IT STILL "HANGS FIRE."

No Definite Action On The Letting Of The Paving Contracts.

THAT WATER PIPE PURCHASE MUDDLE.

A Main Street Cash Line Project.—Amended Railway Franchise.—The Garbage Ordinance Again Gone over.

An adjourned session of the City Council was held last night. President Lorenzo Snow in the chair. The members present were: Hales, Wantland, Rich, Folland, Hardy, Kerrick, Rambler, Bell, Simmons, Evans, Moran, Lawson and Horn.

In the absence of Recorder Stanton, Deputy Ellsworth acted as clerk.

After some discussion the committee on streets was authorized to raise the zone walks on East South Temple street. There are eight of these walks and the cost of doing the work will amount to about $150.

STREET LINE PROJECT.

George M. Scott, F. Auerbach & Bro. and fourteen others submitted the following, which was referred to the board of public works and city engineer:

"We, the undersigned, property owners on the west side of Main street, between First and Second South streets, respectfully protest against the curb line as lately established, as it reduces the width of the sidewalk to 16½ feet, instead of 20 feet as heretofore, and which is the rule throughout the city. The traffic and travel on this block is greater than on any other block in the city, and the assessed valuation and taxes paid are higher also. In view of these facts we consider it a wrong to the public and ourselves to reduce the sidewalks in width as is done by the newly-established line, and we respectfully ask that you restore the 20 feet curb line.

HIS HONOR OBJECTS.

The following communication from the Mayor was received and filed without discussion:

In regard to the matter of the purchase of 950 tons of cast iron water pipe, referred to me on motion of Councilman Moran, I beg to report that the facts in the premises are as follows:

In the latter part of July last the waterworks committee, contrary to the usual methods pursued in the purchase of pipe, without authority invited bids from several of the large pipe manufacturing institutions of the country, and upon receiving such bids made a report recommending the acceptance of the bid of Blades Bros. This report was made August 8th. No action was taken upon the resolution (because, as I presume, the methods pursued were unusual and unauthorized) until the 6th day of the present month, at which time the Council adopted the report of the waterworks committee, and passed a motion referring the matter to the "Mayor for promulgation."

The adoption of the report recommending the acceptance of the bid of Blades Bros. in connection with the motion referring the matter to me to make the purchase is unacceptable of no other construction than that I am required to make the purchase on the Blades Bros.' bid, and am not authorized to act in the premises beyond this. To my such requirement I decline with emphasis to yield. The bids were made a month since, without any consultation with me, nor have I either been charged with the duty of inquiring into their validity or reasonableness. The Council by its action in the premises simply calls upon me to do a clerical act, giving validity to a transaction which in the regular course of business I should have participated in, and in regard to the validity of which I am not required to be satisfied.

In the former purchase of pipe, which was made by myself in conjunction with the waterworks committee, the prices paid to Blades Bros. was much lower than the bid upon which I am required now to purchase. For the first lot of 450 tons pipe purchased May 30th, from Blades Bros., their bid per ton was $26.00.

The bid in the present case is $28.50 per ton, a difference of $2.50, or on the 950 tons directed to be purchased, $2,375.00. Even if the transaction was in the regular course, this difference would of itself be sufficient to arrest further action until explained.

SEWER TAX LEVIES.

The ordinances levying the taxes for the four sewer extensions were read and under suspension of the rules finally passed. These provide assessments as follows:

On the south side of First South street from Second East to Fifth East; $3 per front foot.

On the north side of Fifth South street from East Temple street to West Temple street; $3 per front foot.

On both sides of Fifth East street from South Temple to First South street; $3 per front foot.

On the north side of First South street from Second East to Fifth East street; $3 per front foot.

BILL HANGING FIRE.

Beardsley reported that the special committee on paving contracts had so far been unable to come to an understanding, but would probably be able to submit the results to the council on Tuesday next.

THE GARBAGE ORDINANCE.

Beardsley presented the new garbage ordinance, "revised and improved." It was read the first time and a motion to suspend the rules was made, when Moran said he was opposed to rushing the ordinance through in one night.

"We had the other ordinance," he said, "before us for a month, and then we found there was some mistake about it."

Beardsley—I'd like to correct the gentleman. We had it before us six months.

Moran—Well, it is a very important ordinance and should not be rushed through in a hurry.

The rules were suspended and the bill read the second time, and then laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council.

THE AMENDED FRANCHISE.

The bill for an ordinance amending the franchise of the Great Salt Lake & Hot Springs Railway Company was called up by Simmons. Rich writing on the resolution allows the company to convert its line into a regular steam railway, providing it commences the construction of a railway to the West within four months.

The bill was read the second time, when Simmons moved a suspension of the rules that it might be read the third time.

Rich wanted all the protests against the modeling of the franchise read. There was no reason, he said, why the bill should be hurried through over the heads of two hundred or three hundred citizens. Without fully hearing and considering their wants and desires in the matter.

