

the last mentioned lands, they have been taken possession of and filed upon in the local land office by persons under the homestead and pre-emption laws of the United States and that parties are now improving the same by planting and seeding, etc. It is impossible for me to go on the grounds and investigate and ascertain what the actual facts in these cases are. I obtained all the information above referred to from ex-Councilman Pendleton, who, I understand, conducted the negotiations and made the aforesaid purchases for the preceding Council. I would recommend that the appropriate committee or a special agent appointed for the purpose of looking into the matter, collect the evidence preparatory to commencing action, should one be necessary to protect the legal rights of the city as it may take days, even weeks to collect testimony for such purpose.

In the matter of the report of your honorable body, by the auditor stating that a large amount of property had been sold for delinquent taxes and the time for redemption had expired, and recommending that the city attorney perfect title to the same, his data being furnished me, it is impossible to do anything in the premises and I would recommend that the entire matter be referred back to the auditor or other proper officer for data upon which to act.

The first part of the report was referred to the Mayor with power to act and the latter portion to the committee on public grounds for recommendation.

WILL APPEAL.

The same official reported that the damage case of Mrs. Snell had been won by the latter in the Third District court, but believed that if an appeal was taken the decision would be reversed, and he recommended such action. Adopted.

USELESS WAGON ROAD.

In the matter of the petition of L. C. Crossman relative to the removal of wagon road, the engineer reported that by grading Thirteenth East street between First and Second South streets the use of the road across Mr. Crossman's premises would no longer be necessary, and therefor recommended the granting of the petition. Adopted.

REMOVING MATERIAL.

The same gentleman submitted a detailed statement showing the nature of work and cost of removing material resulting from a land slide in Parley's canyon. The cost was \$458.52. Received and filed.

SIDEWALK PROFILES.

The same gentleman submitted for approval profiles showing street and sidewalk grades between A and K streets on First, Second, Third and Fourth streets respectively; also between South Temple and Fourth streets on E, F, G, H, I and J streets; on First to Seventh South streets inclusive from Eighth East to reservation; on Eighth and Ninth South from Eighth and Tenth East streets; on Ninth East from South Temple to Ninth South streets; on Tenth to Thirteenth East streets, from South Temple to Eighth South streets; on Margaret street from Seventh to Eighth South streets.

WHAT HE NEEDS.

The same official submitted a detailed statement of what he needed in his department for the ensuing month. Referred.

STREET RAILWAY PROFILES.

Referring to certain maps and profiles which were submitted to the Council by the Salt Lake City Street Railway company, and referred to the city engineer, the latter reported that the map of Third street shows a plan for double track without switches laid eleven feet apart and equally distant and parallel with the center line of the street and extending from M to T street. The map of West Temple street shows plans for double track without switches laid, twelve feet apart and equally distant on each side of and parallel with the center line of the street, extending from First to Ninth South street. The profiles in both cases show temporary grades laid with reference to the present street surfaces. The franchises under which this company is authorized to construct its tracks upon the streets named are dated February 26th and November 24th, 1891, respectively. He recommended that the authority be given for extending the work in accordance with the plans and on the temporary grade shown on the maps and profiles, provided that such authority shall not prevent the City Council from at any time compelling said company to change the location or alter the grades of said tracks to conform to the permanent or such other location or grade that the city might hereafter establish. Adopted.

DON'T STATE WHY.

In the matter of the petition of the First Congregational Church asking that temporary grades be established to conform to its new church building at corner of Fourth East and First South streets, the city engineer reported that the permanent grade had been established prior to the building being commenced. The foundation of the structure was staked out with reference to the permanent grade as a guide to the masons. Petition does not give reason why temporary grade is necessary. Committee on streets.

TO SELL THE OLD AND BUY NEW.

The city engineer reported that he had an opportunity to sell a couple of worn out instruments for a figure that would purchase a new one, and asked that authority be given him to sell and purchase. Adopted and the authority prayed for given.

FOR CONSTRUCTING A FLUME.

The same official submitted the following estimate of cost for constructing a flume to convey water from Seventh West street along the south side of Second South street, to discharge into the Eighth West street canal.

Engineering.....	\$ 10 00
Earth in grading.....	25 00
Flume in place.....	240 00
Total.....	\$ 275 00

Received and filed.

MUST BE ON PERMANENT GRADE.

The board of public works returned the petition of James Jack, in which the petitioner asked to be allowed to construct a cement sidewalk in front of his premises on Fifth East street, on temporary grade, and reported that the matter did not come under its jurisdiction, but recommended that no property owner be allowed to lay a sidewalk on no other than a per-

manent grade. Committee on streets with city engineer associated.

SIDEWALKS ACCEPTED.

The same body reported that it had accepted the sidewalks laid by the church authorities at corner of First South and Third West street, Joseph R. Walker and Sarah Cannon. Adopted.

EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW.

The same body returned the petition of Barney C. Harvey, H. C. Clive, Mrs. Julia A. Kimball and others and St. Pauls Vestry committee and recommended that they be sent to the board of Equalization and review of sidewalks districts 7 and 8. Received and filed.

SHOULD BE GRANTED.

The same body returned the petitions of Spencer Clawson and H. Brilscher, asking that they be allowed to lay stone sidewalks in front of their property in district Nr. 8 on Main street, and recommended that they be sent to the board of equalization and review. The petitions were, however, just and should be granted. Received and filed.

ADVERSE REPORT.

The same body reported adversely on the petition of S. P. Teasdel asking that the sidewalk in front of his premises be accepted in lieu of the special tax on same. Adopted.

TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF STREETS.

In the matter of the proposed changes of names of streets in the city the board of public works recommended that the council appointed a committee of five of its members, and request the President of the Chamber of Commerce to appoint a like number from that body, to be associated with the board of public works to consider the subject, and determine what changes, if any, are necessary or desirable and that the matter be attended to in the near future, prior to the ordering of the street signs.

In conclusion the board said: "We think this matter should receive general discussion, and fifteen, the number suggested above, would be none to large for such purpose.

Moran—I have never heard any reason given for changing the names of streets in this city. So far as I know the names are all right and don't know that we have any business to change the same.

Wantland—I think it is our business, we should lead.

Moran moved that it be referred to the committee on improvements. Carried.

SEARCHING FOR LIGHT.

The same body sent in the following: "Is or is not your board of public works expected or empowered to take charge of and supervise the street pavement work now being done by the street railway companies on State street?"

The sense of the Council was taken on the matter and was to the effect that the work should be done under the supervision of the board of public works.

IT WILL BE DONE.

The same body recommended that the petition of the Co-op. Wagon and Machine Company asking that the curbing on the west side of State, between First and Second South streets,