

EDITORIALS.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN CALIFORNIA.

THE California Woman Suffrage Association recently sent to the Legislature of that State a memorial and petition, setting forth the grievances of the women through being deprived of the suffrage. In their petition they preferred the following requests of the Legislature—

"First—To so amend the Constitution that it will confer on women the right to vote upon the same terms and conditions that men exercise the franchise, and refer the same to the next succeeding Legislature for its adoption and submission to the people for their approval.

"Second—To enact laws which will make women eligible to positions of official authority in all the departments of the Public Schools; provided that they may enjoy an equal share of the clerical and other offices, the duties of which are suitable to be discharged by women—in each of the departments of Municipal, Township, County and State Government; that the wife shall have full powers conferred upon her to contract, and the same absolute ownership over her own property as she possessed before marriage, so that she shall be, in respect to her natural, personal and property rights, the equal of her husband.

"Third—To so change, alter and amend the laws, within constitutional limits, that all the legal disabilities now imposed on the women of this State shall be entirely removed."

The memorial and petition were referred to the committee on the judiciary. Mr. Aldrich introduced the following resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to consider the subject—

"WHEREAS, The Board of Control of the California Woman's Suffrage Association have caused to be introduced into both Houses of the Legislature a memorial concerning the rights, privileges and disabilities of women, and a petition asking for the enactment of laws by which such disabilities shall be removed and such rights and privileges secured to them, and also asking for an amendment to the Constitution of this State by which the right of suffrage shall be conferred upon them; and Whereas, said memorial and petition are entitled to a fair and respectful consideration by the Legislature; therefore, be it

"Resolved, By the Assembly, the Senate concurring, that a Joint Committee consisting of three on the part of the Assembly and two on the part of the Senate be appointed to take into consideration the matters embraced in said memorial and petition, and to report such action thereon as they may deem it expedient to be taken."

The Assembly adopted the resolution without opposition, but when it came before the Senate, that body summarily ordered it to be laid on the table.

THEATRICALS IN SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco Chronicle thus shadows forth the theatrical programme in that city for several months ensuing—this week and next Dion Boucicault in "Kerry," "Daddy O'Dowd," "Colleen Bawn," "Arrah-na-Pogue," and a local sketch; next, Miss Katherine Rodgers in "Mimi;" in the middle of February Mr. McCullough in "King Lear," the "Gladiator," and "Richieu," with great scenic effects; in March, Miss Neilson in "Romeo and Juliet," "As You Like It," and Halliday's "Anthony and Cleopatra;" early in April, Mr. J. T. Raymond in Gilbert's "Wicked World;" in May or June, the Aimee opera troupe; toward the end of June, Mr. Sothorn in "Dundreary in Private Theatricals;" in July, Letta in her specialties; in August, the Volkes family in their eccentricities; there is also a probability of visits by Edwin Booth and Joe Jefferson.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN THE TERRITORIES.—On the 14th of January,

in the United States Senate, Mr. Pratt, (rep.) of Ind., presented a petition of the Indianapolis Woman's Suffrage Association protesting against the passage of the bill limiting suffrage in the Territories to males. Referred to the committee on Territories.

COLORADO IRRIGATION.

THE subject of irrigation is increasing in interest in Colorado as well as in California and elsewhere. A bill has been prepared for presentation to the Colorado legislature, of which the following is a brief abstract—

"1. All rivers and creeks are declared public and open, to be used for purposes of mining and irrigation.

"2. Existing rights are protected.

"3. The right to construct public and private ditches is declared.

"4. When ditches have been constructed through the lands of others, with their consent, such consent shall be irrevocable in writing or by parole.

"5. The County Commissioners in each county shall, upon petition of five land-holders, order the construction of a ditch the cost to be paid by tax levied upon the lands benefited by said ditch.

"6. Lands covered by a ditch shall constitute an irrigation district, to be provided for by three overseers, to be elected by the people, who shall apportion the water and method of using it.

"7. Severe penalties are provided for obstructing ditches.

"8. Provides for the creation of a commission of three persons whose duty it shall be to estimate the number of acres susceptible of cultivation; the average flow of water in the various streams; the number of acres this will irrigate; to prepare a code of rules and regulations for the use of the water; and ascertain the probable cost of the necessary ditches to utilize the water flow. This commission will report to the Governor, who shall transmit their report to the next session of the Legislature.

"9. When corporations build a ditch the rates charged for water shall be subject to revision by the County Commissioners."

AFRAID OF INVESTIGATION.

THE Washington correspondence, of Jan. 15, of the New York World, has the following—

The Mormon question is to have another hearing before the House Territorial Committee to-morrow. There are three bills pending there, looking to the abolition of polygamy. United States District Attorney Carey will address the Committee for an hour, and then Delegate Cannon will close the argument which he commenced last week. Before perfecting a bill it is not improbable the Committee may decide to request the House to order an investigation into the actual condition of things in Utah. There is such contradiction of statement on both sides that it is urged there is no other way to get at the truth.

