

UTAH LEGISLATURE.

COUNCIL.

Monday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

H. F. 25, the bill to amend the charter of Spanish Fork City, was read the first time and referred.

H. F. 40, the bill to change the name of W. G. Stonehouse and others was read and referred.

H. F. 41, changing the boundaries of American Fork City was read and referred.

Benediction by the chaplain. Council adjourned till 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1882, 2 p.m.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Councillor E. Snow presented a petition from citizens of Washington, praying for an appropriation of \$5,000 for the purpose of improving the road running over the Black Ridge, in the southern portion of the Territory, similar to the petitions presented to the Council before for the same purpose.

Councillor Caine presented a petition from 68 merchants of Salt Lake City, praying that C. F. 19, the bill introduced some time ago to enable persons to collect debts under the sum of \$75, was read and referred to the committee on judiciary. This petition was signed by nearly all the business men of the city, and included among them are, J. R. Walker, S. P. Teasdel, Cohn Bros., D. O. Calder, G. F. Culmer, R. H. Schettler, Godbe, Pitts & Co., Sears & Liddel, C. R. Savage, Angus M. Cannon, Hardy Bros., G. W. Davis, Joslin & Park, Barratt Bros., Adam Spiers, Solomon Bros. & Gold, Geo. Romney, D. James, L. D. & A. Young, Cunningham & Co., Barnes & Davis, M. H. Lipman, etc., etc.

Councillor Smoot, from the committee on claims and appropriations reported back the petitions of W. I. Clark, ex-assessor of Sevier County, and F. Kingston, ex-assessor of Morgan County, who had asked to be reimbursed sums of money they had paid into the Territorial Treasury, but which had been paid in other counties. The committee favored the amounts prayed for be placed in the appropriation bill. Carried.

The committee on municipal corporations reported back the House bill granting incorporated cities certain powers, with amendments; also the House bill amending the charter of Spanish Fork City, and the House bill changing the boundaries of American Fork City, without amendments.

The committee on agriculture reported back the Council bill to restrain sheep from being herded near to settlements, with amendments; also the House bill relating to fencing lots and gathered crops, without amendments; Council bill in relation to dogs, with amendments.

The committee on judiciary recommended the passage of the bill to change the name of the family of Stonehouse to Stone.

Councillor Cluff introduced a bill to provide for revenue for district schools. This bill provides for licensing peddlers, drummers, telegraph, express companies, sewing machine agents, dentists and physicians outside city corporations, the net proceeds to go into the county treasury for the benefit of district schools.

The House bill giving power to city councils to restrain from the running at large of swine, horses, cattle and poultry, was recommitted to the committee on municipal corporations.

The bill to restrain the running at large or herding of sheep within three miles of settlements, or within one-half mile of any public highway or within two miles of any dairy, except within the prior possession of any owner of such sheep.

The bill passed its first reading and was referred to the committee on engrossing.

The House bill providing for fencing orchards, stackyards, gathered crops, and town or city lots, and passed.

The Council bill providing for the registering and collaring of dogs outside of city corporations, was read, and referred to the committee on engrossing.

Another message from the House was received, stating that a concurrent resolution had been passed to print 2,500 copies of the report of the Territorial Superintendent of District Schools for distribution among the officers of the Territory,

the Legislative Assembly, the school officials and teachers in each school district and for circulation abroad. Also referring the recommendations concerning changing the school law to committee.

The House bill changing the boundaries of American Fork City, was read the second and third times.

The Council bill for a charter for Nephi City, was read the first time, and

After benediction by the chaplain.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

HOUSE.

Monday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

By Mr. Peterson, from John H. Hogarth and 106 others, residents of Mantle City, Sanpete County, asking that a change be made in the boundary lines of that city. Referred to the committee on municipal corporations and towns.

By Mr. Blackburn, from H. S. Wright and 110 others, protesting against the removal of the county seat of Piute from Junction to Koo-sharem City, as it would work an injury to the inhabitants of the county. Read and referred to the committee on counties.

By Mr. Partridge from H. S. Gowans and 178 others remonstrating against the repeal of the charter of Tooele City. Read and referred.

A communication from the auditor was received representing that as the lease of the auditor's and treasurer's office would expire on the first of March the leaser desired to know whether the Assembly wished to renew the lease at \$900 per annum. Referred.

Mr. Penrose, from the committee on claims and public accounts relative to the petition of John W. Turner sheriff of Utah County for relief to the amount of \$1,400 connected with his official services in the arrest, trial and conviction of Fred. Welcome and Jack Emerson, reported that after duly considering the same the committee recommended that the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated for the relief of petitioner. The report was accepted and the amount appropriated.

Mr. Thurman, from the committee on contingent expenses, in response to the House resolution reported.

Mr. Booth did not think that the report complied with the resolution, and, moreover did not think that the Territory was liable to pay the expenses, and moved its reference back to the committee.

The report was finally accepted.

The committee on counties, by Mr. Hatch, the chairman, reported upon the petition of F. W. Young and others, respecting the formation of two new counties, that the committee recommended that the petition be not granted. The recommendation was adopted.

Introduction of bills: By Mr. Hatch, to provide for the creation of a Territorial board of police commissioners. Referred.

By Mr. Johnson, to create the office of Territorial Fish Commissioner, with two assistants. Referred to committee on fish and game.

Special orders: C. F. 15, a bill designating public holidays, was taken up. The amendment offered by Mr. Booth, providing that no days of grace shall be allowed on any promissory note, etc., was considered.

Mr. Booth stated that in most of the States the common law provision of days of grace had been repealed.

Mr. Penrose was in favor of such days of grace being granted, as they favored the poor.

Mr. Sharp was opposed to days of grace. Men who borrowed money for 60 days should be required to pay interest on 63 days if they took advantage of the days of grace.

Mr. Stout was in favor of striking out this section, as it had no relevancy to the bill defining public holidays. The section was stricken out.

Mr. Preston moved to strike out the clause making election days holidays.

Mr. Penrose and others favored the striking out of the section as holidays were often days of riot and tumult, and on motion the section was stricken out. The bill passed—aye 22. Title approved.

C. F. 14, to incorporate Silver Reef City, was taken up and made the special order for next Wednesday.

H. F. 48, to provide for the revision of the compiled laws by a committee

of three persons, who shall report to the Assembly of 1884, with all the laws framed in one bill, with marginal notes as to need of repealing, inconsistency, etc., was taken up. The bill was finally sent to the judiciary.

Mr. Penrose presented the biennial report of the Territorial Superintendent of District Schools, pending the reading of which the House adjourned until Tuesday, 2 p.m. Benediction.

Tuesday, February 14, 2 p.m.

The Speaker being absent Mr. Fair was elected chairman pro tem.

The consideration of the report of the Territorial Superintendent of District Schools was resumed, and upon completion 2,500 copies were ordered printed for distribution, etc.

Petitions were presented:

By Mr. Attwood from Mr. Geo. C. Pack and 227 others residents of Summit county and one from Jos. H. Black and 83 others each asking for an appropriation of \$1,000 to build a wagon road from Park city to Chamois, Uintah county. Read and referred to the committee on highways.

Mr. Peery from the ways and means committee, upon H. F. 44 to amend the Compiled Laws, reported that the committee had amended the bill and recommended its passage as amended. Accepted.

The committee on agriculture, by Mr. Preston, the chairman, reported back H. F. 38, with amendments, recommending its passage. Accepted.

Mr. Partridge from the committee on irrigation reported unfavorably upon the passage of H. F. 29, providing for the recording of vested water rights. The report was accepted and bill rejected.

Mr. Lee from the rules committee presented the following substitute for rule 31: "The title of every bill shall express the subject to which the same relates; and if a bill proposes amendments to the compiled laws of Utah, the title shall contain the compilers' section; if amendments to the laws passed since the said compilation, the title shall contain the section chapter, and date of approval of the act proposed to be amended; if an amendment to the charter of a city, reference to the act incorporating such city shall be sufficient." The rule was adopted.

The committee on ways and means reported back H. F. 49, to amend section 19 of chapter 18, without amendment. Accepted.

The committee on agriculture, by Mr. Preston, chairman, reported back a bill to appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to the use of the D. A. & M. Society to erect suitable buildings on the east half of Washington Square, granted them by the Salt Lake City Council. The report was accepted and the bill filed.

