

question to rest, to await sewerage, and in the residence portion of the city a paved sidewalk, narrower than the space allotted to sidewalks would be adequate, so sewerage connections made later on would not materially affect it.

My attention has been called to the sprinkling of the streets, the improvement of city parks and to other subjects connected with public improvements, all of which are desirable and should have your attention. I strongly recommend that all work done by the city, as far as possible, shall be done by contract, in accordance with the ordinance on that subject.

The subject of listing real estate for city taxation by blocks, in place of the present method, has been suggested to me, and the reasons in favor of it seem to be strong. It gives the assessor an opportunity to see that no property is omitted, the taxpayer has the best opportunity to compare the valuation of his own property with that of the land and improvements adjoining, and the board of equalization has a like advantage of comparison and can see that the assessments are fairly and equitably made. I commend this subject to your attention. The city and county are jointly erecting a public building for the use of both. As work and expenditures have begun, I think the city should unite with the county in hastening its completion.

Whatever we may do or attempt to do, we shall constantly have to keep in view the question of revenue, and that we must be limited by a reasonable taxation, not oppressive to any class of our citizens.

I recommend that as soon as our committees are formed there be a careful inquiry and full report on the financial condition of the city, showing the probable available revenues of the city—the sources from which it will be derived; what power the city has to borrow money and an estimate of the probable expense of the city for ordinary municipal business. We can then arrive at an approximate estimate of the sum we can expend for permanent improvements.

In a growing city and for necessary improvements, I think it is proper to use the credit of the city to a reasonable extent. The city should get money at a lower rate of interest than it is now worth to the taxpayer, and if the growth of the city meets with our anticipations, the payments will be easier from the increase in the value of city property. It is both unnecessary and impractical to now take up the details of city business; and after consultation and deliberation on the various subjects as they arise from time to time, I hope we shall be able to reach the best conclusions and adopt the plans and measures most beneficial to the city.

The message was received with applause.

Hall moved that the message be filed with the city recorder. Carried.

Recorder Hyams then read the resignation of City Attorney Rich-

ards, and the Council decided that it should take effect February 21.

The recorder also read the resignation, to take effect immediately, of Alfred Solomon as chief of police, jailor, market master and inspector of provisions. The Council voted to accept it, but no date was mentioned.

Mayor Scott said there were a number of petitions and communications on the table and a motion to lay them over would be proper. The motion was made and carried.

Hall asked if Marshal Solomon's resignation took effect tonight, and thought if it did a chief of police ought "to be arranged for" at once. As there was a doubt as to the effect of the vote on the resignation, he moved that John M. Young be appointed chief of police. Carried.

He also moved that John M. Young be appointed jailor. Carried.

Mayor Scott suggested that the offices of market master and inspector of provisions might remain unoccupied till the next meeting of the Council.

He also suggested that a committee on rules and order of business should be appointed. A motion to that effect being carried he appointed Parsons, Anderson and Karrick.

Hall moved that members of the Council be provided with copies of the Revised Ordinances of the city by the recorder. Carried.

At this juncture H. S. Laney, justice of the peace elect from the First Precinct, stepped forward and said: "Mr. President, the legislative and executive departments of the city government being now organized, we naturally come to the judicial. I ask that my bond as justice of the peace be approved and that I be sworn in."

The oath of office was administered by the recorder, when the Council adjourned.

The business was all dispatched quietly and with perfect order.

IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The Portadown and Lurgan News of Saturday, January 25th, gives space to the following communication:

"We the Latter-day Saint Elders have been for about two months preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the inhabitants of your neighborhood and testified to its restoration in the present age. During our labor we have been called to sustain considerable opposition and derision on account of the message we bore and the doctrines we taught. Feeling we have done our duty to the public we have considered it well to change our field of labor, as the public generally have manifested a feeling of coldness and indifference to investigating the doctrines we advocate or testing the important message we bear, we now kindly solicit a short space in your paper to call the attention of the public to a few facts before leaving your neighborhood. We have labored without money and without price and with the sole desire to do good, to bless and to save and not with the least desire to deceive, condemn, or delude.

Our testimony to one and all is that God has spoken in this age and an angel from heaven has come to the earth and restored the Gospel of the Son of God. That Gospel a few generations after the personal ministry of Messiah was corrupted by wicked men. Its ordinances were changed, its laws transgressed and its authority to administer for God taken from among men. But now in these last days and in fulfilment of prophecy (Revelations xiv, 6-7), God has again spoken from heaven and angels have been sent to earth from the Lord to restore that which was taken from among men, even the Gospel of Jesus Christ together with authority to proclaim it and administer its ordinances to those who believe. We declare in words of soberness that we are servants of God sent forth to preach His Gospel and promise its blessings. We have been authorized to preach as the initiating privileges into this Gospel. First, faith in God and in His Son Jesus Christ. Second, repentance of all sin. Third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins. Fourth, the laying on of the hands of the servants of God for the reception of the Holy Ghost.

In obedience to these principles in faith, honesty and sincerity we promise a testimony from the Lord to know whether the doctrine be of God or man, and that the gifts and graces of the Holy Ghost should be enjoyed as in the days of Jesus and the Apostles. We in kindness call upon one and all to repent and obey this Gospel, and declare in solemnity that we were sent of God as was Noah to warn the inhabitants of the earth of the impending judgment of God. This is our message to the world. We have done our duty in this neighborhood, we have warned the inhabitants to flee from the wrath of God, to come, and taught in plainness the means of escape. We have given ample Scripture proof in favor of our testimonies and the doctrines we advocate, and have promised a knowledge from God as to their truth.

This gospel is being preached in all the world to all nations in fulfilment of the prediction of Christ as a witness of His near approach. (Matt. xxiv, 14.) We also testify that God has raised up to himself a Prophet in this age and now has one upon the earth. We thoroughly understand that on some future day we shall stand before the judgment seat of our Maker and will have to answer for the deeds done in the body; therefore, we have no desire to testify of things we do not know. For the benefit of all that wish to further investigate the doctrines we advocate, or in case some have not heard us, we have to say such information can be obtained for a time at 3 Manderville Street, Portadown, and always at 42 Islington Street, Liverpool. We realize there will come a day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ, and at that time, if not before, all mankind will know that the testimonies of the Latter-day Saints are true.

Thanking you truly for your space