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Wednesday.....Jan. 23, 1867.



FOR Delegate to Congress, WM. H. HOOPER.

[BY AUTHORITY.]

AN ACT

To provide for the election of a Delegate to the House of Representatives of the United States.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah: That an election shall be held on the first Monday of February, 1867, at the usual places of holding elections in the several Counties of the Territory, for the election of a Delegate to the House of Representatives for the Fortieth Congress. The election shall be held, conducted, and returns thereof made agreeable to an "Act regulating elections," "approved Jan. 3, 1853." The Delegate for the Forty-first Congress shall be elected at the general election on the first Monday of August, 1868, and biennially thereafter.

SEC. 2. This act shall be in force from and after the passage thereof.

Approved Jan. 10, 1867.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, } ss
Utah Territory,

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a law on file in this office.

AMOS REED,
Secretary of Utah Territory.

THE DESERET STATE TELE- GRAPH.

The Deseret State Telegraph is now complete and in perfect working order between its present termini, Logan in the north, and St. George in the south. The prosecution of the work has been favored and blessed by the Almighty; the people have manifested a gratifying readiness in responding to every requisition made; and the erection of a telegraph line, running north and south through the Territory, with a branch line into Sanpete county, proposed by, and fostered and furthered with counsel and material aid from President Young, is accomplished.

At 5 p.m. of December 1st, 1866, the first message was sent across the wire, being dedicatory by President B. Young, and sent to President Lorin Faw and Bishop C. W. West, of Ogden, "and the Saints in the northern country who gave up freely," when called upon, for the sake of truth and righteousness. On the 15th inst., communication was opened with St. George. The offices on the entire line are supplied with operators, trained in this city, in the school opened a little over twelve months ago

by President Young, with Mr. John C. Clowes as instructor.

The blessings and benefits that will result to all Israel from the opening of the Deseret State Telegraph line, are difficult of realization. It furnishes another tangible evidence of the care, thought and wisdom of President Young for everything that affects the welfare of the Saints. May we ever, by our efforts, as in the work just completed, seek to practically carry out the plans which emanate from him for the accomplishment of good, realizing that in everything temporal or spiritual, the course of the Kingdom of God is onward and upward.

ANOTHER MISSIONARY OF "REGENERATION!"

The dispatches inform us that John B. Weller has arrived in Washington for the purpose of seeking protection for "gentiles" in Utah. The mission of the ex-governor, ex-minister, ex-senator, and faded politician is worthy his associations while here, the miserable party who made up the pony purse to aid his departure, and the back-room whiskey caucuses by which the mission was assigned him while plans were laid to increase the violence of the lying slanders published against Utah and her citizens, that an opportunity might again offer for fresh contracts and a chance to replenish coffers now growing empty from the public purse.

Of the past career and character of this new apostle of "regeneration,"—degeneration is the correct word—we know a little; of his peculiarly "regenerative" course while here we know a great deal; and it is pitiable to see a man who has filled honorable positions in the past, descend so low as to become the tool of a depraved clique of miserable whiskey bloats and contract hunters; and sink from an elevated position to the meanness of degradation. But that our charges may not lack sustaining evidence, and that the value of his mission may be appreciated by the authorities at Washington, we will notice one or two things, and, it may be ask a question or two.

Mr. Weller, when here, was specially retained as counsel in the investigation into the death of Dr. Robinson. He had the lead in that investigation, and prolonged it from day to day, and from week to week, for how long? and for what purpose? No person who attended that inquest believed that the actual perpetrators of the crime were really sought after. The object was to fasten it upon the "Mormons," and more particularly upon leading "Mormons;" and everything which had a tendency to direct suspicion in any other quarter, was sedulously passed over and thrown into the background. And the investigation was continued until the gentleman, whose arrival in Washington is telegraphed back from the east, discovered that it was not a gold mine he was working, that neither Great Salt Lake City or county would have to pay him round fees for his valuable (!) labors on that occasion; but that he must look elsewhere for means to meet board-bills and indulge in extensive "smiling." As soon as the discovery was made that it was not going to pay in the manner expected, the whole thing was tapered off to a point so quickly that it seemed like cutting it through the middle.

If we did not know the men, their aim and motives, who were behind the scenes and pulled the wires that J. B. W. moved responsive to, we would cry shame on his whole course in the matter; for it was a burlesque on prosecuting, and an outrage on common de-

gency. But those who are his patrons here are known to be dead to shame, and it is waste of time to speak of it in connection with them.

Now, after Mr. Weller stated in his speech, prepared for the close of that investigation, that threats of personal violence had been made against him during its progress, and after he was asked in the columns of the NEWS to say who made those threats, did he not state to a gentleman of this city that there had been no such threats made? We know he so admitted. What would such an admission, after such an assertion, be if uttered by anybody but John B. Weller? Plain people would say that such an assertion was a falsification, uttered for a purpose; and plain people would be correct in so saying. So much for the veracity of the gentleman, But now for his present mission.

