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A Postscript of Merely Individual Opinions.

Two events within the past four days have conspired to start into renewed activity and almost feverish excitement, the great movement among local Democrats for the last fifteen days. The first of these was the untiring of the hands of the committee, leaving the members free to act individually as they chose; the second was the announcement to Saturday night's News of the list of those who were in the race, and of the comparative strength and weakness of the various runners.

In the main the action of the committee gives satisfaction. It has had the effect of disseminating a wide-spread feeling among the applicants that every tub is to stand on its own bottom, whereas, had the committee shown a preference among the contestants, there would have been endless bickering and heartburnings and probably the next would have been sown for a future split into factions such as disgraces the Democracy of Nebraska and New York today. That danger is for the present avoided. Of course every one knows that the chairman of the committee, Mr. Hines, Mr. principal member and Mr. Caine, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Caine will lend great weight to any committee nomination, but that they will have to make good their promises later on, every one knows. But they can stand any feeling that their names engender, and their action will not have the effect on the party that a taking of sides on the part of the committee would.

In giving the names of the prominent men mentioned for office in the circles where Democrats must do commanding, whose importance must not be underestimated. The first one is calculated to distract the serious conference of Judge Archibald, and to cause Mr. Hines to look over his shoulders. It is Mr. John W. King, the young lawyer from Utah county, who has emerged to the front rank of Utah Democrats by energy and unremitting. That Mr. King would make an admirable prosecuting attorney even Meeker could not be denied.

Provo furnishes another strong name in an applicant for one of the judgeships—that of the Democratic pioneer Hon. S. R. Thurman, who, though King may be a great boy, everyone who is entitled to see him—every one through their own door, over to the enemy. He is an admirable lawyer, but he would make a still more admirable judge. His personal reputation, his perfections of himself, his long experience in Utah affairs and the respect in which he is held by the law, seem to designate him as the person of persons to receive the First district appointment.

Another important item overlooked in my last chronicle, was the Utah Commission—that adage of Liberalists whose days are now so nearly numbered. For the short time, however, that Utah remains, the commission will probably be retained, and Cleveland can have no more immediate, pressing or urgent duty so far as relates to Utah, than the reconstruction of that body. It is willing from conception to demy. It needs a strong, bold, experienced man of dynamics and decisiveness, and a shaking by the center that will cause the teeth to rattle. A bad actor was once told he ought to be thoroughly rehearsed and then taken out and shot. Likewise Cleveland might take this advice, but he can give it a tongue lashing on its prostration for the purposes for which it was created, and then order it hanged.

The case of George E. Davis, individual and as assignee for other stockholders, we want no Democrats in the new regime with the sarcasm over their Democracy. To every intent and purpose since he was appointed, Williams has been a Republican, and the surest way of inviting his opposition is to nominate him to a position which he has held for that short time, or some McClellan's fault. How that grand old man must have waded to be read the returns on election night, and thought of all he meant to hazard, destruction, dismemberment, etc. It is hard to come back to Utah at all it might be to chairman of the commission. For the other two Democratic members, their friends are naming George W. Thatcher of Logan and Mrs. John H. Barratt. Both are great men, and the workmen who redeemed Logan in the late great fight—and the Thatchers were always at their head—surely deserve this or some other substantial recognition.

As for the two Republican members, one cares more what they are made of. Poor Mr. Tatlock, who is to be kept quiet with one position, if the tumor turns out untrue that he is seeking for the post of minister to Dakemey.

Poor John H. Russell's death smooths Mr. Barratt's path to the partnership somewhat, though it is said Tom Hall, one of Z. C. M. M.'s closest adherents, has started up in the way. Mr. Tatlock will not be convinced that George W. Thatcher has a chance of getting a good fighting chance for his secretaryship. Lawyer Mahoney has entered the race against "Kentucky" Smith for the Ogden judgeship. For the 1st term of clerk of the Third district court, three names are prominent—John D. Parker, J. B. Lister, D. C. Danter and J. B. Johnson—though it is not known that either is doing any work for the place. Until the judge is known, anyway, indeed, would be somewhat ambiguous in character.

In the meantime, preparations are going forward for the forming of a good, strong contingent of Utah Democrats to march in the inauguration next Saturday. Hawting, McNamee and Merritt will certainly go. Mr. Caine and Byron Gros are already there, and without doubt there will be more before March Fourth rolls around. A number of Republicans, such as Frank Cannon, Dr. C. W. Evans and Colonel Trumbo, also of the 1st, are here. Their festivities will be somewhat muted in character. Their presence in Washington is supposed to be the sand which salves complications.

AMERICAN DEMOCRAT.

PROVO LETTER.

Fire at Funeral—Business Transacted by the City Council—Cattle Killing Case.

Special Correspondence of the News.

