

The old writers said "knowledge should be increased," and we are constantly seeing fresh evidences of this being the age of the fulfillment of these predictions.

We were going to say the age of revelation, but this idea is not relished by men, that there should be any communication between the earth and the heavens to-day. It is even fashionable to speak of the great works of creation as the results of law without any guiding Spirit to take cognizance of natural operations.

We do not so regard these things. The immortal discoverer of the application of electricity to the purposes of the telegraph, took care to ascribe the honor to Deity. The first electrical message "What hath God wrought?" at least gave glory to him. The same in relation to the gases. Now, while the novelty is present with us, we can see the brilliancy of the discovery; to-morrow it will cease to be regarded with the same interest. But the benefits to man of this and kindred inventions, will go on, and on, to prepare man for that higher destiny which awaits him. And every fresh insight into the natural methods only the more effectually unfolds to us that the revelations given through the Prophet Joseph Smith will yet be recognized, that light is the great factor by which all natural operations are brought about.

To M. Pictet, of Switzerland, and M. Cailliet, of Paris, belong the honor for this important discovery, of the liquification and solidification of the gases.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

HOUSE.

January 30th.

Following is the report made by Mr. Milner, chairman of the committee on judicial expenses:

Your committee on judicial expenses ask leave to present the following special report:

We have been diligently engaged in eliciting facts as required by you, and have received evidence tending to show, among other things, that certain expenses pertaining to the penitentiary and the convicts there incarcerated have been paid by the United States in part, and in part are now due and owing and in some cases are claimed to be a charge against the Territory of Utah, and in other cases have been paid by the United States Marshal out of funds rightfully belonging to the Territory. Your committee is not advised as to the law authorizing such payment, and find it impracticable to inquire into this class of expenses, without being more or less compelled to ascertain the extent of payments made by the United States.

Your committee further report that on the 29th inst. Patrick H. Lannan appeared in answer to a subpoena issued by your committee, and asked for time to ascertain the powers of your committee and his rights as a citizen in this regard, before testifying. The committee continued the examination of Mr. Lannan, and until 10 o'clock of this 30th day of January, when said Lannan was duly sworn, and testified as follows, in answer to our questions:

I am 37 years of age, reside in Salt Lake City, by occupation a butcher. I have furnished supplies to the Utah Penitentiary during the last two years.

Question by chairman of committee—State fully the amount of supplies furnished by you to the Utah Penitentiary during the two years last past.

Answer—I do not recognize the right of the committee to inquire into any business of mine with the penitentiary, as I regard such business as belonging to the United States government. I do not desire to be in contempt, and would be willing to answer your questions, but I am advised not to do so, and decline to answer.

Q.—Have those supplies been paid for by the United States?

A.—Yes.

At this point the examination of Mr. Lannan was continued until to-morrow.

Your committee desire to be instructed to what extent we shall proceed with our inquiries, when we find the matter inquired upon to be so closely connected with disbursements made by the United States that we cannot obtain the information as to the disbursement of territorial funds, without inquiring into the whole matter.

that in the event that you desire that we should inquire fully into all the circumstances attending any expenditure of what we believe to be funds belonging to the Territory, that the recusant witness, P. H. Lannan, be brought before the bar of the House, to show cause, if any he has, why he should not be punished for contempt, in refusing to answer the question propounded to him by your committee.

Mr. Preston moved the following, which was carried:

I move that the special committee be instructed to continue their inquiries, so far as relate to territorial expenses of district courts, and that when any witnesses decline to testify, on the ground of the inquiry being as to matters exclusively pertaining to the United States, that they excuse the witness, and include the names of all such witnesses in their subsequent report, with the questions asked.

H. F. No. 7, the revenue bill, was taken up on its second reading, by sections, and pending the reading of section 5, the minutes were called for and read.

COUNCIL.

Jan. 31.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll call; quorum present.

Prayer by the chaplain.

A communication was received from the House, announcing that C. F. 4, amending certain sections of the "Compiled Laws," had passed the House amended, and asking concurrence in the amendments. The amendments were read and those to sec. 1990 of Compiled Laws, were non-concurred in.

