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DOINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

In the Council, on the 14th, Mr. Smith, from the committee on incorporations, reported back the bill, which had been referred to them, for an act to incorporate the city of St. George, Washington county, and recommended its passage; and in accordance with said recommendation, the bill passed through all the stages of legislation and finally passed, and sent to the House for concurrence. A bill to incorporate the Jordan Irrigation Company was also passed and sent to the House for concurrence.

The House bill in relation to Superintendents of Common Schools reported back from the committee on education, was taken up, and ultimately passed with amendments, and returned to the House for concurrence in the amendments.

The bill providing for the collection and payment by the Territory of Utah of her apportionment of the direct tax, apportioned by an act of Congress, and approved August 5, 1861, was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. Woodruff, the bill was referred, the House concurring, to a joint committee of two on the part of the Council, and three on the part of the House, to report at an early day, and, Messrs. Harrington and Cummings were appointed that committee on the part of the Council.

Mr. Smith, from the judiciary committee, presented a bill defining the judicial districts for the Territory of Utah, and a bill for an act assigning the chief justice and two associate justices to their several judicial districts, which were read and tabled, to come up when called for.

A memorial to Congress for the admission of Utah into the Union as a sovereign State, passed by the House, was received and referred to the committee on memorials.

The bill providing for a poll tax was reported back by the committee on roads, &c., and, with sundry amendments, ultimately passed.

Several other bills were up for consideration, but they were not of much importance.

In the House, on the 14th, on motion of Mr. Long, the amendments made in the Council to the bill in relation to the Superintendents of Common Schools were concurred in.

A memorial to Congress for the admission of Utah into the Union was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stout, the House concurred in the action of the Council in relation to the bill concerning the direct tax, and Messrs. West, Stout and Maughan were appointed the House committee of conference.

The bill for an act in relation to the compilation and revision of the laws and resolutions in force in Utah Territory, and embodying certain amendments passed by the Council, was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. Stout, concurred in and returned to the Council.

Mr. Rhoads presented a bill for an act locating the county seat of Summit county, which was read and laid on the table, to come up in its order.

Mr. Stout presented a petition of citizens of Great Salt Lake county for an appropriation of \$1,000 to improve the road at the Point of the Mountain between Great Salt Lake and Utah valleys, which was read, and, on motion of Mr. West, the committee on claims and appropriations were instructed to incorporate the same in the Territorial Appropriation Bill, to be expedited under the supervision of the Territorial Road Commissioner.

Mr. Farr presented a bill apportioning the representation of Utah Territory, which was read and tabled to come up in order.

The committee on claims and appropriations were instructed by vote of the House to incorporate in the Territorial Appropriation Bill

to the directors of the Penitentiary the sum of \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for Penitentiary purposes for the ensuing year. They were also instructed to incorporate several other appropriations for payment of claims, improvements on roads, and for other purposes.

In the Council, on Wednesday, the 15th, a resolution passed by the House in relation to a final settlement with Daniel Carn, ex-Warden of the Utah Penitentiary, was received, and, on motion of Mr. Benson, was concurred in.

Mr. Woodruff, chairman of the committee on revenue, to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Lynch, asking for an increase of the fees in the fee bill, approved Jan. 21, 1859, reported that they deemed it impolitic to make any change in the fee bill during the present session of the Legislature, and, on motion of Councillor Benson, the report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Councillor Woodruff, the Council concurred with the House in the rejection of the words "or City street," from the 1st sec. of the bill providing for a poll tax for road purposes.

Mr. Benson, chairman of the committee on elections, introduced a bill providing for apportioning the representation of the Territory, which was tabled to come up in its order.

The bill providing for locating and opening a Territorial road west of Utah Lake was read, referred to the committee on roads, reported back with an amendment, and then referred to the committee on appropriations.

In the House, on the 15th, several reports of committees were received in relation to various subjects, and in most instances accepted, and the committees discharged from further consideration of the matters referred to them respectively.

Mr. Rockwood presented a resolution in relation to a final settlement with Daniel Carn, ex-Warden of the Utah Penitentiary, which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Moody, was adopted.

