

**"UNNATURAL CRIME."**—The *Sacramento Union* of the 8th instant contains a letter from its Utah correspondent, a considerable portion of which is devoted to the present movement in the Legislative assembly of this Territory, in favor of woman suffrage.

A reference to this letter, in the editorial columns of the *Union*, says:

"Should the ladies generally vote to sustain polygamy, as one might be led to suppose they will from the speeches at the Female Polygamic Convention held in Salt Lake city, the fact may be pressed with some force against the passage of the Cullom bill or any other now before Congress for ridding the Territory of that most unnatural crime."

We fail to see the force of the last expression. Laws may be passed making it a penal offence for a man to marry more wives than one, but to urge that such an act is a crime at all when judged by the acknowledged standard of the Christian world, the Bible, and least of all an *unnatural* crime, is simply ridiculous. We gave the *Union* credit for a much larger share of good sense than such an opinion deserves.

#### FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

**NEARLY A FIRE.**—At a few minutes past 10 o'clock last night, President Young discovered that the shed, containing the steam engine which runs the DESERET NEWS press, was on fire. He immediately gave the alarm and a number of police officers and a crowd of citizens were quickly on the spot and by their united efforts the fire was soon extinguished, little damage being done.

We tender our acknowledgements to the many present who extended their aid and heartily thank them for the promptness and energy displayed on the occasion, and especially to Bros. William Calder and John Acornb. The cause of the fire is involved in mystery.

A couple of nights ago a fire was discovered at Messrs. Naylor Bros' wagon factory, in the 13th Ward; it was fortunately extinguished before serious damage was done.

**PUBLISHED ACT.**—In another column will be found the act legalizing woman suffrage. Its publication brings it into operation as law.

**"CITIZEN'S" LETTER.**—We call attention to the letter of "Citizen," from Echo city, in to-day's paper, in reference to additional mail delinquencies. The more we hear of these irregularities the more they appear to be the result, not of mistakes, neglect or carelessness, but of design. We again ask postmasters to furnish us with authentic particulars on this subject; and say to the public, have a little patience, and in a short time we hope that the evil will be remedied, and the offenders dealt with as they deserve.

#### FROM MONDAY'S DAILY

**EARLY GARDENING.**—So propitious has the weather been for a couple of weeks past that towards the close of last week gardening was commenced on the bench in the 20th ward. The warm sun and the south winds that have been blowing occasionally, have made the snow disappear, and in a number of places the ground has been in excellent condition for spading. Even should heavy storms yet come, which is far from unlikely, hardy seeds put in now will get a good start and cause garden "truck" to be in market early. A keen frost, though, would do some damage to the fruit buds, particularly of the apricot trees, which are swelling out rapidly, and with about another week of warm weather would be in bloom. Yet for all we have it so mild in the valley it is cold enough in the mountains, where there is a good deposit of snow, which will insure water during the summer.

**ROBBERY.**—Last night the window of C. Cooper's toy store was broken, and between twenty and thirty dollars' worth of valentines abstracted. This is one of the most contemptible cases of theft that has come to our knowledge for a long time. There are some around who need a good deal of watching, and it is to be hoped they will be caught at their misdeeds and be treated to a touch of the justice which the law provides.

**NOTICE TO THE NIELSEN FAMILY.**—A man and four of his children, by the name of Nielsen, who emigrated from Jutland, Denmark, about ten years ago, will hear of something to their advantage by making application to His Excellency, Acting Governor Mann, in this city. The parties inquired for are supposed to be living at Hyrum, Cache Co. The names of the children are Niels Christian Nielsen, Christen Nielsen, Niels Nielsen and Ane Marie Nielsen.

**COVER THAT WELL.**—On the bench, in the 20th Ward, there is a well, said to be two hundred feet deep, with no covering over it, nor protection around it against children falling in. On Saturday some little ones who had gone to play on the bench were missing for several hours, and the parents were in a state of serious anxiety dreading they had fallen into this well. We direct attention to the matter, and trust something will be done immediately to make it safe against accident.

**THAT WOLVERINE.**—Look out for that wolverine; he wrenched a bar off from his cage sometime between dusk last night and daylight this morning and made his escape. Probably he was anxious to attend the election to-day. If anybody sees him, this is to warn him to keep out of his way, for he is a rather dangerous fellow! If he be caught please restore him to Deseret Menagerie.

