

ization, and the failure of the board to act thereon, that the Council now order that the request of the petitioner be granted. Adopted.

#### CORNER LOT ASSESSMENTS.

Councillor Lynn offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the assessor and collector be and hereby is authorized to accept in full payment of sidewalk tax on any corner lot, the sum that said tax would amount to figured on actual property lines as the rate per front foot at which said tax was levied in the district in which said corner lot may be located.

Adopted.

#### IT CAN LAY A SWITCH.

The committee on streets reported favorably on the petition of the Metropolitan Stone company asking that it be allowed to construct a switch from the Utah Central railway track on Eighth South street into lot 1, of block -plat A. Adopted.

#### THE INTERLACED TRACKS.

The committee on streets reported as follows: Regarding the interlaced street car tracks, on First street we recommend that the car on the down grade have the right of way, providing it should enter upon the main track before the up car; that it should be the duty of the conductor of the car going up to know that the main line between sidings is free from any car or cars before the car going up starts. Adopted.

#### OFF ON BUSINESS.

Mayor Scott presented a communication in which he announced that his business would call him out of the city for a period of two weeks, and respectfully requested the council to appoint an Acting Mayor during his absence. Received and filed.

Councilman Anderson nominated Councilman Parsons, but that gentleman emphatically declined the proposed honor and nominated Councilman Anderson, who also refused the nomination.

Councilman Young nominated Councilman Pickard.

There being no other nominations, the vote was taken and resulted as follows:

Pickard.....	11
Parsons.....	2
Blank.....	1

Pickard was declared elected.

#### THE HAY MARKET.

The committee on markets, to whom was referred the petition of George M. Downey and J. T. Donnellan, for license to erect scales on lots 7 and 8, block 53, plat A, recommended that the license be granted, but that the Council take no action tending to recognize such scales as public. Adopted.

#### SIDEWALK ORDINANCE PASSED.

An ordinance levying the tax and for the assessment of property on both sides of Fifth East street, from South Temple street, in sidewalk district No. 18, in Salt Lake City, for the purpose of constructing sidewalks thereon, was taken up and passed.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The following resolution, introduced by Councilman Spafford, was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on markets be and are hereby instructed to investigate and report upon a suitable location for a hay market, to take the place of the one now established upon the west half of Washington square.

The ordinance abolishing the office of police captain was read the second time and laid over for one week.

The question as to whether or not the city should build a retaining wall in front of Lindsey Sprague's property on State street, which had been damaged by the city engineer, was referred to the committee on streets, with the attorney associated, it being the opinion of some of the members of the Council that Sprague had a right of action against the city.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

Mount & Griffin.....	\$1000 00
Sierra Nevada Lumber company.....	330 44
Chester Osborn.....	67 65
Stradament company.....	24 00
Mrs. J. E. Foote.....	10 00
O. S. Ford.....	100 00
J. F. Brim.....	200 00
Total.....	\$1792 09

#### LETTER FROM MEXICO.

Editor Deseret News:

A few words from Colonia Juarez may be of interest to some in Utah who have friends residing here, and therefore, I now send a brief description of the place as I find it after a prolonged absence.

Situated in the valley of the Piedras Verdas, here about one-third of a mile wide, the first view obtained by the visitor from the brow of the mesa or bench overlooking the town is beautiful indeed. He sees comfortable dwellings, some of them elegant, built of adobe, concrete or brick, embowered with fruit trees, vineyards and flowers; lots neatly fenced with boards or pickets, the broad sidewalks shaded by rows of fine trees, while the stream flowing through the town is bordered along its whole course with the magnificent cottonwoods peculiar to this southern land, and with sycamores, black walnut, ash and willow trees, and mulberries growing naturally above the village. Everywhere one sees abundant evidence of prosperity.

A large and well finished building of adobe and concrete, just completed, was dedicated on September 6th by Apostle Teasdale, on which occasion it was filled to overflowing with a well dressed and happy looking assemblage, representatives of Juarez, Pachico, Dublin and Diaz. The choir singing was especially fine, led by Brother Walser, an experienced leader in both vocal and instrumental music.

Juarez has an excellent grist mill built by Brother Stowell, a good tannery, owned by Bishop Seavey. A brick machine, owned by David E. Johnson, a tin shop, lime kiln, store, and two cane mills, besides the usual proportion of blacksmiths, carpenters, and other trades. Fruit trees and vineyards make remarkable growth, and flowers grow in uncommon luxuriance. I notice at this writing now in bloom roses, zinnias, trumpet keepers, morning glories, and moon flowers, and chrysanthemums just about to flower.

There is a much larger area of farm land in cultivation than I had expected to see, fields of corn, cane and lucern extending up the river four miles. The cane is now being pressed for molasses. Many miles of ditches are in use, and another ditch is in process of construction. Everyone appears busy, for in new settlements a hundred things

must seemingly be done at once. The people are united and happy, with no sickness except a single case of diphtheria in the family of Bro. A. J. Stewart, Jun., whose daughter has now nearly recovered.

A woolen mill is much needed here. There is abundant water power, and many thousands of sheep, both Mexican and American, whose wool is now shipped to the woolen mill in Chihuahua. A mill here would give employment to many of our people, and build up a solid prosperity. The silk industry would also do well here, the climate, mild both in summer and winter, being specially adapted to the production of silk.

Juarez is principally adapted to mills and manufactures, the river affording abundant power which may be used over and over again; while the lands at Casas Grandes (twelve miles below) are rich and unexcelled for field crops.

Good thoroughbred stock, both horses and cattle, have been imported, and now throughout the State it is commonly said among the Mexicans, "If you want good horses or cattle, go to the Mormon settlements and get them." The Mexicans look upon the "Mormons" with wonder, and frequently say they wish we would come and live among them in El Valle, Carmen, Galena and other places, and show them how to do, they being a full century behind the age. They have not the push and energy of the Anglo-Saxon race, but seem contented and happy. Give a Mexican plenty of corn for tortillas, beans (frijoles) and Chili (peppers) with a little money for public festivals, and he thinks he has nothing more to desire. Thus far good feelings exist between them and our people, and if we do right it will, no doubt, continue. I believe the Lord has a great work to do in this land, and those who desire to forward that work will be very welcome here; but those who do not—those who look simply to find a good country and to get rich—are not desired here, and had better look for a richer land. All countries have their disadvantages, and Mexico is no exception; but the Lord has greatly, even wonderfully, blessed His people here notwithstanding, and the people are full of hope. And especially do we hope a temple may be built in this land before long, that we may work for the dead without being obliged to expend a year's revenue in a long and tedious journey to Utah. Scarcely any here can afford to go by rail, but have to go by wagon nearly a thousand miles across a desert or mountainous country, spending weeks in the journey each way. But we are willing in this to await the Lord's time, as in all things else.

J. H. MARTINEAU.

COLONIA JUAREZ, Sept. 30, 1891.

#### THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education met in regular session October 15th, Vice-president Nelson presiding. The members in attendance were Messrs. Pike, Pratt, Young, Newman, Duke, Alf and Raybould.

The committee on sites and buildings presented the following report which was read, received and filed: