

FROM THE WATERMASTER.

Watermaster Harvey submitted the following report of expenditures in his department during the quarter ending March 31:

Controlling irrigating water, labor.....	\$2,322 00
Supplies.....	446 27
Jordan canal, labor.....	106 00
Supplies.....	50 00
Parley's creek canal, labor.....	47 00
Surplus canal, labor.....	98 00

Total.....\$3069 97

Received and filed.

FROM THE CITY ENGINEER.

The city engineer recommended that the bill of Rieple Bros. for \$189.95 be paid. Adopted.

The same officer reported that, owing to unfavorable weather, he had been unable to complete his estimate of the cost of waterworks for the Capitol Hill and the dry bench, and he was granted further time.

The same officer reported that he had arranged for right of way for the Parley's Canyon conduit, as follows: With Bird & Lowe, for \$100; with E. M. Benson, for \$10; with E. B. Wicks, for \$5. Confirmed.

FROM THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred the complaint of W. Kidde and others residing west of the Jordan River, in regard to their having no police or fire protection, reported that the matter complained of could not be remedied at present. The committee recommended that the petition of J. W. Haddock, asking that Fifth North Street be graded, and also that the petition of E. E. Darling asking that First Street, at the corner of Second, be graded, be granted. Adopted.

SIDEWALK DISTRICTS.

The committee on streets offered a resolution authorizing the recorder to publish notice of intention to construct sidewalks in the following districts:

District 5—Both sides of Third South, between West Temple and Third West.

District 6—Both sides of Third South between First and Second East. The material to be asphalt. Adopted.

The same committee offered a similar resolution providing for sidewalks on both sides of Third South, between East and West Temple. Also both sides of Third South, between East Temple and First East, the material to be flagging. Adopted.

IN MEMORY OF REJECTED COUNSEL.

Councilman James then offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, Our city attorney, owing to illness, and by the advice of his physician, finds that it will not be safe or prudent for him to continue his labors as city attorney, he, therefore, has tendered his resignation, and

Whereas, The retirement of our esteemed fellow citizen, Hon. S. A. Merritt, from the office of city attorney, presents a suitable opportunity for expressing the esteem in which we hold him as a faithful and courteous officer, therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Council accept the resignation with regret; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council and citizens of Salt Lake City are due to Hon. S. A. Merritt for the able

and impartial manner in which he has uniformly performed his public duties and that he carries with him on leaving the office the regret and good wishes of all who had occasion to transact official business with him."

PAVING ORDINANCE PASSED.

The ordinance "levying the tax and for the assessment of property on both sides of State Street, from the south line of South Temple Street to the north line of Fourth South Street, for the purpose of paving said street," was taken up and passed.

The estimated cost of the improvement is \$87,150, and the tax levied against the abutting property is \$16.50 per front foot, and the assessor is instructed to levy the assessment. One-tenth of the total amount levied against each lot becomes delinquent within fifty days from the approval of the ordinance, and one-tenth each year thereafter until paid up.

The ordinance levying the tax and for the assessment of property on both sides of State Street, from South Temple to Fourth South, for the purpose of curbing and guttering said street, was then taken up and passed. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$11,176, or \$2.12 per front foot on the abutting property. The tax is to be paid in the same way as for paving.

BALLOT STUFFING.

Mr. Hall—I move that the election of the City Attorney be proceeded with.

Mr. Pickard—I nominate Mr. W. C. Hall.

Mr. Noble seconded the nomination and the result of the ballot showed eighteen votes for Mr. Hall. This of course proved that some one had been guilty of ballot stuffing, and on motion of Mr. Parsons the recorder was instructed to cast the ballot of the Council for Mr. Hall. This was done and the gentleman declared elected.

HALL CONFESSES HIS USURPATION OF OFFICE.

Mr. Parsons then moved that the committee on the joint city and county building be reappointed under the contract recently made with the county.

Mr. Pembroke—I object to any such proceeding, and move that an entirely new committee be appointed.

Mr. Hall—I am not a candidate for reappointment on that committee. For one I decline the nomination. One reason for doing so is that my right to a seat in this Council is in litigation, and the legality of the business I have transacted, and would be called upon hereafter to transact, has been questioned, and as the Territorial Supreme Court is about to meet and may, next week, decide in unseating me, in that event, of course, another man would take my place and the information in regard to the joint public building obtained by me would be lost. For this and other reasons I decline to act on the committee in the future.

Mr. James—I think this declination to act by Mr. Hall is entirely unnecessary. I am in favor of his reappointment.

Mr. Pembroke—With all due respect to the gentlemen who comprise this committee, I must and do enter a most solemn protest against their reappointment. If this matter is put into new

hands we will have quicker and better work.

Mayor Scott—If the matter was left to me I should certainly appoint the old committee, unless they positively declined acceptance.

Mr. Hall—Well, I for one positively decline.

Other members of the Council appealed to Mr. Hall to withdraw his resignation, but he again refused, and in such emphatic language as to make himself plainly understood.

Messrs. Anderson, Lynn and Spafford were then elected, only Mr. Pembroke voting no.

MORE DELAY AND EXPENSE.

Mr. Parsons—The County Court has for several days been considering the advisability of sending a committee to Denver, and perhaps further east, to look up public buildings, and I move that the Council appoint some one to represent the city and accompany the committee.

Mr. Pembroke—I must object to this proposition also. If it is carried out it will only delay matters and confirm what the public believe with reference to a scheme being on foot by certain parties to prevent the erection of our much needed building. Again, it will be an expenditure of money that the city cannot well afford.

The motion carried, Pembroke voting no. The building committee were excused from voting.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following appropriations were made:

Deseret Hospital.....	\$ 7 00
Jordan Canal Co.....	46 73
Joseph Silver.....	114 00
E. Ferrando.....	88 65
Kelsey & Gillespie.....	16 95
Rechel Bros.....	189 95
Bird & Lowe.....	100 00
E. M. Benson.....	10 00
E. B. Wicks.....	5 00

Adjourned until Tuesday evening next.

THE DAIRY BUSINESS.

Editor Deseret News:

Let us see wherein our farmers are not doing that which they could do. The dairy business is one of the best paying industries in the world, as you will see by the following quotation:

"The American Analyst makes the dairy industry an immense one, and estimates that two billion dollars are invested in it, and that fifteen million cows are required to supply the people of the United States with milk and its products, and that to feed these cows sixty million acres of land are cultivated. The agricultural and dairy machinery is valued at two hundred million dollars, while seven hundred and fifty thousand persons and one million horses are employed in the business. The average cow yields four hundred and fifty gallons of milk in a year, which gives a total product of six billion, seven hundred and fifty million gallons. At twelve cents a gallon—which is a fair price—the milk is worth eight hundred and ten million dollars a year."

Just look at these figures, and the great amount of money invested—more than three times as much as all the banking business of the United States. And here in Utah a better place for that product, the people are eating eastern butter and cheese.

I made inquiry and found that five firms imported two hundred and ninety