

HAS VOTED.—Denver has voted for in \$500,000 bonds to the Union Pacific Railroad, and for a branch line. Her people were urged to come promptly up to their duty, as General Dodge requested. They came; they crowded around the polls; and they voted; the county casting 1,251 votes, of which 1,203 were for the bonds and the railroad. Denver may jubilate, she will hear the whistle of the steam engine by another fall; so it is promised, and this she has voted for.

CERTAINLY.—Denver is not quite as old as Rome, but it can take rank in modern civilization (!) with the large cities towards the rising of the sun. "Pauline" is the name given to a "little stranger," found there a few days ago on the steps of the Mansion House. Poor baby! It had a father and a mother. Pity but they could be "set on the steps" of a cold night, or worse.

THE WEATHER.—This morning we had a little snow—a very little. Towards noon the sun shone out brightly. Hard frost last night. The following has been received by Deseret Telegraph Line:

Logan; cold and foggy; very hard frost last night. Ogden; bright, but very cold.

Payson; sun shining and very clear; air cold and freezing. We continue to have very cold nights, which partly retain the snow.

Nephi; clear and pleasant; thawing. Chicken Creek; clear and cold. It looks like spring. We have only two inches of snow.

Cove Creek; cold, but beautiful and clear. A severe frost last night. Beaver; clear and very mild, not a cloud to be seen. The nights are very cold.

Parowan; clear and pleasant. The snow is a foot deep. Tokerville; fine and quite warm.

St. George; clear and beautiful; the streets are dry, and it is pleasant traveling. Thermometer 69.

WASHINGTON CO.—We are favored with a letter from Er. John Pilsipher, of Shoal Creek, Washington county, from which we learn that the people of that new settlement are full of energy and faith to fulfill their mission. Their health is good. The heavy rains in December swelled the small streams to the size of rivers, and did great damage in washing away fences, land and roads. Still, the people are not discouraged, knowing they can make more improvements, manifesting the spirit that has settled and built up this Territory. They have erected a new school house, which is kept warm with schools, meetings, parties, &c. The Indians are peaceable, and the stock of the settlement are wintering well, although there has been eight inches of snow on the ground.

ONLY THINK.—We must be growing callous. Ossification of the heart may have set in, and if so the results are fearful to contemplate. But, be that as it may, the most astounding news does not induce an extra pulsation. Only think, the following paragraph, clipped from the Chicago Tribune of the 18th, did not disturb our equanimity a particle:

"An important contested election case is to come up in the House committee in a few days, involving the whole question of Brigham Young's operations in Utah. McGortry, elected by the Gentiles, contests the seat of Hooper, elected by the Saints, as delegate from that Territory. It is claimed by McGortry that the elections, as conducted by the Bishops under the requisitions prescribed by Brigham, are wholly in contravention of United States law, and that in fact the entire administration of the government there is outside of the laws, and that no legal election can be held under them. The case is being prepared for the committee, and the evidence has been ordered printed."

And, then, on the top of it, to meet the following taken from another eastern paper! Yet our equilibrium was maintained:

"Judge C. B. Wait, of Chicago, formerly Associate Justice of Utah Territory, is here conducting the contested election case of McGortry vs. Hooper, for Delegate from Utah Territory."

See that, now! Judge Wait and McGortry have joined hands, and Utah must have another delegate—and such a delegate!

Now for the facts in this election (?) case. This man, a letter from whose father—James McGortry, of Ireland—we published lately, became the catspaw of a small but corrupt and contemptible party who were here some time ago, and who left no means untried which their wicked imaginations could invent to make us trouble. A so named "Mass" meeting was called by a handbill posted up. A few went to the appointed place, our reporter amongst the number, and the whole proceedings were a farce so extreme as to be beneath notice at the time. A chairman was appointed by a unanimous vote of three! The nomination of McGortry was *de facto*, a whole chorus of four persons sustaining it. The meeting broke up, and there were drinks for all who would partake. At election day he polled 100 votes, out of 15,179. Now he is in Washington. To get a seal? Ridiculous. No; his loyalty is so excessive that he wants Uncle Sam to pay his traveling expenses in leaving a place where he had remained too long, but where his debts still remain—unpaid. He thinks by a show of having had a chance to be elected that he can get mileage and expenses in Washington from the public purse. A contested election lately cost the nation \$400,000; and this poor fool of a defunct clique seems to act as if he would like a little something from the public crib. Fat contracts in Utah do not pay just now, and so something else may. But the evidence is to be printed! Where did it come from? Who has heard it before? Why, he is furnished with a nice batch of affidavits, sworn to, signed and subscribed such as could have been got by the cord any day before the time he left, furnished by those devoted "loyalists" who wanted a public feat in one jaw, leaving the other free for a pull at a whiskey barrel. He may leave Washington as his shrewd but not less dishonest partner left his hotel in this city, with a flag of truce flying from a part of the "human form divine" which the pants usually cover. But if he does not get "mileage," some swindled hotel keeper will suffer, sure.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY.

THANKS.—We are under obligations to Hon. W. H. Hooper, our respected Delegate, for documents &c., forwarded to us.

FROM CHEYENNE.—By a gentleman just in from the east we learn that the roads from Cheyenne to Virginia Dale have been wonderfully clear of snow. From that place to this city there is good sleighing for nearly the entire dis-

tance. At Cheyenne and Dale City times were "lively," with the Vigilance Committee actively at work. The Union Pacific Railroad Company have a large corps of men at work, winter though it be, and declare they will have the line open to Green river by next fall.

BENEFIT.—Mr. Lindsay takes a benefit on Tuesday night. This gentleman is another of our company who has fairly won, by industry, study and a desire to excel, the position which he occupies in public favor. He essays the part of Hamlet on the occasion and many will doubtless go to see the princely Dane personated by a home actor, who has grown up in his profession before our eyes. Captain Croxall's brass band has courteously volunteered their services for the evening, and will play for the first time selections of choice music which they have lately received. The farce will be that very laughable one, "Boots at the Swan." We hope to see Mr. Lindsay have a crowded house.

THE WEATHER.—This morning was again cloudy and dull, after another keen, frosty night. Towards noon it began to brighten up a little. The following has been received by Deseret Telegraph Line:

Brigham City; fine; the snow is fourteen inches deep. Kaysville; snowing and very cold.

Payson; clear and very cold. Nephi; clear and cold; a severe frost last night.

Mount Pleasant; clear and frosty. Chicken Creek; snowing. Beaver; pleasant.

Parowan; clear and cold; very cold nights. The snow is a foot deep. Tokerville; fine; froze hard last night.

St. George; clear and beautiful. Thermometer 50.

THEATRICAL.—Last night there was a very good house at Mr. Margetts' benefit. The first piece—"The Writing on the Wall"—was so successful that it may be played again, and should draw another large audience. Ferguson Trotter Oliver, Bob Smithers, Margaret, Lady Elton Carlotta, with other characters, were well rendered. The Model Farm scene went very well. At the close, Mr. Margetts being called for, he appeared and neatly tendered his thanks to the public.

The singing by Miss Nunn and Mr. Dunbar, and the dancing by Miss Olive, were well executed and drew hearty applause.

We did not see the "Widow's Victim," but understand the imitations were "rich, rare and racy."

To-morrow night the capital play of the "Huguenot Captain," which was played for Mr. McKenzie's benefit and was then so great a success, will be repeated with the same cast. It is a most exciting piece, and keeps up the interest, unflagging, till the close. Its rich costumes, the Bohemians and their dances, the peculiar nature of the situations in which the Huguenot Captain is placed and his escapes, make a very attractive and exciting performance of the play. The mirth provoking farce, "Too much for Good Nature" will conclude the evening's entertainment.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

THEATRICAL.—The "Huguenot Captain" and "Too much for good Nature" make a very attractive bill for this evening, and the performance will unquestionably be highly entertaining. We are favored, at our Theatre, with good playing, good pieces, and a variety sufficient to meet almost every shade of taste; and an evening passed in witnessing a good theatrical performance is pleasant and profitable, for it leaves recollections that are pleasing, and affords gratification during the time spent in witnessing it. The general desire expressed to see the "Huguenot Captain" indicates that a good house may be expected this evening.