HOUSE.

Jan. 31, 2 p. m.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll call, quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Murdock presented a bill (H. F. No. 11), for an Act to amend the charter of Beaver City; read and referred to the committee on municipal corporations.

Mr. Birch presented a bill H. F. No. 12, for an act in relation to chattel mortgages; read and referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Lyman presented a petition from the Utah Mutual Tunnel and Silver Mining Company, for a grant of a charter to a mining road to Bingham Cañon; read and referred to committee on private incorporations.

Mr. Pace, chairman of the committee on counties, reported C. F. No. 15, "On the boundary between Weber and Morgan Counties, in Weber Canyon," with amendments. The amendments were read and concurred in. On motion of Mr. Milner, read the second time by sections, amended, and on motion of Mr. Milner, referred back with instructions to the committee on counties.

H. F. No. 7, revenue bill, taken up for its second reading by sections.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 1.

Home Missionaries.—Home missionaries of this Stake will preach in all the wards of this city, excepting the 17th, on Sunday evening, the 3rd inst.

Testimonial Benefit.—Mr. W. T. Harris, the enterprising manager of the Theatre, is to have a complimentary benefit next Tuesday evening. A splendid bill is in preparation, and an immense audience is anticipated.

Silk.—Brother Daniel Graves writes from Logan that he is about to leave that place on the return southward. He proposes lecturing on "Silk Culture," on Monday, Feb. 4th, at Mendon; the 5th, at Willard; 8th, Kayville; 9th, Centreville. So far, he had had full audiences at each place where he had lectured.

Fatal Snowslide near Bountiful.—We have received the following special to the DESERET NEWS:

"Wood's Cross, Utah, February 1, 1878.

"At one o'clock to-day a snowslide occurred in our Mill Creek Cañon, burying up one or more of our citizens and their teams. A large force has gone in search of the buried.

"W. M. THURGOOD."

Mortuary.—Sextons report for January: Males, 15; females, 21.

Of these, adults, 19; children 17. Causes of death as reported: Lung disease, 10; old age, 4; diphtheria, 3; heart disease, 2; general debility, 2; membranous croup, 2; dropsy, 2; consumption, 2; inflammation of bowels, 2; child birth, 1; died at birth, 1; alcoholism, 1; scarlet fever, 1; drowned, 1; whooping cough, 1; not reported, 1; total interments, 36.

JOSEPH E. TAYLOR, Sexton.

Land Surveys.

United States Surveyor General's Office, Utah Territory, Salt Lake City, Feb. 1st, 1878.

The following township plats, with descriptive lists showing the exterior and subdivisional surveys, executed by Messrs. Bailey and Burrill, United States Deputy Surveyors, were this day filed in the Local Land Office in this City, viz:

Table with 2 columns: Township No. and Range No. 1 west. Rows include Township No. 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

An Interesting Occasion.—Last night, the Twentieth Ward Institute had a session at the school-house, to which they had invited a large number of friends, not members. The large hall was filled and a pleasant and profitable time was spent. The exercises consisted of singing, readings, an interesting lecture on "Education," by Prof. Lewis; answers to questions on various subjects by the younger members; reading of extracts from articles in the Institute Index, a manuscript paper, composed of original articles by the members, and other interesting proceedings. The exercises showed commendable proficiency and progress on the part of those by whom they were rendered. Mr. C. W. Stayner, President of the Institute, presided.

The Twentieth Ward Institute is doing a good work, especially among the young. It is a progressive institution, with the best of objects in view. We wish it continued success.

Musical Entertainment.—We omitted to notice the entertainment given by the Union Glee Club in the Bingham Cañon school-house, last Tuesday evening, for the benefit of Mr. Henry Gardner.

