent in seeing the "comedy" are so far overshadowed by its vividness that the afterthought is burdened with a sense of having seen that which so much better scenes should have been offered. "The Girl from Hectors" is a pleasant most of all to the young, but to the older players as well. Paul Potter has endeavored to portray scenes to depict the role, whose role is interesting of the visits of combs and brush and if his effort and its results are to seek, patrons then only those who wish to journey in this class should respond to his call. It is not good, not wholesome; it is degrading in conception and poor in execution.

There are in the cast, however, some capable people whose talent should be led into higher paths. Prof. Anthony Mainwaring, who plays the part of Hectors, it is a "character" part requiring fine detail and Mr. Salter comes up in the most rigid requirements. Laura Mainwaring as the help is winsome and clever, and here is almost the only part which does not offer offense. Both this and the maid is attractive personality and an accomplished little actress, though her lines lead her into some grotesque situations. The Judge Caperton, Mr. Barker is well done, though his calling for any great efforts, as done by Mr. Womack. Mr. Clark, Mr. Ashley, Mr. Fowler, Grace Barton, Marie Tower and May Pundell are cast in parts which require little ability and they must be more than in the hands of them. Carrie Webster as Louie Sedain is admirably fitted for her part in physique, voice and manner—she is a "girl".

A large house greeted the performance last night and it ran through Wednesday night with matinee Wednesday but it might not to draw well patronage from Salt Lake theater goers.

GRAND—Despite the many other attractions in town, "A Social Highwayman," presented at the Grand last night by the Willard Music company, was greeted by a fair sized audience. The play, while containing nothing new, and containing for any great efforts, seemed to please the audience. "A Social Highwayman" is a great deal like "Raffles" in plot, but cannot be compared with it in interest or interest. Mr. Mack gives an acceptable portrayal of the thief Jaffrey, the society man who steals from guests and hosts, but at times Mr. Mack last night seemed indifferent and halfhearted in his performance. The production of the part of Jenkins Hasty, Miss Douglas has a lovely part in the character of Elmer Burnham and, as usual, in the character of Miss Burnham. Capricious of Irene Outright could be more adequately improved upon. The other characters are in capable hands, and the play, while hardly as good as many others presented by the company, is well worth seeing.

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