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## THE CITY DADS.

### Council to Investigate Complaints Made Against Our Police--Other Doings of the Dads.

The city council met Monday night with Mayor Williams in the chair and all councilmen present.

The Sidney Stevens Company was granted permission to build sheds in the rear of their implement house.

On motion the contract heretofore existing which permitted the implement houses to use eight feet of the street in front of their establishments for the purpose of displaying goods, was revoked, and they will no longer be allowed to use the street for that purpose.

Mayor Williams called the attention of the council to the matter of certain parties feeding range cattle along the creek within the city limits, and stated that some action ought to be taken to put a stop to it. The matter was referred to the ordinance committee, with instructions that an ordinance be drawn covering the question.

The mayor also stated that a number of complaints had been made to him in regard to our police officers—that the city was not receiving the service it ought to for the money being paid out. The mayor stated that he was not prepared to say whether the parties were justified in making their complaints or not, but as the matter was one which the council should consider he asked that an investigation be made to ascertain if the complaints were warranted.

Acting upon the mayor's suggestion, the question was referred to the committee on law and order with instructions to investigate and report at the next meeting of the council.

Councilman Harris stated that he believed Montpelier was as well policed as any town of its size in the state and that there were fewer disturbances and depredations committed here than in the average western town. He said it had always been the policy of our officers to hustle all hoboos and tough looking characters out of town as quickly as possible, instead of throwing them in jail and thus incurring expense against the city.

Councilman Poynter stated that complaints had been made to him about our police force, but he was not prepared to say whether or not the parties were warranted in making the charges. If they were he thought proper steps should be taken to remedy matters, but if the

complaints were unwarranted, the council should exonerate the police.

Councilman Douglas thought that the city should have a "chain gang" and that all hoboos who refuse to get out of town immediately when ordered to do so, should be arrested and put to work. As soon as it became known to "the fraternity" that such a policy was in force here, he thought it would have a strong tendency to keep hoboos from stopping here.

The ordinance committee was instructed to consider the advisability of drafting an ordinance along the lines suggested by Douglas.

The city clerk was instructed to correspond with the proper Short Line officials and ascertain if passes could be secured for our police officers on the road, as a means of aiding them to "run down" criminals.

The following bills were allowed:

R W Gee, salary police.....	\$75 00
J S Heggie, ".....	65 00
The Examiner, printing.....	9 00
B H Bowen, blacksmithing.....	9 50
Fred Agerter, hauling gravel....	6 00
Jacob Straubar, hauling gravel and street work.....	18 00
Jacob Tueller, dirt out of bank basement.....	16 60
Wm Parrett, building crossings..	27 50
Thomas Barrett, services as road overseer.....	57 50
Studebaker Bros, lumber.....	11 36
C W & M Co, mdse.....	14 35
C E O'Connor, salary.....	50 00

## On the Deep Blue Ocean.

On Board British Ship Baltic.

ED. EXAMINER.—We arrived in New York City on the evening of Nov. 29, and sailed the following morning from pier 48 of the White Star Line on the Baltic, one of the largest vessels afloat. As the ship left the dock, there were about 3000 people on the pier shouting and waving handkerchiefs and the band was playing. It made a grand sight. The ship itself is a floating city, there being 2500 passengers on board. The first day out there was a good deal of sea sickness, and you could see people on all sides "relieving" themselves.

I went through the steerage and there saw all kinds and classes of people. Everything in that department of the ship is conducted with as much regularity as in any other part. The passengers have all kinds of music, singing and dancing, and what I saw of them they seem to enjoy themselves fine.

The second cabin, wherein we are traveling, is good enough for any one. There are lady's and gent's waiting and lounging rooms, fine library, barber shop and a store of all kinds of curios. You can play

any game you want, but everything is orderly. Each room has four beds, which are nicely furnished. The rooms are supplied with everything you need, and there are lady and gent waiters. Each room is supplied with four life saving belts. The stewards work very hard. They only get \$15 a month and have to furnish their own clothes.

This is our third day out and I haven't missed a meal, so I will make it alright without getting sick.

Since writing the above we have had several gales and the sea has been heavy, but we are making about 365 miles a day. Sunday morning we had services in the dining room, conducted by an Episcopal minister and in the afternoon a Catholic priest conducted services in the library. There was fine music and singing at both services.

I will relate the following anecdote for the benefit of John O'Connor. It was told by the preacher. He said he was Irish, and that there was a lady in his church in Pittsburg who took a good deal of interest in church affairs. One Sunday she asked a little girl if she was a christian. The child said no. Is your father or mother a christian, asked the lady? No, was the reply. What are they, asked the lady? Well, said the little girl, if you wont tell any one I will tell you—they are Irish.

Monday, Dec 5.—Everything is bustle on the deck, getting the mail and baggage ready to put off at Queenstown in the morning. A good many passengers will also get off there.

Tuesday morning—Arrived at Queenstown at 5 a. m. The steamer slowed up and a boat came along side and fastened ropes. Both ships kept moving and the mail, baggage and passengers were transferred in about an hour and a half. At daylight we sighter the coast of Ireland, with its rolling green hills and snowy caps.

Thursday evening, 6 o'clock—We are passing Hollyhead light house, along the coast of Wales, and there is great rejoicing among the passengers as we will disembark tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. We are all well and having a good time. With regards to all my friends at home, I am

Respectfully yours,  
D. McLENNAN.

Have you paid your taxes? If not, you had better hurry up and square your account the county as taxes become delinquent Sunday at midnight.

## Purchased Business Block.

Last Friday J. N. Downing closed the deal for the purchase of the M. F. Whitman property, adjoining the Odd Fellows' block on the east. The room in the building now occupied by Ricketts, the harness maker, will be occupied by T. S. Enos, with a stock of hardware, tin and graniteware. Mr. Enos has most of his stock here and will be ready for business in about ten days.

Mr. Ricketts will move into that part of the building now occupied by Walter Phelps and C. N. Sweet. Mr. Phelps will move his barber shop to the room adjoining Nielsen's furniture store on the west. Mr. Sweet will have his jewelry store in a portion of the room to be occupied by Mr. Enos.

## Paris Pickups.

Pres. and Jesse R. S. Budge returned last Sunday from Washington, D. C., whither Pres. Budge had been summoned by the Smoot investigating committee.

The students who have been away to Logan and other places are spending their vacation at home.

H. C. Duffin, Chas Humphreys, Attorney S. J. Rich and their families are enjoying the Xmas festival here.

Miss Louisa Rogers, of the district school, has gone to Rexburg to spend her holidays with her parents. Miss Richards of the Fielding Academy is visiting among friends at Salt Lake City.

Drs. Budge and Sutton of Montpelier spent Xmas at Paris.

The good people of Paris spent Christmas quietly at home.

Last Saturday evening the first ward Sunday school entertained the public in a very pleasing way with a beautiful cantata entitled, "Santa Claus' Workshop." It is a pretty thing and was well rendered. The stage was artistically decorated with a beautifully dressed Xmas tree, festoons of evergreens, etc., and the whole illuminated by a large number of candles gave a very pleasing effect. At the close of the cantata the children were made to rejoice by the distribution of presents and sweet meats among them. On Monday afternoon they were given a dance. A party in the evening closed the entertainment of the public by the S. S. officers, who are a group of energetic, philanthropic young people. They are giving much of their time and energy to disseminate the unselfish spirit of Christ among their fellows and to raise them as well as themselves up on a higher plane of life.