FIVE MILLS ON THE DOLLAR

That Is The Rate of Decided Upon By The City Council.

THE ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR'S COMPENSATION.

Shall His Office Continue to be a Fee Cottage One, or Shall It be Made Salaried.

A special session of the City Council was held Friday night, July 22nd, for the purpose of deciding upon the rate of tax for the coming year. President Lathbourne called the members to order at 8:30 o'clock (one hour late). The committees in attendance were Rich, Folland, Hardy, Horne, Bull, Lawson, Ewing, Evans, Simonsen, Heath, Wantland, Moran.

A FIVE MILLS RATE RECOMMENDED.

After the minutes of Tuesday night's session had been read and approved the following report from the committee on ways and means was read by the recorder:

To the City Council:

We your committee on ways and means recommend that the rate of tax for the year 1892 be fixed at 5 mills. We base some of this conclusion from the examination of the annexed schedule submitted by the city auditor.

M. C. LEWIS,
M. H. HARDY,
ALEX. A. FOLLAND,
Committee.

Accompanying the report was the following financial statement for the six months ending June 30:

RECEIPTS.

Bonds July, 1891	$100,000 00
Liquor license	15,750 00
Business license tax	17,000 00
Paving tax	10,000 00
General license	20,000 00
Power tax	12,000 00
Minerals tax	2,000 00
Fines	5,000 00
Tax sales	4,000 00
Water rents	1,000 00
City tax	5,000 00
Curbing and guttering	1,000 00
Interest on bonds	3,000 00
Dog tax	1,000 00
Premium on bonds	1,000 00
Cemetery	1,000 00
Rent	1,000 00
Engineering department	1,000 00
City and county building	400 00
Tax list	400 00
Assessor's office	400 00
Reports	400 00
Interest	400 00
Sewer assessments	400 00
Street department	400 00
Liquor license	400 00
Sewer rents	400 00
Revolving tax	400 00
Waterworks	400 00
Fire department	400 00
Jordan and Salt Lake canal	400 00
Total	$174,000 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Waterworks	$[illegible]
Parks and cemetery	[illegible]
Interest on bonds	[illegible]
Sewer department	[illegible]
Street department	[illegible]
Police department	[illegible]
City and county building	[illegible]
Engineering department	[illegible]
Street lighting	[illegible]
Waterworks department	[illegible]
Sewer department	[illegible]
Engineer department	[illegible]
Health department	[illegible]
Treasury department	[illegible]
Schools	[illegible]
Jordan and Salt Lake canal	[illegible]
Fire department	[illegible]
Judges	[illegible]
Clerks and officers	[illegible]
Prisoners	[illegible]
Assessor and collector's office expense	[illegible]
Street sprinkling	[illegible]
Curbing and gutterings	[illegible]
Contingent expense	[illegible]
Delinquent water	[illegible]
Jordan and Salt Lake canal	[illegible]
Paving pavements	[illegible]
Paroll canal	[illegible]
Hospital	[illegible]
Legal expense	[illegible]
Street water	[illegible]
Land	[illegible]
Sewers	[illegible]
Bridges	[illegible]
Dog tax	[illegible]
Refunding old debentures	[illegible]
Pensions	[illegible]
Interest on bonds	[illegible]
Labor refunded	[illegible]
Sewer assessment fund	[illegible]
Water bonds and C. B.	[illegible]
Fines	[illegible]
Cemetery	[illegible]
Rents	[illegible]
Magnetic	[illegible]
Total	$[illegible]

Lawson moved that the recommendations of the committee be adopted and offered a resolution endorsing the five-mill proposition.

Hardy—I think that 4½ mills is quite sufficient considering the hard times and the improvements proposed. I favor retrenchment.

Horne—I agree with Mr. Hardy and am willing that the rate should be fixed at 4½ mills; I would even be satisfied with fixing it at 4 mills if after due consideration that should be thought enough.

Ewing—The committee on ways and means arrived at the conclusion of fixing the rate at 5 mills after a careful estimate of what the city would need for the coming year. Less than the amount of money raised from that would not be enough.

Lawson—The five mill rate will give the city about $263,000. We will need every dollar of that amount to carry on contemplated improvements and pay regular expenses.

Wantland—I think that the rate should be fixed at five mills, the same as it was last year. Taxes are lighter in Salt Lake than in any western city.

Hardy—While I do not want to cripple the city government in the slightest degree, I think economies can be cut down with safety in some of the city departments. For instance, during the last six months $6,000 have been expended in the waterworks department. Parley's conduit has now been completed and there will be no heavy bills to meet from that source. In the health department more than $5,000 were spent during the same time. Why this is I do not know and cannot understand.

Horne—If the gentleman will allow me I will state for his information that the expenses in the health department have been made heavy by the removal of the city being compelled to pay $1000 per month to the Salt Lake Western railway company to convey its garbage from the city.

Wantland—A great deal has been said about real estate now being assessed to make a heavy tax revenue. As to that I will say that such a statement is erroneous. It is to be nobody's interest to keep down values as much as to the real estate dealer.