TELEGRAPHING EXTRAORDINARY.—We are indebted to the gentlemen of the Union Pacific Telegraph Company's office in this city, for the following statement of telegraphing extraordinary, last night, between San Francisco and Valentia Bay, on the West coast of Ireland. The dispatch was sent and answer received in about five minutes, the distance is nearly a fourth round the world:

Salt Lake, February 1st.

At 11:30 p.m., last night, the lines were connected from San Francisco, California, to Heart's Content, Newfoundland, the landing place of the Atlantic Cable. Wishing to try the speed of the telegraph, the San Francisco operator, Mr. Lew Jacobs, sent the following dispatch to the operator at Valentia Bay, Ireland.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 31.

"To the operator at Valentia:—We greet you. Our time is 10:45 p.m. Beautiful night. Every thing lovely. Signed, Lew Jacobs, operator."

In less than five minutes the answer was returned.

Valentia, Ireland.

"Lew Jacobs, San Francisco:—Valentia returns compliments. Blowing hard; sea heavy; wind shaking our hut very much, time 6:45 a.m. Signed, Operator."

New York then took San Francisco and received ninety words in three minutes. Considering the immense distance, this is one of the best feats of telegraphing ever known.

PREACHING.—To-morrow night Elder Erastus Snow will preach in the 13th Ward Assembly Rooms.

CALENDAR.—We are under obligations to Wm. Clayton, Esq., for the Calendar for February, which we lay before our readers in the present number.

SUMMIT COUNTY.—By letter from Bro. Haber, of Midway, Summit Co., we learn a few items. At date of writing, 26th ult., they had fine weather, with but little snow. Health, peace and good feelings prevailed. A visit from Elders Haven, of Morgan County, and W. E. Pack of this city, who lectured at Midway, was encouraging to the people. Their choir, organized last winter under the direction of Dr. George Wardle, is doing well, their Sunday School is well attended and manifests a lively spirit.

WANT THEATRICALS.—The Boise City folks want theatricals, and call for a troupe to visit them. Here is what the Democrat says:

The Salt Lakers seem to be enjoying their full share of theatricals this winter. Can not a troupe find it convenient to come this way? We are athirst for something Histrionic. Give Boise City a call.

Council.—Councilor Benson, Chairman of Committee on Counties, reported on the petitions for dividing Utah County, that it was inexpedient to legislate thereon at present. Report accepted. Adjourned till 10 a.m. on Monday.

MILITARY BAND PARTY.—There was a Fall Dress Military and Band Party at the Music Hall, formerly known as Ballo's Hall, in the Fourteenth Ward, last night. The Party was gotten up by Captain Croxall's Band for the purpose of raising means to pay for music, &c., which they have recently imported from the East. The Ball Ticket had on it as Managers the names of Major General R. T. Burton, Captain Mark Croxall, Henry Sadler and James Currie. The impression upon our mind respecting the Music Hall was that it was shabby and generally dilapidated; but, upon being ushered into it last night, we were agreeably disappointed. It has been thoroughly renovated and is really a very genteel hall, and was fitted up for the occasion with great taste. The platform for the musicians was draped with flags, and the stars and stripes, as well as maps, engravings, &c., were gracefully displayed on the walls. The very fine instruments of Captain Croxall's band were hung on the wall over the heads of the musicians, excepting for a short time during the evening, when they favored the company with one of their spirit-stirring tunes. Besides Captain Croxall's Brass Band and Major Dimick B. Huntington's Martial Band, all the members of which wore uniforms, there were present: Prest. B. Young, Lieut. Gen. D. H. Wells and Staff; Hon. G. O. Cannon; Major Gen. R. T. Burton and Staff; Brig. Gen. B. Young, and Staff; the Staff of Brig. Gen. F. D. Richards; Gen. C. W. West; Gen. Chelmin; Col. Wm. Jennings; Col. J. R. Winder; Col. S. W. Richards; Major L. S. Hills; Major Wm. Derr; Major T. McLellan; Major J. Clark; Capt. A. Dewey, Capt. H. Dinwoodey; Lieut. B. V. Morris.

The party was an elegant one—plenty of brave men and fair women, and all seemed to enjoy themselves exceedingly. We trust that the efforts of Croxall's band to raise the means they need will meet with success. They are a very deserving, public spirited body of men and maintain their organization at considerable expense to themselves of time and means.