The house was crowded and the concert gave general satisfaction. The Glee Club sang some of their choicest pieces in good style, and individual members favored the audience with solos, which were loudly applauded. The gems of the evening were Miss S. E. Olsen's "Eileen Alanna," the duet given by Miss Olsen and Mr. Gardner, a song by Miss A. Bourne, and "Call John" by the Club. Messrs. Tibbs and Davies amused the audience with comicalities. Mr. H. E. Giles accompanied on the organ in excellent style, and Prof. C. F. Thomas was director of the affair.

It was a most enjoyable performance and far preferable to the everlasting dance. Miss S. E. Olsen has a magnificent voice, which only needs culture to place her in the first rank among the sweet singers of Israel. The concert should be repeated.

Another Good Man Gone.—Bro. Ebenezer Brown departed this life at Draper, Salt Lake County, at a few minutes before 12 on the night of Jan. 25th, after a protracted illness. Father Brown, as he was generally called, was born Dec. 6th, 1802, in the town of Salisbury, Herkimer County, State of New York; joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1835, in Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

He shared with the Saints in their persecutions, and when driven from the borders of civilization, the call being made for 100 men to fight the battles of Mexico, Father Brown was one of those who proved his fidelity to his country by volunteering in its service.

After his return he settled at Draper, in 1849, being the first settler at that place; in 1851 he was called, with others, to form a settlement where Parwan is now located, and in 1858, he was appointed a mission to Canon Valley, both of which he performed satisfactorily.

After the release of those called

to Carson Valley, he returned to Draper, where he lived until his demise.

He was one of those who through the vicissitudes of an eventful life, never faltered in his faith in the principles of the gospel. He was alive to the interests of the work of God, and always ready to do whatever was necessary on his part to sustain it. He leaves a large family and a very wide circle of friends who cherish his memory.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

COUNCIL.

January 31st.

Councilor Harrington, chairman of the committee on judiciary, presented the following report:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred H. F. No. 2, "A bill for an act amending sections 1151 and 1154 of the compiled laws" have had the same under consideration, and respectfully recommend that the amendment made by the Council be reconsidered, and that the bill be passed as it came from the House.

On motion of Councilor Thatcher, the report was accepted, the amendment reconsidered and receded from.

The bill was then read and passed its second reading, and on motion of Councilor Smoot was read the third time by its title, the title read and the bill so passed and was returned to the house.

Councilor Thatcher, chairman of the committee on mineral resources, presented the following:

The committee on mineral resources, to whom was referred C. F. No. 8, "a bill for an act providing for the health and safety of persons employed in coal mines," beg leave to report the same with amendments, and recommend its passage as amended.

On motion of Councilor Burton the report was accepted.

Said bill, as amended, was taken up on its second reading in sections, amended, and the bill passed its second reading as amended.

A communication was received from the House, announcing that that body had receded from the House amendment to C. F. 4 not concurred in by the council, and returning the bill for enrollment.

HOUSE.

Jan. 31.

Mr. Preston moved as follows, which was carried:

I move that that portion of sections 1 and 35 of H. F. No. 7, the revenue bill, relating to tax for district schools, and sections 591 and 592, compiled laws of Utah, of "An act for the establishment and support of district schools, and for other purposes," approved February 18, 1876, be referred to the committee on education, with instructions to report at an early date.

A message was received from the Council, announcing that that body did not concur in the House amendments to C. F. 4, which amend section 1990 of the Compiled Laws of Utah, but had concurred in the other House amendments to the bill.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the amendments not concurred in by the Council were receded from by the House.

A communication was received from the Council, stating that that body had passed H. F. No. 2, "amending sections 1151 and 1154 of Compiled Laws of Utah, etc.," and returning the same for enrollment.

The reading of H. F. No. 7 was continued, and pending the reading of section 10, the minutes were called for, read and accepted.

COUNCIL.

February 1, 1878.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll call, quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Councilor E. Snow presented a petition of Bishop Edward Hunter, Miss Eliza R. Snow, and 26 others, asking for an appropriation to aid in the manufacture of silk, which was read and, on motion of Councilor Snow, referred to the committee on claims and appropriations, with instructions to incorporate the amount in the Territorial Appropriation Bill.

