

were withdrawn without notice. Only once in several years have the rates from the Missouri river been reduced. He wanted to illustrate some of the results of the action of the Z. C. M. I. He dealt largely in overalls, selling \$1000 worth a month. Before the action of the Z. C. M. I. he used to buy all of them in San Francisco, but since that time he had bought all of them from the Z. C. M. I. It meant the keeping of fifteen or twenty families in this city as one result. He spoke highly of Mr. Sears and hoped the movement would not languish.

Colonel Lett said that the railroads would concede nothing unless by force of circumstances. They should make concessions in freight and passenger rates, as in that way they would help build up the city and contribute to their own revenues by the increase in the freightage.

At the suggestion of President Simon a subscription paper was circulated to raise \$500 per month to pay a commissioner. The following names were read:

	Per Month.
George A. Lowe.....	\$10 00
Fred Simon.....	5 00
Spencer Clawson.....	10 00
Utah State Bank.....	5 00
Commercial National Bank.....	5 00
S. W. Morrison.....	5 00
Goebel, Pitts & Co.....	5 00
Sears & Liddle.....	10 00
Consolidated Implement Co.....	10 00
L. E. Hall.....	5 00
John T. Caine.....	5 00

Colonel Donnellan explained that one of the objects of the bureau would be the collection of claims for overcharges, etc., from the railroads. He instanced the case of a man named Ross who has an irrigating canal in Idaho near Market Lake. He wanted a carload of fence wire, but found he could lay it down in Market Lake cheaper from the east than from Salt Lake City.

Delegate John T. Caine was called on and said he came to listen, not to speak. The subject was a new one to him. He thought the movement a commendable one and would subscribe \$5.

Mr. Sherman was greatly interested in the movement, although financially not one-tenth as much as others, and he wanted to see some practical conclusion arrived at. As for the suggestion that a committee be appointed, he wanted to say his experiences in soliciting had disgusted him. Merchants looked at him as if he were a thief instead of wanting to do something in their interest. He favored hiring men to do this work and paying them for it.

Col. Donnellan moved that the president appoint as many soliciting committees for the purpose of making a canvass of the business men as he considered necessary. Carried.

L. E. Hall moved that the Chamber request the city government to keep the water in the ditches when the Irrigating Congress is in session, that they might prove an object lesson to the visitors coming here from the East. He thought this necessary because at the time of the Congress the Irrigation season was over. Carried.

On motion of W. C. B. Allen, the following committee was appointed to act with like committees from the real estate and stock exchanges to arrange an excursion to Garfield Beach for the Colorado visitors: W. C. B. Allen, J. H. Watts, C. O. Whittemore, Secretary Meloy.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, Aug. 27. President Scott being absent, his place was filled by Vice President Nelson. The members in attendance were Messrs. Pike, Newman, Duke, Alf, Baldwin, Colbath and Pratt.

SITE PROPOSITIONS.

The subjoined propositions were read and referred to the committee on sites for consideration.

S. Foster offered to sell the board for a school site, lot 8, block 2, plat A, 100x20 feet, for \$12,000.

E. L. Crow to amend a former proposition so as to accept school bonds for the entire amount of \$400 for property submitted, in place of \$2000.

E. Emery, a piece of land 10x20 rods, in the western part of the city, for \$9000.

O. E. Taylor & Co., to sell a piece of property described as $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 2 in block 16, facing south and west, for \$6000.

D. C. Dunbar and J. E. Caine, to rent for school purposes the old Hooper residence, for \$120 per month.

John S. Scott, to sell to the board lots Nos. 45 to 52, inclusive, in Liberty Park addition, for \$5000—\$1000 in cash and balance in school bonds at par value; size of lots, 88x157 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

An offer by O. C. Brown was made to sell for school site lot 1, block 15, plat G, 10x10 rods, for \$8500—one-half pay in school bonds.

C. E. Taylor & Co., to sell lot 7 in block 34, as a school site, for \$12,000; size of lot 10x20 rods.

F. G. C. Haven, a piece of land described as lot 2, block 54; 100x830 feet, owned by J. H. Dewey, for \$18,000, and also lot 3, block 54, 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ x165 feet, for \$6500.