He is in Washington to solicit protection for "gentiles" in Utah. Is he aware of a design to assassinate President Young? If there is such a design, is he accessory before the fact? He said in this City that he did not believe "gentiles" would be molested here unless some reckless and hardened villain should kill President Young; and that, he thought, would be the signal for a general slaughter. If then, he believes that "gentiles" would not be molested here unless President Young should be killed, and he has gone to Washington to solicit protection for "gentiles," it looks as if he anticipated some such bloody crime, and was endeavoring to provide for the result. But this very individual, who was favored with a commendatory letter to Colorado, from a certain notorious ex-post commander who sadly needs a recommendation himself; and who lectured there to obtain a few greenbacks to help him eastward on his errand, not having got sufficient here, knows to his own satisfaction that "gentiles" in this city and Territory do not stand in need of any protection. If he does not know so, why did he while in this city repeatedly bear testimony to the good order, peace and security that prevail here? Was not his high-toned civilization satisfied that everything requisite had been obtained, when the City Council licensed a few bars? as he expressed his appreciation of its action in the matter, while generously patronizing one of the institutions, by declaring with gusto, "Ah, this looks like being in a civilized place, where a gentleman can get a drink when he wants it!" Or has he gone east laboring under the hallucination that he was turned out of a respectable "gentile" assembly because of his rigid sobriety?

This seeking protection for "gentiles" in Utah is becoming stale; and it seems strange that the fertility of imagination with which his patrons here are endowed could not have invented something else by way of a change, and perpetrated some newer slander on the community. It is time that the honorable portion of those who are not members of the Church, in this Territory, should publish the facts as they exist, and let the world know that the rights of every man are respected here, no matter what his faith may be; and that every man who will conduct himself as an honorable gentleman can enjoy the fullest security in person and property in Utah.

We have not told all that we could tell, by a good deal, about J. B. W. and his sayings and doings while here.

POSITIVELY GOING.—James Needham, of the firm of Bourne and Needham, declares in the most positive terms that he will go east this season to purchase goods; and that his friends and the public may rely upon his so doing without fail. This assurance will be satisfactory.

THE PAST SESSION.

The Session of the Legislative Assembly of Utah, which terminated on Saturday morning, has been an exceedingly busy one. The number of bills got up, read, amended, passed or rejected, with the business of different kinds, which have demanded the attention of the members, in the limited time for the Assembly to be in session, was something almost without parallel in legislative proceedings. Our brief digest of the proceedings gives but a faint idea of the amount of business which passed through the hands of the honorable members. The entire absence of party spirit and sectional feelings which characterized the Assembly during its sitting; the obvious desire to labor for the public good; and the gentlemanly and courteous manner in which his Excellency, Governor Durkee, and the Hon. Secretary Reed, sustained their share of the relationship existing between the Executive and Legislative Departments of the Territory, were causes of gratification that in this as in other matters, connected with the Territory, our example is worthy to be followed in other States and Territories, and with governments wielding power over a larger number of human beings.

The close of the Session was as dignified and genial as its previous meetings had given reason to look for. Harmony reigned, good feeling enjoyed a dominant ascendancy; votes of thanks and congratulatory resolutions were unanimously concurred in; and his Excellency, the Governor, the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. President of the Council, the Hon. Speaker of the House, and other gentlemen briefly expressed their appreciation of the spirit which manifestly governed all engaged in the Sixteenth Annual Session of the Legislative Assembly of Utah, and spoke their desires for its continuance here, and its becoming more wide-spread throughout the earth.

We can honestly congratulate the people of the Territory for the manner in which the Governor, Secretary, and Members of the Council and House, have performed their several duties during the Session which has just closed.

LEGISLATIVE.

Monday, Jan. 14th, 1867.

COUNCIL.—The following communication was received and read:

Executive Office, Utah, Jan. 12, 1867.

Hon. George A. Smith, President of the Council: I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Territory, a bill entitled "An Act changing the county seat of Kane county."

CHARLES DURKEE, Governor.

H. F. No. 27, "An Act incorporating the Provo City Library and Reading Room Association," was read, amended and passed, and sent to the House for their concurrence.

H. F. No. 4, "An Act incorporating the Provo Kanyon Road Company," was read, amended and passed, and was returned to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

H. F. No. 19, "An Act incorporating the Kaysville Wagon Road Company," was read, and referred.

Councillor Benson reported, on the petition from citizens of Tokerville, praying for one thousand dollars, to repair roads in Washington county, that there were no funds at present to appropriate for said purpose: report was accepted.

Councillor Cannon presented petition of Great Salt Lake City Council for an appropriation to repair the State Road south of the city: read and referred.

The following was received and read:

Executive Office, Utah, Jan. 12, 1867.

Hon. George A. Smith, President of the Council: I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Territory, a bill entitled "An Act incorporating Filmore City, in Millard county."

CHARLES DURKEE, Governor.

Councillor Hyde, chairman of the committee on incorporations, to whom was referred H. F. No. 19, "An Act incorporating the Kaysville Wagon Road Company," reported the same back with slight amendments, and recommended its passage as amended. The amended to section four was withdrawn.

Adjourned till 10 a.m. of Tuesday.

HOUSE.—H. F. No. 27, "An Act incorporating the Provo City Library and Reading Room Association," was taken up as amended by the Council, and concurred in.

C. F. No. 12, "An Act incorporating the City of