A bill regulating the assessing and collecting of County, Territorial and City taxes, was taken up on its third reading, and, on motion of Mr. Long, laid on the table till next day.

A bill was passed providing for locating and opening a road west of Utah Lake.

The bill providing for a poll tax for road purposes, returned from the Council with amendment, was taken up, and the amendment to the first section, on motion of Mr. Crosby, was not concurred in.

The bill to incorporate the city of St. George was passed, and also the bills providing severally for locating the county seat of Summit and for the incorporation of the Jordan Irrigation Company.

The bill for the establishing and regulating stray pounds, and for other purposes, was taken up on its second reading, and, on motion of Mr. Stout, the enacting clause, was stricken out.

The bill apportioning the representation of Utah Territory was taken up and passed.

On Thursday, the 16th, in the Council, on motion of Mr. Smith, the committee on agriculture, trade and manufactures were instructed to inquire into the propriety of making an appropriation for the introduction of fish culture.

A bill defining the boundaries of counties and for other purposes was taken up and passed.

Mr. Hyde, from the committee on memorials, reported back the Memorial to Congress for the admission of Utah into the Union as a sovereign State, with amendments, which was read and adopted.

Mr. Woodruff, from the committee on agriculture, trade and manufactures, reported back the bill to regulate fisheries, and to prohibit fish traps in Jordan river, which was subsequently passed.

The House bill locating the county seat of Summit county was amended by substituting Wanship for Weberville, passed, and returned to the House for concurrence.

The bill defining the Judicial Districts for the United States Courts in the Territory; the bill assigning the Chief Justice and Associate Justices, and the bill specifying the times and places of holding District Courts for the transaction of Territorial business, were taken up and severally passed.

The Council bill apportioning the representation of Utah Territory was passed, and the House bill of the same nature returned without action thereon.

In the House, on the 16th, the bill to regulate fisheries and to prohibit fish traps, was taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge, the committee on petitions and memorials were instructed to draft a petition memorializing Congress to remit that portion of the direct tax apportioned to the Territory of Utah by the act of Congress approved Aug. 5, 1861.

The memorial to Congress for the admission of Utah into the Union as a sovereign State, returned from the Council with amendments, was taken up, and the amendments concurred in.

A communication was received from the Council requesting a joint session at two o'clock, p.m., on the 17th, in which the House concurred.

The amendment to bill locating the county seat of Summit county made by the Council, by the substitution of Wanship for Weberville, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Speaker appointed a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Young, West and Woolley to wait upon the Secretary, and inquire if he was prepared to pay the balance of per diem due members of the Legislative Assembly, under the administration of Secretary Hartnett, for the session of 1858-9; and also to inquire whether he was prepared to pay the members their per diem and mileage for the special session called by Gov. Cumming in November, 1860.

On Friday business in both Houses was transacted with great rapidity, and by reference to the list of acts, it will fully appear that some of the most important were passed on the last day of the session.

Legislative Enactments.

The following is a list of the acts, resolutions and memorials passed by the Legislative Assembly during the late session, which received the Executive sanction:

An act to amend an act to incorporate Great Salt Lake City, approved Jan. 20, 1860.

An act to establish a road in Davis, Weber and Box Elder counties.

An act repealing an act incorporating the city of Palmyra, and certain sections of other acts herein named.

An act in relation to the Superintendents of Common Schools.

An act amending an act granting to Lewis Robison and Joshua Terry the right of building a toll bridge across Green river, approved Jan. 18, 1861.

An act in relation to attachments and garnishments.

An act providing for a poll tax for road purposes.

An act locating the county seat of Juab county.

An act in relation to Territorial, county and city taxes.

An act appointing a superintendent for the Provo Canyon road, and specifying the rate of toll to be collected thereon.

An act to modify the charters of Great Salt Lake and Ogden Cities.

An act defining the boundaries of counties, and for other purposes.

An act in relation to the manner of assessing and collecting Territorial taxes.

An act to incorporate the city of St. George in Washington county.

An act to incorporate the Jordan Irrigation Company.

An act to regulate fisheries, and to prohibit fish traps and other contrivances for catching fish in the river Jordan.

