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Although it was not to be expected that at this late stage of the session the House Committee would have done with regard to the admission of Utah as a State, yet it is pleasing to be able to report the unanimous action of the delegates has not been altogether fruitless. Taking advice as to the best mode of procedure, an inventory was taken of the views of the *devis* (pro tem.) of the Senate, and Speaker Klarn of the House, and the result was a unanimous agreement in the most cordial manner, to whom, in the name of the House, to present the memorial and constitution to the Senate and House respectively, and also to have the memorial made in both Houses. When the matter came up in the Senate the following brief discussion took place:

PETITION AND MEMORIAL.

The President pro tempore. The Chair presents a communication from Joseph F. Smith, president of a convention of citizens of the Territory, asking the admission of that Territory into the Union as a State, with a copy of a proposition for a petition to be sent to the committee on Territories, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoar. I have no objection to the committee without printing, and let them decide afterward on the propriety of printing it.

The President pro tempore. It will be referred without printing, if there be no objection.

Mr. Hoar. Has the proposed constitution been formed by some public authority, or is it merely in the nature of a petition?

The President pro tempore. It is in the nature of a petition, with a constitution, and a proposition for a petition to be sent, which was proposed at a meeting.

Mr. Hoar. My reason for the inquiry was that I thought a constitution proposed

body of citizens in a Territory would be a document of importance and value enough to require printing; but I will let it pass now.

Mr. Garland. For that reason I made the motion I did. We do not yet know exactly from whom this comes; but if it was of the character supposed, I should vote for its printing. The committee will examine it.

The petition was referred to the com-

From the above it will be seen that, on the motion of Mr. Garland, the matter was referred to the committee without printing, the committee to decide afterward as to the propriety of printing.

Speaker Klefer, in a few brief remarks, presented the memorial and constitution to the House. No discussion took place on the subject. The following is the official record:

UTAH AS A STATE.

The Speaker also laid before the House a memorial from the delegate convention of the Territory of Utah, asking Congress to admit the Territory of Utah into the Union as a State, and the memorial was accompanied by a draught of a constitution said to have been approved by the citizens of that Territory.

The memorial was referred to the Committee on Territories, and ordered printed.

In this instance, it will be noticed, the memorial and constitution were not only referred to the Committee on Territories, but *ordered to be printed*. The Delegates having accomplished this much of their mis-

non, he kept up the same communication with the members of the Committee on Territories of both Houses. So far as the committee of the House is concerned they were assured that it would be impossible to get the members together this session, but were courteously informed that the matter of the memorial and constitution would receive attention at the earliest possible moment next session. The members of the Committee on Territories gave their hearty approval, and therefore, the delegates have accomplished all that was reasonably expected of them at this time and feel pleased at the manner

On the same day, the Honorable Kiefer presented to the House another matter pertaining to the Territory of Utah. I refer to the following:

PUBLIC BUILDING, UTAH THE STORY.

The Speaker laid before the House a memorial from the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah, in relation to the construction of a public building for the Legislature and district courts and for post-offices and land offices, etc., in said Territory; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

This matter too will have to go

over for this season, the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds having more work to do than they can undertake; but nevertheless, in a favorable report, it is to be hoped, will be made upon the memorial.

"To stimulate emigration," to which I made reference in my last, has been the cause of a great deal of unpleasantness between Judge Esgar, of Texas, and Mr. John Van Voorhis, of New York. Both of these gentlemen are members of the commerce committee, and it appears that in place of the original memorial, a new one has been framed, and is now considered by the committee. In due course of time

the bill came to be presented, but instead of the substitute being handed to Mr. Reagan for presentation to the House, the original got smuggled in and ultimately passed the House. The difference between the two bills, in several instances, was of an important character, and, of course, as soon as Mr. Reagan found out the mistake, he lost no time in bringing the matter before the House, claiming that in presenting the bill which had been passed by the House he had been imposed upon by Mr. Voorhis. A great deal of newspaper comment has been made upon this alleged mistake. Yet it is not the original bill, as

nied that there was any intention of fraud on his part. To have the matter finally settled, however, the subject was brought before the House yesterday by Mr. Page of California, who presented a resolution for the committee on Commerce, asking unanimous consent to substitute the true bill for the one passed on the 19th inst. In justification, Mr. Van Vleet said that he had seen in manuscript and read them from the clerk's desk) made a violent onslaught on Mr. Reagan, in which he characterized the conduct of Mr. Reagan as "sneaking" and accused him of "treasonable practices."

making the amendments he had. Of course a "second" followed the usage of the superlative language of the words were ordered to be taken down; Mr. Van Voorhis withdrew them; and then Mr. Reagan replied. He denied many of Mr. Voorhis' allegations; and the House endorsed his almost unanimously at once, passing the punitive censure bill, which is as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That every shall be liable, collected, and paid a duty of fifty cents for each and every passenger not a

and among such passengers any convict, male, female, or any person unable to take care of himself, shall be liable for becoming a public charge, they shall forfeit the same in writing to the collector of the port, and such persons shall not be permitted to land.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall establish such regulations and orders as may be deemed necessary for the conduct of and from and with the said instructions not inconsistent with law as

since the "Mormon war" took place, and one would have thought that claims arising out of so large a piece of folk-lore would have been long ago settled, but the Government, it is said, must have his time in the disposition of business. Some of the claimants must now be "growing old," but it is satisfactory to know

As the Territory of Utah is somewhat interested in the question of immigration, I have thought that the following might be of interest to the readers of the News.

Another subject which has been thought prominently before the public of late is the "political assessment" of some of the prominent men made up by the employees of the government by the Republican Congressional Committee. Every year on the 1st of January a "political campaign" circular letter is sent out by the above named committee, in the fall elections, to come forward and smash the Republican machine, and they can say "Democratic machine, which I have never been able to do, on this side of the House or anywhere else. I want them to smash that too. But for once let the people and the welfare of the country come to the front. Let the intelligence of this country see that the reforms demanded by ever consideration of the people are the only reforms to be achieved by their votes at the polls." These are noble sentiments, but the present Republican majority, as the inhabitants of the Territory of Utah

quest for pecuniary assistance and that there was no compulsion in the matter. Taking everything into consideration—the discussion that had taken place and the sentiment of the country—it seems evident that this system of obtaining money for pension use is coming under a change, and must, sooner or later, be changed. I had a conversation with a government employee this morning on the subject, and in answer to my inquiry as to the future of the pension fund, he said that the assessment had been said about the measure being a "voluntary" one, to pay his share, he unhesitatingly replied, "No."

ached the Senate on Monday it was treated in a somewhat different manner. Mr. Beck insisted that his requisition should go back to the committee on appropriations, and that it should not be acted upon until all the appropriation bills had been sent to the Senate from the House and action could be had upon them there. The sundry civil bill had not yet been reported to the House of Representatives; the naval appropriation bill had not been con-

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