

H. F. 71 to enforce the civil rights of the Territory was read.

It authorizes the Auditor to act in behalf of the Territory in all actions at law, and he is also authorized to employ counsel. The bill passed—ayes 19. Title approved.

A message from the Council stated that a report had been received from the joint committee on a constitutional convention, with accompanying resolution to that end, which had been adopted. The resolution was read.

Mr. Farr, from the joint committee, reported that a meeting had been held with the Council committee, and that the resolution had been adopted.

An amendment was made to the resolution, and 1,000 copies were then ordered printed.

Adjourned to 2 p.m. Monday. Benediction.

Monday, 2 p.m.

The House assembled as per adjournment.

Mr. Sharp from the committee on mining reported adversely upon the passage of H. F. 74, to tax bullion and the products of mines, as in the estimation of the committee the revenue thereby obtained would be more than equalled by the evil effects, such a measure would have in discouraging the investment of capital in mining enterprises in the Territory.

The highways committee by Mr. Peterson, reported favorably upon the petition of A. Hatch in behalf of Uintah Valley and recommended an appropriation of \$1,500 to open a road to that valley. Also upon the petition of W. N. Dusenberry and others asking for an appropriation of \$2,000 to bridge the Provo river, that the committee recommended an appropriation of \$1,000 to be expended for that purpose under the direction of the county court of Utah county.

The highway committee according to instructions reported a substitute for the resolution providing for a commission to locate a road in Piute and Sevier Counties. The substitute authorizes the counties named to appoint a commission to locate the said road from Piute County down the Sevier river canon to Clear Creek. One thousand dollars is appropriated to construct the proposed road, provided each county named also expended a like sum for the same purpose. Referred.

The claims committee, by Mr. Penrose, the chairman, reported unfavorably upon the following claims, as the Territory is not liable for any such expenses; The claim of George M. Brown, for an appropriation to cover the amount of jurors and witnesses certificates, held by him, of services in 1874-5; of Hyrum Seeley for relief for holding a preliminary examination in a murder case; of A. C. Pyper, justice of the peace, for relief connected with taking evidence in criminal cases, in his court. The claims were disallowed.

The committee on enrollment, by Mr. Johnson, reported the following bills as having been correctly enrolled and forwarded to the Governor. H. F. 31 to provide for county sealers of weights and measures; H. F. 68, to amend sections 839, 914 and 960 of the Compiled Laws; H. F. 48, to amend section 544 of the Compiled Laws.

Mr. Hatch presented a resolution respecting the county delinquencies in the territorial tax. The auditor is required to transmit to the several counties so indebted a statement of their indebtedness which have accrued since 1878. Suits for such indebtedness may be instituted by the auditor.

Mr. Stout objected to the introduction of the resolution under the House provision prohibiting the introduction of bills after March 1st.

The Speaker ruled that the resolution in question did not come within the meaning of the provision excluding bills.

The following bills, taken from the general file were considered:

Council bill 24, in relation to the appointment of bee inspectors and the destruction of foul brood wherever found. After a slight discussion the bill was rejected—noes 17.

Council bill defining the manner in which appropriations shall be paid, during its consideration, was referred to the committee on ways and means.

House bill 75, concerning the duties of county clerks, was read and passed—ayes, 18. Title approved.

H. F. 81, to amend section 181 of the Compiled Laws, was read and passed—ayes, 17. Title approved.

H. F. 23, regulating the fees and

compensation for official and other services in this Territory was read. Mr. Booth considered that the fees for services of probate courts were high enough. Mr. Partridge thought that as the bill making probate judges salaried officers having been rejected, the fee bill should be amended so as to allow the proper compensation. The bill was rejected when put on its passage—noes, 15.

Council bill 31, to change the name of Lars P. Christiansen, of Richfield, Sevier County, to Lars P. Peterson, was read and passed—ayes, 18.

H. F. 56, for the preservation of fish and game, section 5 of which had been amended by the Council was considered. The House refused to concur with the Council and that body was so notified.

The bill prescribing penalties for cruelty to animals was read and passed—ayes, 17.

A message from the Council stated their refusal to recede from the amendments to the bill providing for the purchase and distribution of the bound copies of the Compiled Laws. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Johnson and Dalton a conference committee on the bill.

The message also stated that the Council refused to recede from its amendments to House bill 8, to amend section 415 of the Compiled Laws. Messrs. Booth and Stout were appointed a conference committee to confer with a like committee from the Council.

A communication was received from the auditor recommending an appropriation of \$500 to defray the expenses of removing the office of auditor, fixing up the same, and for the removal of the safe from the auditor's office to the district court at Ogden, according to the House resolution. Referred to the appropriations committee.

H. F. 10, in relation to district schools, was taken up under a suspension of the rules. Considerable discussion ensued upon the rate of tax to be levied. The present school fund could only be applied to the payment of teachers, while there were many incidental expenses attending a school which should be provided for. The rate of tax was determined upon, and the bill passed, otherwise amended—ayes 18, noes 6.

H. F. 60 was returned with a communication from the Governor, stating that the number of resident members of corporations should not be more than one-third, instead of a majority. The House made the suggested amendment.

Other communications stated that the bill to amend section 104 of the Compiled Laws had been approved.

Also the bill to authorize the consolidation of railroad companies, and the leasing of roads.

Also the bill to change the boundaries of Payson City.

Also to change the names of Lars P. Christensen and sons.

Also H. F. 2, to amend chapter 47 title II of the Compiled Laws.

