

ministers and also citizens of Utah, in behalf of good government and good morals, hereby condemn the dishonest and villainous attempt to defraud the people of Utah of their just rights, by the plan to count out, in four or five counties, the candidates who were elected as delegates to the Constitutional Convention, as shown by the returns of the various election precincts, and to count in those who were not elected.

Resolved, 2. That this most arbitrary and dishonest attempt to introduce into our Utah elections, at the very beginning of our existence as a State, those infamous methods which have cursed other parts of the country, deserves the indignant condemnation of all worthy and patriotic citizens. And the sooner such citizens meet together in public assembly to express their indignation the better, since dishonest men in official position fear nothing so much as the open condemnation of honest voters.

Resolved, 3. That we hereby urge patriotic and upright citizens of all parties to see to it, that the men who have been engaged in this most iniquitous attempt to defraud the people of Utah of their rights at the ballot box, shall not hereafter be elected to any office of honor or trust in Utah, until they give evidence of thorough repentance and reformation.

Resolved, 4. That in the name of outraged justice and civil liberty we call upon the prosecuting attorney to do his duty, by using his energy and all the resources of just law to bring to deserved punishment those who have been engaged in the criminal business of attempting to defraud the people by dishonest manipulation of the election returns and dishonest tampering with the ballot boxes.

S. G. Adams,	S. E. Wishard,
W. S. Hawkes,	J. D. Gillilan,
James F. Beates,	R. G. McNiece,
F. L. Arnold,	Dana W. Bartlett,
Joshiah McClain,	J. D. Nutting,
W. A. Hough,	E. G. Hunt,
B. F. Clay,	J. B. Lister,
R. Cason,	Clarence T. Brown,
George E. Jayne,	W. E. Mabry,
	T. C. Bliff.

### ELDER ROBERT SKELTON.

Twelve o'clock yesterday (Monday) was the hour set for the funeral services over the remains of Elder Robert Skelton, who died at his home in Tooele City on Friday last, Feb. 1. The following excerpt is taken from his journal:

"I was born in the town of Bruff, near the city of Carlisle, Cumberland county, England, in the year 1824. When six years of age my father and mother died, leaving six of us in the family. I was bound out to one John Nilson, of Kirkhampton, and was engaged in occupation of farming. After serving him for seven and a half years, because of ill-treatment I left him and served three other masters until the fall of 1848, when I embarked on the ship Lord Melstone, bound for New Orleans, and came to Liverpool for this purpose; the ship being of clumsy build and a miserable sailor, required over eight weeks to make the journey from Liverpool to New Orleans. At the latter place I took steamer for St. Louis, arriving there in November. I at once found employment near Gravel, six miles west of St. Louis, with a Mr. Allen. On my return home one day, Mrs. Robert Watson was standing at her gate. She invited me in, saying that at 2 o'clock the latter-day Sabbath would hold service there. I attended and first heard the true Gospel

preached by Elder John Sharp, of Salt Lake City. I was struck with amazement at the truth of his remarks, and in March, 1849, was baptized by Elder James Davidson. On May 1 arrived in Council Bluffs, after a protracted voyage of three weeks, amidst the ravages of cholera, which left but few survivors of the company. I crossed the Plains in 1849, in Ezra T. Benson's company. I was ordained a Seventy by President Jos. Young, February 3, 1851. Subsequently I served in several Indian expeditions. I was called with John Rowberry and seven other families to settle Tooele valley. In August, 1852, I was called to go on a mission to Hindostan in company with thirteen other Elders. Leaving Salt Lake City October 20th, we arrived in Calcutta, India, the following April. The voyage was a perilous one, ever to be remembered. In the Bay of Bengal we encountered a terrible monsoon which lasted five weeks. I labored in Madras and was subsequently called back to Calcutta to preside over the East Indian mission. During much of this time was alone in the land of the Juggernauts, some of other Elders having been called home. I mingled freely with the Brahmin priests, and saw within the temple the noted car of the Juggernauts."

