

your honorable body to grant to him a franchise for the manufacturing and sale of illuminating gas in Salt Lake City at a price set forth in the accompanying form suggested for a charter, not to exceed \$1.75 per 1000 cubic feet net, of not less than eighteen candle power gas, and your petitioner will ever pray.

WENDELL BENSON.

The draft of an ordinance in conformity with the above petition was presented. It calls for a franchise for twenty-five years, and stipulates that the company shall lay ten miles of mains and be ready to distribute gas within six months after the acceptance of the franchise.

On motion of Hardy it was referred to the committee on improvements.

BICYCLE RIDING.

The city attorney submitted an ordinance regulating the use of bicycles and tricycles on certain streets of the city. The measure was read the first time and laid over for one week.

WANT IT FIREPROOF.

The special committee consisting of Messrs. Moran, Beardsley and Folland, reported as follows on the advisability of fireproofing the joint city and county building throughout:

To the Honorable President and City Council:

It appears that the contractor's specifications of cost to make the city and county building fireproof throughout are reasonable, his estimate is somewhat above the architect's which arises in the cost of placing in position. We find that proper and adequate deductions have been made from the original contract price for materials which will be excluded if iron is used. The construction so far as we can discern is according to the plans. We are of the opinion and deem it best for the city that the building should be fireproof throughout.

Adopted.

Bell said he understood that by the adoption of the report the committee on the joint city and county building would be authorized to go on with the work.

Rich asked the chair if such was the case and was given an affirmative reply, whereupon he moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the report was adopted. Carried.

Rich said he was unalterably opposed to giving the committee power to act. He had occupied a seat in the council for eight months but knew little or nothing about the joint city and county building. The committee seemed to be doing all the work without official authorization or consultation. The council never appeared to be called upon to do anything but appropriate money. He wanted the basement made fire proof as well as the upper stories. It contained—or would—1,000,000 feet of lumber, and should be properly guarded. He said he had a resolution covering the matter that he wished to introduce.

Simondi—I call the gentleman to order.

The Chair—State your point of order. Simondi—During his remarks he cast reflections upon the committee.

Rich denied it and the chair ruled that he could proceed.

Moran objected to Mr. Rich's resolution. He said it could not be introduced at that stage of the proceedings.

Evans said he took issue with Moran.

If the resolution was germane to the subject under discussion it was entirely proper.

The chair allowed the resolution to be read. It was as follows:

Resolved, That a competent architect, who is not in any manner connected with the contractors of the joint city and county building, and in no way connected with the city government, be at once engaged to estimate the actual cost of changing the present plans and specifications of the joint city and county building into a fireproof structure.

Moran again objected to the resolution.

FROM FOLLAND.

Folland introduced the following:

Resolved, That the city building committee be authorized to have the city and county building made fireproof throughout, in connection with the county.

Simondi said he was opposed to fireproofing the building; the city and county would employ janitors who could guard the structure. It could insure it for \$300,000.

Kelly said that the value of the records was simply incalculable. Three hundred thousand would hardly be a tithe of what they were worth.

The committee's report was then adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Folland, Rich, Moran, Horn, Bell, Lawson, Kelly, Evans, Beardsley, Helsa, Wantland—11.

Noes—Karrick, Hardy, Simondi—3.

Wantland thought with reference to the adoption of Rich's resolution that great care should be manifested. Possibly an outside architect might be employed to supervise the work. As a result some outside newspaper—in Ogden Perhaps—would have something to say about it.

Hardy exhibited signs of impatience and took the floor and said Wantland was always afraid of "outside" talk. So far as he was concerned he was afraid of nobody.

Wantland winced and confessed that he was fearful at times.

Karrick thought the resolution was a safeguard. He had done considerable building and invariably found it necessary to watch closely and occasionally "jack up" the architects.

Rich, too, wondered why it was that Wantland was so frightened of the press. Individually he didn't care a cent what the press said about him; he believed that his actions would bear investigation. (Laughter.)

Wantland inquired of Mr. Rich if he didn't think that Messrs. Folland and Moran were capable of bringing in a competent report.

Rich replied that it would be impossible to take men from any walk of life and have them act intelligently on matters in which they had no experience.

Folland said he had been engaged in the iron and building business during his entire life. He had examined the joint city and county building and had investigated the figures. He knew they were approximately correct. He didn't charge the present architects and contractors with dishonesty; he believed that they were honest; he hadn't lost all confidence in human nature; he didn't think all men were depraved.

Beardsley wanted to know if there was any assurance that an outside expert wouldn't "stand

in" with the dishonest men employed on the great city and county building. They might make it worth his while. It was entirely likely that they would pay him more money than the city.

Karrick said the city had some experience with an architect. He referred to Apponyl.

Moran (interrupting)—Yes, because you employed an outsider and gave him \$500 because he showed you a painted picture.

Rich's resolution was then killed on a vote of nine to three.

Karrick moved that the city engineer be appointed to "check up" the figures made by the architects and contractors of the building.

Moran said the motion was all baby play. The "checking up" business made him tired. The auditor could do that work. It would simply be a "clerical act," as his honor the mayor would say.

Hardy offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Karrick's motion:

Resolved, That the city engineer be and hereby is appointed to check up and verify the estimates and plans for the proposed fireproofing in the joint city and county building and report his findings to this council as soon as possible.

Carried unanimously.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The city attorney submitted an ordinance creating a public park commission consisting of five citizens, whose term of office shall be four years.

Wantland said it was no use to take the measure up. The trees were now dead and a park commissioner would be useless.

Moran said that he thought it would be a good idea to send the ordinance to the mayor and see whether or not that official would give his sanction to the passage of it. If he would not it should be "strangled in its infancy."

The ordinance was read in full the first time.

A motion to suspend the rules and read it a second time precipitated a wrangle in which several members of the Council took part. Some of them became very much mixed and one or two of them made an unsuccessful effort to confuse the chair who made rulings which caused Moran to cross and recross the council chamber a number of times in search of Mr. Evans's pocket adviser entitled "Parliamentary Pointers." When he got it he turned its pages hurriedly and declared that it was spurious and that nothing but "Cushing's" or "Robert's Rules of Order" would be swallowed by him.

It was finally referred to the council sitting as a board of review.

TO BUILD A FLUME.

Mr. Evans offered a resolution authorizing the board of public works to advertise for bids for the construction of a flume from Sixth West to Ninth West streets on North Temple street. The council, however, objected to the resolution, and authorized the water-master to do the work.

IN THREE INSTALLMENTS.

An ordinance was read fixing the time for the payment of the installments and the date at which they become delinquent in all assessments for sidewalk paving. It provides that