

WANTS TO BE INSTRUCTED.

City Watermaster J. M. Harvey asked that definite instructions be given him with reference to keeping bridges and road crossings in repair. Referred to the city attorney.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The committee on police offered the following report:

To the Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council:

Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the nomination of Frank Glenn as sergeant of police, and Jens Jensen to position on the police force, respectfully recommend that the same be confirmed. Adopted.

FROM THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS.

The committee on streets reported favorably on the petition of A. J. Pendleton for the grading of the west side of Fifth East Street from Fifth South Street to Ninth South Street. Adopted.

ESTIMATE FOR PAVING AND GUTTERING FIRST EAST STREET.

City Engineer Doremus submitted the following estimate for paving and guttering First East Street between First South and Fourth South streets.

ABOUTER'S PROPORTION.

Curbing 5,200 feet at \$1.25 per foot.....	\$ 6,500
Guttering 68½ square feet at 65 cents per foot.....	4,578
Total.....	\$11,178

Cost per running foot, \$2.12.

CITY'S PROPORTION.

Curbing 480 feet at \$1.25 per foot.....	\$ 601
Guttering 68½ square feet, at 65 cents per foot.....	430
Total.....	\$ 1,031

Grand Total..... \$12,209

The report was adopted.

The recorder reported that notices of intention to extend water main on the following streets had been published and no protests had been filed: Eighth South, Apple street, Fourth South street, Seventh South street, M street.

Adopted.

THE JOINT BUILDING AGAIN.

The joint city and county and building committees submitted the following, which was read and referred to the city attorney:

"At a joint meeting of the city and county building committees held at the Mayor's office at 3:30 p. m. February 28, 1891, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That the joint committee recommend to the City Council and County Court that they consider the advisability of changing the site of the joint city and county building to the Eighth Ward Square and of erecting the said building in the centre of said square."

POLICE COURT REPORT.

The regular monthly report of Police Justice Laney, showing the business transacted in the Police Court during February, was read. It was as follows:

Number of cases tried.....	232
Fines assessed.....	\$3,610 00
Cash collected on old fines.....	63 00
Fines paid in labor.....	1,269 00

Adopted.

A MONSTER PETITION REJECTED.

The following petition, signed by more than six hundred property holders and taxpayers of the Sixth Ward, was read:

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen—Your petitioners, property owners, taxpayers and residents of the Sixth Ward in this city, understanding that a petition has been presented to your honorable body asking that the Old Fort block be sold, the property to be used as a railroad depot, we desire to say that we are decidedly opposed to the sale of this property and hereby enter a most solemn protest against granting the petition asking for the sale. The section of the city in which we live, where the block referred to is situated, is already a network of railroads, thereby rendering the streets in that locality almost impassable and certainly very dangerous. Our children are in constant danger when in the street. Our property has already been greatly depreciated in value by reason of so many railroad tracks running on different streets. If the block is sold and used for a railroad depot, our property will be virtually worthless as homes. We have already been sorely afflicted with all kinds of railroad nuisances, but have not complained, being satisfied in the hope that sometime in the near future the Old Fort block would be opened to us and our children as a place where safe recreation could be had; if the petition is granted our hopes are blighted, and a further injustice is heaped upon us. The block should be reserved for the benefit of the public. Therefore we humbly ask your honorable body not to sell the Old Fort block, but to reserve it for the use for which it was intended, and your petitioners will ever pray.

COUNTER PETITION.

The following counter petition, purporting to be signed by 162 persons, was then read:

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

In consideration of the proposition now pending between your honorable body and Mr. Bacon, of this city, concerning the Old Fort Block, between Third and Fourth South and Second and Third West streets, we the undersigned adjoining property owners and residents of that nearest vicinity being the most affected by your honorable decision hereby respectfully petition your honorable body.

Whereas, Mr. Bacon offers not only a fair price for said block, but also proposes to build a railway which will be of great benefit to all the citizens of our city, ask that it be granted, at this your regular session to dispose of the said block, at the remuneration offered by Mr. Bacon. But if your honorable body will continue to consider it best not to dispose of the said block, we the adjoining property owners of this vicinity, do hereby demand a final action about said block towards improving the same. Considering that the said block in its present condition is nothing more nor less than a disgrace to our city, a harbor for tramps and disreputable characters. The sidewalk also clear around the said block is impassable. We do hereby demand that your honorable body do at this session, and without further delay, make an appropriation of not less than \$25,000 to be expended yearly for the next six years, or until the sum of \$150,000 is expended and the block be put into such condition as to be worthy the name of a park.

The petition of Mr. Bacon for the purchase of the property in question, presented at the City Council a week ago was read by request of Messrs. James and Lynn.

MINORITY REPORT.

The following minority report was presented and read:

The undersigned, a member of the committee on public grounds, respect-

fully dissents from the report of the majority of said committee, recommending that an option be given to J. H. Bacon to purchase the Pioneer Square within two years at the price of \$150,000, conditional that within that time said Bacon or his associates or assigns shall complete and equip and have in operation a standard gauge railroad from Salt Lake City to Deep Creek and beyond, of the length of at least 200 miles. The following are the grounds of my dissent:

1—Because it is not within the power of the city to dispose of public squares that have been set aside for public use, and said Pioneer Square has been so set aside and dedicated to public use as a public square by acts and declarations of former Councils of this city, showing a clear intention to dedicate said square to public use.

2—Because the selling of said square for less than the real value is loaning the credit of the city to a private enterprise, which is forbidden by the act of Congress of July 30, 1886.

3—Because public property belonging to the corporation of Salt Lake City can only be lawfully disposed of for a corporate purpose, and the aiding of railroad construction by subsidies, either in land or money, is not a corporate purpose.

4—Because all public property is held in trust by Salt Lake City and can only be disposed of legally for the benefit of the city as a municipal corporation, and any other disposition would be in violation of law and against public policy.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. PICKARD.

Mr. Pembroke—I move that the majority report be adopted and Mr. Bacon's petition be granted.

This motion was promptly seconded by Mr. Karriek.

Mr. Hall—I move that the majority report be substituted by the minority report and that the petition be refused.

Councilman Anderson—I second that motion.

Mr. Pembroke (excitedly)—I ask that my motion be put before the house without further delay.

Mr. Hall—This savors strongly of an effort to smother my motion, and I again ask that my motion be put, Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Pembroke—I maintain that my motion is the only proper motion before the house, and ask that it be put to a vote.

The Mayor ruled that the vote would be taken on the adoption of the minority report.

Mr. Pembroke appealed from the decision of the chair and the vote stood 7 to 7. The Mayor announced that the chair was sustained.

Mr. Hall—I now move that the previous question be tabled.

Mr. Pembroke (angrily)—I earnestly protest against being crowded out in this manner. You seem to assume, Mr. Mayor, that what I say is not true; I demand my rights.

Mayor Scott—You shall have them, Mr. Pembroke.

After more warm debate the vote was taken on Mr. Pembroke's motion to adopt the majority report and grant the petition of Mr. Bacon. It resulted as follows:

Ayes—Parsons, Pendleton, Spafford, Heath, Pembroke, Wolstenholm, Armstrong, Noble, Karriek, Lynn—10.

Noes—Anderson, Pickard, Hall, James—4.

Councilman Pickard—Seeing that Mr. Bacon's petition has now been granted I give notice to this Council,