

## APPROPRIATIONS.

The following claims were ordered paid:

Janitor's pay roll for July and August, at half pay.....	725 00
Officers' salaries for August.....	434 25
Isaac Hunter, rent.....	150 00
Isaac Allen, rent.....	70 00
B. F. Allen, taking census.....	10 50
R. C. Watt, taking census.....	26 20
State bank, interest.....	251 45
Wells, Fargo & Co., interest.....	

Total.....\$1,672 40  
Adjourned for one week.

## PERFECTION IN GOVERNMENT.

AS TIME progresses the perfection of our Constitution becomes more apparent. When contrasted with other forms of government, both republican and monarchical, the superiority of ours is marked even to the superficial observer. And as far as perfection in political wisdom can go, our Republic seems to have more than could be given by man, unless aided by trans-material agencies.

This fact becomes more perceptible when the situation in Chile is examined. The late brutal war was occasioned there, by a defective constitution, which does not correctly define the duties, privileges and prerogatives of the legislative and executive departments. Congress and Balmaceda came to an open rupture. The latter claimed that he had constitutional authority for retaining ministers of his own selection, but Congress claimed otherwise, and even went so far as to declare the executive chair of Chile vacant.

Judging from our Constitution Balmaceda was right but from that of England Balmaceda was wrong. If the Chilean Constitution provides for a change of ministry as in England when an administration measure is defeated, then it is only a republic in name, although in France the English system prevails, and that is one of the weaknesses of the French Republic.

The English government was said to be the best balanced of any in the world. Now, what is the fact? Parliament really rules England. It is democracy of the old Greek type. The Crown has not vetoed a bill in 200 years. The House of Lords cannot effectually antagonize the Commons. Parliament could abolish the reigning dynasty by law if it so desired. We are told that in the next Parliament about thirty members of radical tendencies will be seated.

Macaulay used to pride his country on the conservatism of its people, and on the perfect balance of power. He used to decry our republic because it had no balance. The truth is, we have more conservatism and a more perfect balance of power. The President can veto bills, the Senate can amend, originate or nullify bills. The Senate shares with the President executive duties, and with the courts judicial duties, and with the House legislative duties. It is the great balance wheel of our government, and because it is more perfectly constituted than either the Senate of Chile or of the House of Lords of England, therefore it is that our Government is more perfect than either, or than any other existing form on earth to-day.

## THE POPE AND THE MARRIED PRIESTS.

THE statement is made, upon fair authority, that a decree has been issued at Rome recalling all the married priests of the Greek order from the United States and ordering their places to be filled by priests that are unmarried.

This edict, it is said, has been effected through complaints to the Pope from Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ireland and others of the hierarchy in America. It appears that the presence of married priests in this country has been making trouble. The practice was showing signs of having a dangerously popular following. The institution of celibacy which cost such a tremendous struggle to establish among the clergy in the eleventh century was being threatened by this innovation from the Greek church.

In his document the Pope excuses his action with the simple explanation that it is to "prevent the annoyance sure to spring from the presence of a married clergy."

What annoyance could come to a Christian religion from honorable marriage a great many people friendly to the Catholic church have been wanting to know for a long time. The interpretation which all other Christian peoples give to the Scriptures on this point is that marriage is little short of a command of God. What logical apology or explanation his holiness the Pope can give for commanding the exemplars of the church to violate not only the plain teaching of Scripture, but also a necessary law of nature, we confess is not clear.

We do not know, of course, what the married priests will do in the premises. If they had not believed sincerely that the anti-marriage principle of the Romish church was monstrous, they would not have ordered their lives in opposition to it. If the people who have composed their congregations for years and for all that time been paying a large part of the products of their labor to sustain them did not believe they were living in accord with straight Christianity, the protest would have been raised long ago, and not by Cardinal Gibbons through a fear that the marriage practice would become too popular, but by the people, on the ground that the priests were pursuing unchristianlike conduct.

So it might be that when the time comes for the substitution of celibates for married priests, the congregations may have something to say about the change. Our knowledge of the American Catholic character leads us to believe that the priest who has done his full duty to his congregation and through the numerous channels which his office affords has won their affections and confidence, if so disposed, could defy the power of the Pope to supplant him in his office.

In any event, matters are in fair condition for an independent church government to be set up in this country, and this insult to married priests may be the inspiration of an American church with an American leader after the fashion of the Eastern or

Greek Church, with its independent leader in the person of the Czar.

Meanwhile the Pope is a very sick man, and this may explain his yielding to the pressure of complaints in the issuing of this unwise anti-marriage order.

## FUNERAL OF CHARLIE BROWN.

The imposing funeral services held over the remains of Charlie Brown at his late residence in the First ward of this city, Monday, August 31, were the highest possible testimonials of love and esteem that could have been paid to his memory.

It was the intention to hold the funeral at the First ward meeting house, but it soon became evident by the fast increasing crowd of friends who gathered at that place that the building would accommodate only a small proportion of them. It was accordingly decided that the services should take place on the lawn in front of the family residence.

The front porch was used as a stand for the speakers, while hundreds of people stood and sat under the trees while the services were in progress.

Bishop George Romney, one of the directors of Z. C. M. I.; Superintendent T. G. Webber, A. W. Carlson, treasurer of the institution; Spencer Clawson, a friend and former co-worker of the deceased; Apostle John Henry Smith, and Bishop Warburton of the First ward, addressed the vast assemblage and made feeling remarks, dwelling upon the many virtues of the deceased.

The First ward choir sang the opening selection with splendid effect. A quartette consisting of Messrs. Whitney, Spencer, Goddard and Pyper, sang beautifully "When the Swallows Homeward Fly;" also the anthem "Not Dead but Sleepeth." At the conclusion of the services the remains were viewed by the crowd. A long line of carriages followed the body to the cemetery, where a quartette of the deceased's comrades sang with great feeling, "Hark, hark, my soul!" The grave was dedicated by Brother Hamilton G. Park, after which the quartette sang, "Rest in peace."

The floral tributes were profuse and beautiful. Among the finest offerings were, "Gates Ajar," from Emil Woolf and Ed. Ehrlich, of New York city; a crown, from Robert Lockhardt, New York city; pillow, from Feigenbaum & Co., San Francisco; basket, from L. N. Samuel and Louis Goldsmith, New York; roses, from W. H. Rowe, and from the employees of Z. C. M. I., a broken column, sickle, pillow and cross.

The deceased was born in New York October 19th, 1856, and came to Utah in 1864, where he has resided ever since.

He entered Z. C. M. I. as cash boy twenty years ago and arose steadily until he attained to the important position of eastern purchaser for the institution three years ago.

He was once a member of the City Council from the First precinct and served his constituents with ability and honor.

A 301-pound church bell was stolen recently by Chicago thieves.