

tified the people that four members of the City Council were directly interested in certain pending franchises. For the assertion we were roundly abused, and the men in the council who knew they were guilty were especially indignant. But two franchises were granted the Rapid Transit Company under one device or another. This was not complained of because it was understood that the streets to be occupied had no service, and that transfers would save patrons paying double fares. In the meantime the old company had asked for certain extensions which the Council considered favorably, and they were reported on for passage. But on Friday, May 2d, at a meeting called ostensibly for the purpose of considering the pending sanitary bill, a secret bill giving this Rapid Transit Company a blanket franchise to cover half or all the city with a limit for fare fixed at double the rates of the old company, was secretly introduced, rushed to a second reading, and on Tuesday, May 6th carried through. It covers ground which the Council had agreed should be given the old company; it parallels the old company's lines through street after street, where the present service is perfect; it makes the third franchise that has been given this company though it has not a car, has not even so much as decided on what system it will adopt. A motion to change the ten cent to a five cent fare was voted down; the bill was gotten up in secret and railroaded through with the deliberate purpose of keeping the property owners of the city in ignorance of what was going on. Four tracks on principal streets, four lines of poles besides the telegraph and telephone poles will follow, and the possibility of either company making any money will be taken away. Naturally the old company thinks it is a tough place through which men of means are to receive encouragement to make investments in. The great objection is that we have some dishonest men in the Council, and there is no estimate to be made of what they will do. The *Tribune* does not like to have to say this, but it is true, and as may be necessary it will keep the people so well posted that there will be no trouble in having matters perfectly understood."

#### EXTENDING THE INFAMY.

The following is a Washington special to the *Herald*, May 7. There was another scene in the republican State-stealing drama enacted before the House committee on territories this morning. Mr. Murphy, secretary of Arizona appeared before that committee and made an argument in favor of the admission of Arizona as a State. He said he was a republican; had resided there seven years and thought he knew the wishes of the republicans of that territory in regard to the admission to statehood. After speaking upon the resources of the country, he stated that the people desired to come in with a constitution that had all the safeguards of the Idaho constitution in

it as against the Mormons; that they did not desire to see their State admitted under conditions that would permit the Mormons of the surrounding territories to be unloaded upon them.

Mr. Mansur, of Missouri, a member of the committee in charge of the Arizona bill, asked him how many Mormons there were in the Territory of Arizona.

Murphy estimated them at 1,200 voters, and said that they were generally democrats.

Mr. Mansur said: "You propose, then, to disfranchise them outright on the same ground that you would disfranchise the Chinese?"

Upon Murphy answering in the affirmative, Mr. Mansur, asked him how many he knew or could vouch for as living in that Territory in open polygamy or bigamy.

Murphy replied that he did not know.

Mr. Mansur then queried if there were twenty-five in the Territory.

Murphy thought that there was.

He was asked if he would not compromise by requiring them to take a test oath, and not ask to have them absolutely disfranchised.

Murphy said what he wanted was a safeguard put in the enabling act of Congress as a precedent to their admission.

"Then," said Mansur, "you are unwilling to submit the question to the people of Arizona in the formation of their own constitution?"

After some hesitation, Murphy replied that if it were left to the people of that Territory, they would vote down that proposition.

Mr. Mansur then said in a jocular spirit, but which Mr. Murphy took seriously, "Are you not willing to take the conditions of the constitution of Wyoming in your enabling act? And inasmuch as the women are generally the better part of creation, we will let the Mormon women vote in Arizona as in Wyoming. If you will let the Mormon vote."

Murphy answered that he did not want to make any compromises on the matter; he wanted a constitution with the safeguards of Idaho.

Mr. Mansur, in speaking of the incidents afterward, said that he understood that practically all the Mormon voters in Arizona, as in Idaho, were Democrats, while in Wyoming the Mormons have generally voted the Republican ticket, it thus appearing that it was only the Democratic Mormons in the territories that were to be disfranchised.

Congressman Springer created quite a sensation in the House yesterday by reading to a knot of democratic friends the telegram of 357 words which he received from Salt Lake containing resolutions passed by the mass meeting of Democrats held there last Saturday night. The resolutions denounced the efforts to disfranchise "Mormons" who had violated no law, and were very gratifying to the opponents of disfranchisement in Congress, as going to show that their course was fully endorsed by the followers of Jefferson and Jackson living in the midst of the people whom the Baskin-Culom bill proposes to disfranchise.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday schools of this Stake met Monday, May 6, in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Rooms, Stake Superintendent John C. Cutler presiding.

The opening and closing singings, exercises were excellently rendered by the Thirteenth Ward choir.

Superintendent Willard Done, of the Eleventh Ward school, offered the opening prayer.

Sister Constance Neibor, of the Thirteenth Ward, read a very interesting essay on the subject of "Truth," written by Sister Eliza Platt.

Superintendent Wm. Naylor, of the Thirteenth Ward School, addressed the meeting. The Sunday School interest was one of considerable importance in the Church of Christ. As the teachings imparted in these schools were doing much good in training the children in the principles of the Gospel, a much greater interest should be taken in them than is apparently manifested by many. The speaker exhorted the young men to take part in the exercises of the public meetings of the Latter-day Saints, and gain a little experience in the work of the ministry and prepare themselves by study to fill lives of usefulness in the Church of God. The speaker related his experience as a missionary to the Sandwich Islands.

Sister Leah Dunford and Brother Joseph Platt sang a duet, which was excellently rendered.

Sister Louie Platt followed with a recitation, "Jane's Conquest," which was most graphically rendered and much appreciated by all present.

Superintendent Willard Done was the next speaker. Few, he said, even of active Sunday School workers, realized the greatness of their labors as teachers, or sensed the responsibility resting upon them. It was said that the worker in the Sabbath School labored freely for the good of others. But their view was not the correct one; the reward sought by the Sabbath School worker was the greatest within the reach of humanity, namely, the approbation of the Heavenly Father.

President Joseph E. Taylor said that no one was qualified to teach the children of the Latter-day Saints unless he had the Spirit of God in his heart; nor could he teach with success unless he sought by prayer for the aid of God's Spirit. To have a part in the training of the children of the Saints was not only a noble work but a very grave responsibility. The guardian angels which accompanied every child into and through the world were silent witnesses of the correctness and thoroughness of the instructions given, and the parent or the teacher who did not do his duty would someday feel the weight of their calling and responsibility.

Superintendent J. C. Cutler made a few remarks, and announced that the Fourteenth Ward school would furnish part of the programme and singing exercises at the June meeting of the Union.