# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

## Proposition by Fred Simon in Relation to the Deseret Woolen Mills.

### THE TRANSPORTATION BUREAU.

### An Executive Session which is Reported as Being Rather Lively and Stormy.

The special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors yesterday evening was an interesting one. The members present were President Hobbs, W. H. Rowe, M. J. Gray, F. P. Kelsey, H. P. G. Coates, P. W. Madsen, Elias Morris and Abraham H. Cannon.

Fred Simon made the following statement in relation to the Deseret Woolen Mills:

"The company was incorporated for $125,000, of which $91,000 is paid in and is represented by the plant. Mr. Jennings is willing, in case the proposition I make is accepted, to cut down the amount paid in to $75,000, and wishes to secure additional working capital to the amount of $50,000, the whole to be merged and the management to be vested in such hands as would be satisfactory to a committee; or he would be willing to dig so of 51 percent of the stock and retain only 49 per cent. This proposition is made in order to strengthen and insure the success of the industry. The mill, in order to secure the necessary means, hashed to pay western rates of interest for money, while the eastern mills were able to get money at 4 per cent. The difference has to be made up in the price of the product. Last year we turned out over $100,000 worth of goods and spent something like $50,000 in wages; giving employment to from 100 to 125 hands. Now Mr. Jennings pledges to close the mills down if he cannot compete with the whole country. My idea is that the directors of this chamber, and the trustees of the Business Men's association can appoint a committee to examine the plant, go over the books and see the exact state of affairs. Then, if satisfactory, the means asked for may be subscribed. We would be glad to have you take hold of it. We have been talking about copper smelters, but here is an enterprise which actually exists, and the question is whether Salt Lake shall become a large industrial center for the manufacture of this class of goods. I see no reason why the development of this industry should not lead to the establishment of a clothing factory here. The goods turned out were equal in every way with those produced elsewhere, and I wish to say that there is excellent market for them. I ask that this be referred to a committee and that prompt action be taken as it will be necessary to start the wheels moving by April 1."

The matter was referred to a committee consisting of A. H. Cannon, Elias Morris and L. P. Kelsey to confer with a like committee from the Business Men's association.

The board then went into executive session and remained thus until a late hour. It became in a round-about way that the meeting was a stormy one. The bone of contention was the retirement of Commissioner Sears from the transportation bureau and the appointment of D. C. Adams as chairman of that body. These appointments were confirmed: D. C. Adams, chairman; George M. Scott, F. G. Webber, M. H. Walker, Spencer Clawson, Fred Auerbach, J. M. Rionsto, Heber M. Wells, W. H. Rowe, A. E. Hyde, George F. Odell and George M. Cannon secretary.

## HOW AND WHY IT WAS DONE.

### The Report by the Committee on Markets on the Coal Inspectorship Accepted, Last Night.

The incipient sensation sprung a few days ago on the matter of the city coal inspectorship was reported upon at the meeting of the Council last night by the committee on markets consisting of Moran, Rich and Evans. The committee said:

We, your committee on markets, beg leave to submit the following report in the matter of the inspection and certifying to the weighing of coal at the various coal yards in the city:

About December 3rd last, your committee, in pursuance to instructions of the Council, took up the matter of rendering temporary relief to coal consumers. A report to the Council was made recommending that inspectors be appointed until such time as the provisions of the ordinance relating to the matter could be carried into effect. The matter was referred back to the committee with power to act. Your committee then decided to employ three inspectors for the principal coal yards. After examining fifteen or twenty applicants as to their qualifications for the position, three were selected and appointed by the Mayor and placed at the Union Pacific, Pleasant Valley and Rio Grande yards. After further deliberation it was decided to place the whole management in charge of Mr. Bearsley. A few days later, on Mr. Bearsley's advice and recommendation, another inspector was appointed at J. S. Morse & Sons' yard. The other three yards (Wilbinson, Old Allen and the Diamond) were looked after by Mr. Bearsley and the inspector at Morse's yard. This system, though temporary, was the best your committee could devise, and it met with the approval of the Mayor. In January applications have been received from several parties to erect scales as required by the ordinance, one only of which has met with any consideration by the Council, being laid over until the last session and then referred back to the committee.

Your committee has been fully advised as to the benefits derived to the consumers by the system of operation, and we feel that no mistake has been made in inaugurating such system. Every precaution has been taken to cover every chance to defraud. Mr. Bearsley has been vigilant and earnest in carrying out the instructions of your committee, and has at all times given us such information as was necessary.

We have examined the inspector's reports, and find that if the city could collect the fees provided by the ordinance the expenses incurred by the present system is amply covered.

