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STATE OF DESERET.

FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Pursuant to the proclamation of His Excellency Governor Brigham Young, in relation to convening the General Assembly, the members elect to the Senate and House of Representatives met each in their respective chambers, in the State House, Great Salt Lake City, on Monday, the 14th inst., at 10 a.m.

The Senators elect were called to order by Hon. George A. Smith, who moved that the Hon. John Taylor be appointed President pro tem., which was carried unanimously. Patrick Lynch, Esq., was, on motion, appointed Secretary pro tem.

The President pro tem., on taking the chair, appointed Messrs. George A. Smith, Ezra T. Benson and Orson Pratt, a committee to examine the credentials of the Senators elect, who reported that the following were entitled to seats:

From Great Lake, Summit, Green River and Tooele counties—Albert Carrington, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor and Elijah F. Sheets.

From Davis and Morgan counties—John W. Hess.

From Sanpete county—Orson Hyde.

From Cache county—Ezra T. Benson.

From Weber and Box Elder counties—Lorenzo Snow.

From Millard and Juab counties—Thomas Callister.

From Beaver and Iron counties—George A. Smith.

From Utah and Wasatch counties—Leonard E. Harrington and James W. Cummings.

From Washington county, Orson Pratt, sen.

The oath required, by the constitution, to be taken by the members of the General Assembly was then administered to each Senator by Hon. E. Smith, who was present by special invitation for that purpose.

The Senate then proceeded to effect a permanent organization, which resulted as follows:

Hon. John Taylor, President,
Thomas W. Ellerbeck, Esq., Secretary.
Patrick Lynch, Esq., Assistant Secretary.
Joseph Taylor, Sergeant-at-arms.
Samuel L. Sprague, Messenger.
Robert Pierce, Fireman.
Elder Joseph Young, Chaplain.

After the Senate was fully organized, Messrs. O. Hyde and E. T. Benson were appointed by the chair a committee to wait on the Governor, in conjunction with a like committee from the House, and inform him that both Houses of the General Assembly had assembled in pursuance of his proclamation, and having organized were ready to receive any communication he might deem proper to make.

The Senate soon after arose to meet with the House in Joint Session in the Representatives' Hall, when His Excellency Governor Young appeared, accompanied by Hon. H. C. Kimball, Lieutenant Governor and Hon. D. H. Wells, President of the late Constitutional Convention, and on being conducted to the forum presented his Message, which was read by W. Clayton, Esq., chief clerk of the House.

After the dissolution of the Joint Session, the Senators returned to their chamber, and the session was resumed.

The President announced the following standing committees:

On Judiciary—A. Carrington, Geo. A. Smith, Orson Hyde, L. E. Harrington.

On Claims and Appropriations—James W. Cummings, W. Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow.

On Petitions and Memorials—Geo. A. Smith,

A. Carrington, O. Hyde, E. T. Benson, T. Callister.

On Revenue—L. E. Harrington, W. Woodruff, J. W. Hess, E. F. Sheets.

On Elections—E. T. Benson, Thos. Callister, Lorenzo Snow.

On Counties—J. W. Hess, J. W. Cummings, Albert Carrington, Orson Pratt.

On Roads, Bridges, Ferries and Kanyons—Orson Hyde, Geo. A. Smith, Orson Pratt, E. F. Sheets.

On Education—Orson Pratt, Lorenzo Snow, Orson Hyde, Albert Carrington.

On Engrossing—Orson Hyde, A. Carrington, J. W. Cummings.

On Printing—W. Woodruff, E. T. Benson, L. E. Harrington.

On Agriculture, Trade and Manufactures—W. Woodruff, L. E. Harrington, E. F. Sheets, John W. Hess.

On Militia—Thos. Callister, Geo. A. Smith, Jas. W. Cummings.

On Incorporations—L. Snow, J. W. Cummings, Geo. A. Smith.

On Library—O. Pratt, W. Woodruff, J. W. Hess.

On Public Domain and School Lands—Albert Carrington, E. T. Benson, Thos. Callister, Jas. W. Cummings.

On Penitentiary—Elijah F. Sheets, Ezra T. Benson, L. E. Harrington.

The Senate then adjourned till Tuesday at 10 a.m.

The members elect to the House of Representatives, when assembled, were called to order by the Hon. F. D. Richards. Hon. A. P. Rockwood was, on motion, appointed speaker pro tem, and Thomas Bullock, Esq., Clerk pro tem. The Speaker pro tem, on taking the chair, appointed Messrs. C. W. West and Lorin Farr a committee on credentials. The following were reported as entitled to seats:

From Great Salt Lake county—Albert P. Rockwood, Franklin D. Richards, Reuben Miller, Hiram B. Clawson, Joseph A. Young, and Edwin D. Woolley.