Moran also demanded that the protests be read.

The rules were, however, suspended and the bill read the third time.

Hardy moved to amend by making the time for actual construction of a railway in the west within sixty days instead of four months.

Evans wanted to know at what point the railway to the west was to be started. There might be a jim to it somewhere.

No one answered the gentleman, however, when Rich made an attack upon the railway company. He did not believe the railway company in the Council who knew what the bill meant. Such action was not right or proper. The bill was giving away a franchise worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, for which the city did not get one cent.

Wantland could not answer Evans' question, he said, but there was no doubt but the railway company would have to start from some point, of course. The road might be started west from several points.

Evans said the company should state to the council just what point it proposes to start from. The council was left in the dark on this question. If the city council could not act therein or in the direction the railway men wanted to, why they could come in and tell us the old if only days, or days. They would then have all they wanted, and the road to the west would never be built.

Folland supported Evans' idea. "The west" was a very indefinite term. A full dozen franchises had been granted for roads "to the west," and none of them had ever materialized. Besides sixty days would not give the company time enough to do anything.

Loofbourow thought the whole bill should be drafted anew. He was in favor of allowing the company to have a steam franchise, but the franchise now held by it allowed the building of a road to the Temple corner, and certainly no steam railway should be allowed to come there.

Hardy moved to lay the matter over until the next meeting in order that some further light might be had on it. The road as now run and operated was a nuisance. The men who were asked for the passage of the amendment did not live in the railway districts, or they would not be so anxious to have it passed. There was not a railroad in the city that lived up to their franchises, not one. It was high time that the railways were brought up standing.

The motion carried.

INDIANA GAS FRANCHISE.

Beardsley called up the bill for an ordinance granting a franchise to the Indiana Natural Gas and Pipe Line company. The matter had been referred to the committee on municipal laws, and from it came a report in favor of the franchise signed by Loofbourow and Horn, and a report against the granting of the franchise signed by Simmons and Hardy. The latter did not believe a franchise should be granted.

After some discussion and before any definite action had been taken a motion to adjourn was put and carried.

Y. L. M. I. A. Conference.

The Y. L. M. I. A. quarterly conference was held in the Assembly Hall on the 6th inst. President Mary A. Freeze presiding.

Conference was opened by singing the supplication hymn; prayer was offered by Counselor Nellie Colebrook Taylor; singing, "Kind Words are Sweet Tones of the Heart," with solo by Mrs. Maggie F. Bennett and chorus by the congregation.

The opening address, "Happiness," was delivered by Miss Alice Reynolds. Counselor M. Y. Dougall addressed a few words to these present, reminding them of duties sometimes neglected, and urged a faithful performance of the same in the future. A sacred duet was rendered by Mrs. Louise Hill and Miss Bell of Mill Creek. Instructive and interesting remarks were made by sisters Delia Eardley, Mary A. Freeze, Mattie H. Tracy, Mary E. Irvine and Nellie C. Taylor. Among the subjects spoken upon by the speakers were religious, prayer, faith, purity, love and humility.

Conference adjourned until 1:30 p.m. after the singing of "Love at Home."

The evening session commenced with the singing of the "Devotional Hymn."

Prayer was offered by Elder David McKenzie.

Quartette by Misses Alice Foster, Beatrice Cronk, Rose Eddington and Kate Rigby.

An address—"Whom Shall We Marry?" was given by Miss Rose Walker.

An original hymn, composed by Mrs. Carrie Thomas, was sung by the congregation.

"A Few Minutes with Poets and Poetry" was a subject treated upon by Miss Lillian Hemmen.

Sister Lucile Freeze made a few remarks, stating that one of the objects for their coming together was to have their spiritual strength increased. She felt that faith was spreading among our young people, and saw no cause for discouragement. She urged the young men to acquire a "polish," so that the young ladies might not be attracted by those outside of the Church and choose them for companions.

Counselor Joseph E. Taylor referred to the subject of marriage, and made a few pointed remarks.

President Mary A. Freeze offered a few closing remarks and conference adjourned for three months, attending the dedicatory.

The benediction was pronounced by Elder W. B. Dougall.

[The foregoing was not received at this office until today. ED.]

Much apprehension has existed in the minds of many persons out they should not be able to procure single specimens of the World's Fair currency half dollar, except by paying exorbitant prices to speculators. The apprehension could not exist except in quantities and the solution of the problem seemed difficult. The Hon. Thomas R. Bayne has solved it in a highly satisfactory manner. He has deposited with the treasurer of the exposition $2000, and the same number of half dollars, as soon as minted, are to be delivered to the Deseret Trust Co. Any stockholder of the exposition, on exhibition of his stock certificate and payment of the value, at the rate of $1 for each, can receive one or more coins. These will be delivered in the order of the original application as filed. Applications should be made at once.

