

this island is a good country for "feefe," or devil fish. It is very difficult for me to describe this fish, but it is something after the snake species, with at least seven or eight legs. This the natives devour raw, and with a relish, just as we would a fat chicken. I have eaten much of it when cooked, but cannot say that I fully enjoy it.

The food is prepared and ready for eating about 11 a. m. The people then take down the table, plates, knives and forks, which consist of a plated coconut leaf, about three feet long by one wide. When the meal is over the dishes are put in order in a few seconds, and generally all the diners indulge in a siesta. After this they have a long smoke and then converse for an hour or more; then eat again, afterwards do a little work in the vao (bush) or go to the centre of the village where most of the time they are playing a native game.

The women help in nearly all kinds of work. When the tide is out they all turn out and go inside the reef, searching under rocks for fish and sea worms of various kinds.

A kind of sickness prevails here which is not found in many other parts of the world. This is the "Feefe" or big leg, which some say is caused by lying continually on the damp ground; others attribute it to the climate.

In concluding my letter, I trust you are all well and enjoying the spirit of your calling, as the missionaries are in Samoa and other parts. I can bear testimony that a mission is the best school a young man can have in this world, and it would be the salvation of many of our young men at home if they could spend a few years in the work of God in the outside world. True, a person may gain experience at home in the work, if zealous and full of the Spirit, but they will not obtain the experience that they would were they in the world; for here we have to rely more fully upon our heavenly Father. I can now see where I squandered my golden moments while at home. I might have improved myself better for the ministry, and I look back upon those moments with regret. I would say to my young brethren, "Take hold of the precious moments and let them not pass by unheeded or without your learning things that will be to your advantage hereafter in the Kingdom of God. There are great responsibilities resting upon us as servants of God in this dispensation in searching out Israel and warning the people of their sins and the wrath of God upon the wicked. Prepare yourselves while at home, and do not wait for improvement until you get out in the field. Grasp every opportunity that affords itself.

We are all here at headquarters awaiting our mail and four missionaries from Zion. We are all enjoying good health and spirits.

## CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Scott presided at the regular session of the City Council last night. The following members were also present: Cohn, Noble, Pickard, Anderson, Armstrong, Lynn, Heath, Wolstenholme, Hall, Pembroke, Parson and Karrick.

## PETITIONS.

Petition of A. M. Christenson, asking for remuneration in the sum of \$5.50 damage done to his wagon by collision with one of the fire engines on January 4th. Committee on claims.

Petition of Elijah Selis and eight others, asking that Twelfth East Street and First South Street be graded. The same petitioners asked that persons be prohibited from depositing garbage in that vicinity. Committee on streets.

Petition of Commercial Block Association, asking for the appointment of William Evans as special policeman was read. Granted.

Petition of Carey Lumber Company, asking for permission to lay a switch from the Union Pacific track into their lumber yard on Fourth West Street between First and Second North Streets. Committee on streets.

Petition of the Fifteenth ecclesiastical ward, asking for a remission of taxes on lot 1, block 81, plat A, on the ground that the property is used for charitable purposes only. Referred to the city attorney.

Petition of John S. and John D. Lewis, asking the Council to ignore the petition of Joseph Mellon to cut ice from a pond on Ninth West Street between Second and Third North Streets. Committee on streets.

Petition of W. H. Ryan, superintendent of waterworks, asking that a telephone be placed in his office, was read. Granted.

Petition of E. A. Kesler and a number of others, asked for an extension of electric lights on Seventh South Street to Third West Street. Committee on improvements.

Petition of Idlemann Bess, asking for a rebate on liquor license. Committee on license.

## WANT TO BE PROTECTED.

A communication from the Salt Lake Power, Light and Heating Company calling the attention of the City Council to the breaking of globes on the street lamps by mischievous boys, and asking for aid in suppressing the evil. Referred to the city marshal.

## REPORTS OF THE CITY ENGINEER.

City Engineer Doremus, in a report, recommended that authority be given him to approve the map of "Washington Heights" and that the map of "Midland" Addition be referred to the committee on streets. Adopted.

The same officer reported the bill of the Salt Lake Power, Light and Heating Company for \$700, for a steam boiler and fixtures to be used in the development of tunnel work in Emigration Canyon, as correct, and recommended that the amount be paid. Committee on waterworks.

## BILL FOR STREET ILLUMINATION.

The bill of the Salt Lake Power, Light and Heating Company for illumination of streets by electric lights for the month of December for \$4,198.40 was reported as correct by the improvement committee. Appropriated.

## PETITIONS GRANTED.

The committee on license reported favorably on the granting of a liquor license to Charles Kuhuke, 249 South Fifth West Street.

The same committee reported favorably on the granting of the petition of Hyrum Worthington to conduct a

fruit stand on Cunningham's corner. Also that the sum of \$173.91 be refunded to McKenzie and Company for unexpired liquor license. Adopted.

## THE PEACOCK LIQUOR LICENSE AGAIN.

The same committee submitted a report in regard to the petition of A. J. Peacock for a renewal of his liquor license. The committee on license reported that the petitioner had been doing business at his present place since March, 1890. He had tendered the amount of the license to the treasurer and had filed his bond. The committee was of the opinion that the Council had no authority to discriminate arbitrarily as between individuals applying for license, there being no ordinance to justify such action. The proper course of procedure would be to enact an ordinance providing that after a certain time licenses would no longer be granted to carry on this business in certain localities. The committee recommended that the Council reconsider its action and grant the petition.

Mayor Scott—I understand the petitioner is now dead. Is that so?

Councilman Cohn—Yes, he is dead, very dead; but his heirs are living and they wish to conduct the business. I move that the license be granted. As a member of the license committee I think that a wrong has been committed in denying the prayer of the petitioner, that wrong should be righted, and immediately.

Councilman Hall—I am of the same opinion; I think it only right and proper to grant the license.

The motion to reconsider was carried.

Councilman Hall then moved that action on the petition be held over for one week.

Councilman Pembroke—I cannot see any reason for this. I believe that the city had no authority to refuse licenses unless there was some reason, and am of the opinion that the Supreme Court would so hold. The motion to defer was lost and the report was adopted.

## POLICE REPORT CORRECT.

The committee on police reported that they had carefully examined the statement of the police court for the month of December, 1890, and found that the same was correct, and recommended that the statement be accepted and filed.

The same committee recommended that the appointment of E. M. Yocum, as policeman, be confirmed. Adopted.

## PRIVILEGE TO FLUME GRANTED.

The committee on irrigation, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas W. Jennings, asking that the ditch on the west side of block 6, plat J, be flumed at petitioner's expense, recommended that the same be granted. Adopted.

## STREET RAILWAY FRANCHISE.

The report of the street committee recommended the granting of a franchise to L. C. Hamilton and others to construct and operate a double or single track street railway by steam dummy, horse, electric or cable power, from the corner of Sixth West and Second South streets, and running west along Second South to the west boundary line of section 8, township 1, south of range 1 west. The resolution provides that the