

**CITY LOTS.**—The following communication is upon a matter of importance to all owners of lots in this city, and it should receive careful attention—

"SALT LAKE CITY, April 4, 1872.

"Editor Deseret News:

"The time allowed by law for owners of lots, or parts of lots, in Salt Lake City to file their declaratory statements is rapidly drawing to a close. There are many who have not yet filed their claims. Unless those who have neglected this duty attend to it immediately, it will be next to impossible for the clerk to record the papers as fast as required, especially if this procrastination is continued much longer. Serious difficulty may occur through such unjustifiable negligence and delinquents may have cause to regret it.

"FRIEND,"

**BEAR LAKE VALLEY.**—By courtesy of A. M. Musser, Esq., we are enabled to publish the following extract from a letter to him from Bishop W. Budge, of Paris, Rich County: "The weather is very cold, although generally pleasant, the snow is still deep—about two feet deep on the level, and going away but slowly. We have had at intervals a few warm days, which reduced the snow considerably. The times here are serious, as the feeding of this long winter has now almost used up all kinds (or I should say) all qualities of feed, as we have only hay. Half rotten hay finds ready sale. A few warm days would release us, and afford feed on the hills for stock able to find it; but a continuation of frost must assuredly cause great loss; or a snow to cover the bare places on the hills a week or two would prove ruinous. This risk is run by us who live where there is practically an endless amount of hay and hay-land. It is estimated, that although last season was the driest known in this region, there was hay enough left (after the people had done hauling) or grass to make it (though not of the best kind) to winter all the stock in the valley. Our winter commenced six weeks earlier than usual, and not foreseeing its length or severity, we find ourselves in our present dilemma. I think as a people we have learned a lesson, and will more generally prepare for such a time."

"Our mail service is no better than formerly, there is no regularity and no certainty as to when letters or papers may come or go; and I have reason to believe that there have been accumulations of back mail matter all winter at Franklin, in fact our last mail but one brought nothing but old papers, so far as I know. Just imagine our anxiety, in these interesting times, for news by the expected mails and when opened we receive papers dated last Nov. and Dec. Bro. Nelson, the sub-contractor, works hard enough, but he cannot, from the pay he has, fill the contract paid for by Government."

#### LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF DESERET.

The members elect to the Legislature of the State of Deseret met in the City Hall at noon to-day, and effected a temporary organization by electing Hon. A. P. Rockwood Chairman, R. L. Campbell, Esq., Chief Clerk, and Milando Pratt, Esq., Sergeant-at-arms.

On motion the Hons. W. B. Preston, of Cache, L. Farr, of Weber, W. B. Pace, of Utah, S. A. Mann, of Salt Lake, and J. W. Young, of Washington and Kane counties, were appointed a committee on credentials.

A communication was directed to be made to Hon. Elias Smith, Probate Judge of Salt Lake County, requesting him to meet with the Legislators this afternoon.

Recess until 2 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

#### SENATE.

The Senate met at 2 o'clock, and organized by electing the following officers:—Erastus Snow, President; F. S. Richards, Secretary; J. H. Smith, Assistant Secretary; C. W. Stayner, Engrossing Clerk; J. D. T. McAllister, Sergeant-at-Arms; A. M. Campbell, Messenger; Junius Wells, Jr., Foreman; Joseph Young, Sen., Chaplain.

#### HOUSE.

Legislature met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by the chair.

Committee on credentials gave in their report, having examined the credentials of twenty-six members; the report was accepted.

The roll was called, and a quorum being present, the oath was administered to the members elect by Hon. Elias Smith, Probate Judge of Salt Lake County.

A permanent organization was effected by electing Hon. F. D. Richards speaker of the House, who made a brief speech in acknowledgment of the honor conferred.

