

UTAH LEGISLATURE.

COUNCIL.

January 9.

The committee appointed to wait on the Governor reported that His Excellency, Acting Governor Arthur L. Thomas, was ready to deliver his message at any time, and a message having been received from the House that that body would meet with the Council in Joint Session immediately, to receive the message, the Council took the preliminary steps to that end.

On motion of Councilor Erastus Snow, Councilors Teasdale, Barton and Thurber were appointed a committee to obtain bids for printing, to act with a committee for the same purpose appointed by the House.

The officers and members of the Council then took a recess and adjourned to the Representatives' Hall, for Joint Session.

After the Joint Session was dissolved, the Council resumed its sitting, when

Councilor Caine moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms furnish accommodations for the reporters of newspapers, which was carried.

After an informal discussion, it was agreed to have the minutes of each session read daily, before adjournment, as heretofore.

On motion of Councilor Caine, the time for the commencement of the sessions of the Council was fixed at 2 p.m., until further ordered.

Benediction by the Chaplain. Council adjourned.

January 10.

Council assembled at 2 p.m. Called to order by President J. F. Smith.

Roll called. Quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain.

Message from the House that the House had resolved, the Council concurring, to provide members and officers with stationery, four daily newspapers, postage stamps and penknives.

On motion the Council concurred.

Councilor Caine moved to amend by inserting after the word newspapers "published in this Territory."

Councilor Thurber objected to four daily newspapers, as being too many.

Amendment carried. Councilor Erastus Snow moved that the word "four" be expunged and "two" put in its place.

Councilor Caine moved to amend by putting the word "three" as a compromise.

Amendment carried. The resolution was then concurred in.

A message was received from the House, that they had adopted a resolution that the Sergeant-at-arms of each House procure for the use of each House, two copies of the U. S. Statutes at Large, passed by the 46th Congress.

Councilor Thurber did not see any use of two copies. He thought that one copy of each of the last two sessions of Congress would be sufficient.

Resolution concurred in.

A message was received from the House that the House concurred in the Council amendments to the resolution regarding stationery, etc.

The President appointed the following standing committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Elections—Lorenzo Snow, A. O. Smoot, Moses Thatcher, Peter Barton.

On Revenue—A. O. Smoot, Peter Barton, J. R. Murdock, A. K. Thurber.

On Claims and Appropriations—Erastus Snow, John R. Murdock, D. H. Wells, Moses Thatcher.

On Judiciary—D. H. Wells, E. Snow, A. O. Smoot, A. K. Thurber, John T. Caine.

On Agriculture, Trade and Manufactures—A. O. Smoot, J. R. Murdock, L. Snow, W. W. Cluff.

On Education—Moses Thatcher, J. T. Caine, A. K. Thurber, L. Snow.

On Counties—Peter Barton, J. R. Murdock, Geo. Teasdale, W. W. Cluff.

On Petitions and Memorials—J. T. Caine, M. Thatcher, D. H. Wells, Geo. Teasdale.

On Roads, Bridges, Ferries and Canyons—W. W. Cluff, J. R. Murdock, E. Snow, Peter Barton.

On Enrolling and Engrossing—J. T. Caine, W. W. Cluff, Geo. Teasdale.

On Printing—Geo. Teasdale, P. Barton, A. K. Thurber.

On Library—L. Snow, Geo. Teasdale, E. Snow.

On Militia—D. H. Wells, L. Snow, A. K. Thurber, W. W. Cluff.

On Irrigation and Canals—A. K.

Thurber, E. Snow, A. O. Smoot, J. T. Caine, M. Thatcher.

On Mineral Resources—J. R. Murdock, P. Barton, D. H. Wells, A. O. Smoot.

On Railroads—Moses Thatcher, W. W. Cluff, Geo. Teasdale.

On Municipal Corporations and Townsites—E. Snow, J. T. Caine, L. Snow, D. H. Wells.