THE CITY SCHOOL BOARD.

Different Systems of Heating and Ventilating Adopted.

MINORITY REPORT FROM BOOLY.

To Change the High School Course.—A New Corps of Teachers Employed.

The city School Board met in regular session last night, Vice-President Nelson in the chair. The trustees present were Duke, Young, Paul, Tibbs, Newman, Dealy, Raymond and Sabin.

NO LESSONS FREE OF CHARGE.

The ladies of the Fourth Ward Relief Society sent in a communication stating that the board had been using a building belonging to the association for school purposes in the Fourth ward free of charge and if the board desired to continue to use it would have to pay a rental of $4 a month for it. Committee on sites and buildings.

STEAM HEATING.

The committee on sites and buildings reported on the resolution of the board accepting the plans of George C. Sheets, architect, for the Hamilton school, and on the recommendation of the committee the board had decided to heat and ventilate the said building with furnace heat and natural ventilation. The same system was adopted on the Franklin school. On August 25th the committee opened bids for said heating and ventilation, one from the Gimeal Warming and Ventilating company for $2,795 for each building, and the other from Bennett & Peck of $2,735, both like exclusive of changes in the flues. The cost of the changes in the Hamilton school being so great and the flues already in being notes arranged for same, thinking the committee to solicit bids for heating by indirect steam. The bid of James, Spencer, Bateman & Co. for the sum of $2,950, is the lowest. Other necessary repairs would add $1,200 to $1,500 to this bid. The committee, therefore, recommended that the contract be entered into with James, Spencer, Bateman & Co. for the heating and ventilating of this building.

Duke wanted to know if the committee had power to advertise for sealed bids and thus practically reverse the previous action of the board.

Raymond said this was an exceptional case and the committee saw by adopting the course as recommended it would effect a great saving to the board and also expedite the business.

Tibbs favored the change and thought the work of putting in the apparatus should be expedited as much as possible. The report of the committee was adopted.

THE HAMILTON SCHOOL.

The same committee also reported recommending that the Gimeal Warming and Ventilating company's system be placed in the Hamilton school, providing that the cost of installing the same shall not exceed $2795, and that any necessary changes in the pipes be made before the contract is entered into. Adopted.

THE FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

The same committee further reported that the bid of the Bennett & Peck Heating and Ventilating Company for heating and ventilating the Franklin school building is $2,735, to which should be added about $600 for cost of changing the flues, very necessary to install the system, making a total of $3,335 for heating, ventilating and dry crematory closets. The committee recommended that the bid of the Bennett & Peck Company be accepted and the clerk and president authorized to execute the contract. Adopted.

THE LOWELL AND WASHINGTON SCHOOLS.

The committee also recommended that the matters for heating and ventilating the Lowell school in the Twentieth ward, and the Washington school in the Nineteenth ward, be awarded to Midgley & Sons Company for the sum of $3,500 each. The company have filed an agreement that they will furnish everything necessary to properly heat and ventilate said buildings even to direct radiation if found to be necessary, also any changes that may be required in the brick flues to properly and successfully install their system. Further, that the attorney of the board be instructed to prepare the contract, and that the president and clerk be authorized to sign same.

A MINORITY REPORT.

Mr. Booly offered a minority report recommending that the contract be not awarded to Midgley & Sons for the sum of $3500 for each school, for the reason that a former report of the committee recommended that the contract be awarded to the Healy & Meyers company for $3200. The said company guaranteed the successful operation of the plant and agreed not to ask any consideration for their labor until the plant was completed and accepted by the board. The report stated there was no reason for expending $300 for the purpose of making an experiment. The additional cost to the board is unnecessary and should not be incurred, and for this reason recommended that the contract be awarded to the Healy & Meyer company at $3200 for each building.

Mr. Duke moved as an amendment to the minority report that the name of F. J. Moran be substituted for that of Healy & Meyer for the Nineteenth Ward, and that the name of Midgley be substituted for Healy & Meyer for the Twentieth Ward building. A amendment carried, and the minority report as amended was adopted, thus awarding the contract for heating the Nineteenth Ward school to F. J. Moran, and the Twentieth Ward school to Midgley & Son.

Mr. Fike moved to reconsider the report of the committee. Motion lost, and the minority report as amended sustained.

TEACHERS APPOINTED.

The committee on teachers reported that there are vacancies in the corps of teachers in the following situations: Primary departments of Sixteenth school and of Eighteenth school, and intermediate department of the Sixteenth school, and recommended the appointment of the following persons to fill the vacancies, Miss Cantwell, Eighteenth school, at $50 per month; Miss Datt, Sixth school, at $75 per month, until the completion of the new building, after which new arrangements will be made; Miss McFall, sixteenth school, at $65 per month. Adopted.

