

DESERET NEWS.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1851.

FOURTEENTH WARD.

On New Year's day the inhabitants of the Fourteenth Ward assembled at the New School House, which is situated on the north side of the centre block, at 10 o'clock, a. m. We arrived at a late moment, found the house well filled, and elder P. P. Pratt, busy at preaching on education, and improvement, (as we understand from these words, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,") and expatiating on its diversified forms, which he continued for a long time, in a most interesting manner, congratulating his friends on the pleasing prospect before them in the enjoyment of their new and commodious house, in which they might advance in science and cause their children to be trained up in the way they should go, hoping that the same proceedings would not be permitted in that house as were practiced in some parts of the valley. For instance some of his young people rode out to the north country, at Christ—mass, spent the Sabbath, &c; when they returned, he inquired how they had spent their time, been gratified, &c.—and was informed they had been to a party, ate and drank, fiddled and danced. Did they sing and pray at their party? No! Did they ask a blessing at the table? No! Did they pray in the family? No! Did they have a meeting on the Sabbath? No! Why? There wasn't folks enough together to make a meeting. And the speaker told his folks he did not wish them to attend any more dances among a people who had no time to sing, pray, ask a blessing, or go to meeting. The dedicatory prayer was offered by W. Richards, followed by appropriate and interesting addresses by Judge Phelps, Elder Woodruff, Bishop Murdock, &c.—and adjourned after singing and prayer. Re-assembled about 4 p. m., when the exercises commenced with a sermon by Elder Woodruff, which went to prove that when any people, suffered themselves to be led away by vanity, folly, or recreation, so far as to banish God from their thoughts and ways, they **BOUGHT THEIR WIT TOO DEAR.** Singing, and prayer by the Bishop—was followed by music and dancing by the company during a reasonable time, when singing and prayer closed the exercises. The whole was conducted with the utmost decorum, and a christian spirit prevailed throughout.

Found, near the Warm Spring, and lying on our table, a yellow silk handkerchief, black and red border, interspersed with leaves.

India rubber over coat, lost last week, between the city and Sessions' settlement; the finder will please leave it with the editor.

WEATHER.—Last week, the sun scarce shone on the city, over which low clouds hung steadily, occasionally interspersed with fog, which, to the surrounding kanyons, where the sun shone clearly, gave to the covering of the city the appearance of a sea of water, ice, or glass; the coldest which we noticed the mercury at 9 p. m. in the city, was 18° below freezing.

COUNTY COURT.—A special sitting of the G. S. L. county court commenced on Friday the 3d inst. at the State House. The first case was given to the Petit Jury on Saturday at 5 p. m., with instruction to bring in a sealed verdict on Monday morning at 8 o'clock—to which hour the court adjourned, retaining the Grand and other Jurors.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, met agreeably to adjournment, on Monday last, Lieutenant Governor Kimball presiding. Much important business has been transacted, and more in prospect; the particulars of which will be given hereafter.

Messrs. Heywood & Woolley have removed their goods to the north room of the New Store House.

Council of Health, will meet next Wednesday, 1 p. m., at their usual place.

Any bishop, clerk, or individual, in the church, having possession of any records or documents concerning the business of the church, and who may be about to leave their neighborhood, on foreign missions or otherwise, are hereby instructed to deposite those records or documents in my office before their departure; and if any such officers or individuals, have already left the valley or their homes, taking with them such records, through mistake or otherwise, they will please return the same to me without delay.

W. RICHARDS,

General Church Recorder.

G. S. L. City, January 7, 1851.

The Legislature adjourned from Thursday evening till next Tuesday.

On Thursday a petition was received by the General Assembly, numerously signed by the citizens of the city, praying for the adoption of an accompanying bill, into "An Ordinance to Incorporate Great Salt Lake City," which passed on the third reading, and the city is now incorporated.

The following officers have been appointed according to ordinance:

MAYOR,—Jedediah M. Grant.

ALDERMEN,—Nathaniel H. Felt, William Snow, Jesse P. Harmon, and Nathaniel V. Jones.

COUNCILLORS,—Vincent Shurtleff, Benjamin L. Clapp, Zera Pulsipher, William G. Perkins, Lewis Robinson, Harrison Burgess,

Jeter Clinton, John L. Dunyon, and Samuel Richards.

The foregoing Aldermen and Councillors elect will assemble at the upper room in the State House, on Saturday next, at 10, a. m., for organization and further duties. Robert Campbell, Thomas Rhodes, and Elam Luddington are requested to attend at the above time and place.

J. M. GRANT, Mayor.

Jan. 9, 1851.

COMMUNICATED.

On Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1850, at 2 p. m., the Presidency, quorum of the Twelve, Presidency of the Seventies, the High Council, and others, with their ladies, assembled at the Bath House, to celebrate the festival of consecrating the baths for the healing of the sick, and to open the house for the benefit of the public.

Elder Kimball offered the dedication prayer, that the water might be filled with life and health, and that no foul spirit might ever pass the threshold, dedicating the whole unto the Lord.

President Young then addressed the leaders of Israel present, relative to the cause of starting the mineral baths, stating that the house was built by the public funds, but it would have to be supported from the avails of the baths; and we expect every person who visits this house will follow the example which we set this day. [i. e. We suppose, that those who visit the house, should do it in the spirit of prayer, giving thanks unto the Lord for all things, with their liberal offerings of gold and silver, for the support of the house, which is quite right.—Ed.] He delivered a very appropriate address for about half an hour, which was followed by Mr. J. Kay singing "The Seer."

The presidency attended to the seating of the tables, where justice was done to the dainties set before them. Dancing was kept up with great spirit through the evening, and all were highly gratified with the evenings amusement.

We have no later news from the southern camp, than we gave in last paper, but further particulars:—

Names of persons over 14 years of age, on 21st December, gone to Iron county, led by elder George A. Smith:

Adams Wm.	Johnson Nephi
Adams Orson B.	Judd Zadok K.
Benson Richard	Lewis Jesse
Brown Ebenezer	Lee John D.
Bloxom Thomas	Lunt Henry
Bayliss Hermon D.	Lewis Philip B.
Boggs Francis	Lewis James
Burnham Isaac	Little James A.
Brimhall George	Lish Peter
Baker Simon	Lawson James
Barton Lorenzo	Lewis Tarlton
Bateman Joseph	Laney Wm.
Bateman Samuel	Leavitt George
Barton Andrew	Love Andrew
Barnard John P.	Lunceford Joseph
Badger John C.	Millett Joseph
Brunson Lemon	Morse Wm. A.
Brigham Samuel	McGuffie James
Burton John	Moor George
Brinton David	Mitchell Wm. C.
Brigham Wm.	Mitchell Wm. C. jr.
Cherry Aaron B.	Miller Robert
Call Anson	Miller Daniel
Corbett Thomas	Newman Elijah