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RECONSIDERATION DEMANDED.

At its last session the City Council voted an appropriation of about $175 to Frank Harigan, the sidewalk contractor, for work done on the north side of Second South street, between East and West Temple streets—to be more specific, along the south side of some of the Walker property west of the corner. The claim of Mr. Harigan has a history which could be very profitably brought to the attention of the Council, if some of the members who voted for its payment last Tuesday will move at the next session, and support the motion, for its reconsideration. There are public records and official reports enough, we apprehend, to convince the city fathers that they were at least hasty in the action last taken, and that in reality the claim should not be paid.

We shall not go into all the details of the incident; but will endeavor to bring forth sufficient information to cause each honest guardian of the public funds to think again before voting away five hundred dollars of the people's money. It may not be generally known, but it is a fact, that there is a double sidewalk at the point in question, one on top of the other. Thereby hangs the beginning of the tale. The board of public works, in the fall of 1893, communicated to the contractor certain pieces of work upon which they desired him to concentrate his forces with a view to getting those portions completed before frost should come to render the work difficult and imperfect. His contract required that these conditions should be complied with. At the same time the board distinctly notified him that he should do no other sidewalk work than on the points specified. The Walker sidewalk was not one of the portions named; whereupon the owners of the property petitioned for the privilege of putting down their own sidewalk, and the petition was in due course granted. In the meantime, however, the contractor rushed in hastily with his materials and men, and laid the sidewalk in defiance of the board's previous instructions; while the owners, in pursuance of the permission, proceeded to lay the walk on top of that which he had done; hence the rise in the grade at the point named. When Mr. Harigan's claim for this work was presented, to the amount of a little over $400, it was disapproved; the report being unanimously signed not only by the board of public works—Thomas Marshall, A. F. Doremus, H. M. Walls, Jos. E. Caine and George M. Downey—but also by the committee on claims. Twice since then has the same claim been presented and twice disallowed by the claims committee and the Council. The fourth time—a few weeks ago—the petitioner—whose claim has been gradually growing with interest charge, etc.—asked for its consideration by a special committee; and on that committee's favorable report the Council last Tuesday voted the bill.

Now, $175.20 is not a very large sum in a city like Salt Lake, and it is a considerable amount to any single individual who has plenty of uses for all he is entitled to, like Mr. Harigan. But there is a principle involved that must not be lost sight of. And in view of the fact that it is now proposed to ignore the recommendations of the board of public works, which of itself we think makes the action illegal, as well as of the committee on claims—all of them men of repute and of experience with the case—it does seem that some one ought to move for a reconsideration, to the end that a full hearing of the facts may be had, and justice, not only to the claimant but to the city's treasury, may be done.

THE MURRANT TRIAL.

The evidence in the Durrant case in San Francisco, one of the most famous on the criminal record for many years, is all in now, and the verdict is practically pronounced in the minds of the jurors.

When the attorney for the defense made his opening statement, he promised to prove an alibi. He said he was confident of being able to break the chain of evidence forged by the prosecution, link by link, and intimated that another was guilty of the atrocious murder in the church building. He positive were his assertions that the jurors, interested in seeing crime punished and innocence vindicated, expected some highly sensational developments by way of new evidence. The anticipation seemed justified by the apparently immovable faith of the defendant in the outcome of the trial. In view of these circumstances, it must be admitted that the defense has been a total failure, so far as can be judged from the telegraphic reports; it has, if anything, strengthened the position of the prosecution.

Durrant's late now hinges upon the view taken by the jurors on the question whether he was present at or absent from the lecture of Dr. Cheney on April 3rd. The roll call of the class shows that he was present, but the prosecution holds that the record is only a copy of the original one and not reliable, and this view is sustained by the fact that neither Dr. Cheney nor any of the students called to the stand could remember having seen him in the class on the evening in question.

The case is one of those that appeal to heaven and earth for retribution and justice. Atrocious crimes were perpetrated, and that in a building supposed to be set apart for sacred purposes. Two murders were undoubtedly committed in order to cover up the traces. If Durrant is guilty, as everything seems to indicate, the best interests of society demand that he suffer the penalty of the just laws of God and man.