During the congressional crusade against the "Mormons" last session the proposition to send a committee of investigation to Utah was mooted. The fellows who create all this senseless disturbance, this ridiculous hue-and-cry concerning Utah and fill the papers with highly colored sensational fictions about the situation here, opposed investigation, set themselves against it, hinted that the community hereabout would go to chaos in a few weeks unless certain infamous measures were passed. They did not want careful investigation, but swift legislation, not light and justice, but darkness and vindictive striking, not liberty but proscription, not prosecution but persecution. Justice is seldom in a hurry, but injustice is characteristically swift to shed blood and work all manner of iniquity. Haste is always suspicious, and almost always does bad work. Most haste worst speed. That is why certain persons objected to investigation last session and goaded Congress to legislate specially and with indecent haste to "aid" Utah.

Now investigation is again mooted, and these same persons do not want it. They are afraid of it. They have nothing to gain, but everything to lose, by investigation. Their acts will not bear careful, candid, intelligent scrutiny and analysis. For our own part, we do not see that either investigation or special legislation by Congress is particularly necessary concerning Utah. But if such legislation must

be had, any sane man would say it should only be had after full, calm, sober, intelligent, discriminating, deliberate, impartial investigation. The more Congress knows of the true situation, the more intelligently it can legislate to affect it. That is a truism, amounting to a platitude, yet some people seem to accept it not but fight it to the bitter end.

Nor will there be any dreadful danger incurred by legislation waiting upon investigation. As Foreney says of the whole Union, it flourishes in spite of poor government, so will Utah continue to flourish in default of special Congressional legislation for her, and in spite of the masterly inactivity of an obstructive judiciary. This was the case last year, and it can be the same again. Let the investigating committee come along and inquire into the situation, all sides of it, and the result will work good in one way or another. Never fear that. He who does fear it, needs watching.

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MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE TERRITORY OF UTAH. TWENTY-FIRST SESSION, 1874. COUNCIL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
January 26, 1874.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Councilor Caine presented C. F. 16, a bill for "An act relating to bills of exchange and promissory notes," which was laid on the table to come up in its order.

Councilor Young, pursuant to notice, presented C. F. 17, a bill for "An act amending an act in relation to Marshals and Attorneys," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Communications were received from Surveyor General Nathan Kimball, and Major Joseph Gorlinski, thanking the Council for the tender of the freedom of the Council Chamber.

Councilor Woodruff, Chairman of the Committee on Claims and Appropriations, to whom was referred petition of Wm. C. Mitchell, praying for an appropriation of seventy-five dollars to reimburse him for losses incurred by the division of Washington and Iron counties, reported the same back, recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

On motion of Councilor Collister, the report was accepted, and the amount ordered to be included in the general appropriation bill.

H. F. No. 14, "An act amending an act entitled 'An act to provide for a mechanics' and laborers' lien, approved February 18th, 1869' was read," and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Trade and Manufactures.

C. F. No. 4, "An act in relation to District Attorneys," was read the third time and passed.

C. F. No. 16, "An act relating to bills of exchange and promissory notes," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Councilor Smith, chairman of the Committee on Irrigation and Canals, presented the following report:

MR. PRESIDENT—The Committee on Irrigation and Canals, to whom was referred C. F. No. 15, a bill for "An act to amend an act to incorporate irrigation companies, respectfully report the same back amended and recommend its passage.

JESSE N. SMITH,
Chairman.

The report was accepted and the bill was read twice.

The Council adjourned.

HOUSE.

REPRESENTATIVES' HALL,
January 26th, 1874.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

A communication from Chas. H. Hempstead, acknowledging the courtesy extended to him by the House, was received and read.

Mr. Thurber presented petition of Messrs. J. S. Page and James Finlayson, committee of Payson City Council, praying for amendments and additions to their city charter, which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Pace, referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations.

Mr. Mann, chairman of Committee on Elections, presented a bill for an Act providing for the Registration of Voters, and to regulate the manner of conducting elections in this Territory, which was read, and ordered printed.

The Auditor of Public Accounts presented a condensed report of the property in the hands of the officers of the Territory, which was read and ordered printed.

(C. F. 4) "An act in relation to District Attorneys," was read the first time and ordered printed.

Mr. Pace presented Financial Report of Utah County for the years 1872 and 1873, which was referred to the Committee on Revenue.

Mr. Rowberry moved that the Committee on Claims and Appropriations be instructed to consider the matter of memorializing Congress to appropriate \$250,000, for the purpose of building a State House in Salt Lake City, the same to be drawn and controlled by the Governor of the Territory, unless otherwise directed by Congress, and report the same to this House at an early day.

Seconded and carried.

On motion of Mr. Pace the House adjourned till to-morrow at 2 p.m.