An act locating the county seat of Summit county.

An act apportioning the representation of Utah Territory.

An act assuming the quota of the direct tax apportioned to the Territory of Utah by act of Congress, approved August 5, 1861.

An act specifying the times and places of holding District Courts for the transaction of Territorial business.

An act defining the Judicial Districts for the United States Courts in the Territory of Utah.

An act assigning the Chief Justice and two Associate Justices to their several Judicial Districts.

An act in relation to the compilation and revision of the Laws and Resolutions in force in Utah Territory, and embodying certain amendments.

General appropriation bill.

Territorial appropriation bill.

Resolution in relation to a final settlement with Daniel Carn, ex-warden of the Utah Penitentiary.

Resolution relating to the publishing of the Laws, and distributing of the Laws and Journals of the present session.

Resolution concerning the Legislative Assembly.

Resolution concerning the printing of the Journals.

Joint resolution complimenting and approving the official acts of Honorable Frank Fuller, Secretary and Acting Governor of Utah.

Memorial to Congress for the donation of public lands to settlers, and for educational purposes.

Memorial to Congress for an act authorizing treaties with Indians, and the extinguishment of the Indian title.

Memorial to Congress for the establishment of a semi-weekly mail from Fillmore City to San Bernardino, California.

Memorial to Congress for a donation of lands to cities, towns, and villages, and for the aid of common schools.

Memorial for a national central railroad.

Memorial to Congress for daily mail from the Eastern States and California.

Memorial to Congress to remit the direct tax apportioned to Utah Territory.

Memorial to Congress for a State Government.

ITEMS OF WAR NEWS.

On the twenty-fourth of December, according to a Baltimore dispatch, two companies of the Twentieth New York regiment started from Newport News at 9 o'clock in the morning, and proceeded to Newmarket bridge to look for a man who had been lost in the woods, and while near the bridge they found themselves surrounded by Confederate cavalry and infantry, numbering seven hundred men, but succeeded in cutting their way out with a loss of six men wounded. Ten of the enemy were reported killed and many wounded. It was said that there was a company of negroes in the Confederate ranks.

Dispatches received at St. Louis on the 23d stated that the command sent to Lexington by General Pope burned two ferry-boats at that place, and took two captains, one lieutenant, and four men prisoners, and several horses. They also burned the foundry and killed the notorious Arkansas Robison, and drove every band of rebels from the county for miles on either side of the route. They report the county quit of the rebels.

It has been determined to change the color of the pantaloons worn by the artillery, cavalry, and infantry of the United States from the dark blue color to the light or sky blue worn by them a few years ago.

The United States forces in Kentucky, the last of December, included sixty-five regiments. The main army was within a short distance of Bowling Green.

On the 19th, General Wright, with seven companies of the Seventh Connecticut Regiment, embarked on the Marion and proceeded to Tybee Island. Arriving the next day, they came to anchor and commenced unloading, when a heavy fire of shot and shell was opened from Fort Pulaski, without doing any damage, as reported.

Sixteen vessels of the "rat-hole squadron" had been sunk in Charleston harbor. Gen. Steven's brigade was encamped at Beaufort, and it was expected that a dash would be made on the Charleston and Savannah Railroad. Gen. Viele's expedition had been abandoned, owing, it was said, to an unfortunate disagreement between Commodore Dupont and Gen. Sherman.

On the 26th of Dec., Gen. Halleck issued the following:

"In virtue of the authority conferred on me by the President of the United States, martial law, heretofore issued in this city, will be enforced. In virtue of authority, martial law is hereby declared, and will be enforced in and about all the railroads in this State. It is not intended by this declaration to interfere with the jurisdiction in the court which is loyal to the government of the United States, and which will aid the military authorities in enforcing order and punishing crimes.

Commanders of posts and troops will be held responsible that their commands are ready to move at a moment's warning. Excuse for delay and want of preparations will not hereafter be admitted."

General Banks has issued stringent orders in regard to the seizure of forage without the consent of its owners, and prohibiting the sale of liquors. Both, it was believed, would be strictly enforced.