DESERET EVENING NEWS.

Wednesday, January 16, 1895.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Council's Action Will Leave the City Practically in Darkness.

225 LIGHTS ARE SNUFFED OUT.

New Illuminating Ordinance, However, Will Follow—Resolutions and Miscellaneous Business.

The City Council met in regular session last night President McCornick in the chair.

A number of petitions were received and referred to appropriate committees and business in brief was transacted as follows:

S. H. Goodan, gravity sewer connection, presented a communication in which he represented that D. H. Wiggins & Company owed him $50.55 in debt at his swing there. Board of public works.

The Inter-Mountain Electric company presented a petition asking for an appropriation of $5,000 on account of gas fixtures, stating that on account of circumstances over which it had no control, it was unable to make its final test. The workmen employed in putting up the plants of Brigham Young injured a pipe and until the company could obtain access to it, no action can be taken. The request was granted.

City Engineer Young's report for the quarter ending December 31st was as follows: Total expenditures, $8,646.14; receipts, $443.82; balance, $8,147.32; less cost of work on sewer and sewer pipe paid by assessment, $1,033.82; balance, $6,113.50.

That official also presented the following statement of expenses of the engineer's department: Pay roll, $1,645.53; vouchers, $468.61; total, $2,114.14; less distribution, $1,040.14; net expense, $1,114.33. Both reports were filed.

City Attorney Hoge's annual report was filed. It set forth: Cases pending Jan. 1, 1894, 67; cases begun in 1894, 29; total 96. Cases finally disposed of 16, leaving 80 now pending in which damages to the amount of $229,071.57 are involved.

The claim of D. H. Wiggins & Co. against Hoffman & Co. was, on recommendation of the board of public works, disallowed.

The request of L. F. Crandall, for an extension of water mains from Young and Bonsley streets to Tenth East, was denied.

County Collector John D. Spencer's bond was fixed at $225,000.

The Salt Lake and Ogden Gas and Electric Light company's proposition that it will light the city streets at $10 per month from January 1st per lamp, irrespective of the number of lights, was accepted, Mr. Clawson voting in the negative.

In the matter of fixing the salary of the fire and police commissioners, the finance committee reported as follows: For the chairman, $125 per annum, or members of the commission, $100 per annum. Secretary, $40 per month. Adopted.

The committee on finance and irrigation reported, recommending that certain lands owned by the Union Pacific in City Creek and other canyons be platted. Adopted.

Lynn offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the city engineer be instructed to formulate a plan for a tunnel, or other method so as to be judgment may seem best, to intercept the water in the "pump" in Emigration canyon, with a view to advertising for bids to carry out the same, and plans to be submitted with bids, also of the best and most economical method of utilizing the water supply in the city, and report same at meeting of the city council of this month.

Hardy presented the following:

Resolved, That the committee in charge of the city prison at the joint building be instructed to at once carpet the Council floor.

Adopted and the committee instructed to advertise for bids.

The ordinance trying the tax and for the assessment of the year, on the north side of First South street, from Eighth to Eleventh East, for sewer purposes, was read and passed.

Cohen offered a resolution that the taxes assessed against the property in this district shall be collected in four payments, one-fourth in three months, one-fourth in nine and the balance in twelve months.

Referred to the city attorney for an ordinance in accordance with the provisions of the resolution.

On report of the special committee, $150 was set apart for the Mayor's contingent fund, to be used by committee on entertainment of the present Mayor, to be rising in the Council chamber.

O'Meara offered a resolution ordering a discontinuance of the method of working city prisoners, alleging that for $9 worth of work the city was compelled to pay out $6.50 in cash. Adopted.

The same official also offered the following resolution, which was laid over, pending an inquiry as to how many flags the city had in its possession:

Resolved, That the city committee of the joint city and county building is hereby instructed to purchase a large sized American flag, and to erect a flag pole on the north gable of the city hall of the city and county building, of a suitable place on the city's hall, or the grounds adjacent thereto, and that said committee be authorized to do all and everything necessary to release the city's lot or interest, in keeping with his other elder cities of this glorious republic of ours.

On motion of Hardy the recorder was instructed to dispose of copies of the city ordinances at $2 instead of $3, the price formerly agreed upon.

Young's resolution ordering the disposal of 225 electric street lights, leaving the remaining 50 to be distributed by the Council was taken from the table. It caused considerable discussion but finally passed on the following roll: Yeas—Hardy, Cheesman, Cohen, Newell, O'Meara and Mason voting in the negative.

Cohen then offered a resolution requesting the city attorney to draft an ordinance creating lamp district No. 1 with 300 lights, proceeding under the law of 1893.

Young inclined to the view that 225 would be quite enough.

Clawson also opposed the resolution but it was adopted on a vote of 7 to 6.

The matter of furniture insurance then occupied the attention of the council for half an hour after which appropriations amounting to $1,548.10 were made and an adjournment taken.

The Aged Bancroft.

Summit City,
Jan. 14, 1895.

Editor Deseret News:

We occasionally see an item in the News of social parlor, so I thought it would not be amiss to make a report of a very pleasant time enjoyed by the old folks at this place last Tuesday, under the management of a very efficient committee of middle aged brothers and sisters, Bishop Junius A. Alford and counselor having the general supervision. The poor and widows, including missionaries' wives, and all from fifty years old and up were invited to meet at the large hall at 1 o'clock p. m., where a feast of fat things awaited them. And to insure their presence a number of sleighs were on hand to take them to and from the building. After the feast was over baskets of the best were sent to the sick that could not be present and all were made happy.

When the tables were cleaned and the people were comfortably seated, a program was rendered, consisting of songs, speeches and recitations.

The oldest gentleman was called upon for a speech, and Reuben W. Alford, 72 years old, responded with a few comforting words. Then the oldest lady was called for and Martha Pace Alford, 95 years old, stepped upon the stage and bore a strong testimony of the truth of the Gospel. The Bishop and counselors made appropriate remarks, and thanked the committee and all that had rendered assistance in the entertainment.

The evening was spent in dancing, with an occasional rest to listen to a song or short speech, and all went merrily on until half past seven, at which time Counselor Lunt dismissed the party.

One pleasing feature I omitted was that I did not see a cup of tea or coffee on the table, and there was not a round dance called for during the evening.

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WEBER STAKE CONFERENCE.

Two Days' Meetings at Ogden Sunday and Monday.

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 14, 1895.—The people of this Stake of Zion feel deeply the need of a Stake house of sufficient capacity to accommodate the vast audiences who convene here at conferences and other special occasions. Many of the people who come to attend our Stake gatherings are unable to gain admission to the building, and are in consequence denied much disappointed at being deprived of the Divine instructions which are imparted on such occasions.

The Weber Stake conference convened in the Tabernacle on Sunday morning. By the 10 o'clock the hour was filled and soon thereafter scores were standing packed shoulder to shoulder. The building was thoroughly packed, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. There were present of the Church Council, F. D. Richards, Brigham Young, John W. Taylor, also Elder Andrew Jenson, the Stake presidency, members of the High Council, Bishops and a great number of leading Elders, etc. After the opening hymn by the congregation was offered by Elder T. J. Stevens.

President Shurtliff then made a few opening remarks. He represented the Stake to be in good condition. The Saints in the several wards were united, the tithes were healthy. They were endeavoring to live in peace and to cultivate the spirit of the Lord. The poor among them were taken care of and their necessities provided for. The Sabbath schools were in excellent condition—they are instilling in the minds of the rising generation a love of God and a desire to do the work of the Lord. The people were paying their tithes