Also H. F. 18 to incorporate villages had not been approved for the reason that in view of the vast number of incorporated cities in Utah, the Territorial power would soon be expended if the suburbs were permitted to incorporate.

A Council message announced the passage of the new charter for Salt Lake City.

The rules were suspended and the bill read the first and second times by title, and placed on general file.

Another communication stated that the Governor had disapproved of the bill to incorporate Nephi City, and that incorporating Silver Reef City. Also that relating to the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors, and the bill for the collection of small debts, had been disapproved. A substitute was recommended for the bill designating public holidays. Also that he had approved of the bill to amend section 1444 of the Compiled Laws.

The Council refused to recede from their amendments to the fish and game law.

Messrs. Sharp and Dalton were appointed a committee of conference on the part of the House to consider the bill.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Hatch, chairman of the committee on counties reported amendments to the bill pertaining to the boundaries of Kane and Washington counties and the creation of Snow county. Read by title and placed on general file.

The Speaker requested the several committees having business before them to report as soon as possible as the session is drawing to a close.

House adjourned till Tuesday at 2 p.m. Benediction.

Correspondence.

AMERICAN FORK, Feb. 27th, 1882.

Editor Deseret News:

American Fork, with her inhabitants, yet forms a part of Utah, notwithstanding the large amount of hypocritical lava that has been belching forth from the sectarian volcanoes, east, west, north and south. Those fiery streams of human hate and christian love had no effect upon our high school examination which took place last week, (Preceptor, J. B. Forbes). It was highly creditable to that very worthy gentleman, who has for many years exercised great energy to raise the moral and intellectual condition of our children.

Merchandising is quiet, dealers are expecting prosperous times, especially if R. R. matters take another boom.

We have no poor that need bread to eat. Last Sunday the teachers of the Sabbath School distributed upwards of four hundred books amongst their pupils, many of them first class works. Doctor Fisher also spoke to the people and said that it was the intention of the American Bible Society to push its interests in this Territory—distributing and selling Bibles. It is said that consistency is a precious jewel, but what consistency is there in selling us God's word and then for these professed christian people, who appear so much concerned for our welfare, to persecute and say all manner of evil against us for believing the word and practising its precepts?

The Seventies and Mutual Improvement meetings are well attended. The Relief Society continue steadfast to their labors of love.

The people of this quiet burg have been signing petitions to be forwarded to Congress, now in session, although it is a novel thing for Americans to do, to ask the representatives of this great nation to refrain from passing laws inimical to the Constitution upon which this great commonwealth was established. Reflecting upon the many well formed and elaborate speeches of America's most eminent statesmen upon constitutional rights and the people's liberties, what a contrary action has been taken lately by the present senatorial body in the passage of Senator Edmunds' bill, which embodies proscriptive violence, called law, to regulate the civil, ecclesiastical, and domestic relations of thousands of citizens, whose fathers fought and bled to establish civil and religious liberty. The honored veterans of the past, never contemplated in the year 1882 any of their sons would besmear the national life, entrusted to them, by laws of restriction such as neither Cromwell nor despotic kings dare to enact, through which to rob a law-abiding people of their franchise, to deprive them of sitting as jurors, and the dissolving of the people's legislative assembly and creating in the place thereof a commission to consist of five strangers, to control the greater part of the governmental functions of the Territory. American statesmen may be great if greatness consists in intellectual culture, but the quality also must be judged by their acts. "A handful of good life is worth a bushel of learning." The advice Burns' father gave him is adapted to our nation's representatives.

He bade me act a manly part, though I had no'e a farthing, For without an honest manly heart, no man is worth regarding.

It might be asked with a degree of propriety, where were the manly hearts during the passage of Edmunds' unconstitutional bill? I am reminded of what the Hon. Samuel Smiles says: "A great deal of what passes by the name of patriotism in these days consists of the merest bigotry and and narrow mindedness, exhibiting itself in national prejudice, national conceit, and national hatred. It does not show itself in deeds, but in boastsings, in howlings, gesticulations and shrieking helplessly for help; in flying flags, singing songs, and in perpetual grating at the hurdy-gurdy of long dead grievances and long remedied wrongs. To be infested with such a patriotism as this is perhaps among the greatest curses that can befall any coun-

try." "A noble patriotism cherishes the memory and example of the great men of old, who, by their suffering in the cause of religion or of freedom, have won for themselves a deathless glory, and for their nation those privileges of free life and free political institutions of which they are the inheritors and possessors." "A nation may be very big in point of territory and population, and yet be devoid of true greatness." "The people of Israel were a small people, yet what a great life they developed, and how powerful the influence they have exercised on the destinies of mankind." "Any number of depraved units cannot form a great nation." "The people may seem to be highly civilized, and yet be ready to fall to pieces at the first touch of adversity. They may be rich, polite and artistic and yet hovering on the brink of ruin. If living for themselves only, and with no end but pleasure—each little self his own little god—such a nation is doomed, and its decay is inevitable." "Where national character ceases to be upheld, a nation may be regarded as next to lost. Where it ceases to esteem and to practice the virtues of truthfulness, honesty, integrity, and justice, it does not deserve to live. And when the time arrives in any country when wealth is so corrupted, or pleasure so depraved, or faction so infatuated the people, that honor, order, obedience, virtue and loyalty have seemingly become things of the past, then, amidst the darkness, when honest men—if haply there be such left—are groping about and feeling for each others' hands, their only remaining hope will be in the restoration and elevation of individual character; and if character be irrevocably lost, then indeed there will be nothing worth saving." W. W. J.

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