THE WEATHER.—There was a light fall of feathery snow all this morning, and at noon the clouds were indicating a heavier deposit.

By Deseret Telegraph line: Brigham City; very foggy; looks like a storm. American Fork; sun shining very bright, but cold and frosty.

Springville; clear. With the sun shining brightly; atmosphere frosty and very cold.

Payson; very cloudy and foggy; air quite frosty. Nephi; clear, warm and pleasant; four inches of snow.

Mount Pleasant; clear and pleasant; snow about four inches deep.

Manti; fine and clear, but very cold.

Round Valley; sun very warm; two inches of snow.

Cove creek; fine and clear, but cold; four inches of snow. Beaver; clear and very warm.

Cedar City; very clear; not a cloud to be seen; very cold. St. George; clear, warm and pleasant, Thermometer 55.

LEGISLATIVE.

Jan. 28, 1868.

Council.—A communication was received from His Excellency, the Governor, informing the Council of his approval of the Resolution in relation to "Indian Spoilations;" also a memorial to Congress praying for a Land Office in Utah Territory.

Councilor Carrington presented a communication from Z. Snow, Esq., in relation to the Code of practice; which was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

A communication was received from the House informing the Council of their concurrence in an Act to incorporate Pleasant Grove Library Association; also an Act incorporating Cedar City Library Association. Both bills laid on the table.

Councilor Callister gave notice that he would, at an early day, present a general incorporation Act for Literary and Scientific purposes.

Councilor Carrington was added to the committee on Revision for the consideration of the Code of Practice.

An Act changing the name of Great Salt Lake City to Salt Lake City, was received from the House amended, on motion of Councilor Carrington was further amended, and returned to the House for their concurrence.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 1 p.m.

House.—A petition from W. G. Smith and ninety-one others, citizens of Morgan county, praying for the removal of the county seat from Littleton to Morgan city, was read and referred. The report from the Auditor of Public Accounts, with documents in relation to delinquent territorial taxes, was read and referred to special committee.

Messrs. Farr, Wright, Maughan, Thurber, Reese and Rich were appointed said special committee and one hundred copies ordered printed.

A petition from David Candland, Ex-Assessor and Collector for Sanpete county, for relief, was read and referred.

The bill changing the names of Great Salt Lake City and County, was received from the Council further amended. The House concurred with the Council in their amendments.

The bill for an act extending the boundaries of Coalville city charter, was reported back with amendments. House adjourned till to-morrow at 1 p.m.

Jan. 29, 1868.

Council.—A communication was received from the House informing the Council of their concurrence in the amendment of an Act changing the name of Great Salt Lake City and County to Salt Lake City and County.

An Act changing the name of Richland Co. to Rich Co. was read the third time by its title and so passed and sent to the House for their concurrence.

Councilor Carrington presented a report of the Territorial Road Commissioner which was read to the Council.

The House notified the Council that they had passed an Act changing the name of Richland County to Rich County, with amendments. The bill to incorporate Deseret City was passed as amended.

An animated discussion on cattle drives, in which several of the members took part, occupied the Council for some time. Adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Jan. 29, 1868.

House.—Petition of Peter Rasmussen and sixty others, citizens of Salina, Sevier Co. for indemnification for the loss by Indian depredations, was presented: Read and referred.

The Chairman of the Committee on Revenue, returned the petition of B. K. Bullock, B. A. Allred and the Assessor of Sevier Co. for abatement of taxes, recommending their being referred to the Special Committee, which the House complied with.

The Green River ferry charter was returned to the table it being deemed inexpedient to legislate thereon.

A message was received from the Council, announcing their passage of an Act changing the name of Richland County to Rich County. Said bill was passed.

An Act to incorporate Deseret City, Millard Co., was passed.

An Act in relation to interest and damage was taken up, read and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

The Judiciary Committee reported back substitute for said bill, which was laid on the table. The bill changing the boundaries of Coalville City, in Summit County, and for other purposes was passed.

House adjourned till to-morrow at 1 p.m. Jan. 30, 1 p.m.

