

THE TERRITORIAL LEGISLATURE.

Monday, Jan. 8.

The following was received from Hon. George A. Black, secretary of the Territory of Utah:

Utah Territory,
Secretary's Office,
Salt Lake City,

January 8th, 1872.

To the Honorable President of the Council of the Territory of Utah:

Sir—I have the honor to inform you that I have secured rooms in which to hold the "Twentieth" session of the "Legislative Assembly" of this Territory, on Third South street, between East Temple and First East streets.

I have spared neither pains nor expense in making them pleasant and comfortable, and am glad to report that everything is now in readiness for your reception, and would ask that at your earliest convenience you will adjourn to the place provided.

I have also the honor to submit the following copies of instructions received by me from Washington:

Treasury Department,
First Comptroller's Office,

November 16th, 1871.

George A. Black, Esq., Secretary Territory of Utah, Salt Lake City.

Sir: I have to inform you that hereafter the following items, heretofore allowed as part of legislative expenses, will be discontinued, to wit: newspapers, postage stamps and pen-knives for members and officers of the general assembly of the Territory of Utah.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

R. W. TAYLER,

Comptroller.

Treasury Department,

First Comptroller's Office,

November 18th, 1871.

Geo. A. Black, Esq., Secretary Territory of Utah, Salt Lake City.

Sir.—The appropriation for legislative and other expenses of the Territory for the current year is \$20,000. You will keep the expenditures within that amount and incur no liabilities in excess of it.

In making arrangements for printing the journals of the Legislature, you can secure greater economy by having the printing done whenever and as often as sufficient matter has accumulated to make eight pages.

You will not have inserted in the journals any reports or documents except the governor's message.

For printing the message in pamphlet and in journals you will pay for one composition only.

Reports of Territorial officers may be printed if desired by the Legislature, but the cost, including paper and binding, must be paid by the Territory. It will not be allowed in your accounts.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

R. W. TAYLER,

Comptroller.

You will please note the above instructions and oblige,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. A. BLACK,

Secretary of Utah Terr'y.

Committees were appointed by both houses to examine the rooms prepared by the Secretary, and also to wait upon the Governor, to inform him that the Assembly was ready to receive any communication he might have to make. They returned and reported that the Governor would communicate with the Assembly to-morrow.

Tuesday, 9.—The Legislature met at 1 p.m., and then assembled at 2 p.m. in joint session to receive the Governor's message.

Tuesday, January 9th.

COUNCIL.—Council met pursuant to adjournment, and soon adjourned to meet in joint session.

HOUSE.—House met at 1 p.m., as per adjournment, and adjourned to meet in joint session.

JOINT SESSION.—The legislature met in joint session in the representatives' hall, at 2 p.m., the president of the council presiding.

The committee who had been appointed to wait on his Excellency, the Governor, returned, accompanied by his Excellency, whose arrival was announced by the sergeant-at-arms of the council. The assembly received him standing, and he was conducted to the speaker's chair by the president of the council and the speaker of the house. His excellency then read his message.

A motion was made by Mr. Rockwood, that one thousand copies be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

Mr. Taylor asked at whose expense it was proposed to do this printing, whether it would be paid by the general government, under the instructions transmitted yesterday by secretary Black, or should the Territory have to pay it.

The secretary read the letter of instruction referred to, by which it appeared that the message would be paid for by the government.

Mr. Taylor offered to amend by substituting one hundred for one thousand copies, which, not being accepted, the motion on printing one thousand copies was put and carried.

On motion A. M. Cannon was appointed public printer.

On motion seventy-five copies of the daily minutes, for the use of the assembly, were ordered; also lists of names of the members

and officers of houses, standing committees, &c.

The joint session then dissolved.

COUNCIL.—The council reassembled in the council chamber, and the committee appointed to examine the new Methodist church and report as to its adaptability for the use of the assembly, handed in the following:

"Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of examining the halls for the assembly to meet in, beg leave to report:

"That it is not advisable for the assembly to occupy the building selected by the honorable secretary of the Territory; viz—the unfinished Methodist church.

