

ers and dealers of Salt Lake City, urging them to consume home manufactured goods and articles to the exclusion of competing importations. Not satisfied with this effort it was concluded to compile a complete catalogue of all manufactured articles in the city, and to publish a pamphlet for general distribution, embodying this catalogue, together with a more urgent address to the public, calling upon them in strong terms to patronize home industries. This pamphlet is now in the hands of the printer and will be published shortly after February 1. It will be neatly bound under a handsome lithographed cover, on which will be represented some of our various industries, and our large gas well in action. It occurs to me that a proper move for the new directory would be the inauguration of a manufacturers' association, my conception of whose prerogatives cannot be given now. Apropos of "home industries," a short reference to our recent natural gas strike is permissible. There are now incorporated under the laws of the Territory three

NATURAL GAS COMPANIES,

with an aggregate authorized capital of nearly six million dollars. The American Natural Gas company has two wells discharging, and is engaged in sinking a third. One of the wells is discharging through a six-inch pipe, with a pressure of about one hundred and fifty pounds and a depth of about five hundred feet. The continuity of the discharge from these wells and the pressure shown removes all question or doubt as to the vast quantities of natural gas underlying this entire valley. How much this means for Salt Lake City and her manufactories can scarcely be estimated. To my mind it will give to Salt Lake City a new name and a new life. Before many years will have passed away she will be in fact, as well as in name, the Pittsburgh of the Rockies.

On November 5 the Chamber addressed an earnest appeal to the reading public in behalf of

THE PIONEER LIBRARY,

urging upon them the advisability of patronizing that institution. Since that time its patronage has increased perceptibly.

On December 3 the Chamber decided to memorialize the Territorial Legislature for an appropriation of \$100,000 in aid of Utah's exhibit at

THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

Such a memorial has been presented, and, in addition, blank petitions have been sent over the entire Territory for the signatures of all citizens. These petitions have been very generally circulated, signed and returned, and will be submitted to the Legislature in connection with the memorial.

RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS.

On December 17 the Chamber endorsed the resolutions and memorial to the national congress of the La Crosse board of trade, praying for a reduction in letter postage rates.

On December 17 the Chamber passed the following resolution and had it incorporated in the Associated Press dispatches:

Resolved, That an invitation be ex-

tended to all manufacturers throughout the country to come and investigate the recent phenomenal strike of natural gas near this city.

On January 7 Colonel W. H. Fairman, having presented the Chamber with a handsome oil painting, the work of his own brush, and valued by local artists at \$1000, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Chamber of Commerce, and a vote of thanks was passed for his generous gift. This painting will form the nucleus of the Chamber's proposed art gallery.

On January 7th, the Chamber memorialized the legislature, asking that resolutions be passed and forwarded to the national Congress, protesting against the removal of the Colorado Ute Indians to this Territory, as provided by the bill introduced by Senator Wolcott; also that resolutions be passed and forwarded in like manner, requesting that at least a portion of the Uintah reservation in Utah be thrown open for public settlement.

On January 7th, a petition signed by Elias Morris and others, addressed to the legislature, and praying for the exemption of manufactories and manufacturers' material from general and special taxation, was endorsed and sent to the legislature.

On January 7th, the Chamber addressed a special communication to the City Council, requesting that body to grant liberal franchises to all local natural gas companies who applied for the same.

On last Monday the Chamber entertained the representatives of the International League of Press Clubs with a concert in the Tabernacle by the Choral Society and Tabernacle choir, an exhibition of the natural gas wells, and a banquet, with addresses of welcome at the Hotel Knutsford.

THE DETAIL WORK.

of the secretary's office is perhaps of more importance than is generally supposed and requires something more than the brief mention which I will be able to give it in this report. Three hundred visitors have registered since September 15. This probably represents about one-third of the actual number who have called at the rooms. All of these visitors are furnished with information about our city and territory, and they expect to be and are shown through the mineral exhibition and made acquainted (at the expense of a goodly portion of the secretary's time) with the various products of the Territory. There have been mailed about 15,000 descriptive folders, about 3000 Utah pamphlets, about 2500 irrigation congress reports and about 2000 natural gas circulars to all parts of the country, in response to inquiry and to names obtained by other methods. The letter correspondence is growing larger daily, and to answer intelligently all questions asked requires a great deal of time and labor. Many special articles on Salt Lake City and Utah Territory have been asked for by eastern papers and have been invariably furnished.

The membership roll of the Chamber now numbers 216 names.

The Chamber now has about 160 paying members, which gives an increase of \$400 per month. The running expenses are a little over \$250 per month. If the delinquent members would settle their bank dues and keep up their quarterly payments regularly,

the Chamber would have a handsome fund with which to carry on the important work which will necessarily fall to its portion for the year 1892.

FINANCIAL.

The secretary here introduces a financial statement covering the time of his incumbency in office. It shows a total income (including an overdraft of \$634.29) of \$2,908.11, the expenditures being placed also at that sum, the overdraft being, of course, the amount of deficit.

Mr. Meloy continues: While this statement shows an overdraft, it should not be understood that the financial condition of the chamber is unsatisfactory. The disbursements of the last five months were largely for bills that had been running for over a year. Our bills are practically all paid, and only such bills as are disputed or offset by delinquent dues are unsettled. The dues for the present quarter will give us a balance over and above all indebtedness. This, together with the membership fees of the new members, which are promised, will start the chamber on the new year's work nicely.

RETIRING DIRECTORS.

In conclusion, I desire to say a few words about the retiring directory of this organization, with whom I have been so intimately and pleasantly associated during the past five months. It has seemed to me that I might safely express my appreciation of the official and personal worth of these gentlemen without exposing myself to the suspicion of a desire to flatter. That the rectitude of my motives in paying a just tribute will not be questioned in this meeting, I am well satisfied. The purpose which I have in mind is that stockholders, to whom I now address myself, may understand the measure of gratitude which is the just due of the unselfish public service, so unstintingly and intelligently rendered by the gentlemen who have served you during the past year. The intelligence which has characterized the official acts of this board has been only excelled, if possible, by the zeal, industry and faithful devotion of many of its members. The personal pleasure and comfort, as well as their private business, have oftentimes been sacrificed for the public good. I can wish the Chamber of Commerce no greater good than that it may always have as able and faithful a board as has served it during the past year. To you, Mr. President, and to each member of the board, I tender my sincere thanks for the courtesies and kindly consideration which you have shown me personally, on all occasions. While at times the duties of my office have been onerous and difficult to perform, it has always been a real pleasure to do your bidding. Oftentimes, realizing my own shortcomings, I have been compensated by the belief that you put a proper estimation on my endeavors and believed that whatever the results of my work, the underlying desire was always to serve you and the chamber well. In this you have done me justice, and than this I could expect no more. Respectfully yours,

H. V. MELOY, Secretary.

Commissioner Sears' Report.
To the Board of Directors and Mem-