We are also convinced that if the practice of compelling coal teams to be taken to the public scales had been continued, the expense to the city would have been much greater and less satisfactory.

In view of the fact that no proposition satisfactory to the committee has been named to carry out the provisions of the ordinance we would recommend that the Mayor be requested to appoint the weighmaster in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance.

The report was accepted by the Council as being entirely satisfactory and was adopted without protest by a single member.

## PROVO LETTER.

### City Council and District Court Doings.—Jakeman's Bonds Fortified.

*Special Correspondence to the News.*

PROVO, March 7.—At the session of the city council held last night, the following business was transacted:

John Giles reported the death of 124 persons, 59 males and 55 females, during the past year in Provo city.

On the recommendation of the committee on claims, the council declined to allow the claim of Mr. Rosengreen of Pleasant Grove for $150, for the killing of a horse in crossing the city canal.

The committee recommended the opening of a four rod street from First street to Seventh street, about one mile west from A street. Recommendation adopted.

The committee on judiciary submitted a bill providing for a gas franchise to be granted to John Kemp, Jr., of Salt Lake City. The bill passed its first reading.

On the petition of a large number of citizens the matter of establishing a paving district, the sidewalks of said district to be gravelled by adjacent tax payers, was referred to the committee on judiciary.

The street railway franchise passed its second reading.

J. T. Jakeman should have appeared in the First District court this morning for arraignment on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Failing to appear, his bonds were forfeited.

Charles Nichols pleaded guilty on two counts of horse stealing in Lehi. Judge Blackburn sentenced him to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary on each count.

Fred Simpson, a "colored individual," and Joseph Van Dyke were arraigned in the First District court on the charge of illegal whisky selling. They make their pleas on Wednesday.

The Utah county court is in session. An appropriation of $600 was yesterday made for the completion of the plat of Utah county, which work is in process under direction of Collector E. L. Jones.

Andrew Gatherum, foreman at the *Enquirer* office, has resigned for the purpose of visiting his relatives and friends in Scotland.

The B. Y. A. Choral society festival will be repeated on Friday evening next, on which occasion Prof. W. C. Clive of Salt Lake City will again appear.

County Clerk V. L. Halliday yesterday issued a marriage license to Frank J. Lyons of Salt Lake City and Nellie L. Alexander of Washington, Washington county.

The spring session of the U. C. T. A. will be held on Saturday next at the Parker school house in this city. An excellent program has been prepared.

### Skull Valley Phenomenon.

The Josepa colony in Skull Valley has been saluted of late with the report of giant powder explosions by Hawaiian prospectors in the mountains immediately back of the town, to which we were becoming accustomed, as a relief from the usual winter monotony of lowing cattle, bleating sheep and whinnying horses; but last night, between seven and eight o'clock, there was a climatic display of heavenly phenomena, indescribably grand and sure inspiring, the line of which has never blotted and this arid valley before, at least not within the memory of the present inhabitants. A ball of fire, apparently the size of a half bushel measure, passed through the heavens from east to west, falling on the Cedar mountains, as it seemed to those who beheld it, and as it neared the mountains it burst into fragments, making a report like a heavy cap of thunder. In passing over the valley the whole heavens were illuminated with a ghastly, shifting light, yet so brilliant that a person could see to pick up a pin, so the German Israelite declares, who was coming up the valley at the time, and who was half asleep when the light burst upon him. It undoubtedly produced a thrilling, death-like sensation, for the Jew said: "I thought I was kill."

H. H. CLUFF.

March 4th, 1893.

### Referred Back.

As announced in last evening's News the city Council and county court held a joint session yesterday afternoon beginning at 4 o'clock, to discuss the question of fireproofing the joint city and county building.

For nearly two hours the question was argued pro and con without arriving at any definite conclusion. Before adjournment the matter was referred back to the joint committee.

### Successful Operation.

A few days ago, Mrs. H. Barnett, a niece of the Auerbach Brothers of this city, but who resides at Helena, Montana, underwent a delicate and dangerous surgical treatment at the Sisters' Hospital. It was necessary as the only means of prolonging her life, and the operation of Hysterectomy was performed by Dr. Pinkerton. The piece of tissue removed weighed 140 grains, and was about the size and shape of a pullet's egg. The lady has so far rallied from the effects of the operation that she is now regarded as out of danger, and her speedy recovery is looked for.


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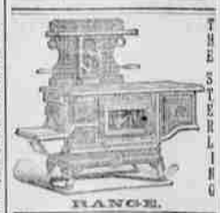

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