"They reach this conclusion for the following reasons:

"First—the walls of the building are wet from having been recently plastered, and their condition would endanger the health of any body of persons who may assemble therein.

"Second—The rooms are exceedingly dark and ill ventilated; and they are too small for the use of the assembly, the larger room being 27½ by 24 feet, and the smaller one 19½ by 24 feet, affording no room for spectators nor for joint session.

"Third—An act of the governor and legislative assembly of the Territory of Utah, approved February 18, 1870, specifically provides that the present session of said Territory shall be held in the city hall of Salt Lake City, without the repeal of which act your committee are advised that the removal would be illegal.

"Fourth—The City Hall is a much more convenient place for holding the session than the unfinished Methodist church aforesaid.

"Fifth—The hon. Secretary has no authority to designate a place of meeting for the assembly contrary to the wish of that body. The power of a legislative body to select its own place of meeting is fully established by abundant precedent.

"Your committee cannot refrain from an expression of surprise that the hon. Secretary should have selected a place of meeting at once unhealthy and inconvenient; and, especially, that such a place should be selected in defiance of a law with which, from his official position, he is supposed to be familiar.

"Your committee, therefore, respectfully recommend, that we hold our present session in the City Hall, as provided by law, and that no further action be taken in the matter."

The report was accepted and acted upon. The President of the council appointed the several standing committees.

COUNCIL.—The report of the committee of inquiry into the adaptability of the new Methodist church for the session of the Assembly was received and accepted.

On motion, a resolution was adopted, requesting the hon. Secretary of the Territory to furnish the representatives hall, for the use of the members; and the chief clerk was authorized to present the motion to him.

Adjourned till 2 p.m. on Thursday, 11th inst.

Wednesday, Jan. 10.

COUNCIL.—Councilor Cannon, on behalf of the Public Printer, presented the statement of Auditor Warrants redeemed at the Treasury for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1870, also from January 1st to May 15th, 1871. Also statement of disbursements by the Territorial Treasurer from May 15th to Dec. 30th, 1871, and asked whether they should be printed; they were read, and, on motion of Councilor Harrington, were referred to the Committee on Revenue.

Councilor Harrington reported that the Committee had waited on the Hon. Secretary Black in regard to the Legislative Hall, and he stated he would communicate to the Assembly.

On motion of Councilor Cannon, Council adjourned till Jan. 11.

Thursday, January 11.

COUNCIL.—Council met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Councilor Woodruff, the freedom of the Legislative Council was extended to the following gentlemen:

Ex-Governor Brigham Young; Ex-President of the Council Geo. A. Smith; Lieut. Gen. Daniel H. Wells; His Excellency Governor Geo. L. Woods; Hon. Geo. A. Black, Secretary of the Territory; Hon. W. H. Hooper, Delegate to Congress; Hon. J. M. Bernhisel, Ex-Delegate to Congress; Hon. James B. McKean, Chief Justice; Hons. C. M. Hawley and O. F. Strickland, Associate Justices; Geo. C. Bates, Esq., U. S. District Attorney; James L. High, Esq., Assistant District Attorney; General Morrow and Staff, Camp Douglas; Ex-Governor Frank Fuller; Ex-Governor S. A. Mann; Ex-Associate Justice E. D. Hoge; Ex-U. S. Attorney Major C. H. Hempstead; Hon. Thos. Fitch; Hon. Z. Snow, Attorney General of Utah Territory; Hon. Elias Smith, Probate Judge, Salt Lake County; U. S. Surveyor General C. C. Clements; Gen. Geo. R. Maxwell, Register Land Office; Major J. B. Overton, Receiver, Land Office; Colonel Coey, Assessor Internal Revenue; O. J. Hollister, Collector Internal Revenue; Jesse W. Fox, Territorial Surveyor; the Hon. Mayor and Members of the Salt Lake City Council; Ex-Members of Legislative Assembly.

