

pany represented that it was of the utmost importance to them that they be permitted to make a connection between the city sewer main and their laundry. Their attorney was present and made a verbal statement of the case, urging immediate action. The matter was referred to the sewerage committee, only two members of which were present. Later these two united in a report recommending that the petition be granted. Under a suspension of the rules, the report was adopted.

A communication from the city engineer stated that it had been necessary for his department to complete the laying of stone crosswalks on South Temple Street, let by contract to F. G. Palmer, and that \$100.49 had been so expended, which the Council was asked to appropriate and charge to Mr. Palmer. The Council took this action.

The same officer submitted the following estimate of the cost of paving sidewalks on Second South Street, between First and Third East, with flag stones, including crosswalks and curbs:

ABUTTERS' PROPORTION.	
Grading.....	\$ 1,920
Pavement.....	9,680
Curbing.....	3,168
Total.....	\$14,768
CITY'S PROPORTION.	
Grading.....	\$ 300 00
Pavement.....	637 00
Curbing.....	258 20
Crosswalks.....	1,500 00
Total.....	\$2,756 20
Total cost.....	\$17,524 20

Approved.

The same officer recommended that the material taken from the water ditches in cleaning them out be carted off with only one handling, instead of being first piled on the street and then hauled away. Adopted.

The same officer reported the receipt by him of certain instruments for his department, and presented the bill therefore of \$375.45, which was allowed.

W. H. Ryan, superintendent of waterworks, recommended that twelve valves be put in the water mains, six at points east of Main Street, and six on the west side. He explained that these were necessary to avoid shutting off the water from large districts when making repairs, and would cost about \$500. Referred to committee on waterworks with power to act.

City Treasurer Walden notified the Council that on the 23rd inst. he had appointed Geo. A. Bowen deputy treasurer, and that the latter had filed a bond, which was submitted to the Council. The communication asked the Council to confirm the nomination, which was done.

Hall stated that he had made inquiry concerning the official conduct of Mr. Phillips, license collector, whose office was abolished by the creation of that of deputy treasurer, and found that the gentleman had been zealous in guarding the interests of the city. He therefore moved a vote of thanks to him.

Cohn endorsed the motion and claimed that the ability and fidelity of Mr. Phillips had saved to the city not less than \$10,000.

Treasurer Walden also took the floor and uttered a eulogy on Mr. Phillips.

The motion for a vote of thanks prevailed.

The committee on streets made the following recommendations: That the city engineer's profile showing the grade on First Street, between First East and C streets, be adopted; that the report of the street supervisor be approved; that the petition of Yeaton & Heath, asking the city to furnish material for a bridge across the Jordan on Roper Street, be granted, that the electric light company and the street railway companies be required to use a combination pole on such street intersections as is necessary. Adopted.

The reference to combination poles contained in this report occasioned a debate. Pembroke moved to amend the report so as to allow separate poles to be used if the companies could not agree to use one.

Hall thought such action might encourage the companies to disagree. Parsons also opposed the amendment, and it was lost.

Mr. Upham, superintendent of the Rapid Transit road, being present, was invited to express his views upon the use of a combination pole at street intersections by the three companies.

He responded by remarking that he favored it, and thought it the proper method to obviate existing evils. In answer to a question he expressed the opinion that the reason why there was any difficulty in securing the adoption of the combination pole was because the Salt Lake City Street Railway Company and the electric light company could not agree.

Pembroke moved to table the subject for one week. Lost.

The report was adopted.

The committee on claims reported adversely on that of Elias Morris for \$270.75, and recommended that \$20 be paid E. H. Parsons for damage done to his buggy by the patrol wagon. Adopted.

The committee on license recommended that Mrs. H. Furster be granted a free merchant's license. Adopted.

The sanitary committee recommended that the communication of E. B. Taysum to the effect that a lime kiln in the Nineteenth Ward was injurious to the public health, be referred to the board of health. Carried.

The same committee reported a recommendation that the Mayor be authorized to appoint a plumbing inspector, to be confirmed by the Council, and to be paid \$100 per month. Adopted.

The committee on improvements recommended that electric lights be placed on First Street, near A; on Center Street, near Plum; on Seventh South and Third West; on First South and Eleventh East, and First South and Twelfth East. Adopted.

A communication from E. R. Clute stated that Superintendent Welby, of Rio Grande Western, claimed that the Sprinkling tax assessed against the road for sprinkling

ing Second South Street opposite its property, should be reduced to one-fourth the amount, and the writer endorsed the claim.

In a verbal statement, Mr. Clute, who was present, gave further reasons why the claim of Mr. Welby should be allowed. It was referred to the committee on claims.

Several applications for liquor and peddler's licenses were disposed of, when Pembroke introduced the following:

"Whereas, that great danger exists to the public from the insecure support of the electric car wires at the intersection of the prominent streets of this city, and

"Whereas, there is probability that the respective companies using these points may be unable to agree as to proper protection of the public, and

"Whereas, it is the duty of this council to adopt definite measures to protect the life of the public,

"Be it resolved that the respective car companies and the electric light companies be directed to at once unite in placing such combination support at such points as may be determined by this council."

Adopted.

Parsons moved to reconsider the action taken at a previous meeting in regard to paving First East Street. Carried. He then moved that the strip of stone pavement on each side of the street, which is to be paved with asphalt, be eight instead of six feet wide, from South Temple to Third South Street. Carried.

The following appropriations were made:

Salt Lake Power, Light and Heat Co.	\$1262 50
F. A. Hale.....	200 00
T. G. Palmer.....	934 12
Buff & Berger.....	373 41
E. H. Parsons.....	21 00
Manion & Benson.....	550 00
Dallas & Hedges.....	500 00

Total..... \$4191 07

Adjourned for one week.

LETTER FROM INDIA.

Burmah is not well known in western countries. Politically it is situated between China and Bengal of the East Indies. The narrow frontier to the north is the hunting ground of nomadic Mongols, also called Tartars. The southeast frontier is Siam. Siam and Burmah are twins, just as were the Siamese twins; the only difference being that Burmese are Buddhists of one sort and Siamese of another thinking that Buddha, i. e., the wise one, is better represented by the white elephant, who in their mythology represents wisdom. The water boundaries of Burmah are the Bays of Bengal and Martaban, and the rivers Brahmaputra and Sal Wen Than Lweng, also called Wei Tau.

The Burmese hop while they sing, and sing as though they used but one lung. This may not be a bright pun on the Hop Sing of Wun Lung Sam, but it may help to impress on the reader, that Burmah is a small celestial empire beyond the porcelain walls. Burmah people are untrammelled by time worn customs, caste distinctions or civilized prejudices. They live as though they were independent and always wear a smile. There is none of the careworn look of classic Chinamen about them. They are a nation of gay hearted rustics, unacquainted with