

DISBURSEMENTS.

Forage.....	\$56 25
Advertising.....	18 80
Total.....	\$ 75 05
Total earnings.....	124 70
Due poundkeeper.....	36 45

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Stanton submitted the following report of his department for the quarter:

Fires during the quarter.....	25
Loss by fire.....	\$71,543 49
Insurance.....	61,135 37
Miles traveled by department.....	15 1/2
Hose used, feet.....	11,100
Chemical used, gallons.....	415
Cost of maintenance.....	\$ 8,397 66
Credits.....	182 12

Total expense.....\$ 8,215 44

REPORT OF THE STREET COMMITTEE.

The street committee reported that in the matter of the petition of Edward B. Wilkes for a franchise for the Salt Lake, Hailey & Puget Sound Railroad on the south side of Jordan, that the petition be granted, providing work be begun in ninety days and the road be completed to Hailey, Idaho, within two years. On the petition of Samuel Galazzi asking that the D. & R. G. be ordered to grade Sixth West between North Temple, recommended that it be granted and the railway company be ordered to grade in accordance with their franchise. Adopted.

THE DRY BENCH WATER QUESTION.

Mr. Pembroke offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The property owners of what is known as the north bench of this city have petitioned this Council to provide for their use water for culinary and other purposes, and

Whereas, Such extension of water facilities would greatly enhance the taxable value of such property and at the same time secure relief to a large number of our citizens, be it resolved that it is our desire to make such extensions as soon as legal and equitable means shall be provided for such work.

Referred to the committee on water-works with instruction to investigate.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following appropriations were made:

Salt Lake Power, Light and Heat Co.....	\$2,573 40
Salt Lake Gas Co.....	171 00
A. J. Burt, boarding city prisoners.....	452 28
Mrs. Merrill, boarding city prisoners.....	284 55
Parley's conduit right-of-way.....	300 00
Hines & Auer.....	320 00
Estray pound-keeper.....	36 45

On motion of Mr. Cohn the Council adjourned until Friday, April 10th, when a special session will be held to further discuss the report of the license committee

The special session of the City Council held April 10, was another demonstration of the utter incompetency, lack of principle and desperation of the gang who manipulate the municipal machinery. Mayor Scott presided. The following members were in attendance: Spafford, Karrick, Pembroke, Heath, Pendleton, Armstrong, Hall, Lynn, Anderson, James, Parsons and Cohn.

On motion of Mr. Cohn the report of the finance committee with supplementary report from Treasurer Walden was read and the licenses schedule taken up.

Mr. Karrick—I move that debate be limited to three minutes to each speaker on the items discussed. Carried.

Mr. Hall—I move to abolish the license of \$12 per annum on assayers. I am unable to see where there is any justice in imposing a special tax on that class of individuals, simply because they have a small forge and a few tools, when the blacksmith with a large forge and many tools is not required to pay an additional tax. If one is licensed, then the other should be also. The same argument will hold good with reference to barbers, dentists and a host of similar pursuits that are untaxed.

Mr. James—Perhaps I pay out as much or more money in a year for assaying than any other man in the country and am thoroughly familiar on that subject. I think the license should remain as a guarantee of ability.

Mr. Hall—It does not require a great deal of ability or capital to become an assayer or to pay the \$12 license.

Mr. Lynn—That is true, but if a man is irresponsible, his license could be revoked and that would be a brand of disqualification. In my opinion the license is a protection and should be retained.

The motion to strike out was lost.

When the Building, Loan and Discount Association license of \$50 a year was reached, Mr. Hall said: I think that tax is unjust and drives Eastern capital away from the Territory. I therefore move to strike it out.

Mr. Lynn—In rebuttal of that I will say such associations extract enormous rates of interest from those of our people who are compelled to borrow money from them. Only yesterday a case came to my knowledge where local parties are paying 2 1/2 per cent on a large loan obtained through one of these associations. I think the tax should be increased rather than abolished.

The motion to abolish the license was lost.

Mr. Hall—I move to strike out the license of \$500 a year on bankers and brokers having a capital stock of \$300,000 and upwards. Lost.

Mr. Lynn—I move to strike out the license of \$6 a year on boarding houses accommodating from three to five persons. Carried.

Mr. Cohn—I move to strike out the license of \$2 per day on fine arts. Lost.

Mr. Pembroke—I move to strike out the license of \$50 a year on hotel runners.

Mr. Lynn—I am opposed to that proposition. If there is one class of men who presume to ply their trade under a licensed garb, and which are a greater nuisance than another, it is the average hotel runner. Their impudence should be held in check.

The motion to strike out was lost.

Mr. Cohn—I move to reduce the rate of employment and intelligence offices from \$25 to \$10 per year.

Mr. Spafford (jumping to his feet)—I move that the license be raised to \$200 a year. These fellows rob and fleece the poor man in search of work upon the right hand and upon the left.

Both motions were lost.

Mr. Armstrong—I move to increase the license to \$50 a year. Carried.

Mr. Lynn—I move to strike out the license on lodging houses with less than ten rooms. Carried.

Mr. Cohn—I move to amend the

recommendation of the committee that no liquor license be issued for less than six months, by making it three months. Carried.

Mr. Pendleton—I move to reduce the license on livery stables having more than thirty-five vehicles, with animals, from \$250 to 200 per year. Carried.

THE MERCHANTS' LICENSE.

Mr. Hall—I am heartily in accord with the recommendation of the treasurer to abolish the merchants' license. The merchant is willing to bear his proportion of the public burden, but the license has two bad effects. First: It creates a monopoly by building up those who are firmly established in business. Second: It prevents other merchants from coming here and engaging in business. Again, the merchant adds to the city revenue in the regular order of taxation. The license makes a double tax which, to say the least, is unjust. For the license committee to say that we can't spare the money now but might do so by and by is an admission that the license is unjust. We do not have to employ a policeman to watch their merchant as we are compelled to do with the saloon-keeper. He causes no expense to the city and should not be compelled to pay a special tax.

Mr. Lynn—In reply to Mr. Hall I answer that it is very true that it is not necessary to employ police to watch our merchants, but we do have to maintain a large and expensive fire department for their benefit.

Mr. Cohn—in case the merchants' license should be abolished it would be necessary to increase the regular rate of taxation. In that event the poor man would be compelled to bear a burden that properly belongs to the rich man. By abolishing the merchants' license we rob the city of \$40,000 a year. We are not in a position to be deprived of this revenue.

Mr. Pembroke—We need and must have the money and the merchants might as well pay it in the shape of license as by increased taxation.

The vote was then taken on Mr. Hall's motion to strike out, and resulted as follows:

Noes—Parsons, Pendleton, Spafford, Anderson, Heath, Pembroke, Armstrong, Cohn, Karrick, Lynn, James—11. Yeas—Hall—1.

After the adoption of the merchants' license, came the subject of taxing sewing machine canvassers \$25 a year.

The question was barely under discussion when the Council Chamber was transformed into a howling pandemonium and the scenes that followed beggar description. A free for all fight seemed inevitable; Mayor Scott grew pale and trembled on his throne as he vainly and feebly endeavored to restore order.

The irrepressible Pembroke was the moving cause of the disturbance. He knew that Hall was a sewing-machine agent and determined to have some fun at that gentleman's expense and mischievously winked at a person sitting opposite.

Mr. Hall—I move to strike out the license on sewing-machine-agents.

Mr. Pembroke—A very pungent reason was given here a few minutes ago why hotel runners should be taxed. It was stated in effect, that they were the most troublesome pests with which any