The President of the Council administered the oath required by law to Hon. Jacob G. Bigler, Councilor from Juab and Millard Counties.

Communications from Secretary Black to the House were received, read and returned.

The President referred the several portions of the Governor's Message to the appropriate Committees.

On motion of Councilor Harrington, Council adjourned till Friday.

Thursday, Jan. 11.

HOUSE.—House met pursuant to adjournment.

A communication from his honor, Secretary Black, as to his action in relation to procuring rooms, with accompanying documents, was read, and, according to his honor's request, was forwarded to the Council.

Mr. Rowberry presented an act pertaining to licenses; read and referred.

The financial reports of Weber County for the year 1870 and 1871, were referred.

Mr. Thurber presented the following:

Mr. Speaker: Inasmuch as instructions from the Treasury Department of the United States, have been communicated through the hon. secretary of this Territory to the Legislative Assembly, to confine its expenses within the Congressional Appropriation, viz: \$20,000; I therefore move that a committee be appointed by the House, to act in conjunction with a like committee from the Council, to keep an accurate account of the expenses of the present session so far as practicable. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Pace presented a bill for an act providing for a convention of delegates preparatory to the admission of Utah into the Union as a State.

On motion of Mr. Willard G. Smith, the freedom of the House was extended to the Editors of the DESERET NEWS and Salt Lake Herald or their reporters, by unanimous vote.

The Speaker referred the Governor's message to appropriate committees. A communication from the honorable Sol. P. McCurdy in relation to the county seat and court house in Pinte County was read and referred to the Committee on Counties.

The House adjourned till Friday at 2 p.m.

Friday, January 12.

COUNCIL.—Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Communications from Hon. Secretary Black were received and read.

Councilor Harrington moved that as business is pressing on these several committees, and none prepared, the Council adjourn till Monday next.

Council adjourned till Monday.

Friday, January 12.

HOUSE.—A petition from Sanford Bingham, Assessor and Collector for Weber Co., for remuneration for collecting Agricultural Statistics, was read and referred.

Wasatch financial reports for 1870 and 1871 read and referred.

A bill for An Act making sheep taxable property, was presented by Mr. Rowberry, read and referred.

The bill providing for a Convention of Delegates preparatory to the admission of Utah into the Union as a State, was reported back and passed its second and third readings.

The financial report of Box Elder County was presented and referred.

The bill for An Act making sheep taxable property, was reported upon adversely, and by order of the House laid on the table.

Adjourned till Monday at two p.m.

Correspondence.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 13, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

Dear Sir—I noticed in your yesterdays' issue some certificates of medical and other gentlemen, setting forth the healthy and otherwise suitable condition of the partly built Methodist church of this city, into which it was purposed by the Honorable Secretary of the Territory to crowd the Legislative Assembly. In reading the same I felt inspired to write the following—

Every person of common observation, knows that brick or stone walls, put up at this late, damp season of the year, will necessarily retain their dampness for many weeks, or even months, unless such damp is frozen out by the frost of winter, or dried out by the sun and winds of summer, neither of which has had any influence over said walls.

Again, from the fact that those walls were neat fused and lathed, but the plastering was put directly on the walls, it must be apparent to every thinking person that all the heat that could be produced from an ordinary stove placed in said rooms, with open doors and windows (there is only one in each room), for a few brief hours, since said walls were finished and the plastering put on, would have but little effect, while the weather has been rainy and the atmosphere damp almost the entire time since the said walls were erected.

It being within my duty as a City officer, I gave it my brief attention the day previous to which it was expected that the legislature might adjourn to that place, provided it was suitable.