**THE ELECTION.**—The City Election was progressing quietly up till the hour of our going to press. Crowds were congregated at several street corners and at the City Hall, and were indulging in a considerable amount of joking, and bandying good-natured comments. The 10th Ward brass band furnished some excellent music.

**OPPOSED TO IT.**—The *Omaha Herald*, of the 11th instant says: "Many influential journals oppose the Cullom bill for the abolition of polygamy in Utah, on principle as well as on grounds of expediency. It is given out that even our 'Gentile' friends in Utah consider it an extreme measure, and it is our opinion that it is as unwise as it will certainly prove futile."

**A PLACE OF DANGER.**—We are requested to call the attention of parents to the serious consequences that may result from children gathering on the depot block of the Utah Central Railroad, and being allowed near the line, where they are liable to get in the way of the engines. On Saturday last, when the gravel train came in, officer Ringwood had the utmost difficulty in keeping the children off the rails in the depot block. It would be a sad duty to have to record a death from accident caused by such imprudence, but children are thoughtless, and have no idea of the danger to which they expose themselves in such a place; and we urge on parents the necessity of using every means they can to keep their children away from every place where there is a liability of their being run over and killed, or seriously injured, by the engines.

#### LEGISLATIVE

##### COUNCIL.

February 2nd.  
Council met pursuant to adjournment. A communication from O. J. Hollister Esq., was received, thanking the Council for the freedom of the chamber.  
The recommendation that \$2,000 be appropriated for improving the Spanish Fork Canyon road was favorably reported on. The debate on the civil code was then resumed.  
Adjourned.

##### HOUSE.

February 2nd.  
House met pursuant to adjournment.  
An Act to provide for the election of the members of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah was read twice and referred.  
A petition praying for an appropriation to build a fort at the crossing of the Colorado river was read and referred.  
The report of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society was read and ordered printed in pamphlet form.  
A statement from the clerk of Morgan County, regarding the bridge over the Weber river at Morgan City was read and referred.  
An Act to regulate mining and mining claims was read the first time and referred.  
The report of the committee of the whole favoring the granting of the suffrage to the women of Utah, was read and spread on the minutes.  
Adjourned till 2 p.m.

Two p.m.  
House resumed its session, and was engaged during the remainder of the day in the consideration of the civil code.  
Adjourned.

##### COUNCIL.

February 3rd.  
Council met pursuant to adjournment. The claim of W. Jennings for supplies furnished the Sanpete expedition against the Indians in 1866 was read and referred. The petition of the citizens of Kane County, asking for an appropriation of \$1,500 for

improving the Toquerville and South Ash Creek road was reported on favorably.

The House bill to incorporate Hyrum City, Cache County, was read a third time and with slight amendments was sent to the House for concurrence.  
Adjourned.

##### HOUSE.

Feb. 3.

House met pursuant to adjournment. Several bills were advanced a stage. The act to incorporate Springtown, Sanpete county, was reported back with amendments. The committee on the militia recommended an appropriation of \$2,000 for the erection of forts as protection against the Navajo Indians, to be expended under the direction of General Erastus Snow.

An act to provide for the election of the members of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah was read a third time and passed.

Adjourned.

2 p.m.

House resumed its session and took up the consideration of the civil code.

The Council amendments to the act incorporating Hyrum city, Cache county, were concurred in.  
Adjourned.

##### COUNCIL.

Feb. 5.

Council met pursuant to adjournment and proceeded to the consideration of the civil code.

Adjourned until 6 p.m., at which time Council resumed its session.

A communication was received from the House that they had passed "an act prescribing the qualification of voters." This bill was read a first and second time and referred.

The further consideration of the civil code then became the business of the Council, after which it adjourned.

##### HOUSE.

Feb. 5.

House met pursuant to adjournment. An act incorporating Mendon city, Cache county, was read and referred.

The civil code was then taken up. The bill entitled "an act granting to women the elective franchise," was read a third time and passed.

House adjourned.

##### COUNCIL.

Feb. 8th, 1870.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. A report on the dilapidated condition of the Penitentiary and recommending certain appropriations was read and referred.

An Act incorporating Springtown City, in Sanpete County, was read a third time and passed.

The civil code was then taken into consideration, and the Council took a recess.

Two p.m.

At two p.m. the Council resumed its session, and the consideration of the civil code.

Communications were received from the House stating that it had concurred in the "Act incorporating Springtown City, in Sanpete County," and that it had passed "An Act to regulate mining and mining claims."  
Council took a recess.

##### Evening session.

Council resumed its sitting. The consideration of the civil code occupied the greater portion of the evening.