Having completed his mission of nearly five years, Elder Skelton returned to Utah in the fall of 1856, and in Feb., 1857, was married to Angeline Gallaher, by whom he has had twelve children. In the winter of 1856-7 he served in the Utah Legislature, since which time and up to the date of his death, he has held various responsible positions and places of trust, being in turn mayor, city councillor, etc., and at the time of his death was a member of the Bishopric of Tooele ward. During his life time he accumulated a great amount of information. He was conversant with the Arabic language, which he uses in his journal in many instances. He was known as a man of great humility and true worth, seeking the favor of God and not the vanity of this life or the praise of man, and he was faithful and true to all his covenants.

### NEWS NOTES.

Thomas Shookley was injured by the saw at Durkey's saw mill at Elbert, Colorado, on Saturday night so that one leg had to be amputated.

California's new governor, it is said, will reorganize the militia of California in anticipation of a possible engineers' strike on the Southern Pacific.

William T. Warner obtained a judgment on Saturday at Fresno, Cal., against the Southern Pacific company of \$5,000 damages for rough treatment by the company's conductors.

Placer mining in Southern Oregon has been suspended for a time because of the freezing of the water courses. Miners are preparing to resume work and are taking precautions against frost.

A competitive jackrabbit hunt in Morrow county, Oga., lasting two weeks, with 20 men on each side, only resulted in 164 dead rabbits, or 4 each, an average of 1 in three and one-half days.

William Morrow, a well known mining man of Basin, was found dead in the middle of Galena street at Butte Saturday morning. He was suffering from a severe throat trouble, which was probably the cause of his death.

Says an exchange: The ranchers living near the mountains are complaining because the game laws are not being properly enforced in Teton county, Idaho. The Creek Indians, who live along Birch creek, are slaughtering large numbers of deer.

According to the *Sacramento Bee*, the scenes at the inaugural ball in that city would have been a credit to the notorious French ball of New York. Champagne flowed freely and late in the evening high-kicking and the can-can were features of the occasion.

Green River, Wyo., (says the *Star*), has experienced a remarkable winter, both for the amount of snow fallen and continued long spells of cold weather. The thermometer has fallen as low as 37 degrees below zero. The ice on the river is now over three feet in thickness.

On Saturday evening, Jack Martin, a well known character around Como, Colo., was discovered near the residence of W. Ballinger in a half frozen condition, with his ankle joint dislocated and the bones badly broken. It is supposed that he slipped and fell.

The *Carson (Nevada) News* says: Sometime during the session of the legislature a bill will be introduced to provide means by which those who desire to take the Keeley treatment and are peculiarly unable to do so, may be enabled to take the course at the expense of the state.

The passengers on a cable car at San Francisco had a narrow escape from serious injury and perhaps death on Saturday afternoon. A powerful horse, which was running madly and blindly down the Powell street grade, collided with the cable car and smashed in one of its sides. The sashes, glass and woodwork were sent flying in all directions, and the two passengers seated inside of the car were enveloped in the wreck.

The *Lemhi (Idaho) Republic* says: that the sale of a large portion of the placer on Bohannon Bar is now an assured fact. Mr. Hanford, who represents a wealthy Boston company, has just made a small payment on the bond to each of the twelve owners amounting to some \$500 each. We understand that the new company will immediately proceed to put in a large ditch from Wimpy creek, and this with the Bohannon creek will give sufficient water to work the ground on an extensive scale.

A. P. Winslow, manager of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company in Wardner, Idaho, has the smallest electric light plant in the Coeur d'Alene, says the *Wallace Miner*. The dynamo is twelve inches high and occupies a floor space of ten by thirteen inches. It is a compound-wound self-oiling machine, 110 volts, and at a speed of 1,800 revolutions per minute will light eight sixteen-candle power lamps; it is run by a six-inch Pelton wheel and works like a charm. Mr. Winslow uses the current at night to light his office and residence, and in daytime uses it to run a motor of his own make to run his watch lathe.