Moved by the Sergeant-at-Arms to procure for the use of the Members of the Council copies of the Laws passed in 1880, and also of the Journals of 1880. Carried.

Moved by Councilor Lorenzo Snow that the Sergeant-at-Arms procure a box at the Post-office for the use of the Members of the Council. Carried.

Moved by Councilor Wells, House concurring, that there be printed 200 copies of the daily minutes, and 200 copies of the names and addresses, and of the standing committees of the Council, for the use of the Members. Carried.

Councilor Thurber called attention to the printed copy of Monday's minutes, commencing 45th session, it should be the 25th. Ordered corrected.

Message from the House that the House concurred in the resolution to print 100 copies daily minutes and 200 copies of names and addresses and standing committees.

Moved by Councilor Caine that the freedom of the Council Chamber be extended to:

Hon. F. Little, Mayor and the City Council of Salt Lake City.

Hon. W. H. Hooper, ex-Delegate to Congress.

Hon. John A. Hunter, Chief Justice of Utah Territory.

Hon. P. H. Emerson, Associate Justice.

Hon. S. P. Twiss, Associate Justice.

Hon. P. T. Van Zile, U. S. District Attorney.

F. Salomon, Esq., Surveyor General.

H. McMaster, Esq., Register U. S. Land Office.

M. M. Bane, Esq., Receiver Public Monies.

O. J. Hollister, Esq., Assessor and Collector.

Gen. McCook, Commandant and Staff, of Fort Douglas.

The Federal Officers of the Territory.

Hon. John Taylor, ex-Superintendent District Schools.

The Chancellor and Regents of the University.

Ex-Members of the Legislature, and the Probate Judges of the several counties.

Carried.

The several portions of the Governor's Message were assigned to the committees, as follows:

Sale of Liquors to the committee on municipal corporations and townsites.

Arrest of criminals, jurors and witnesses, to the committee on judiciary.

House of refuge and insane asylum, to the committee on library.

Statistics, population and industries, to the committee on counties.

Agriculture and manufactures, to the committee on agriculture, trade and manufactures.

Political situation, polygamy and governmental action, to the committee on judiciary and education, associated.

Railroads, to the committee on railroads.

Irrigation, to the committee on irrigation.

Chattel mortgages, to the committee on judiciary.

Public schools, to the committee on education.

Registration, to the committee on elections.

Right of dower, to the committee on judiciary.

Revenue, to the committee on revenue.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Council adjourned to Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

January 11.

Council assembled at 10 a.m. Called to order by President J. F. Smith.

Roll called. Quorum Present. Prayer by the chaplain.

Councilor Geo. Teasdale presented a petition from Edwin Harley sub-treasurer of Juab County, for compensation, \$113.29 for services done in 1878 and 1879, and on motion, was referred to the committee on claims and appropriations.

Councilor Caine presented a bill for an act amending the charter of Salt Lake City, in reference to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and, on motion the bill was referred to the committee on municipal corporations and townsites.

Benediction by the chaplain. Council adjourned to 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

January 12.

The Council convened at 3 p. m. Roll called.

Prayer by the chaplain.

A message was received from the House informing the Council that they had passed a concurrent resolution electing Thomas E. Taylor, Esq., public printer.

Councilor Teasdale presented a report from the committee on printing recommending Thomas E. Taylor as public printer and the resolution of the House was concurred in.

The committee on municipal corporations and townsites reported back a bill for an act amending the charter of Salt Lake City, and the bill passed its second reading, and was ordered to be engrossed.

Councilor E. Snow presented the financial report of Washington County, which was referred to the House committee on revenue, as such reports should be first acted upon by that body.

Councilor Murdock presented petition of J. R. Wilkins, clerk of the Second District Court, praying for relief in the sum of \$1,473.46 for services rendered in that court during the last four years, which was referred to the committee on judiciary, with instructions to examine into and report upon how far the Territory is liable for court fees.