PROVO, Feb. 7.—The following items of business were transacted at last night's session of the city council. A petition was received from C. E. Liles, S. R. Thurman and V. L. Halliday, praying for a franchise for the operation of a street railway on certain streets of Provo city. The matter was referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

Major Dusenberry notified the council of the appointment of the following officers of the city: Wm. H. Weigle and George, Henry, James, George, and Frank, street superintendents; in connection with the removal of the waterworks, George, Haines, having resigned; T. E. Thompson, superintendent of waterworks; Emily Jones. The appointments of Siegel and Thielman were approved, some of the members of the committee joined in the appointment of the others. Frank, who was appointed to another position, was to be fully competent to fill the position. The matter of the confirming of the appointment of Frank, who was appointed to another position, was referred to the committee on waterworks.

The committee on streets and alleys, regardless of the remonstrances of a number of citizens, recommended the removal of the electric light at the intersection of Main and 1st streets, and between 4th and 5th streets. This resulted in lively discussion in the council, members residing in the vicinity of 4th and 5th streets strenuously opposing the report. Another week was granted for further investigation in the matter.

A resolution was adopted, by a vote of 10 to 4, authorizing the city commissioners, providing for the sale of a sufficient amount of the real estate of the city for the purchasing of an electric light plant. The matter was referred to the committees on business and public grounds and city property.

NOTES.

The Timpanogos Irrigation company have elected the following directors: W. O. Beasley, James McNamee, George W. Gros and John Mahoney. N. A. Kamm, who remained to set up the new offices, has been elected president of the company.

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Mr. Ed. Lane, yesterday, purchased a team of horses and a wagon from the Baldwin Co. truck, running east from the intersection of 1st and Fourteenth streets, at auction, for \$240. Of this \$100 goes for the payment of taxes, and the balance will be turned over to the company.

The case of George E. Davis, individual and as assignee for other stockholders, was last night submitted to the jury. Readers of the News will remember that the suit was brought on twenty-four counts of alleged cattle killing. Two of the counts were not submitted to the jury, and the jury was instructed to award a verdict for defendant on two other counts.

Editor O. P. Whitney of Salt Lake City delivered an excellent sermon at the Provo meeting house on Sunday last.

In a Good Condition.

At a meeting of the board of directors and stockholders of the Co-op. Furniture company, held last evening, a motion of the board of the institution was presented, which, considering the hard times, is very gratifying to the stockholders. While it was thought advisable to divide at the present time the profits which had arisen from last year's business among the stockholders, it was decided to carry on the business as usual, making the present surplus in this division equal to one-third of its capital.

The voting on the board of directors resulted in the re-election of the old board, a result as follows:

John Henry Smith, F. M. Lyman, John C. Clegg, O. H. Peck, W. M. Williams, E. Parry, H. C. Smith, Henry Reiter and Lewis M. Cannon.

Logan Lines.

Special Correspondence of the News.

A party of sightseers was put on Monday evening riding along Main street. When traveling north from the corner of Main and First streets, the pin came out of the dandies, and when opposite the Thatcher opera house the horses became frightened and ran down Second street. The sleigh crossed the street and stopped in front of the Pinney drugstore.

The county court met on Monday. A number of road petitions were filed, many petitions were considered, several allowances were made for the support of indigent, and several hundred dollars appropriated to be spent on roads. The court adjourned to session Tuesday, but the entire time was consumed in debating to and considering applications for the lease of school lands.

Papers were served on Commissioners C. G. Goodwin, Robert Murdoch, Emily L. Parry, Joseph Campbell and Ralph H. Smith, all of Logan, in the

suit of G. H. Kuyler for false imprisonment for nine days. Kuyler sued for \$100 damages. As a matter of fact he was not imprisoned at all. The suit continued in the district court at Ogden.

Stacy Stevens entered suit in the ministerial court against A. E. Rogers. The case was tried yesterday and Rogers was unable or unwilling to pay the money, and the minister ordered him to give up his license to practice. This Rogers refused to do, and was committed to jail for contempt.

A sum of \$5 was levied on Hyrum Cowley some time ago in Justice Brannon's account for a disturbance of the peace. Cowley was released on his own recognizance until the morning following the trial, when he was to pay \$50 to satisfy, failed to appear, and it was found that he had no money. He returned a day or two since, and was brought in yesterday and given his choice of either paying the money or going to jail for five days. He chose the jail.

W. D. Miles was fined \$5 by Justice Brannon yesterday for drunkenness at Logan, Feb. 8.

WITHIN OUR GATES.

W. D. Adams, who resides in the interests of the firm of Adams, Smith & Co., of Chicago, long up to now at the Union, this morning is looking around in a quiet way.

C. M. Henderson, a travelling man a long way from home—the same being New York—it is here. He represents the Higgins & Foster Co., black books and leather goods generally.

E. G. Wilson, proprietor of the Europa hotel, Tunis, and formerly chief club of the Cairo, is in town for a few days. He says many mines are closed and others are closing because of the low price of silver. This goes on and will go on a long time.

Joseph Hinman, Edward Hansen and J. M. Rudy of Logan, wandered down this way last evening and found the way to St. George, from the region of the mountains, the mountains themselves being the only landmarks.

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