A communication was received from the House stating that it had passed "An Act incorporating Mendon City."  
Council adjourned.

##### HOUSE.

Feb. 8th.

House met pursuant to adjournment. A letter from General John Gibbon was received and read, returning thanks for the freedom of the House extended to him. An Act to regulate mining and mining claims was read a third time and passed.  
Adjourned to two p.m.

Two p.m.  
House resumed its sitting. A message was received from the Council, announcing that it had passed "An Act incorporating Springtown City, in Sanpete County."

The civil code was then taken up. An act in relation to incorporations and co-partnerships for agricultural, manufacturing and other purposes was advanced a stage.

House adjourned.

6.30 p.m.

House resumed its sitting. An act incorporating Mendon City, Cache County, was read a third time and passed. The consideration of the civil code occupied the remainder of the session.  
House adjourned.

##### COUNCIL.

Feb. 9th.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. An act, with amendments, incorporating Mendon City, Cache County, was read a third time and sent to the House for concurrence.

Several bills were advanced a stage.  
Council adjourned.

6 p.m.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. The Council went into a committee of the whole on the woman suffrage question. The committee were unanimous in recommending the passage of the bill granting to women the elective franchise.

A communication was received stating that the House had concurred in the Council amendments to the act incorporating Mendon City.

Council adjourned.

##### HOUSE.

Feb. 9.

House met pursuant to adjournment. Several bills were advanced a stage.

The committee on claims and appropriations were instructed to incorporate in the Territorial appropriation bill the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society, for the purpose of paying premiums on the best stock, specimens of mechanism and agriculture and such other branches of business as they may think proper, and for the purpose of holding a fair.

House adjourned.

The afternoon and evening sessions were almost entirely occupied with the consideration of the civil code.

"An Act in relation to incorporations and co-partnership for agriculture manufacturing and other purposes" was read a third time and passed.

Adjourned.

##### COUNCIL.

Feb. 10.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, and resumed the consideration of the civil code.

Councillors Smoot, Cannon, Harrington and E. Snow, were appointed a committee of Conference with Messrs. Taylor, Thurber, Rockwood and Wright, the House committee, on the Act granting to women the elective franchise.

Council adjourned.

2 p.m.

The committee of conference on the woman suffrage question, reported that they had met with the House committee and agreed on certain amendments, and recommended the passage of the bill with the amendments.

The amendments were adopted and the bill so passed.

The committee on petitions recommended that the sum of \$5,000 be included in the Territorial Appropriation bill to defray the expenses of the Territory for the ensuing two years, and the sum of \$1,200 to pay the Warden for the year 1869.

A communication was received from the House that it concurred in the amendments adopted by the joint committee of conference to the act conferring upon women the elective franchise.

The remainder of the afternoon session, and the greater portion of the evening session were occupied in the consideration of the civil code.

##### HOUSE.

Feb. 10th.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the Council stating that it had passed the female suffrage bill with amendments.

The amendments of the Council were non-concurred in.

The report of the Weber Canyon Road Company was received and read.

The civil code was then taken up. A communication was received from Acting Governor Mann, informing the House he had signed the "Act incorporating Hyrum City, Cache County."

A committee consisting of Messrs. J. Taylor, Thurber, Rockwood and Wright were appointed a committee of conference to meet the Council committee on the female suffrage bill.

House adjourned

Two p.m.

The committee on revenue were instructed to consider the propriety of bringing in a bill, providing for each county the privilege of having the benefit of its own portion of the Territorial revenue after paying Territorial officers and other public institutions.

The civil code was then taken up.

A message from the Council was received and read, announcing that it had concurred in the amendments of the committee of conference to "An Act conferring upon women the elective franchise." The House also concurred in the amendments.

The civil code was then taken up.

#### NOTICE.

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** that cash entry, No. 51, for the town site of Farmington, embracing west half Section 19, south-west quarter Section 18, township 3 north, range 1 east, and south-east quarter Section 18, east half Section 24 township 3 north, range 1 west, has been suspended for further proof, and this is to notify all claimants that on the 9th day of March A.D. 1870, at 10 o'clock a.m., I will appear at the U. S. Land Office, Salt Lake City, U.T., to make the proof required and show that I am entitled to have the entry of said land confirmed under the town site act of March 2, 1867, for the use and benefit of the inhabitants thereof, at which time and place any person or persons can appear and contest if they see proper.

HECTOR C. HAIGHT,  
Probate Judge.

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