

by their labor. [Loud Cheers.] You can publish to the world that the working men of Utah built and own this road.

I have said one thing, and I want to say one thing more. Do not stop where you are. When you laid the last two rails to-day, they stuck out a little. That means—"Go On."

Salute of one gun, and music by Camp Douglas Band, succeeded by the following remarks from

HON. JOHN TAYLOR:

I am glad to meet with such a large assemblage of people as are present to witness and take part in the celebration of so important an event as that which has brought us here to-day. Like you all, I have been very much interested in the completion of this railroad. I hope to see the time when this city will be connected with the remotest parts of our Territory by railroads, that we may meet the cars in every settlement. We have but one railroad among us, for the time being; but there is a long one east and another west, and we can go east and west; and by and by we shall be able to go north and south and stretch out in every direction. Our course has been onward and will continue to be so from this time forth and forever. I will conclude by saying, Success to the Utah Central Railroad.

Mr. Campbell, Superintendent of the Utah Division of the Central Pacific was next introduced, and made a short, and we are informed a very good speech, but we regret to say that his remarks were inaudible and we were unable to report them.

Speeches were expected from Hons. G. A. Smith, D. H. Wells and Geo. Q. Cannon; the former requested to be excused on account of indisposition; the two latter were excused because of the length of the exercises and the very cool weather.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder H. W. Naisbitt, and the immense concourse of spectators quickly dispersed.

Thus ended the celebration of the most important event, considered from a commercial standpoint, that has ever transpired in Utah Territory. Our chief city now enjoys steam communication with the world at large. With the advent of this most auspicious and long desired event, we may naturally expect a much larger influx of the transient and permanent element, good and bad, than has ever been seen before; but the result we fear not, believing that the advantages that will accrue therefrom will far outweigh any disadvantages that can possibly arise. The days of isolation are now for ever past, we thank God for it. Our people, by their unity, and the practice, in days past, of the virtues that most adorn human nature, while contending with almost unheard of obstacles and difficulties, have performed a work which has elicited the most unqualified need of praise from honorable men and women of all nations who have visited us; with the increase of facilities of every kind that the advent of railroads will bring the same unity and untiring energy in the future can not but effect results still more marvellous and praiseworthy. That such may be the case, and that all our labors and facilities may be used and over-ruled for the glory of the Great Supreme, for the acceleration of His cause, the consummation of His purposes and the triumph of His Kingdom upon the earth is our earnest desire and prayer.

#### THE FESTIVITIES LAST NIGHT.

With the approach of night the crowds of people who had witnessed the ceremonies at the laying of the last rail, having refreshed and rested a short time, again put in an appearance, and very soon the streets were alive with happy crowds bent on continuing the festivity, and showing by their presence their feelings with regard to the event of the day.

The illumination commenced about six o'clock, but it was not until about seven that it showed to the best advantage. Windows sparkled in the distance with innumerable candles which in the aggregate flooded the streets with light; gay colored Chinese lanterns swung to and fro; and transparencies with appropriate mottoes shone conspicuously at different points. The City Hall; the Deseret University; J. M. Allen's stove store; Wells, Fargo & Co's office; Hooper, Eldredge & Co's and Hussey, Dahler & Co's banks; Walker Bros. store; and Kimball & Lawrence's were conspicuous among the places illuminated. Stretching across East Temple St., from the Eagle Emporium, was a transparency having on the north side

"Hail to Utah Central," and on the south side, "Welcome the Great Highway." The window of the Eagle Emporium, Co-operative Institution, had a beautifully designed transparent screen, which bore the device of three locomotives, that on the left hand bearing the inscription "Pacific," the one on the right hand "Atlantic," while the center one was "Utah." Underneath was the motto "The Utah Central R. R. extends her iron hand of sincere welcome to the East and West." The design and motto, we believe, were by Bro. David Candland. C. Davey, west of the Theatre, had a neat little transparency with the motto "Utah's Great Enterprise, the Utah Central."

The DESERET NEWS office was conspicuous with its mottoes and transparencies; and though we are not in the habit of boasting, we think it had no rival in this respect. Its mottoes were, "Brigham Young—Pioneer of the Press, Telegraphy, and Railroad;" "The Pioneer Paper welcomes the Pioneer Railroad;" "Salt Lake now—Dixie next;" "Welcome the first Locomotive;" "Utah stretches her arms to the two Oceans;" "The U. P. R. and C. P. R. R.—feeders of the Utah Central." The three first presented a magnificent appearance in the mammoth transparencies.

Shortly after seven o'clock a huge bonfire was kindled near the Arsenal, which cast a red glare over the heavens, like the beacon fires of olden times.

Pyrotechnic displays were witnessed in different parts of the city, that provided by the municipal authorities being discharged on Arsenal Hill. The low hanging clouds somewhat marred the effectiveness of the fireworks, as the rockets rose into the foggy atmosphere, and burned with diminished brilliancy.