COUNCIL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
SALT LAKE CITY,
January 27th, 1874.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

A communication was received from B. A. M. Froiseth, Esq., thanking the Council for the freedom of the Council Chamber extended to him.

Councilor Woodruff, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Trade and Manufactures, to whom was referred H. F. 14, "An act amending an act entitled an act to provide for a mechanics' and laborers' lien," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

The bill was taken up on its first reading and laid on the table to come up in its order.

Councilor Young, chairman of the special committee to whom was referred C. F. No. 7, a bill for "An act defining the qualifications of and the mode of selecting and summoning grand and petit jurors for district courts," reported the same back amended and recommended its passage as amended. The report was accepted and the bill was read the second time and amended.

On motion of Councilor Woodruff the Council adjourned.

HOUSE.

REPRESENTATIVES' HALL,
January 27th, 1874.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

A communication was received from F. Kesler, sen., acknowledging the courtesy extended him by the House.

A report from Wm. Clayton, Auditor of Public Accounts, containing statement of business transactions in the Warden's Department during the year ending Nov. 30, 1872, was read and ordered printed.

Mr. Rockwood presented report of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society, with accompanying documents, which were read, and ordered printed.

Mr. Hatch presented financial report of Wasatch County for the years 1872-3, which was referred to the Committee on Revenue.

Mr. Murdock presented petition of the Mayor and 115 citizens of Beaver City for amendments to city charter, which was read, and with accompanying bill, was referred to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

The following was received and read—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
REPRESENTATIVES' HALL,
January 27, 1874.

To the Hon. Speaker and Members of the House:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Agriculture, Trade and Manufactures, to whom was referred a bill, presented by Wm. R. Smith pertaining to certain male animals running at large and for requiring poundkeepers to brand animals sold by them, and for other purposes; also a bill for "An act amen-

ding an act concerning certain animals running at large," approved Jan. 21, 1853, presented by Mr. Richards, Jan. 22, 1874; also a bill for "An act in relation to the male of bovine quadrupeds running at large," presented Jan. 22, 1874, and House file No. 8, in compliance with the instructions of the House to consolidate the four bills, beg leave to submit the accompanying bill as the result of their labors, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully,

A. P. ROCKWOOD,
Chairman of Committee.

Said substitute bill entitled "An Act pertaining to certain animals running at large and requiring poundkeepers to brand animals sold by them, and for other purposes," was read and ordered printed.

The following was received and read:

To the Hon. Orson Pratt, Sen., Speaker of the House:

Your Committee on Mineral Resources respectfully report

That they have examined the petition of B. A. M. Froiseth asking an appropriation of \$1,000, for the publication of a new map of Utah Territory and recommend the appropriation asked for and report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

S. A. MANN,
Chairman of said Committee.
SALT LAKE CITY, U. T.,
Jan. 27, 1874.

Said bill (H. F. 18) entitled, "An Act appropriating certain money to B. A. M. Froiseth to aid in the publication of a new and revised map of Utah Territory" was read, and laid on the table to come up in its order.

Mr. Peacock presented Financial Report of Sanpete County for the years 1872 and 1873, which was referred to the Committee on Revenue.

Mr. Morrison moved that the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to ascertain if aught can be done compatible with the laws of the U. S. and this Territory to prevent the Indians from committing depredatory incursions on the new settlements. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Rowberry moved that the Committee on Revenue be instructed to take into consideration the matter of providing for the taxing of bullion, mineral or the product of mines in general, and report to this House at an early date by bill or otherwise. Seconded and carried.

On motion of Mr. Mann (H. F. 19) "An Act appropriating certain moneys to B. A. M. Froiseth to aid in publishing a new and revised map of Utah Territory," was passed.

A Memorial to Congress asking for a Commission of Investigation, was read, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mann adopted.

Mr. Silas S. Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Printing, reported that the Secretary of the Territory, under his instructions, as published in the journals of last session, was not authorized to print or insert in the journals any documents other than the Governor's message, but may print reports of Territorial officers, if desired by the Legislature, but the costs, including paper and binding, must be paid by the Territory.

Mr. Pace moved, the Council concurring, that the Public Printer be instructed to print and publish in pamphlet form three hundred copies of the reports of Territorial and County officers, and such other documents as may be ordered printed by the Assembly, for which the Secretary of the Territory is not authorized to pay. Seconded and carried.

Mr. J. F. Smith moved that the Committee on Mineral Resources be instructed to inquire into the necessity and propriety of passing a law at this session of this Assembly, for the purpose of regulating and controlling samplers and sampling works in this Territory, and to prevent fraud in samples and assays, and report at an early day, by bill or otherwise. Seconded and carried.

House adjourned till 2 p.m. to-morrow.

Ohio is very indignant at the sentence of her latest defaulter. He embezzled ninety thousand dollars, and his punishment is a fine of sixty thousand dollars, and one year in the Ohio Penitentiary. This gives him a salary of thirty thousand dollars a year, which is fair for these times.—Boston Post.