R. L. Campbell, Esq., was elected chief clerk, Mr. Wm. Dunford assistant clerk; Milando Pratt, Sergeant-at-arms; Theodore F. Curtis, messenger;

M. B. Shipp, chaplain; Rodney Badger, foreman; Richard V. Morris, engrossing clerk.

The various officers of the House were qualified, the oath being administered by Hon. E. Smith.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain. A message was sent to the Senate, informing it of the organization of the House, and that it was prepared for the transaction of any business that might have to be done.

Hon. T. P. Akers, member from Salt Lake, offered the following:

"Resolved, the Senate concurring, that we now go into joint session for the purpose of electing two United States Senators."

Hon. S. A. Mann, of Salt Lake, believed the law of Congress was that in proceedings of this kind the Senate and House should each take a separate ballot on the election of Senators, then if they do not agree, the election shall be made in joint session.

Mr. Akers withdrew his motion. On motion the freedom of the House was extended to the Federal officers, Ex-Gov. B. Young, Hon. Geo. A. Smith, the members of the Territorial Legislature, the President and members of the Constitutional Convention, the Probate Judge of Salt Lake County, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councilors of Salt Lake City.

A communication was received from the Senate, announcing its organization.

A further communication was received from the Senate announcing the adoption of the following:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the two houses respectively, will on Friday April 5th, at 12 o'clock, m., proceed to the election of two Senators to represent the State of Deseret in the Senate of the United States, pursuant to the Act of Congress in such cases made and provided.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock, m.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY.

#### SENATE.

The Senate met in the City Hall at 12 m. and proceeded to elect United States Senators. The Hons. W. H. Hooper, Gen. H. A. Morrow, E. M. Barnum, T. P. Akers and Thomas Fitch were nominated. In the first ballot Mr. Hooper received 6 votes, Mr. Morrow 1, Mr. Akers 1, Mr. Barnum 1, Mr. Fitch 1.

The chair announced that seven votes were necessary for a choice.

In the second ballot the result was the same; also the third and fourth. In the fifth ballot Mr. Hooper received 7 votes, and Messrs Akers and Barnum 1 each, and Mr. Hooper was declared elected.

Nominations for the other Senator then commenced. Messrs. Fitch, Cannon, General Morrow, Akers and Dr. Bernhisel were nominated. In the first ballot Mr. Fitch received 3 votes, Mr. Cannon 3, General Morrow 2, Mr. Akers 1, Mr. Bernhisel 1. In the second ballot, Mr. Cannon received 3 votes, Gen. Morrow 2, Mr. Akers 1, Mr. Fitch 3, Mr. Bernhisel 1. In the third ballot Mr. Fitch received 4 votes, Gen. Morrow 2, Mr. Akers 1, Mr. Cannon 2, Mr. Bernhisel 1. In the fourth ballot Mr. Fitch received 5 votes, Mr. Cannon 3, Mr. Akers 1, Gen. Morrow 1. In the fifth ballot Mr. Fitch received 5 votes, Mr. Cannon 2, Gen. Morrow 2. In the sixth ballot Mr. Fitch received 6 votes, Gen. Morrow 2, Mr. Cannon 1. In the seventh ballot Mr. Fitch received 6 votes, Gen. Morrow 2, Mr. Cannon 2. In the eighth ballot Gen. Morrow received 4 votes, Mr. Cannon 2, Mr. Fitch 4. In the ninth ballot Mr. Fitch received 5 votes, Gen. Morrow 4, Mr. Cannon 1.

As there was no prospect of early agreement a motion to adjourn until 5 minutes to 12 o'clock to-morrow morning, was carried unanimously.

#### HOUSE.

After calling the roll, and prayer by the Chaplain, the House proceeded to the business of electing United States Senators—Hons. W. H. Hooper, Z. Snow, General E. M. Barnum and Thos. Fitch were nominated.