The committee on counties, by Mr. Hatch, reported adversely upon the petition of Wm. King and others, for the creation of a new county. Accepted.

The committee on claims, by Mr. Penrose, approved of the report of J. B. Booth, special commissioner on lures and witness fees in the First District Court, and recommended that the same be spread upon the minutes. Adopted.

Also upon the claim of J. H. Henderson, sub-treasurer of Iron county, for relief for services rendered in 1878-9, the committee recommended that the sum of \$36.90 be appropriated for the relief of petitioner. Adopted, and the amount ordered to be placed in the appropriation bill.

Also, upon the claim of George M. Brown, assessor and collector of Utah County for the relief in the matter of uncollectable Territorial taxes, recommended that the petition be returned for proper certification. So ordered.

Introduction of bills:

By Mr. Francis, authorizing the issuing of duplicate warrants under bonds upon the application of the owner of a lost warrant. Referred to the ways and means committee.

By Mr. Booth, to make all school taxes apply to the erection of the University of Deseret and reform school buildings. Read and referred to the judiciary committee.

The bill licensing and regulating the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was taken up on its second reading. A number of amendments were offered. During the consideration of the bill the House adjourned until Wednesday afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Benediction.

The Riddleberger debt bill is now law in Virginia.

WASATCH STAKE CONFERENCE.

The 18th Quarterly Conference of the Wasatch Stake of Zion convened on the 4th of February, 1882, at Heber City.

Present on the stand: President Hatch and Counselors, J. R. Murdock, President of Beaver Stake of Zion, Patriarch T. Hicken, the Ward Bishops and their Counselors, Members of the High Council, Presidents of quorums and their Counselors.

The forenoon was occupied by the funeral services of Sister Sarah Montgomery. Remarks were made by Br. J. M. Murdock and Patriarch Hicken, who spoke highly of the course pursued by deceased.

In the afternoon Prest. Hatch referred to the funeral services of the morning in a feeling manner, speaking words of consolation and comfort to the mourners on the occasion. Exhorted all to prepare for the inevitable change and prove while in the vigor of life the sincerity of their professions. Said in consequence of the Logan Conference the Apostles could not visit us at this time. He was well pleased with the people of the Stake, thought we were just as good and law-abiding a community as there is on the face of the earth.

Prest. J. R. Murdock said he had for many years studied the principles of our Church; they were calculated to bring unto us a full and complete salvation; read from the New Testament, 5th chapter of Matthew 18 verse: "Verily, verily I say unto you, that not one jot or tittle of the law shall pass away until all shall be fulfilled." Also quoted from the 8th chapter of Isaiah. Spoke on the death and resurrection of the Savior and their results upon the human family. Compared the Gospel as taught by Jesus and his Apostles with that taught by the Latter-day Saints.

Prest. Hatch gave notice of a Priesthood meeting to be held at 6.30 p. m.

Adjourned to 10 a. m., on Sunday the 5th.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

Conference again convened, the house, as usual on these occasions, being completely filled. Meeting opened in the usual manner.

The forenoon was occupied by reports of Bishops of the several wards, Presidents of quorums, etc.

The afternoon services consisted of administration of the sacrament, the statistical reports of the Stake read. The general authorities of the Church, and the local authorities of the Stake were presented by the acting clerk, Elder T. S. Watson, and unanimously sustained.

Prest. Murdock referred to the importance of the work we are engaged in, the influence of our example upon our children and the necessity of our teaching them the principles of the Gospel. Referred to the spirit of infidelity that prevails to a great extent; warned all against its influence upon the youth and blessed the people in the name of the Lord.

President Hatch gave notice that if no change was made, Conference would again convene on the 5th and 6th of May, 1882. Spoke of the course we ought to pursue, in order to become educated in the Gospel. The necessity for a new meeting-house; admonished all to attend to family prayers. Hoped that the school trustees would make ample provisions for the education of every child in the Stake. Spoke upon the correct mode of marriage, and urged all to live in accord with correct principles.

Benediction by Patriarch Hicken. T. S. WATSON, Acting Clerk.

Correspondence.

News From Arizona.

SMITHVILLE, Graham Co., Arizona, Jan. 29, 1882.