Rich—We want to show investors that the rate of taxes in this city is low. I move that Mr. Lawson's motion be amended to read four and a half mills instead of five mills, that will save the people about $20,000.

Folland—The committee having this matter under consideration had a tighter and a lower rate than five mills in view and during their deliberations it was thought that the rate decided upon was the proper thing. I am in favor of the five mill proposition.

Moran, Lawson and Wantland opposed the amendment.

Lawson's resolution was then adopted on the following vote:

Ayes—Folland, Moran, Horne, Bull, Lawson, Ewing, Evans, Simonsen, Wantland, Heath, Lathbourne—12.

Noes—Hardy, Rich—2.

ASSESSOR'S COMPENSATION.

Moran offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Fred. J. Leonard, the city assessor and collector be and he is hereby allowed as compensation for his services for the year 1892 two per cent on all collections made by him.

Folland—I move to amend by making the office of the city assessor and collector a salaried one at $3,500 per year.

Rich—I second the motion.

Lawson—I am in favor of Mr. Moran's resolution. Our assessor and collector is a good one; his services to the city from already been very valuable. He frequently has to work eighteen hours a day and often on Sundays. We should reward him well for his labors.

Hardy—I am opposed to the percentage compensation. The county gives its assessor $2500 per year and he must pay all his office clerks out of that amount. I think our assessor and collector is a good one and should receive a fair compensation, and I will move to amend the amendment and make his salary $3000 per year.

Rich—I second the motion.

Folland—I know that Mr. Leonard is a competent man and a jolly good fellow but that should cut no figure. According to two per cent, here Mr. Leonard will clear at least $6,000. This is, I think, an excessive compensation. Mr. Clute made, I am told, about $12,000 per year.

Wantland—In conversation with Ex-Mayor Scott lately he estimated that Mr. Clute got less than $6000 per year on the percentage plan.

Folland—I know absolutely from Mr. Clute's own statement that he made considerably more than $6000 per year.

Wantland here made a twenty minutes political stump speech to which he plead for the 2 per cent proposition.

Bull—I would like to ask the recorder how many months he will be required to work to assess the property and collect the taxes for the present year, twelve or fifteen months?

Mr. Leonard—Fifteen months.

Hardy—Mr. Leonard, the present incumbent, at $3,000 or $4,000 per year with the expenses of his office paid by the city will receive a compensation far in excess of that of any other city officer. It is a good, "plum" office and should, with its perquisites, satisfy the most fastidious.

By way of amendment to the original resolution by the committee, Ewing offered the following:

Resolved, That 2 per cent be allowed the assessor and collector on the property assessment, all other assessments and collections to be made without remuneration to the assessor and collector. Said special taxes to be as follows: Sprinkling, paving, sidewalks, sewerage, waterworks, curbing and all special taxes coming through the collector's office.

Evans seconded the resolution.

Wantland—I am absolutely opposed to the resolution. No one knew how much of the tax would go uncollected. It is entirely probable that his salary will fall below $3000, and there are not more than three votes likely to be cast in the Council against paying him a greater salary than that.

When Mr. Leonard received the nomination for the city assessor and collector he was given to understand that the office would be a lucrative one. His election was the first substantial recognition the Colorado contingent or outside element received and to squelch him now is unfair and should not be allowed.

Folland—I am glad the discussion has taken this turn so that I can make myself understood. If a mistake has been held and the number of votes canvassed in favor of the proposition we might as well end the matter here and now. It was time wasted to spend time foolishly on a cut and dried affair. Mr. Wantland's lecture has means something. What does he mean with so few votes on the proposition referred to? That is difficult to divine. But I want to tell that he never knows interested how I will vote. The proposition is urged and unpatriotically and I resent it.

Evans—I cannot sit still and say nothing on this matter. I am in favor of giving our assessor and collector a good salary, but I am certainly opposed to this heavy percentage plan. I will oppose anything giving that official more than $3000 per year. We should be moderate.

Wantland—I move that further consideration of this question be postponed until Tuesday evening next.

The motion carried on a vote of eight to three.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS.

The council then fixed the time of the sittings of the board of equalization on the 15th to 25th of August, inclusive, to hear complaints in regard to assessment.

Adjourned until Tuesday night.

A Bloody Speculation.

A Salt Lake cabman, seated upon a blanket in one, drove his team up before the door of an establishment where he expected to find a passenger. Jumping from his seat he entered the store and the following colloquy took place:

Yankee—Can't I sell you a load of broom sedge, mister?

Dealer—No, don't want any.

Yankee—Better take em—it'll wear like iron.

Dealer—Don't want any, and enough broom.

Yankee—Tell ye what I'll do. If you'll take the lot I'll be willing to throw in a dozen. You know they're worth double that.

The dealer stood for this for a moment, as if in deep thought, and then replied:

—Well, I don't want any brooms, so I tell you, but I don't mind making a trade with you.

Yankee—What sort of a trade?

Dealer—Well, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll give a dozen and pay you one dollar if you'll go to the other side of Brigham.

Yankee—No you don't mister. You'll change my cash on all from point to the other side! Don't I know some one in the little end of the horn.