Hon. S. A. Mann, Ex-Governor of this Territory, and one of the members for Salt Lake, nominated Hon. Thos. Fitch, and made the following remarks in connection therewith:

In nominating Mr. Fitch I feel it to be alike my duty and privilege to endorse him as a fitting Senator for the State of Deseret. I am aware that the course of Mr. Fitch as regards the people of this Ter-

ritory is known to most, perhaps to all, of you, yet a brief mention of it here may not be inappropriate. A little more than two years ago, when the Cullom bill—a bill which was begotten of prejudice and tran, which was conceived and quickened in rottenness and corruption, brought forth by oppression and attended medically by political tricksters, a more infamous measure than which was never concocted in the mind of man—when that was presented before the House of Representatives for endorsement and approval, Mr. Fitch, co-operating with your able delegate, and save him, almost single handed and alone, against the prejudices of the country, against the prejudices of his constituents, against the request of most of his friends, guided by right and a sense of justice alone, opposed that measure, and when the debate was finished, the friends of that oppression felt that, if it had not received a blow that would result in instantaneous death, the stroke was at least mortal and an early demise might be expected.

I am aware that Mr. Fitch's religious sentiments differ widely from most of the members of this floor. I am aware, too, that the outside world believe that whatever is not orthodox "Mormonism" cannot be endorsed by the "Mormon" people. Gentlemen, such has not been my experience among you; such, I venture to say, has not been the experience of any person who has come here for honest purposes, and is disposed to be upright and just; and although, while it is admitted that the friends of the "Mormon" Faith are in the ascendancy in both houses, yet still, on this account I do not hesitate nor doubt one moment the success of my candidate. To me a faith, begotten of religious intolerance and prejudice, which says I am opposed to you and you to me because we cannot see our paths to future happiness in exactly the same direction, is the most narrow and mean of human ideas. I believe, as I know you believe, in a broader, nobler and more enlightened platform.

"Shall I ask the brave soldier

Who fights by my side  
In the cause of mankind,  
If our faiths disagree?  
Shall I question the friend  
I have honored and tried  
If he kneel not beside  
The same altar with me?  
From the heretic girl  
Of my soul shall I fly  
To seek somewhere else  
A more orthodox kiss?  
No, perish the law  
And the rule that would try  
Truth, valor, and love  
By a standard like this."

There are other reasons, which, in my mind, make Mr. Fitch a fitting candidate for Senator for the State of Deseret. He is a friend of female suffrage, and I believe that, if he is elected, he will urge that as a national measure, and thus, I think, become to some extent a national benefactor. When that measure was first adopted by the Legislature of the Territory of Utah, whatever might have been my hesitations and doubts in relation to it then, I think the experience of the past two years has fully demonstrated that it is in harmony with progress and the spirit and the genius of the age in which we live. Let those who fear that the ladies of the land will be dragged down from their high womanly position by a contact with politics, that woman will not exercise the privilege wisely, that she will not be true to her country, herself and her friends, come and witness an election day in Utah. Let them compare it with election days in other places, and I will venture the assertion that in this respect, at least, although living among the mountains, they will admit we are ahead of the age. The presence and voice of woman purify and cheer; before her, vice shrinks away, and its votaries are sometimes so ashamed at her approach that they resolve *en masse* not to visit the polls. Whatever else is false, woman is always true.

"Not she with traitorous kiss  
Her Savior stung,  
Not she betrayed him  
With unhappy tongue.  
She, when Apostles  
Shrank, did danger brave;  
Last at the cross  
And earliest at the grave."

Mr. Fitch has been tried in the halls of legislation. That he is able, all his friends agree and none of his enemies dispute. I believe that he will make a most fitting and able Senator. I confidently believe that he will receive your support here to-day, and with equal confidence I believe that none of you will have cause to regret the support which you may now give him.

At the close of the remarks of Mr. Mann the balloting was called for and resulted in 15 votes for Mr. Hooper, 3 for Mr. Fitch, 3 for Gen. Barnum. The chair declared Mr. Hooper elected.