The committee asked power to select a teacher for North Salt Lake. Granted.

TO CHANGE THE HIGH SCHOOL COURSE.

Roberts moved that the superintendent of schools be authorized to alter the course of study in the high school to conform to changes in text books. Adopted.

TO DISTRIBUTE NEW TEXT BOOKS.

Baldwin moved that the committee on school work be empowered to employ teams and the necessary help to distribute the new books. Carried.

REPORT ON BLANKS.

Mr. Young moved that the committee on sites and buildings be authorized to enter into a contract for the removal of the surplus dirt from the Lowell school. Carried.

TO HOLD A SCHOOL IN THE SEVENTH WARD.

Newman moved that the committee be authorized to rent a school building from the Church authorities of the Eleventh ward. Carried.

Board adjourned for one week.

Amusements.

Only a fair house assembled to see "Frederic Lemaitre," and "The Junior Partner" last evening. The former is a clever little sketch of the style of "David Garrick," where Mr. Miller imports himself in a new line, and very well he does it too. Like "Hiram," "The Junior Partner" is an illustration of what the free use of printer's ink will do. These pieces have no merit to entitle them to great consideration at the hands of the public, but persistent, plentiful and attractive advertising makes them go to very fair houses. Were it not for the cleverness of the performers, "The Junior Partner" would very soon be relegated to oblivion. It is to be hoped the new piece by Barton and Carre in which John Drew is to be star, assisted with Maude Adams, will be more deserving of public patronage than their latest production here.

"The Junior Partner" goes again tonight, tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow night.

Personal.

F. A. Leonard, Pittsburg, Pa., is at the Templeton.

J. H. Berry and wife, Provo, are guests of the Cullen.

A. I. Cohen, Sydney, Australia, is a guest of the Templeton.

Mrs. C. M. Graff and daughter of Denver are visiting Mrs. H. B. Hoover.

O. C. Calkins and E. J. Rogers, Park City, are guests of the Continental.

L. H. Stone, Minneapolis, and W. F. Sentell, Centerville, Ia., are at the Cullen.

Bonne F. Tapty, jr., Lonsdale, Conn., is in the city, sojourning at the Cullen.

J. W. Golding, Leadville, Colo., and Geo. Golding, Leadville, Colo., are registered at the Knutsford.

C. D. W. Fullmer, county clerk of Cache county, is registered at the Templeton.

W. L. Albert, Melbourne, Australia, is among the sojourners at the Templeton.

Mrs. McKee Rankin, Miss Phyllis Rankin, Sligo, Ireland, are guests at the Knutsford.

J. H. Clemes, H. C. Kenzie, Max A. Kenzie, Master Alex Kenzie, Denver, Colo., are at the Knutsford.

A Suggestion From Paris.

The young bachelors of Paris subtly have some even if they be unusual of certain serious shortcomings. During the fashionable winter season they of course receive many invitations. This summer they are paying what might be called their social debts by giving special parties in the suburbs of the city central, where the velvet lawn serves for carpet and the sky for ceiling. Recently some of them who were clever food upon the pretty Island in the lake of the Bois de Boulogne as their playground. Invitations by the hundred were issued, all the trees and bushes were decorated with Venetian lamps and colored lights, sparkling like countless jewels, a white satin tent was erected, in which, and in the large room of the restaurant on the island, the dancers disported themselves, the lake was illuminated with gondolas, serenaded with flutes and sparkling with fairy lights, and the midsummer night's dream was enacted to the delight of one and all. The men, by the way, were all white, and the ladies light dresses and large sunday hats.

Doubtless the novelties unlously suggestive, possibly not so gorgeous in the realization for the American young man who was well received at various houses during the past winter, and who learns to recognize his acquaintances, with something more substantial than the powder puff sometimes painted flesh of his sweetheart.

A Woodsy Example.

In one of the prominent streets of Portland, Me., stands a roomy and attractive house, the partly shortyard of which is inclosed by some slight iron railing. The fence gate is either always open or removed altogether. This of course leaves the plants and shrubbery at the mercy of every passing dog and street gamin, but as you approach more nearly the morning carelessness is explained. The house is furnished with foliage water, and from the basement a pipe passes through the wall into the yard at the corner of the house nearest the street.

Along this wall, on the house wall, appear the words, "Water for horses." Any person driving along the street—teamster, bicycle rider, pedestrian or engineman—is at liberty to enter the shortyard and drink water for his horse and himself, and many a poor, tired horse, jouting under the blazing sun, has been refreshed there in the past years. Portland, like many other cities, not being overcrowded with public drinking troughs for horses and dogs, and there being none whatever in that neighborhood.

The arrangement hurts the appearance of the house, which is the abode of plenty and refinement, it spoils the shortyard, which might else be a very bower of bloom all summer. It calls some critical comment from thoughtless and ex-

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