From Davis and Morgan counties—John Stoker and William R. Smith.

From Sanpete county—Bernard Snow and M. D. Hambleton.

From Cache county—Peter Maughan and Wm. B. Preston.

From Weber county—Lorin Farr and Chauncey W. West.

From Box Elder county—Jonathan C. Wright.

From Summit county—Thomas Rhoads.

From Tooele county—Eli B. Kelsey.

From Juab county—Timothy B. Foote.

From Millard county—Thomas R. King.

From Beaver county—William J. Cox.

From Iron county—Silas S. Smith.

From Utah county—Lorenzo H. Hatch, Albert K. Thurber and Aaron Johnson.

From Wasatch county—George W. Bean.

From Washington county—Hosea Stout.

After the members were qualified by taking the prescribed oath, the House proceeded to effect a permanent organization which resulted in the election of the following by a unanimous vote:

Hon. A. P. Rockwood, Speaker.
William Clayton, Esq., Chief Clerk.
Robert L. Campbell, Esq., Assistant Clerk.
James F. Alfred, Sergeant-at-Arms.
Heber J. Richards, Messenger.
Elnathan Eldredge, Fireman.
Elder W. W. Phelps, Chaplain.

The Speaker, after taking the oath of office, on motion, appointed Messrs. Richards and Stoker a committee on the part of the House to wait on the Governor in conjunction with the Senate committee, and inform him of the organization of both branches of the General Assembly.

The House met with the Council in joint session, after which it adjourned till Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Both Houses met on Tuesday the 15th, pursuant to adjournment.

The principal business transacted in the Senate was the balloting for the long and short term as provided by the Constitution.

In the House, the Standing Committees were announced by the Speaker as follows:

On Judiciary—Hosea Stout, Chauncey W. West, Lorin Farr, Aaron Johnson.

On Claims and Appropriations—Hiram B. Clawson, Edwin D. Woolley, George W. Bean.

On Petitions and Memorials—Jonathan C. Wright, Joseph A. Young, Lorenzo H. Hatch.

On Revenue—Chauncey W. West, Hosea Stout, Thomas R. King.

On Elections—Lorin Farr, Franklin D. Richards, Peter Maughan, Thomas R. King.

On Counties—Silas S. Smith, Madison D. Hambleton, Reuben Miller.

On Roads, Bridges, Ferries and Kanyons—Bernard Snow, William R. Smith, Thomas Rhoads.

On Education—Albert K. Thurber, William J. Cox, William B. Preston.

On Engrossing—Franklin D. Richards, Joseph A. Young, Bernard Snow.

On Printing—Eli B. Kelsey, Madison D. Hambleton, John Stoker.

On Agriculture, Trade and Manufactures—Peter Maughan, Eli B. Kelsey, Silas S. Smith.

On Militia—Franklin D. Richards, Chauncey W. West, Aaron Johnson, Hiram B. Clawson.

On Incorporations—Jonathan C. Wright, Timothy B. Foote, William J. Cox.

On Library—Lorenzo H. Hatch, Albert K. Thurber, William R. Smith.

On Public Domain and School Lands—Reuben Miller, John Stoker, Timothy B. Foote.

On Penitentiary—Edwin D. Woolley, Geo. W. Bean, William B. Preston.

Mr. Stout, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill for an act creating the Judicial Circuits of the State, and also a bill for an act creating the office and defining the duties of Circuit Judges, and Mr. Thurber presented a bill for an act defining the duties of the Secretary of State, each of which bills after going through the usual stages of legislation were subsequently passed.

Both Houses adjourned till 1 p.m. to-day, after arranging for a joint session at 2 o'clock to take into consideration the election of officers to complete the State organization.

Iron in Prospective.

The production of iron in Deseret has seemingly been attended with insurmountable difficulties, from the beginning to the present time; and thousands and tens of thousands of dollars have been expended in the efforts which have been made to get a furnace in operation, but all to no purpose, and those engaged in the business abandoned it some time since, believing, as is understood, that the manufacture of iron, either cast or wrought, out of the ore that abounds in such profusion in Iron county, and other parts of the State, was an impossibility.

During the past winter, Mr. N. V. Jones, of this city, has been making a series of experiments with the ore occurring in various places in the southern counties, the result of which has been very satisfactory, and he has become thoroughly convinced that wrought iron of the best quality can be made from the ore so plentiful in nearly every county in the State, without any difficulty, by the application of a little scientific and practical knowledge, and he is preparing for the erection of iron works for that purpose, in Beaver county, the coming summer, where the facilities are said to be very good, and better than they are further south. He has ordered the requisite machinery and is very sanguine in the belief that success will crown his efforts, and it is hoped that his anticipations will be realized to their fullest extent.

The News.

