

to urge that this matter be given attention without further delay, and that the excess advanced above the actual expense of the said extension be refunded to it as it is in urgent need of the money, and besides, the board feels that it is its duty to have the matter adjusted and the excess returned. I inclose with this duplicate of the original agreement executed by the board, but which it seems has never in fact been signed by the city. The money, however, having been paid, I take it, it is immaterial whether the contract has been actually signed or not.

Referred to the committee on sewers and the street supervisor directed to submit an estimate of the value of the iron turned over to the board by the city.

NOISY, DANCING HOODLUMS.

David McRae and thirty other citizens complained that noisy, rowdy and boisterous dances were held almost nightly at No. 249 South Eleventh East street. The petitioners also represented that "the hoodlums attending the ball, parade the streets at late hours hooting and yelling and making night hideous. We therefore respectfully ask that it be stated as a public nuisance or disturbance of the peace. Or at least be conducted within reasonable bounds of respect for the suffering neighborhood." Committee on police.

FLAGSTONE IN PLACE OF CEMENT.

William Illingworth et al. asked permission to lay a sidewalk of flagstone instead of cement. Board of public works.

TO WORK OUT HIS TAXES.

Benjamin Gulver asked to be allowed to work out his taxes. Referred to the Mayor with power to act.

WORK OR MONEY.

Hannah Phillips and others protested against the extension of time in laying sewer mains on Second South between Fifth and Ninth East streets and asked that the work be proceeded with or that assessment money be refunded. Committee on sewers and sewerage.

FEARFUL OF THE CONSEQUENCES.

The assistant recorder at this juncture of the proceedings took a communication from his wallet from the Mayor and proceeded to read the same, when he was suddenly halted by Rich asking the question:

"What is it about?"

The assistant recorder—On finances. Several members then simultaneously moved that it be tabled until miscellaneous business was reached.

ANOTHER OF THE SAME SORT.

Mr. Dennis then proceeded to read another official communication from his honor in relation to the removal of Sanitary Inspector Showell and the appointment of B. C. Ewing as his successor, when he was cut short by that, too, being temporarily laid on the table.

GUTTERS VS CATCH BASINS.

The chairman of the board of public works and city engineer, reporting in the matter of the recommendation that gutters be substituted for catch basins in the paved districts, stated that the gutters in their opinion would prove the most satisfactory, but that they

would not recommend the substitution until after one winter's experience with the basins. They also felt confident that no serious results would follow the use of the basins if flushed out once or twice a week with irrigation water. Adopted.

DEPUTY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Health Commissioner Beatty recommended the employment at once of our deputy sanitary inspectors.

Simondi and Wantland advocated the adoption of the report, whereupon Bell said: "Gentlemen, this thing must not, it cannot go through. The Mayor can and will stop it. Remember that. I did not think it would be necessary for me to talk this way in the council for at least thirty days to come. You have got to the end of your string and you ought to know it."

Horn said if anything was stopped it should be the Mayor's salary.

Wantland contended that the Mayor would stop nothing in the sanitary department. He would cut in all of the other departments first.

Bell again took the floor and commenced to speak, when Simondi opened a cross fire at him. The latter, warmed up, declared ironically he presumed that he was talking to sensible men, but intimated that so far as Mr. Simondi was concerned he might be mistaken, but he did not intend to "play circus" any more than was absolutely necessary. Committee on sanitary rules and quarantine regulations.

RAPID TRANSIT CAR TAX.

City Treasurer Duke submitted a communication from the Salt Lake Rapid Transit company, in which they demurred to the payment of an annual tax of \$30 each on twenty-two cars, their claim being that they only operated fifteen cars on an average. Filed.

AN ABUNDANCE OF LIBERAL MUD.

The street supervisor reported that there was an abundance of mud on South Temple street First South and Second South streets, between West Temple and Fifth West streets, and recommended its removal. Committee on streets.

REFUNDING RECOMMENDED.

The committee on waterworks recommended in the matter of waterworks extension No. 153 on Ninth East street, that as only \$400 had been paid and \$2040 remains unpaid that the treasurer be authorized to and instructed to refund to the proper parties the amount collected on said extension. Filed.

CITY CREEK CANYON WORK.

The committee on waterworks recommended that riprap and repair work be done in City Creek canyon to the amount of \$1500.

SIDEWALK RESOLUTION.

Bell offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, At a meeting of the City Council held on September 23, 1893, a resolution was adopted instructing the board of public works to immediately proceed with the work of laying cement sidewalks on First and Second South streets from West Temple to State street, and

Whereas, The weather will soon be

such as to prevent the completion of said cement sidewalks; therefore be it

Resolved, That above mentioned resolution of date of September 23, 1893, be and the same is hereby rescinded and of no effect; and be it further

Resolved, That a report of the board of public works under date of September 23, 1893, regarding said walks be adopted and the matter referred to said board of public works for immediate action as per their recommendations.

UNPLEASANT FACTS FROM THE MAYOR.

The Mayor's communication, which was tabled earlier in the evening, was then the subject of a vigorous discussion.

Wantland opposed it coming up and resorted to various kinds of tactics to prevent it being read, and Lawson declared that the Mayor and finance committee were responsible for all the financial ills the city was now suffering from. The Mayor, he said, didn't care for any thing or any body but his \$3000 a year and his Alta recreations and pleasures.

Folland also blamed the finance committee and his honor, and Evans said it was a burning shame that a communication from the chief magistrate of the city should be knocked about as it was.

The message was finally read and referred to a committee consisting of Bardeley, Bell, Folland, Karrick and Wantland. It is as follows:

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 10, 1893.

To the Honorable President and City Council:

Gentlemen—In January last, in my annual report, I made a statement showing the amount of the existing obligations of the city, together with the amount of money it would reasonably require to run the various departments of the city for the current year, and complete certain essential improvements according to their estimated cost, which were in contemplation, and part of which had already been contracted for, among which improvements were the gravity sewer, street paving, joint city and county building, city jail, etc., also showing that the estimated available assets of the city for the current year would be amply sufficient to meet all of these requirements and yet leave a balance of \$250,000 in the treasury with which to meet less pressing expenditures. In connection with this I said: "From the foregoing statement it is apparent that a point has been reached in the financial affairs of the city at which an

ABRIDGMENT OF THE EXPENDITURES

should begin and the whole matter of expenditures be kept well in hand by the Council."

Shortly afterwards Mr. Bell introduced in your body a similar statement, but much fuller in detail, showing substantially the same state of facts, a copy of which is herewith appended, marked exhibit "A." The available assets for the current year in both of these statements were estimated at one million and ninety-eight thousand (\$1,098,000) dollars. This estimate, as subsequent events have shown, is too high by one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars owing to discount on bonds and the reduction of the tax list, and reduces the estimated balance before mentioned in that amount.

Notwithstanding this showing the expenditures were not as recommended, abridged, but on the contrary were greatly augmented, in consequence of which the city today has outstanding warrants to the amount of \$220,000, with two and a half months of the year covered by said statements yet unexpired.