Editor Deseret News:

As I stated in my last from St. David, that President Macdonald and company were going into Sonora. They started on the 20th inst. The party consisted of Elders Macdonald, Brizze, Trejo and four others from St. David, were well fitted for a twenty days' journey into North-Eastern Sonora.

Conference was held here, at which the General Authorities of the Church were presented to the Saints and were sustained unanimously, as also President Macdonald

with Henry C. Rogers as his first Counselor and S. W. Serrine, as his second Counselor as the presiding authority in this the Salt River District. After this, President Macdonald stated that as President R. C. Merrill, who had earnestly labored amongst the people since the first settlement of this valley, had done a good work and desired to be released, his resignation was accepted, that he might more freely act in his patriarchal calling, and operate in connection with his family and friends in the spirit of union and order of the gospel. It being deemed best for the progress and well being of the Saints in this valley, it was motioned and seconded that Elder D. P. Kimball be appointed to the presidency of this branch, which was unanimously sustained, as were also the following helps: Calvin Reed as President of the Teachers' Quorum, with Samuel B. Curtis, John S. Merrill, E. F. Hubbard, M. G. Trejo, Alexander McKee, John Anderson, Joseph M. Curtis and W. W. Wild as teachers.

The officers of the Relief Society are as follows: Sister Sirena Merrill as president, with Rhoda S. Merrill as her first counsellor, and Marie McKee as her second counsellor, with Sister E. A. Merrill as secretary, and L. A. Merrill as treasurer, Seth A. Merrill as superintendent of the Sabbath School, with E. T. Hubbard and M. G. Trejo as his assistants. The Y. M. M. I. A. is in a thriving condition under the management of T. S. Merrill and J. J. Busby and R. W. Bingham as his assistants. The Y. L. I. A. will compare with any that I ever visited. These two associations met on Sunday evening, and their exercises consisting of select readings, recitations, songs, etc., were all rendered in a creditable manner; at the close of which Mrs. Sarah D. Curtis, president of the Y. L. S. was called on for a speech, which was given in the spirit of the Gospel.

In the evening of the 23d we met with the directors of the St. David Canal, to transact some business, when we were taken by surprise. Sister Sarah D. Curtis and Brother John Campbell entered our quarters at the head of the ladies of St. David, all loaded with baskets full of the choice things of the earth, and before we realized what was up they broke forth in the song.

"We have come this night to greet you, etc."

At the close we had a dance, after which we were refreshed with the contents of the baskets, to which we did ample justice.

On the 24th inst. we started for Smithville. Besides Prest. Macdonald and company there were Bro. E. Hulbard and wife, J. S. Merrill and wife, and Calvin Reed, who took us over to this place, a distance of 110 miles. The whole country is a meadow of grass, with some few ranches established, one of whom is Mr. Hooker's, the great horse and stock man of Arizona, who took great pleasure in showing us his horses. In the late Indian trouble he lost 127 head of horses. He has on this ranch besides his horses 6,500 head of cattle, and imported 50 head of fine graded bulls this season. Twelve miles from this point we arrive at Eureka Springs, owned by C. P. Litch and brother. Learned they have 1,300 head of cattle. We arrived at Smithville about 3.30 p.m. Found Bishop Joseph Rogers and his branch all well. This place is situated on the Gila River, 12 miles above Camp Thomas and contains about 300 souls. Their houses are principally log. They have nearly finished a building for a co-operative store and a very comfortable log school house 45 x 18 feet which, at our meetings, was filled to overflowing. The resources of this place for marketing their products are good. The Globe mining district is 70 miles west. Wilcox, a station on the S. P. R. R., is 50 miles southeast. Camp Grant, Camp Bowie and several new mining districts within a radius of 75 or 100 miles giving to this extensive agricultural district a good market for all that can be produced from the earth. Corn, which grows large and matures well, is worth \$3 per hundred pounds, wheat about the same, potatoes \$4 per hundred pounds, and corresponding prices for everything. This is termed the Upper Gila Valley and is from one to five miles wide and 40 miles long before it narrows on the east. There are several canals taken out of the river in this valley. The Montezuma and Central being among the oldest. There is also a very good grist mill here with two run of stones and shorts