Dealer—Oh, no; I promise you that you will find the goods just as I say they are.

Yankee—Well, mister, that's what I call square dealin'. It's a bargain.

And he commenced to unload the brooms in a pile on the sidewalk. When he was through he walked into the store.

"There you are, mister, fourteen dozen, which I calculate makes just seven dollars coming to me."

Dealer—Yes, that's right. Here's the money. Now what goods do you want for the other dollar?

Yankee—Well, I dunno. You see, mister, I hadn't much pasted in your store truck, so I guess I'll take brooms.—Home Furnishing Review.

Unpleasantly Affectionate.

An English traveler in Persia had arrived at Abadeh, where a European telegraph office, Mr. G——, welcomed him hospitably and invited him to remain for the night. He says:

An hour later I was comfortably seated upon the sofa, when my rest was suddenly disturbed by a loud bang at the sitting room door, which, Eliza upon, admitted two enormous animals, which I at first took for dogs.

Both of them leaped at once for my sofa, and while the larger one curled comfortably around my feet and composed itself to sleep, the smaller one, evidently of a more affectionate disposition, coiled itself on the floor and commenced licking my feet and hands, an operation which, had I dared, I should strongly have resented.

The white, glittering teeth and cruel looking green eyes inspired no little respect, to use no stronger term, for I had by this time discovered that these domestic pets were panthers! To my great relief, Mr. G—— entered at this juncture.

"Making friends with the panthers, I see," he remarked jokingly. "They are affectionate, companionable beasts."

That may have been true at the time. The fact remains, however, that three months afterward the "affectionate one" half devoured a native child! The neighborhood of Abadeh, Mr. G—— informed me, swarms with these animals.

Pets of English Regiments.

It may not be generally known that there is a special reason why the Royal Welsh Fusiliers should have a goat. They are a very ancient corps, and at an early period of their existence it was the custom to have a goat with a gold and garland on its horns to march at the head of the drums. Every 1st of March being the anniversary of their tutelary saint, David, the officers used to give an entertainment, and after the cloth was taken away a hamper was filled round to the Prince of Wales and the goat, richly caparisoned for the occasion, was led thither and placed side by side on the drum major.

In 1804 the then regimental goat of the Welsh Fusiliers died, and he actually presented the regiment with twelve of the finest goats from a flock—the gift of the duke of Bedford—in Woburn park, and since that date the goats have continued to supply the Welsh Fusiliers with goats as occasion required. The pet of the Second Battalion Derbyshire regiment used to be a young lion, the gift of the King's Royal Irish light dragoons, and formerly, at home, the Royal Warwickshire had an antelope, the Dublin Boffs a deer and the Fifteenth Hussars a tiger.—Pall Mall Gazette.

True to His Word.

There is an unfortunate relic of unknown greatness who hangs around the Capitol during the winters. On one occasion he applied to senator Jones for relief. "Hey, Jones," said he, lead me five dollars, won't you? I've got to go home and I haven't the money. I won't pay you till I come back in six months."

"No," said Jones promptly. "I won't let you have fifty dollars for six months. The old man's too feeble. I'll let you have it for twelve months if you'll stay away that long." The wretch was tickled, and promise to relate, turned up exactly twelve months afterward to a day and came back the hundred.—Kate Field's Washington.

Why English Girls Are Often Early Blooms.

It was once a common article of belief in England that when a maiden ran into the house early in the morning to have the first sole of the season, and when she found it took off her left shoe and heaved it at the door, the world there had a man's hair of the same color as that of her future husband.—London Queen.

Poor Man.

Old Lady (on boarding a Highlands in the native costume for the first time)—Well, well! That man must be in his second childhood, and has gone back to his short frocks again!—London Tit-Bits.

Probably 10,000 graduates have been told this June that Franklin said success in life means character building, not the accumulation of wealth. And every one of them will go out and be ready to break his neck in the chase to get money—or fig a pile as he can carry.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining uncalled for in the Post Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 23rd, 1892. In order to get any letter here, the party must call for "Advertised Letters," and give the date of the list. If not called for within two weeks, they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES' LIST.

Allison Polly	Jaques Fish Mrs
Allen Mary E	Jones Ellen Mrs
Arrison Jessie	Kendricks Jane Mrs
Alderson Mrs	Kimberly Annie
Anderson Sarah Mrs	Lindsay Mary E
Brock Mrs Rose	Lowell Alberta
Black Mrs Jane	Lewis Ella
Brown Mrs J C	Lowery Nora
Brown Mrs Jas L	Lyons Mrs
Bell Mrs Jas L	Lane Vera
Bell Ann	Marshall L T
Bell Mrs Ann	Marshall J H
Brown Julia A	Morris Sarah M
Bell Mrs Jas	Morris Mrs M
Bennett Josephine	Moran Sarah
Bell Mrs D H	Mills Mrs Ella
Bell Lizzie	Mills Annie
Bell Mrs	Mills Annie
Bell Mrs Jas L Mrs	Mills Annie Mrs
Bell Lizzie Mrs	Mills Annie
Bell Mrs Jas	Mills Annie
Bell Mrs Jas	Mills Annie
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