S. C. Lynch, the following described property: One-half of lot 3, block 36, plat A; 5x20 rods, for \$6500.

LEASES CONTINUED.

The following leases were continued from last year:

The lower story of Sixth ward church; the Allen building, corner Third West and Fifth South; the Armstrong building, Fifteenth ward; the Blair building, Eighteenth ward.

The schoolrooms of Swedish Lutheran church, Twelfth ward; the schoolrooms of church, Eleventh ward. The president and clerk were authorized to execute the leases.

CONFIRMED.

A proposition recently made by Rev. Arnold to the committee for leasing buildings to rent two schoolrooms on Fourth West, between First and Second South, with equipments, at \$40 per month, was presented by the committee to the board and ratified.

NEW RULES ADOPTED.

The proof sheets of the regulations of public schools regulating the actions of persons connected with the schools were revised and approved and the superintendent was instructed to have 500 copies printed in connection with the annual reports and 250 without the annual reports.

AFTER MONEY.

The committee on finance reported that it had secured \$10,000 at ten per cent. Ratified.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following appropriations were made after which the board adjourned for one week:

Held's Band, election music.....	\$ 27 50
Anna Robbins, assisting superintendent to compile reports.....	60 00
Joseph T. Kingsbury, services as examiner.....	64 00
George W. Snow, services as examiner.....	64 00
J. B. Moreton, telegrams, stamps, P. O. box rent.....	8 90
Houlahan, Griffith & Morris, Twelfth school walk.....	60 70
Elias Morris, Eleventh school walk.....	60 70
The Herald Company, publishing.....	60 00
Deseret National bank, note of Twenty-second district trustees.....	182 21
Margrets Brothers, Crayon.....	3 90
D. M. McAllister, supplies.....	3 58
J. C. Murphy, seal and stamps.....	4 60
Times Publishing Company, advertisement.....	60 90
P. F. Bohann, moving furniture.....	4 50
David James & Co., plumbing and supplies.....	67 25
Peterson & Brown, lettering and sign.....	4 25
Star Printing Company, brief for P. L. Williams.....	15 0
Census enumerator.....	364 50
G. N. McKay, assisting clerk.....	24 00
State Bank of Utah, interest on overdraft.....	15 12
Tribune Job Printing Company, printing.....	72 10
New York Tribune, advertising bonds.....	42 00
New York Evening Post.....	27 00
Total.....	\$1,420 20

A FEW WORDS, PLEASE.

Editor Deseret News:

I thank you for the many kind expressions in your "remarks" upon my recent letter and would not trouble you again, but a few points need clearing up. In my letter I said: "Names amount to little, yet I have called myself a Rationalist." That is, not liking the other terms applied to me as names, I have chosen the above. But I always judge people by their acts rather than their professions. I believe you do the same. I do not like the terms "freethinker" and "infidel" because they have for years been appropriated in this country, not by thinking men, but by the rabble, just as the term "liberal" has been in Utah. I do not like "agnostic" because it is in my opinion needlessly indefinite. Mr. Ingersoll, to whom you refer, calls himself an agnostic. I once wrote a reply to his agnosticism, but the *North American* and the *Arena* thought too much of him as a patron to print it—or they may have thought it not worth publication. When I said, "I do know," I wrote simply in antithesis to the agnostic statement, "I don't know." What I know would come in only in a consideration of agnosticism, which is not now up. Mr. Underwood, to whom you refer, calls himself a Materialist. He is an Atheist, but one of the best of men, I think.

If I were to say that in my opinion a person outside of your church may hold communion with what I conceive to be "God" and receive "revelations" and "inspirations" from that source, you would probably differ and on that point we would agree to differ until we obtained more light. I am a Mormon with you in your statement that a man will be "rewarded according to his works." On that ground I rest free from concern as to the future.

Thomas Paine was not an atheist or a freethinker or an infidel, but he was called all three. He was a most devout believer in God and practiced a religion of humanity that exalted him far above those who lied about him.