Now I wish to say, upon the experience of about half a century in ventilation (being a building mechanic), and practically studying the laws of health, after examin-

ing the condition of those rooms, the dampness of the walls, which, so far as the plastering on the outside walls is concerned, it was perceptible to the most casual observer, was perfectly green, except the very inner surface, and that on the partition walls was only partly dry, and notwithstanding there was a hot fire in the rooms at the time and the doors and windows were open, I recollect calling the attention of the gentlemen with me to the dampness collected on the glass, in which a person might write or figure, with the fact that there was no water about the stove to engender steam, all going to show at least the very unhealthy condition of the rooms, and I gave it as my unqualified opinion that to shut a body of men like that of the legislature into those rooms during the period they would necessarily be required to remain there, would be a prime cause of killing three out of every five so penned up.

In this article I have alluded to nothing of the crampedness or ill-lighted condition of said rooms, the same being apparent to all who wish to examine. Here I will venture an assertion that I have no fear of any man of practical experience denying that a good hot fire may be kept in an ordinary stove in each of those rooms for forty days, and then withdraw those fires for forty hours at this damp season and it will be found the dampness has struck from the walls to the inner surface; and there will be found water standing all over the entire surface of the rooms. Now what does this prove? Simply one of two things; that those persons who lent their limited influence by those certificates were very ill acquainted with the laws of life and health, or very cheaply bought or sold, and such men, in my estimation, are not worthy to care for the health of common animals, much less that of human beings.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

A. H. RALEIGH,

Inspector of Buildings.

ST. GEORGE, Dec. 28, 1871.

Editor Deseret News:—

Bear Brother:—A few bigoted men under the cloak of law, if they can't do it otherwise, want to rob us of our pleasant homes, exterminate every vestige of our faith, and give no true-hearted Saint the privilege of life itself. A few women, not all of them understood to be models of propriety exactly, ask for help and five dollars apiece of the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, to build a church for the "poor, deluded, down-trodden Mormon women." We ask no help of them, neither do we consider ourselves deluded, down-trodden women. We do not want women of such a stamp to beg for us. Our tabernacles and places of worship have been built by hard labor and honest toil, and the desert has been redeemed and made to blossom as the rose. Fruits of industry have arisen on every hand until the Territory is filled with plenty, and riches have been developed here in inexhaustible stores, and now the pious beggars are trying with might and main to grasp the hard earned homes of the Saints, and bring cruelty and bloodshed upon us. Do you think this is fair? I appeal to your sense of justice and of right. I feel as if you believe in the free liberty of conscience.

As for us, we fear not the result. We know that we are right. I know we are not the ignorant, superstitious, down-trodden, deluded men and women that we are represented to be, that the ladies and gentlemen of Utah are above par, and that we seek for excellence in all things.

"Polygamy" is the cry of our enemies, and "polygamy" is the bugbear, but let polygamy be given up to satisfy their horrified, pious souls, and then another flaw would be discovered, until every tenet of our faith was gone and no Latter-day Saint would exist.

But if we do not give them an inch, they cannot take an ell. I know that you are interested in politics and you know that the women of Utah vote, and therefore we can become politicians also.

EMILY B. SPENCER.

What Stephen Pearl Andrews describes as the "reciprocal sideways inter-communication as of companions walking, wagging, and in conversation," is much in vogue in New York.

DEATH.

At Nephi, Juab County, Jan. 2nd, of congestive chills, FRANCES JANE, wife of James Andrews, aged 40 years, 8 months, and 27 days. Born in Lancashire, England. Joined the Church in Liverpool, and emigrated to Utah in 1854. She was an active member of the local Female Relief Society, acting as Treasurer from its first organization. She was a faithful Saint and a loving wife. She leaves a husband and many friends to mourn her loss. M. S. R., please copy.

At Coventry, Warwickshire, Dec. 5, of small-pox, HENRY CLEAVER, aged 21 years, 7 months and 5 days.—M. S. R.

At Darton, Yorkshire, Dec. 9, of scarlatina, MARY ANN, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Gregory, aged 19 years.—Ibid.