THAT $23,600 SHORTAGE

Of Ex-City Assessor and Collector Clute to be Further Investigated.

WHAT WILL THE TAX RATE BE?

Ceremonies to be Observed in Laying the Corner Stone of the Joint City and County Building.

A special session of the City Council was held last night, President Loofbourow in the chair. The councilmen in attendance were: Rich, Folland, Hardy, Horn, Bell, Lawson, Ewing, Evans, Simondi, Eardley, Hales, Moran.

Absent—Harrick, Wantland.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS.

After the minutes of Tuesday night's session had been read and approved, business was transacted as follows:

CORNER STONE CEREMONIES.

The following was read by the recorder:

As we extend, as a mark of the Freemen's to invite all the City Hall, where the corner of the joint City and County Building, Masonic honors and parade grounds, will pass the pavilion.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Police.
Band.
Knights Templar (Masons).
Freemasons.
Band.
Knights Templar (Masons).
Members of the Legislature.
Mayor and City Officials, Judges, County and Federal officials and invited guests.
Grand Master, officers and Members of the subordinate Lodges of Masons, Free and accepted Masons of Utah.

ORDER OF MARCH.

The Line of march is as follows:

South on Main street to Second South street, west on Second South street to Main street, south on Main street to Fourth South street, east on Fourth South street to Second East street, south on Second East street to Washington square and off of the line.

The order of exercises on the arrival of the line will be called to as follows:

Prelude—Band of Utah by the band assembled in the Tabernacle square, grand march of Free Masons in Utah.

Address by the Hon. Robert Newton Baskin, Mayor of Salt Lake City, representing the Legislature by the Hon. Robert Newton Baskin, Mayor of Salt Lake City, representing the Legislature and the Hon. Joseph Lippman, Mayor of Ogden, representing the Legislature.

Prayer by Worshipful James Sharp, grand chaplain.

The laying of the corner stone, accompanied with music and appropriate ceremonies, by the Grand Master of Masons in Utah and Grand Master of Knights Templar of Utah.

Instrumental music.

Address by Hon. C. F. Loofbourow, president of the Salt Lake City Council.

Instrumental music.

Address by Hon. W. W. Riich.

Instrumental music.

Address by Hon. Jos. L. Rawlins.

Address by Hon. Jos. L. Rawlins, Arthur L. Thomas, Grand Orator.

Benediction by the grand master.

Grand Lodge of Masons, Utah, have issued grand marshal and Carlos Samuel Pace, as special marshal.

The communication was received and filed.

President Loofbourow announced that after consultation with certain members of the City Council and officers of the county court it had been decided among other things to present the photographs of the present officers of the city and county in the temple site in the corner stone, and he asked the councilmen to have their pictures ready on the date named.

Moran—Suppose I should object to having my picture placed?

The Chair—Well, I suppose the committee would do as they pleased about it. (Laughter.)

Horn—Mr. Moran need not feel uneasy in the premises as I suppose unanimous consent can be obtained to put his likeness in the stone. (More merriment.)

SIDEWALKS.

Hales offered the following:

Resolved, That the board of public works and the city engineer be authorized to construct pavements at all intersections where sidewalks have been constructed or contemplated upon the property in sidewalk districts 7 and 8, and to construct cross walks, cross walks in said districts.

Adopted.

CLUTE'S SHORTAGE.

Moran offered the following:

Whereas, Broad rumors and newspaper reports have caused an uneasiness in the public mind with reference to an alleged shortage in the accounts of Ex-Assessor and Collector Clute in the sum of $23,600 or thereabouts, and this council has received no inform ation herewith, from any official source, therefore be it

Resolved, That the assessor and collector, T. J. Leonard, Auditor Hardy and the finance committee be requested to furnish this council all information in their possession in relation thereto by next Tuesday night.

Adopted.

CITY TAX BILL.

In addition to the city tax bill presented by Assessor and Collector Leonard, he sent in a communication setting forth the rate for 1899.

Horne—In order to get the matter before the house, I move to make the rate 8— mills.

Hardy seconded the motion.

Hales moved to amend by making the rate seven mills.

No second.

Simondi thought that five mills would not be enough, yet he was not prepared to vote for seven mills without more light.

Ewing moved that it be referred to the committee on ways and means with instruction to report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Moran objected to the matter being postponed. He understood that the meeting was a special one and thought action should be taken at once.

Lawson said that the five mills rate would give the city $200,000, which would be amply to carry on the business of the city for the ensuing year.

Hardy contended that the land taxes would not warrant making the rate any higher than last year.

The chair stated that the matter be referred to a committee.

Mr. Evans' motion passed.

SIDEWALK DISTRICT NO 7.

An ordinance confirming the assessment for sidewalk district No. 7, was passed under a suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALK DISTRICT NO. 2.

An ordinance confirming the assessment made for the construction of reinforced sidewalks in sidewalk district No. 2, was also passed under a suspension of the rules.

RECEPTACLES FOR ASHES.

An ordinance providing for the construction of receptacles for ashes and the protection of water pipes from pipes and other refuse matter and repealing penalties for a violation of its provisions was laid on the table until the next regular meeting of the Council. The ordinance is of considerable interest and is herewith given in full:

Sec. 1. That it shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of every building within the fire limits and not only, and of the agent having the same in charge, to provide a stone and metal receptacle or receptacles for ashes, and to place the same in a convenient place, and it shall be the duty of each owner or agent or occupant and of every tenant or occupant of any building within the fire limits of Salt Lake City to remove from such receptacle such the same is filled, and be responsible for the same in filled, and be responsible for the same in filled, and be responsible for the same in