The ball at the Theatre, however, was the grand affair of the night. The scenery had been carefully removed, the wings put to flight, the borders covered up, and the mimic ball-room of the drama became a monster one, where two hundred gaily disposed persons could glide through the mazes of the dance. In the front of the dress circle a gallery had been erected for the orchestra, which was decorated with the National Red, White and Blue. The proscenium curtain was also neatly draped with the same colors; while the side-light boxes, on the stage, were covered in a tasteful manner, red and white intertwined, the national colors surmounting them. The back of the stage was finely carpeted and formed into a recess for ladies, being seated with sofas and lounges, and fronted by a beautiful palace column scene. The green room was also luxuriously furnished for ladies, with lounges and sofas; the Grand Piano occupying its old place in the south-east part of the room.

The assemblage was a brilliant one, the guests having been invited without respect to party or opinion. As Jenkins does not do duty on the NEWS, our readers will pardon an omission of his peculiar kind of description of the ladies' toilets. The fair wearers were lovely and happy-looking, and did not seem to care a snap for Cullom's bill, or any threatened invasion of their rights to live and honor the man of their choice.

Among the prominent gentlemen present we noticed Presidents Brigham Young, George A. Smith and Daniel H. Wells; the members of the Quorum of the Twelve now in the city, President Joseph Young, sen.; the officers of the Utah Central; the officers of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific who were at the ceremonies in the afternoon, a great many of the members of the Legislature now in session; a number of Federal officers; General Gibbon and several officers from Camp Douglas; and our principal merchants; with the Municipal authorities of Ogden and Kayville, and a number of leading citizens from different points at a distance from this city. All, of course, had their fair and blooming partners with them, and as these, at times, occupied the seats in the dress circle, or other parts of the building, they formed a parterre of beauty and worth. The enjoyment was genuine and was kept up till a late hour.

The full length of floor was divided into twenty-five circles, each serving for a set of eight; and when the floor was filled and "promenade all" was the order, such a circling and moving and intervening took place as almost to make one's head feel as if it, too, were promenading the grand.

Up stairs the rear of the stage gallery was very artistically arranged by a disposition of tasteful scenery, into a supper-room, where creature

comforts were dispensed to all who desired them.

The several committees connected with the celebration and the ball are entitled to hearty thanks for the admirable character of their arrangements and the manner in which they were carried out.

To-night and to-morrow night there will be again balls in the Theatre, before it is restored to its former condition for the resumption of the drama.

#### DEATH OF BISHOP C. W. WEST.

It is with feelings of no ordinary regret that we announce this morning the death of Bishop Chauncey W. West. So well and widely is he known that this information will excite the sympathy of many thousands of faithful Latter-day Saints for a man who was always faithful, ever dignified in his course and honorable in his actions. He embraced the gospel when young, and held a name honored among the Saints during his whole course of life from his connection with the church. Called on a mission to Siam and the East Indies when Elders were being sent to almost every nation of the earth, he fulfilled it with zeal and devotedness, laboring in the ministry for some time in California previous to starting for the far off east, and also on his return. His brethren who were in the East Indies under the trying circumstances which attended that mission, know how wholesomely he labored while absent upon it.

Another foreign mission was assigned him to Europe in 1862, where for a time he had the watch care of the churches in that hemisphere, and endeared himself to the many whom he blessed with his teachings and presence. But it was in Ogden and Weber Counties that his labors were principally directed, and there the fruits of his large, active brain are seen on every hand.

He was a man of boundless hospitality; and his house was ever a home, not only to the servants of God, but as well to hundreds who had no claim upon his hospitality. He saw the growth before Ogden, and his mind was full of plans for its future prosperity and importance.

After having labored faithfully on the Central Pacific Railroad, in conjunction with the late Hon. E. T. Benson and Hon. Lorin Farr, when the work of grading was done his health was seriously impaired. Indeed, when he commenced on it, he was really an invalid; but his indomitable energy buoyed him up, for had it not been for his energy and vitality he would have succumbed to the disease from which he had suffered, long before it terminated his life. Some time ago, accompanied by Mrs. West, he went to California, hoping to derive relief from the change of atmosphere, and was there at the time of his death. The particulars have not yet been received, the telegram announcing the mournful fact having reached Ogden on Sunday, at 11 a.m.

It was sudden, however, for he wrote a letter in pencil on Saturday, the 8th; and his communications for some time have been of a hopeful character. But the insidious malady from which he suffered—disease of the throat and lungs—leads its victims to entertain hope, when it is steadily sapping their existence. We sincerely and deeply sympathize with the bereaved family; a feeling in which thousands will unite.

#### NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the Nineteenth Annual Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah convened at the City Hall, which had been furnished for the purpose by Hon. S. A. Mann, Secretary and acting Governor of the Territory. After the Secretary of the last Session of the Council, Patrick Lynch, Esq., and the clerk of the last Session of the House, R. L. Campbell, Esq., had called the roll and found that quorums were present, a committee from the Council and one from the House were appointed to wait upon the Hon. Secretary to notify him that the members were ready to have the oath administered. The customary oath was shortly afterwards administered by the Secretary to the members of the House and Council, and afterwards to the officers, when they were elected.

Hon. G. A. Smith was unanimously elected President of the Council; Patrick Lynch Esq., Secretary; C. W. Stayner, Esq., Assistant Secretary; Elder Joseph Young, sen. Chaplain; John D. T. McAllister, Sergeant-at-arms; Charles W. Carrington, Messenger; Alonzo E. Hyde, Foreman.

The following gentlemen were elected officers of the House:

Hon. Orson Pratt, Speaker; Robert L. Campbell, Clerk; John H. Smith, Assistant Clerk; Abinadi Pratt, Engrossing Clerk; Franklin Merrill, Sergeant-at-Arms; R. S. Campbell, Messenger; Arthur Pratt, Foreman; Elder S. H. B. Smith, Chaplain.

It was motioned in the Council that

a committee be appointed to act with a like committee on the part of the House to wait upon the Governor, to inform him that the 19th annual session of the Legislative Assembly of Utah Territory had been organized, and that they would be ready, in general session, at 2 o'clock p.m. to-day to receive any communication which His Excellency had to make. George Q. Cannon and Moses Thatcher were the committee on the part of the Council; and John Taylor, Joseph F. Smith and Jonathan C. Wright were chosen as a like committee on the part of the House.

An adjournment then took place until 1 o'clock to-day.

[For the DESERET EVENING NEWS.]

#### MINUTES OF A LADIES' MASS MEETING

Held in Society Hall, Fifteenth Ward, Salt Lake City, at 4 o'clock p.m., Jan. 6th, 1870.

Meeting opened by prayer by Mrs. R. Jones.

Mrs. S. M. Kimball, by unanimous vote, was appointed to preside over the meeting; Miss S. E. Russell was elected Secretary.

Mrs. Kimball stated that the object of the meeting by saying: "We have met to express our feelings in relation to the so called 'Cullom Bill,' now before Congress. She spoke of the part our forefathers had taken in the great struggle of '76—how they had suffered and bled for the principles of civil and religious liberty; said she felt that we should be unworthy of the names we bear and of the blood in our veins, should we longer remain silent while such an infamous Bill was before the House of Representatives—a Bill, the object of which, if attained, would reduce our husbands, sons and brothers to menial serfs, &c. Mrs. Kimball called for a vote of all who were in favor of entering a protest against said Bill.

The vote was unanimous.

The following persons were then chosen as a committee to draft resolutions, expressive of the feelings of the meeting, to wit: Mrs. M. Burton, Mrs. E. Duncanson and Mrs. E. Binder.

The Committee retired to prepare resolutions; and in the meantime several ladies expressed their views and feelings of indignation and disgust with regard to the Bill, also their determination to resist such gross injustice, &c.

The Committee then returned and the following resolutions were read by Mrs. Burton:

Resolved, That we, the ladies of the 15th Ward, Salt Lake City, in mass meeting assembled, do solemnly protest against the Bill now before Congress, known as the Cullom Bill.

Resolved, That we use all the moral influence vested in us to prevent the national disgrace that would accrue to our country, were such an infamous Bill to receive the approval of Congress.

Resolved, That the passage of the aforesaid Bill would stamp disgrace on the insignia of our glorious Republic and that we disapprove each and every attempt made by those entrusted with the reins of government to destroy the sacred Constitution bequeathed to us by our forefathers.

Resolved, That in the name of humanity we express our indignation against the aforesaid Bill, which is calculated in its nature to uproot every vestige of civil and religious liberty, destroy the rights of conscience and to reduce our fathers, husbands and sons to the lowest degree of moral servitude.

The foregoing resolutions were received with warm and enthusiastic applause by all present.

Miss E. R. Snow, Mrs. L. W. Kimball and Mrs. B. Smith made a few very appropriate remarks, expressing their hearty concurrence in the movement and in the measures adopted by the meeting.

Before closing her remarks, Miss E. R. Snow suggested the propriety of the ladies of Salt Lake City assembling in a general mass meeting, to give expression to their feelings on the subject before us, and also that the example of this Ward be followed by the sisterhood throughout the Territory.

Meeting adjourned *sine die*.

MRS. S. M. KIMBALL, Pres.

Miss S. E. RUSSELL, Sec.

OUR DELEGATE.—By telegram from Hon. Wm. Hooper, to his family, we are glad to learn that his health is improving. Elders Burton and Sheets are with him in Washington. We hope that our Delegate's health will soon be fully restored and he be able to resume his duties with his wonted activity and zeal.