

have their rights in Sonora," so this intended shaft of malice fell short of its mark, even if it does not finally pierce its sender.

We who dwell in peaceful Mexico, where freedom and liberty of conscience exist, where mobs, strikes and lynchings are almost unknown, view with deep interest and concern the prevalence of mob law and anarchy in the United States, once the home of liberty and equal rights; and pray that heaven may bless this republic, so generous to the stranger, and preserve it from similar evils for many years to come.

J. H. MARTINEAU.

COLONIA JUAREZ, Mexico, September 2d, 1892.

CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday, September 13th, President Loofbourov in the chair. The members present were: Rich, Folland, Hardy, Horn, Moran, Bell, Lawson, Evans, Wantland, Karrick, Simondi, Heiss.

STILL UNOCCUPIED.

Roll called showed that S. F. Walker, Ewing's successor, was not present to fill the councilmanic chair recently made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Ewing.

The competing paving companies and a large number of friends and sympathizers and curious spectators occupied every available inch of room in the auditorium of the council chamber.

The minutes of the previous session were read, amended and approved, after which the recorder read the account of the proceedings of the recent board of equalization and review meetings. These were also approved.

TAX ROLL APPROVED.

On motion of Folland the city tax roll, as returned by Assessor and Collector Leonard and passed upon by the City Council sitting as a board of equalization and review, was accepted and the board adjourned sine die.

Regular Proceedings.

It was 8:30 when the regular business of the evening commenced.

PETITIONS

were read and referred as follows:

The Ladies' Literary Club asked that the Council appropriate \$135 per month to the Pioneer Library instead of \$83 a month—the amount already paid to that institution by the city.

Wantland moved that the request be granted.

Horn said he wanted further light on the matter.

Rich said that originally \$800 per annum only was applied for, but the Council felt generous and gave \$1000 to the library people. He moved to amend by referring it to the committee on claims.

Wantland spoke in favor of the petition.

The motion to refer carried.

PITTS' RESIGNATION.

The resignation of Policeman Pitts was accepted.

S. A. McDowell asked to be reimbursed for taxes paid in 1891. Committee on claims.

WANT THEIR MONEY.

Lewis M. Cannon, who has paid \$500, and A. H. Cannon, who has paid

\$2371.70 for watermain extensions which have not yet been made, sent in the following communication which was referred to the committee on waterworks:

We, your petitioners, beg to represent that we did on the 14th day of July, 1892, pay to Collector F. L. Leonard the sums set opposite our names in consideration of a remise that the watermains would immediately be extended from Seventh to Tenth South streets on Eighth West, the petition for such extension having been favorably acted upon by your honorable body. The tax for the said extension of mains was to be levied without delay upon the property to be thus benefited, and there was to be refunded to us from such collections an amount equal to that which we had paid, less the amount of tax due on our property on the street named. Since this payment was made no effort has been made to collect the watermain tax, nor have the mains been laid; we therefore ask that you refund to us the amounts we have paid into the city and for which we hold receipts. We still hold ourselves in readiness to pay our proportion of the expense for the extensions of the mains, but we do not desire to have our money placed where we receive no benefit therefrom. We therefore ask for your early and favorable action on our request for the return of our money.

STREET OBSTRUCTIONS.

B. Pettit asked that a nuisance in the shape of Union Pacific cars, loaded with freight, standing in front of his premises, be abated. Folland moved that it be referred to the mayor. The chair was of the opinion that such action would be eminently proper. The chief executive should go down there with his organized army of policemen and abate the nuisance. The question was a serious one and required heroic measures. It should be handled without gloves.

Folland said the matter had once before been considered.

On motion of Horn it was referred to the mayor with power to act.

REDUCED ASSESSMENT.

A petition was received from 1112 property owners, asking that a reduction of 25 per cent. be made in the city assessment. The assessment, they claim, is that much higher than the fair cash value of the property. The times they complain are hard and money scarce and the high tax a great burden. Laid on the table.

PAVING PETITIONS.

A petition signed by 110 names, representing 6880 feet on Main and First and Second South streets, abutting the district to be paved, was read, asking that the paving contracts on said streets be awarded the Culmer-Jennings Company. Laid over until paving contract comes up.

A petition signed by 300 citizens was read, praying that the contract for paving Main and First and Second South streets be awarded to some of the home companies instead of the Barber Company, and that the home companies be instructed to employ citizens of Salt Lake, and that home asphaltum be used. Laid on the table until the paving question comes up.

G. E. Ellerbeck asked that he be reimbursed for damages done to his property on North State street by public grading. Committee on streets.

William Thompson asked for \$500 damages on account of manure pile on his property. Committee on streets.

MORE EXECUTIVE VETOES.

Mayor Baskin sent in the following:

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 13, 1892.

To C. E. Stanton, Esq., City Recorder:

Sir—I herewith return unapproved ordinances number 224, 225, 228 and 227, for the following reasons:

Section 11 of the act of the legislature relating to municipal charters, page 63 of statute of 1890, provides that the board of public works shall superintend such work and the erection of such improvements, except the city halls, market houses, jails or other public buildings, as may be ordered by the City Council.

This authority of the board applies as well to work on improvements done by workmen employed directly by the city, as to work on improvements let by contract. This authority can not be limited or taken away except by the body which granted it to the board and any ordinance or other act of the city which attempts to do this is nugatory and void. Each of the ordinances in question contains a clause to the effect that the construction of the sewer and the making of the improvements respectively authorized and directed in said ordinances, shall be under the direction and supervision of the superintendent of sewers. This duty being imposed by a statute of the Territory upon the board of public works it cannot be conferred by ordinance upon any other person. With the clauses conferring upon the superintendent of sewers the direction and supervision of the proposed improvements stricken out, these ordinances meet my approval.

Moran—I move that the communication be laid on the table until next meeting. Carried.

FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The board of public works reported favorably on the cancellation of special sidewalk taxes against Joslin and Park and Charles Crane. Adopted.

THE ANNEXATION SCHEME.

The city attorney sent in a favorable report of the proposed annexation scheme which was received and filed.

GARNISHEE QUESTION.

The city also reported adversely on the garnishee resolution recently introduced by Councilman Rich. Adopted.

PROPERTY TRANSFER.

The same official reported favorably on the Brigham Young company's transfer of property for street purposes. Adopted.

ROAD TO MORGAN.

The city engineer submitted a report stating that it would cost from \$4500 to \$5000 to construct a wagon road up City Creek canyon as far as the city lands extend, a distance of about three miles. He also suggested that the purity of the city water supply be taken into consideration before the Council act on the matter. Laid on the table until later in the evening.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The committee on police reported favorably on the appointment by the Mayor of Patrolmen Estes, Hills and Walker; also the appointment by the same official of Chief Paul as city marshal. The appointments were confirmed. In the matter of the appointment of Mr. Davenport as Liberty Park policeman, the committee also reported favorably with the exception of Mr. Folland, who had been informed that Mr. Davenport was a non-resident. Adopted.