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SO LONG AGO.

So long ago the hours of joy took flight—
As roses wane when Autumn bids them go;
Love's sunshine passed to one dark, dismal
night

So long ago.

When Tyrant Time's grim scythe hath
ceased to mow,
May e'er again these long-lost hours dawn
bright?
Shall love renew his heart-songs faint and
low?
And Faith be fain once more her lamp to
light?
Ah, may this be? Alas! I do but know
They waned, the sunlit hours of heart's de-
light,

So long ago.

REPORT OF THE UTAH COMMISSION.

SALT LAKE CITY,
Sept. 23rd, 1889.

Hon. John W. Noble, Secretary of
the Interior, Washington, D. C.:

Sir.—The Utah Commission re-
spectfully submit the following re-
port of its proceedings during the
past year:

Immediately after the election for
Territorial officers, held in August,
1888, the Commission began the
work necessary for the November
election, at which a Delegate to
represent the Territory in Congress
was to be chosen, by causing a
thorough revision of the registration
lists throughout the Territory, which
was completed during the month of
September.

The election was held on the 6th
day of November, 1888, and was
general except in a few precincts,
the voters in which failed to take
sufficient interest to appear and
vote, although judges of election
had been appointed for each of said
precincts.

Under the authority conferred by
the Act of Congress approved
March 22nd, 1882, entitled—"An
Act to amend Section 5352 of the
Revised Statutes of the United
States and for other purposes," the
Commission, on the 3rd day of
November, 1888, appointed a Can-
vassing Board composed of five re-
putable citizens of the Territory,
three of whom were members of the
Liberal party, and two of the Peo-
ple's party, viz.: Orlando W. Pow-
ers, Henry W. Lawrence, Robert

W. Cross, Lewis W. Hills, and
Frank J. Cannon, to canvass the
returns of said election and declare
the result.

This board of canvassers met at
the rooms of the Commission in
Salt Lake City, on Friday the 16th
of November, 1888, and organized
by each taking the oath prescribed
by law, and electing a chairman
and secretary from their number.
It then, in the presence of the Com-
mission, proceeded to canvass the
returns of said election, as the same
had been returned to the Commis-
sion by the various election boards;
and as the result of said canvass,
reported to the Commission that
John T. Caine had received 10,127
votes; R. N. Baskin had received
3,484 votes, and Samuel R. Thur-
man had received 511 votes, and
that there were 7 scattering votes
cast; and upon said canvass and re-
port, the said John T. Caine was
declared elected, and given the
proper certificate of his election as
Delegate to the Fifty-first Congress,
from Utah Territory.

THE VOTE CAST.

The aggregate of votes cast dur-
ing the two years since the passage
of the Act of Congress, which took
effect on the 3rd day of March, 1887,
and is known as the "Edmunds-
Tucker Act," upon the basis of the
votes cast for members of the Leg-
islative Council, is as follows:

1887, votes cast.....	16,150
1889, " " " " " " " "	20,495
Increase in 1889 over 1887, 4,345, or 26 8-10	per cent.

The election was held in August,
1888, for a portion of the county
officers in each county in the Ter-
ritory, at which the aggregate vote
cast was 15,012, a falling off of 1,138
votes from the August election of
the year previous; while at the elec-
tion for Delegate to Congress, held
on the 6th of November, 1888, the
aggregate vote cast was 14,129,
which was 2,021 votes less than
were cast at the August election in
1887, and 883 votes less than were
cast at the August election in 1888.
This falling off in the votes can be
reasonably accounted for by the
fact that greater interest is taken in
those elections at which members
of the Legislature are chosen, which
is manifest in the increased vote of
1889 over that of 1887, although a
portion of this increase is doubtless

caused by the influx of population
which is continually coming into
the Territory.

The comparatively meager vote
for Delegate to Congress may be
partially accounted for in the fact
that the People's party, or the Mor-
mons, are largely in the majority in
the Territory; and while the Liberal
party, or the Gentiles, as they are
called, felt sufficient interest to
name a candidate and to preserve
their party organization, it was
done without the remotest prospect
or hope of success, and great num-
bers remained away from the polls.
It is also probable that many of the
People's party, regarding the suc-
cess of their candidate as assured,
did not take the trouble to vote
where it was attended with any
considerable inconvenience.

Since our last report, the Com-
mission has caused municipal elec-
tions to be held in the following
cities and towns:

1. Ephraim City, Sanpete County.
2. Fountain Green, Sanpete County.
3. Manti, Sanpete County.
4. Beaver City, Beaver County.
5. Alpine City, Utah County.
6. Payson, Utah County.
7. Pleasant Grove, Utah County.
8. Spanish Fork, Utah County.
9. Lehi, Utah County.
10. American Fork, Utah County.
11. Springville, Utah County.
12. Coalville, Summit County.
13. Park City, Summit County.
14. Ogden, Weber County.
15. Brigham City, Box Elder County.
16. Bear River, Box Elder County.
17. Corinne City, Box Elder County.
18. Grantsville, Tooele County.
19. Tooele City, Tooele County.
20. Kanab, Kane County.
21. Monroe, Sevier County.
22. Fillmore, Millard County.
23. Heber, Wasatch County.

VAIN CHARGE OF FRAUD.

From the organization of the Com-
mission to the present time, the reg-
istrations and elections held under its
supervision have been free from all
charges of fraud and unfairness, with
a single exception.

In February, 1889, at the muni-
cipal election for the city of Ogden,
in Weber County, there was a very
bitter contest between the opposing
parties, in which the Liberal or
non-Mormon party prevailed over
the People's, or Mormon party, and
carried the election for the first
time in the history of the city.