For second senator the Hon. Thos. Fitch, General E. M. Barnum, and Hon. Z. Snow were nominated, and on the ballot being called for it resulted in 18 votes for Mr. Fitch and 3 for Mr. Snow. Mr. Fitch was declared elected, and the House adjourned until 12 m. to-morrow.

SATURDAY—THIRD DAY.

The two branches of the Legislature met in joint convention in the City Hall, at 12 o'clock to-day, for the purpose of electing one United States Senator.

The journals of both houses were read, from which it appeared that Hon. W. H. Hooper, having received a majority of the votes of the members of both houses, to represent the State of Deseret in the Senate of the United States, he was declared elected.

For second Senator, Hons. Thomas Fitch and Z. Snow were nominated, and the ballot being called for, resulted in eighteen votes for Mr. Fitch and four for Mr. Snow. The President of the Senate declared Mr. Fitch elected by a majority of the votes of the two houses in joint session.

On motion, Hons. L. Snow and S. A. Mann were appointed a committee to telegraph to the gentlemen the fact of their election to the position of U. S. Senators for the State of Deseret.

The President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Secretary of the Senate, and Chief Clerk of the House, by a vote of the joint convention, were authorized to sign and forward their credentials to the Senators elect.

The minutes of the proceedings were then read, and the joint convention was dissolved.

Before the balloting commenced Hon. C. H. Hempstead, in a humorous speech, withdrew his nomination for U. S. Senator, of General Morrow, stating that since yesterday's session he had discovered that the General was a great favorite with his lady constituents, and that they would prefer to have him in Salt Lake rather than in Washington. He had found it otherwise with Mr. Fitch, who, notwithstanding his "Apollo form and auburn hair," they were quite willing should remain in Washington for six years if necessary.

After the dissolution of the joint convention Hon. Thos. P. Akers tendered his resignation as a member of the house, ill health being the chief cause assigned. He said he, for the same reason should have refused the nomination for the position if he had been apprised of it before his name was put in print; but as he was not, he would not then resign for fear his "Gentile friends" should misconstrue his motives. Mr. Akers assigned his reasons in a brief but eloquent speech, which we regret time will not admit of insertion. He expressed his warm sympathy with the movement for a State government, and his faith that it would meet with success.

Several members expressed their regret at losing him, and a vote of thanks was tendered for the assistance he had rendered to the movement of statehood. His resignation was accepted, but evidently with great regret.

A concurrent resolution was adopted by both houses, ordering the printing, in pamphlet form, of five hundred copies of the proceedings of this, the first session of the legislature of the State of Deseret, to be distributed among the members, and among the Senators and Representatives in Congress.

A concurrent resolution was also adopted, providing for adjournment, to-day at 2 p.m., of the Legislature of the State of Deseret, to meet again on the third Monday in the month succeeding that in which Deseret, by Act of Congress and Presidential proclamation should be admitted as a State into the Union.

**WOMAN'S EXPONENT.**—Before us is the prospectus of the *Woman's Exponent*, a Utah Ladies' Journal, semi-monthly, to be commenced May 1st, and conducted by Louise L. Greene.

Our space is exceedingly brief to-day, and we can only say that the enterprise commends itself to the good wishes of the entire community and the public at large.

In the 14th Ward, of this city, April 2d, 1872, ESTER MALLETT, wife of James Bird, aged 29 years, 8 months and 5 days.

**JUST ARRIVED**—Fish Bros', celebrated Freight and Farm Wagon. All sizes to suit the market. For sale at

**HOPPER & CO'S.**  
**NOTICE:**—W. W. Jones' Song Book is now for sale at the Booksellers, Footlights and Deseret News Offices.

**WANTED**—A first-class Coke Burner can obtain employment of the R. M. Coal & Iron Co., Evanson, Wyoming. Enquire of H. P. Woods, agent, near U. C. R. Depot, Salt Lake City.