

this regard their right of way should be revoked and their tracks torn up.

The petition was referred to the committee on improvements.

Charles Baldwin and others asked that the grade of Twelfth East Street be fixed. Referred to the committee on streets.

W. N. Cook presented another petition to the Council. He said a former Council had taken a piece of land from him, and he wanted the land or the money. He also stated that prior to the alleged taking from him of the land referred to, the City Council had taken another lot on which he had erected a brick house; and this he wanted to be paid for. Referred to the city attorney.

A communication from the Chamber of Commerce was read. It asked co-operation, by endorsing the following communication or taking some similar action in the premises:

*Hon. Seth Milliken, Chairman of Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, Washington, D. C.:*

Sir.—The board of directors of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce respectfully beg to submit the following as a protest against the action of certain parties who are now trying to defeat the bill pending before the House, appropriating a certain amount of money for a Federal building in this city. The recommendation by these parties to reconstruct the building called the Industrial Home into a government building, is prompted by the utmost selfishness and by sordid mercenary motives, and their action is generally deplored and condemned by every citizen in this community, excepting those few who, in the immediate vicinity of the Industrial Home, own certain properties. The Industrial Home was established for humane purposes, and has up to this date been an experiment and should be continued as an experiment, under the management of the government, for at least a term of five years, or an attempt should be made to change the act which Congress in its wisdom saw fit to pass. To so locate a Federal building—three quarters of a mile away from the business part of the city—would cause great inconvenience and loss of time to those who are obliged to do business with the government from day to day. Aside from the fact that the parties who are advocating the converting the Industrial Home into a government building are working for simply personal and mercenary motives, not one good reason could be given for their action.

While it is not the purpose of this community to bring to bear any pressure as to the amount which should be appropriated for a public building in this city, may we suggest to your honorable body that the common rule applied to the granting of appropriations for public buildings in Eastern cities should not carry in this instance. Salt Lake City, it is safe to assert, in from three to five years, will have a population of not less than 100,000 people, and all calculations for the requirements of the government should be made upon this basis.

Very respectfully,  
FRED SIMON,  
J. M. RICKETTS,  
FRANK GILLESPIE,  
Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Pembroke moved that the Council endorse the Chamber of Commerce protest.

Mr. Karrick moved to strike out the reference to mercenary motives unless it was sustained by evidence.

Mr. Hall thought the clause about the motives of those working for the government building at the Industrial Home would weaken the force of the protest.

Mr. Pembroke said it was evident that the motives were mercenary.

Mr. Hall moved an amendment that the Mayor and three others constitute a committee to draft a memorial to Congress, setting forth the facts and the desirability of the public building being erected nearer the center of the city than the Industrial Home building. Carried.

Messrs. L. E. Hall, H. Pembroke and W. F. James were appointed the committee with Mayor Scott.

Mr. W. H. Shearman and other residents of Arsenal Hill stated that at the point where Main Street deflects to the west there was a place where it was two rods wider than was necessary to make it uniform. They asked that the two-rod strip be sold to the abutting owners. Referred to the committee on public grounds.

Assessor and Collector Clute presented a communication stating that \$326.70 had been assessed against F. Heath for extending the water mains. Mr. Heath said he had a just offset to this, and Mr. Clute asked that the Council investigate and reach a settlement of the dispute. Referred to the committee on waterworks.

The health ordinance proposed by the sanitary committee of the Chamber of Commerce was presented, and that committee asked its consideration of a special session. The proposed ordinance was made the special order for Friday evening.

Col. Merritt said the ordinance was very lengthy, and contained important provisions. The chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee had stated to him that they expected the Council to pass the ordinance on Friday night, but he replied that he thought the Councilmen would like to read it first, and to ascertain whether they had the power and desire to adopt its provisions.

A petition signed by between 1500 and 1600 residents of the city was read. It protested against the granting to the Salt Lake, Wyoming and California Railway of a franchise on Third West street, for the reason that there were two school-houses on that street. There was a railway there now, and the operation of another line would increase the already great danger to a serious extent.

Mr. Hall said there was no need to refer the petition as the committee on streets had already investigated the matter and prepared a report covering the subject of the petition.

The petition was laid on the table. Marshal Yueng called attention to the bad condition of Washington Square and the stray pound. He was ordered to impound loose animals, but it would be cruelty to place them in the pound in its present condition.

Mr. James said this matter was in

the hands of the committee on improvements. The former Council had adopted a plan for improving Washington Square, by which two and a half acres on the southeast corner was to be improved as a park; the same amount on the northeast corner as a market; and the west half for cycling, baseball and other sporting purposes. These would be considered and action thereon recommended by the committee at an early day.

The committee on sewerage recommended that bids be received for furnishing a boiler for the sewer pump. Adopted.

The committee on public grounds reported on the petition of John Reading, and recommended that he be allowed a rebate of \$200 on the rent of Pioneer Square, and that he pay the remaining \$450. Adopted.

The committee on waterworks reported favorably on the petitions of M. Fitzgerald, John Buckle, E. D. R. Thompson, John H. Baldwin, Henry Raddon and R. C. Woodruff, for the extension of the water service, with the provision in relation to Mr. Woodruff's petition that the water be furnished for household purposes only. Report adopted.

On the petition of O. H. Pettit and others from the Ninth Ward, respecting primary rights to City Creek water, the committee on streets reported that the city had had full control and possession of City Creek since 1876, and all other claims to primary rights were barred by the statute of limitations. Report adopted.

The committee on improvements recommended that the petition of Charles Baldwin and others for electric lights on Fifth East Street to Liberty Park be granted.

Mr. Hall said the contract with the electric light company was to furnish 100 lights, and 97 of these were in use. The location of the other three had been provided for by the committee on streets. Fifth East Street would require six lights, and the electric light company was now running to its full capacity. But Mr. Dyer, the manager, had informed him that the company proposed to enlarge its capacity immediately, and would then be prepared to furnish more lights at the present rate.

The report of the committee was laid on the table.

The committee on improvements reported favorably on the request of J. R. Baldwin for the extension of the gas mains and electric light service on Main Street to Seventh South. Adopted.

The committee on streets recommended that the Mayor ask for bids for a 20-ton steam roller, to be used on the streets. Adopted.

The committee on streets reported favorably on the petition of the Salt Lake, Wyoming and California Railway, for a franchise on certain streets, that the request be not granted. Adopted.

The committee on streets reported favorably on the petition for the repair of Sixth South Street, between East Temple and First West. Adopted.

The committee on streets also re-