Councilor Thurber presented a petition of Joseph H. Wright and 21 others, asking a change in the south boundary line of Sevier County, together with C. F. 17, "A bill to change the boundary line between Sevier and Piute Counties," which were read and, on motion of Councilor Thurber, referred

to the committee on counties.

Councilor Snow presented a petition of William A. Bringhurst and 42 others, citizens of Kane County, asking that a portion of Kane County be attached to Washington County; read and referred to committee on counties.

Councilor Smoot presented C. F. 18, "A bill to secure justice to persons called to serve on juries;" read and referred to the committee on judiciary, with instructions to print 75 copies.

Councilor Thatcher moved that, owing to the absence of one member of the committee on education, Councilor Cluff be added to said committee.

Adjourned till Monday, at 2 p. m.

HOUSE.

Mr. Rockwood, chairman of committee on claims and appropriations, reported a recommendation that \$175 be placed upon the present appropriation bill for the purpose of printing brand sheets; adopted. Also that the claim of B. A. Spears, for services as bailiff of the 2nd Judicial District Court, be not paid; adopted. Also, that the bill of John M. Coombs for \$107 be not paid; adopted. Also that the petition of Wm. D. Park, asking for relief, in the sum of \$170, be not paid; adopted.

The above bills allowed to be withdrawn from the table.

Mr. Young presented a bill H. F. No. 13 for "An Act to Approve the Compiled Laws of Utah;" read and referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Lyman, the Sergeant-at-arms was instructed to purchase a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary; also the "Revised Statutes of the United States on General Laws," for the use of the House.

Mr. Birch presented a bill H. F. No. 14 for "An Act to amend an act for regulating proceedings in civil cases;" Read and

On motion of Mr. Milner, referred to the committee on judiciary.

H. F. No. 7, Revenue Bill, taken up at Sec. 10 on its second reading.

DECEASED.

In this city, February 1, 1878, to Emma L. wife of T. E. Taylor, a daughter.

DIED.

At Mona, Juab County, January 26th, 1878, NANCY, wife of John Harrison, aged 37 years, 2 months and 3 days.

Deceased was born in St. Helens, Lancashire, England. She had a very amiable disposition and has left a husband and five children and numerous friends to mourn her loss.—Com.

Millennial Star, please copy.

At Abertillery, Mon.—November 22, 1877, of consumption, REUBEN, son of Daniel and Jane Roach, aged 18 years, 2 months and 10 days.

He was baptized in the Cheltenham (Gloucestershire) Conference when eight years old; he held the office of an Elder; was faithful in the performance of all his duties, led a most exemplary life, and died, beloved and respected by all who knew him, in the hope of a glorious resurrection.—Millennial Star, Jan. 14.

At Bountiful, Davis County, of inflammatory rheumatism, ELIZABETH HANNAH, second daughter of Samuel and Eliza Billingford.

Deceased was born December 11, 1864; baptized August 17, 1872, in the Stratford Branch of the London Conference; re-baptized February 18, 1877; emigrated to Utah September 19, 1877.

Millennial Star, please copy.

At Liberty, Bear Lake County, Idaho, Jan. 22d, 1878, of child-bed fever, MARY ANN PITTMAN, beloved wife of John Hymas, aged thirty-one years, three months and eighteen days. Deceased leaves a husband and ten children; also a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.—Ogden Junction.

In the 20th Ward of this city, February 2nd, 1878, of old age, ELIZABETH BRINT LEWIS, aged 80 years and 3 months.

At Marsh Basin, Idaho Territory, Jan. 29th, MARTHA ANN, wife of Silas L. Phippen, aged 25 years and 19 days.

Deceased was born in Salt Lake City January 10th, 1853. She leaves a husband and five children, the youngest three weeks old.

The funeral services were held at the house of James W. Phippen, Salt Lake City, February 3d, 1878, where many relatives and friends assembled to pay their respects to the departed.

At Mill Creek, Feb. 3rd, 1878, of diphtheria ISAAC YOUNG BAILEY, the son of George B. and Elizabeth Bailey, aged 16 years and 6 months.

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