

that the city make reparation. Committee on claims.

J. A. Cunningham asked permission to construct a soil main to connect with the sewer on Canyon Road. Committee on sewerage.

SPOILED HIS NEW SHOES.

The following unique communication was read and referred to the committee on claims:

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,

August 11, 1891.

A. F. Doremus, city engineer, to John H. Campe, Dr., August 14.

To one new pair of russet shoes ruined by running against a stake set for leveling, in an unnecessarily careless and dangerous manner by your department, in the middle of the sidewalk in front of the Deseret bank,—\$3.

The following petition, signed by L. C. Johnson and forty-two other property owners, was read:

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,

August 18, 1891.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council, Salt Lake City:

Gentlemen,—We, the undersigned residents on Third South street, west of Main, respectfully represent that the Salt Lake City Railroad company was granted some years ago, by a former council, a right of way in this city along Third South street west of Main to the Rio Grande Western depot, over which right of way the company in question has laid a double track the most of the way and a single track all of the way to said depot. At some time ago said company operated a mule car service on said tracks to said depot, which service was abandoned from a point three and one-half blocks west of Main street solely because of the track having spread and the railroad company not taking sufficient interest in the matter to repair said tracks. This three and one-half block service was also abandoned and all service has entirely ceased on said street for a period of twelve months or more, said tracks during that period, and now, only serving to obstruct public travel and to shut out others who would gladly inaugurate an efficient car service over the street in question if given an opportunity.

Your petitioners believe said franchise was granted not as a private, perquisite of the company nor in any way to serve its private ends, but solely for the benefit that would accrue to the public from the continuous operation of an effective car service along the right of way in question. Private petition and complaint to the company have resulted only in broken promises, and your petitioners are convinced that the company will not inaugurate any service unless compelled to, and when this is inaugurated the service will be just sufficient to avoid a forfeiture of the right of way. In other words, your petitioners are convinced that with the other outlets to the depot now owned by the company in question it now has, and in the future will have, no particular use for said right of way except to shut out possible rivals.

Wherefore your petitioners respectfully ask that the city take the necessary steps to forfeit the franchise in question and give it to some other company who will furnish the service desired by the traveling public, or if the said franchise cannot be forfeited, that additional right of way be granted to any company offering satisfactory guarantees that such right will be used in such manner as will be of beneficial service to the public.

Committee on streets.

TO PROTECT "ORGANIZED LABOR."

The Federated Trades Union asked

that a clause be inserted in the contract for the construction of the proposed joint city and county building, prohibiting the employment of all but "organized labor," that Union prices be paid, and that eight hours constitute a laboring day. Referred to the joint city and county building committee.

TO DEFER COLLECTIONS.

The following resolution was sent in by Councilman Parsons and laid on the table for one week:

Resolved, That the assessor and collector be and hereby is authorized to defer the collection of taxes levied for the purpose of laying sidewalks, except where the board of public works accepts the walk and notifies the collector, or until further direction is given by the Council.

TO LESSEN ITS DIFFICULTIES.

The board of public works reported as follows regarding the above resolution:

Gentlemen—We beg to report that in our opinion the passage of the accompanying resolution or one of equivalent purport, will lessen the difficulties attending the construction of sidewalks in places where buildings are now in the course of erection or where temporary sidewalks have already been laid, and will serve the requirements for a limited time.

Committee on municipal laws.

POWER TO POSTPONE.

The Board of Public Works reported the following resolution which was also referred to the committee on municipal laws:

Resolved, That when upon representation of the Board of Public Works, in their opinion it is desirable to postpone the construction of any sidewalk pavement now ordered to be laid, that the collection of the tax levied for such improvements be suspended until such time as the City Council shall order, and that the Board of Public Works is hereby instructed to furnish the City Council a list of such cases as in their opinion are entitled to the exemptions contemplated by this resolution.

PROVISIONS TO PAY BACK THE EXCESS.

Councilman Young introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the assessor and collector be instructed to return to all persons who have paid or who may pay sidewalk assessments any amounts that said persons may have paid or may pay into the city treasury, in excess of the contract price—the assessor and collector to be guided by the instructions of the Board of Public Works as to the amount of the excess in all cases.

Committee on municipal laws.

A MOTION TO REDUCE THE RATE OF TAXATION.

Councilman Folland moved that the council reconsider its action in fixing the rate of taxation at 5 mills on the dollar, as in his opinion, that amount would give the city more money than necessary for the coming year.

Councilmen Spafford, Lynn and Pendleton briefly opposed the motion.

Councilman Young thought the motion was a good one and ought to carry. It would not prevent any intended improvement. According to the Mayor's estimate which was a liberal one, improvements in the various departments were all amply provided for. The 5 mill tax would bring a large amount of money into

the treasury that would not be needed, and that was unjust. He was also of the opinion that certain retrenchments might be made by the city such as decreasing the salaries of over paid officers. The rate of taxation had been climbing higher and higher until it was three or four times as high as a few years ago and it was becoming burdensome.

The vote resulted in a tie, being a strict party vote. The motion to reconsider was lost by the Mayor casting the deciding vote against reconsideration.

FOR A WEEK.

The bill for an ordinance granting a franchise to the Salt Lake City street railroad company went over for one week.

BOND OPINION.

All of the councilmen except Pickard voted in favor of employing Judge Dillon of New York, to decide the following questions:

First—Where the city has incurred debt to the extent of 4 per cent. of the assessed valuation, can a school district, covering the same territory as the city only, incur an additional 4 per cent. debt under the Congressional limitation of 4 per cent. apply to municipal subdivisions in Territories?

Second—In the same case where school district limits include the city and additional territory without the limits, can such school district incur a 4 per cent. debt?

Third—In the same case where school district limits include part of the city limits but less than the entire city, can it incur a 4 per cent. debt in addition to the 4 per cent. previously incurred by the city?

RETURNED PETITIONS.

The board of public works returned the petitions of William Young, B. F. Whittemore and James Kennelly, with the statement they had no power in the matter.

FROM THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS.

The committee on streets recommended that the city engineer be authorized to take the necessary steps to safely conduct the irrigation water from the Cliff House to Walker Bros. & Fyler company's corner. If the fall is not sufficient for an ordinary ditch, they recommend that a conduit and man holes be constructed. Adopted.

APPROPRIATION.

Frank Kinkel.....	\$ 300 00
A. J. Burt.....	241 45
Mrs. Merrill.....	363 15
Holy Cross Hospital.....	105 00
Mouat & Griffin.....	1500 00
W. H. H. Spafford.....	100 00
Stradman Company.....	445 75
School election.....	1800 00
George Robinson.....	38 40

Total.....\$3416 65

Adjourned for one week.

OBITUARY.

CHAFFIN—August 2, 1891, at Cedar City, Utah, Sarah Maria Cossitt Chaffin, relict of Father Louis Rice Chaffin.

Sister Chaffin was born June 2, 1815, at Mercer, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and was married to Louis R. Chaffin on the 3rd of December, 1837. They lived together over fifty years. She was the mother of six sons and three daughters, eight of whom are still alive. There are also 64 grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Sister Chaffin was baptized by Zenas H. Gurley and confirmed by J. Savage, in March, 1840, the same day that her husband was baptized. She passed through the persecutions of Illinois and was compelled to leave her home with her babe, five