Council.—A communication was received from His Excellency, the Governor, informing the Council of his approval of the bills changing the name of Great Salt Lake City and County to Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County, and Richland County to Rich County.

Councilor Callister presented "an act to provide for the incorporation of Literary and Scientific Associations." Referred.

Councilor Harrington presented a petition from the citizens of Utah County, praying for its division: Referred.

Also a petition from T. J. McCulloch and others, praying for amendments of the Estray Pound Laws: Referred.

On motion of Councilor Benson, a special committee was appointed to examine the Auditor's accounts and delinquent tax report; Councilors Benson, E. Snow and J. A. Young were appointed said committee.

Councilor Harrington presented a petition from the citizens of Utah county, praying for an appropriation to build a bridge across Jordan river north of Lehi. Referred.

Adjourned till 10 a.m. to-morrow. Mr. Pace presented petition of Geo. W. Bean for relief: read and referred.

Mr. Evans presented petition of W. H. Wind and 251 others, citizens of the Northern part of Utah Co., praying for a division of Utah County; read and referred.

Mr. Thurber presented petition of Silas Hillman and 141 others from Spanish Fork; also, petition of John B. Fairbanks, and 186 others of Payson, also, petition of Joseph Matthews and 99 others from Santaquin; also, a petition from Nelson Higgins and 46 others of Piontown, all praying for a division of Utah County; read and referred to Committee on Counties.

The Chairman of Committee on Penitentiary made an elaborate report, and recommended appropriations in conformity with the request of the directors; report accepted and appropriations ordered inserted in the Territorial appropriation bill.

The Territorial road commissioner's report on the Wasatch road was called for.

The bill for Lafayette Granger's charter was returned, legislation thereon being deemed inexpedient.

Mr. Thurber presented, proposal of Archibald Gardner to build a substantial bridge across Provo river in Utah County and keep the same in good repair for five years for the sum of \$8,000 read and referred.

Adjourned till to-morrow at ten a.m. Jan. 31, 10 a.m.

Council.—The Territorial Road Commissioner's report was referred.

An act extending the boundaries of Coalville, Summit county and for other purposes, was read, amended, passed, and sent to the House for concurrence.

Councilor E. Snow presented petition of R. Bentley and 98 others, citizens of St. George, relative to damage done by animals: referred.

A communication from Judge McCullough, of Washington county, was read and ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

Councilor Hyde presented petition from Wm. Pries and 61 others, citizens of Gosher, praying for annexation to Juab county: referred.

An act incorporating Richland City, in Cache county, which had previously passed the House, was concurred in.

Adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow. House.—Mr. Allred presented an Act amending an Act granting unto H. S. Alexander the right to establish a toll bridge or bridges across Weber river in Summit county; read and laid on the table.

Mr. Maughan presented a bill for a city charter to Richland City; passed.

Mr. Young, chairman of Committee on Militia reported that the motion of Mr. Allred did not cover the ground in relation to Indian spoils in Sanpete county; report accepted.

A message was received from the Council announcing their amendment and passage of the Act extending the boundaries of Coalville City, in which the House concurred.

The Committee on Education were instructed to take into consideration the propriety of introducing a bill in which to define the meaning of the term "Common Schools" used in the school code.

A petition from John Boyden, ex-Assessor and Collector of Morgan county, for relief, was read and referred.

House adjourned till Monday at 10 a.m.

DEBT.—The following paragraph will bear reading often. It is from an article by Horace Greeley:

"Hunger, cold, rags, hard work, contempt, suspicion, unjust reproach, are disagreeable; but debt is infinitely worse than them all. And if it pleased God to spare either or all of my sons, to be the support and solace of my declining years, the lesson which I should have most earnestly sought to impress upon them is—'Never run in debt. Avoid pecuniary obligation as you would pestilence and famine. If you have but fifty cents, and can get no more for a week, buy a peck of corn, parch it, and live on it, rather than owe any man a dollar.'"

MORE ENTICING.—A fellow was doubting whether or not he should volunteer to fight. One of the flags waving before his eyes bearing the inscription "Victory or Death!" somewhat troubled and discouraged him.

"Victory is a very good thing," said he: "but why put it 'Victory or Death?' Just put in 'Victory or Crippled,' and I'll go that!"