BE CHEERFUL AND PURE.

The question whether human beings sometimes die of grief is generally answered in the negative by physicians, but they admit that when the system is weakened by other causes, grief may hasten death. It is also admitted that it renders various organs of the body more susceptible to disease. If a person becomes possessed of the idea that his misfortunes are too great to bear, the probability is that physical disturbances will finally occur, sometimes serious enough to cause death. As an illustration of this, an exchange mentions that the first Napoleon's fatal illness was brought about by the somnolent depression of his mind, caused by his exile and his many adversities. William Pitt is also said to have died prematurely because of his failure to realize his hopes and aspirations.

On a line with this is the fact that in times of epidemics a number of persons take sick and die as a result of fear. A somewhat remarkable story is told of the daughter of a French writer of novels. She took so deep an interest in one of her father's books, in which the heroine was suffering from consumption, that gradually, as one read on and saw the vivid word painting impressed on her imagination, she developed the same symptoms.

Instances of the wonderful effects, for good or for evil, of the mind on the body are numerous, and they prove the importance of cherishing a cheerful disposition, of maintaining peace and joy at heart, as well as care in the choice of literature and amusements and associations. There is a spiritual atmosphere as well as a physical one. The latter, we are told, is the vehicle of the deadly germs that cause decay; it needs to be pure. No less should that atmosphere be cleansed in which our minds live and breathe, for on its purity depends to a great extent the vigor and usefulness of the human system.

LITTLE HOPE FOR WALLER.

Advices from Washington indicate that there is little hope for ex-Consul Waller, now in prison in France. The government seems to have arrived at the conclusion that the unfortunate man has received but justice, and there will, consequently, be no demand on the French government for his release, notwithstanding the appeal of Mrs. Waller in behalf of her husband.

According to official information, Waller wrote a letter to a member of the Haya government, containing a warning that two Frenchmen whose their lines were spies. The men were mentioned by name and the probability is that, had the letter not been intercepted, the two Frenchmen would have been killed by the Haya. Waller's defense was, it is alleged, that the men referred to were not identified; but neither the French court nor the state department at Washington deems this plea valid, and the consequence is that the matter is considered ended, and the condemned man will have to bear his fate, unless the government can be induced to ask the Fre to admit him as a favor to lighten the sentence.

Mrs. Waller's story is somewhat different. She claims that the arrest and sentence of her husband were based on three letters, one to herself, one to a man named George Tessier and one to a native. Neither of these messages, she claims, contained anything regarding the movements of the French army, although in one of them allusions were made to certain alleged outrages committed by French soldiers. She claims to have a number of important papers bearing upon the case and will present these to Secretary Olney.

The case has long been considered one of international importance and has been the subject of comment both here and in France. It is needless to say that the imprisoned man's friends are sorry to have to admit that the first representations do not seem to be sustained by the latest information received.

THERE IS one little town on this earth that needs no "good government" committee, if newspaper reports are to be relied on. This is the little town of Hanko, in Japan, and it has just been awarded $100 by the government bureau of its exemplary record. For over 200 years no crimes have been committed within its limits, nor have any lawsuits or quarrels been recorded. There has been no default in taxes and no call on the government for aid after any disaster. This is certainly a record which no town in America or Europe could equal. And in "benighted" Japan, too!

IT IS not only in this country that pretenders to divine attributes appear. The claimant who has recently appeared in Texas has a rival in Sicily. The man pretends to be an incarnation of Christ, and has already a large following. It is feared that he will obtain political importance. The Sicilians are not much attached to the church, but highly superstitious and given to mysticism.

THE SPANISH press criticises the government for yielding to the United States. The Justicia, Madrid, accuses the Spanish government of having violated the constitution by paying the Mora claim. The action of the government in this case, says the paper, must lower the prestige of Spain throughout the world.

OF COURSE public office is a great burden and fills the incumbent with worry. But it is touching to notice that there are thousands of symmetrical, magnanimous souls willing to relieve the official of his burden and worry by taking the office themselves.

A MATTER of six weeks, and the American public will have another of those delirious epistles known as the President's message, and the writer thereof will have another Congress on his hands.

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