There has been two mail arrivals from the east since Wednesday week—the last on Monday evening, bringing dates from New York to March 25th. There is no mention made of the transpiration of any very important event heretofore announced, but the papers are filled with the details of the recent battles and accounts of small skirmishes between belligerent parties in Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina, for which we have no space in this number.

Information Wanted.

Mr. Sylvester Spencer, of Litchfield, Conn., wishes to know if his brother, Solon Spencer is yet alive, as there is some property belonging to him or his wife which can be had, and wishes the said Solon to write to him or to R. Marsh, Esq., Postmaster at Litchfield, in relation to the matter.

Also Mr. L. C. Chandler, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, wishes to hear from his brother, Bradley Chandler. If in Deseret let him report.

Thirty - Second Annual Conference OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS.

The General Conference of the Church convened in the Tabernacle, Great Salt Lake City, Sunday, April 6, 1862, at 10 a.m.; President Brigham Young presiding.

There were on the Stand:

Of the First Presidency—Presidents Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball and Daniel H. Wells.

Of the Twelve Apostles: Orson Hyde, Orson Pratt, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, Ezra T. Benson, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow and Franklin D. Richards.

Of the First Presidency of the Seventies: Joseph Young, Levi W. Hancock, Zera Pulsipher and Aibe P. Rockwood.

Of the Presidency of the High Priests: John Young, Edwin D. Woolley and Samuel W. Richards.

Of the Presidency of the Stake: Daniel Spencer, David Fullmer and George B. Wallace.

Of the Presidency of the Bishoprick: Edward Hunter, Leonard W. Hardy and Jesse C. Little.

Of the Patriarchs: John Smith and John Young.

Reporters: George D. Watt and John V. Long.

The Conference was called to order by the President, who said that he had reason to be thankful for the privilege of meeting with the Latter Day Saints, in the capacity of a general conference, and he hoped that ere long we would have the happy privilege of meeting together in the centre stake of Zion.

Br. Smithies' choir sang, "All hail the glorious day."

Elder John Taylor offered the opening prayer.

"With all my powers of heart and tongue," was sung by Br. C. J. Thomas' choir.

President Brigham Young said the object of our meeting together was the furtherance of the kingdom of God. He had frequently given texts and pointed out the subjects that he wished the brethren to speak upon during the sitting of the conference, but instead of doing this now, he would simply state that every man who should be called to occupy the stand, might speak just whatever came into his mind. He fully realized that this people had more faith for him than they had for themselves, and that they exercised a great deal more faith for him and his brethren than they did for their own families, but he wished them not to neglect to pray for the blessings which they individually stood in need of. We meet here, he observed, in order that the kingdom of God may be advanced upon the earth, and we ought to prize the opportunity. The Apostle Paul, in reasoning upon the principle of charity, said without it, we are nothing, and he would say that without the Spirit and the pure love of God to purge out all evil from our nature, we shall be consumed. We meet together in order that we may increase our faith that we may approximate a little nearer to the pure and holy kingdom of our God; we want to be a little further advanced; to know more of God and the things of God; that we may be better prepared to build up his kingdom than we were last year or a month ago. If the Bishops of the Wards cannot judge more impartially now than ever they did before, they had better look about themselves, or they will be left behind. We are here expressly that the whole man may be regulated by the Spirit that is here, free from every entanglement that is around us when we are at home, and be better prepared to lead and guide Israel.

The President then adverted to the natural susceptibility of the human mind to prejudicial influences; if he were prejudiced against a person he always strove to tell his prejudice to that person, and to show the reason of such prejudice, for it was his desire to base all his feelings towards his brethren upon facts. He next made a few remarks upon the sealing ordinances of the kingdom of God, showing that when we are free from mobs we shall find that man will be sealed to man clear back for ages, to form a chain and family connection with father Adam, but at the present it would not be salutary to develop the fullness of this glorious principle, for in times past when men got but a faint glimmering of this doctrine, it really seemed as if they would run to hell for the purpose of getting the devil sealed to them. He did know, by the spirit of revelation, that the Lord wanted to pour out blessings upon this people which, at present, they would not know what to do with, if they had them.

You do not want your leaders to get drunk do you, brethren? O, no. Well then cease to drink yourselves; in short, that which you want your leaders to do, that do ye; and I require it at your hands and so does God. There are hundreds who are continually in trouble for fear we shall be driven, and for that reason, they have never planted even a peach tree in this Territory. There has been more improvements with reference to planting, raising and eating the fruits of our labors within the last two years than there has ever been since we have been in these valleys.

If this people will cease their bickerings and follies, they will never be driven from their homes again. The Lord wants us to go up as the nations of the earth go down; he wants us to increase as they decrease, in the capacity of statesmen, wise men and noblemen; also in the knowledge of both science