Councilor E. Snow presented petition from residents of Silver Reef asking for the passage of an act making valid and prescribing the method of executing and acknowledging chattel mortgages, also the passage of an act amending the Compiled Laws so far as they exempt from execution the personal earnings of a debtor. Referred to committee on judiciary.

After benediction the Council adjourned to 2 p. m. Friday.

Jan. 13, 2 p. m.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll Call. Quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain.

Councilor Caine reported that the bill for an act amending the city charter of Salt Lake City was engrossed; it was then put upon its third reading and,

On motion of Councilor Smoot, was passed.

No objection being made to its title it was ordered sent to the House for concurrence.

A message was received from the House that they had passed a concurrent resolution that a committee of three be appointed by each house to take into consideration the advisability of compiling and publishing the Laws of Utah in a complete form and to report thereon at an early day.

Councilor Wells, although not thinking such a compilation was necessary, moved that the Council concur in the resolution.

Councilor E. Snow said that this action would pre-suppose that such a work was necessary; he did not think that it was, but would like to know if the laws of the last two sessions had been published what had become of them, and moved as an amendment that the resolution be referred to the committee on judiciary.

Councilor Wells said that in making his motion he had no sympathy with the resolution, but respect for the House would require the Council to concur in the appointment of the special committee.

Councilor E. Snow withdrawing his amendment the resolution was concurred in, and the Chair appointed Councilors Wells and Thatcher as such committee.

Councilor Thurber wanted to know if there were any minutes of the 11th and 12th of the House, and also the rules adopted by the House, as he had not received them.

Councilor Caine said that the House did not adopt their minutes till the following day.

The sergeant-at-arms was ordered to obtain and distribute the minutes and rules.

A message from the House was read that Attwood, Stout and Booth were appointed by the House as a revision committee.

Councilor Thurber presented a bill for an act to change the name of Niels Mortenson to Niels Morten Peterson. The bill was read, received and laid on the table, to come up in its regular order.

Councilor Murdock moved that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to draft a code of rules, to be observed in the Council Chamber.

Councilor Wells amended, by requiring that the committee should

take into consideration the expediency of drafting rules.

Amendment carried. After prayer by the chaplain, the Council adjourned to 3 o'clock on Monday.

HOUSE.

January 9th.

Message was received from the Council requesting that a committee be appointed to act in conjunction with a like committee of that body to make selection of a public printer.

On motion that committee to consist of five members.

Junius F. Wells was installed minute clerk and Mr. Pratt usher of the House.

On motion of Mr. Penrose the sergeant-at-arms was instructed to provide suitable accommodations for representatives of the press in a situation where they could hear distinctly the proceedings of the House.

On motion of Mr. Jaques a resolution was adopted to procure for the use of both houses four copies of the United States statutes at large of sessions 1879-80 and 1880-81.

The Speaker announced that Messrs. Penrose, Francis, Atwood, Peterson and Thurman were appointed a committee on printing.

Mr. Penrose said that as he was connected with a printing establishment there might be some dissatisfaction at his being appointed on the committee on printing, and suggested that another be appointed in his place.

Mr. Penrose was released; Mr. Francis was made chairman of said committee and Mr. Jaques added to said committee.

A message was received from the Council that Mr. W. W. Taylor had been appointed minute clerk and Jeter Clinton usher.

Mr. Johnson moved that the national flag be hoisted during the sessions of the Legislature. Carried.

The committee on printing was instructed to have the minutes printed until a public printer be chosen.

The motion for the furnishing of officers and members with newspapers, etc., was taken up. The amendment to strike out the word "officers" was put and lost. The original motion was carried.

The minutes were called for.

Adjourned until Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Jan. 10th.

After the House was called to order, the roll was called, a quorum present.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Minutes of yesterday's session read, amended and approved.

A Council message announced that that body had amended the resolution providing for the procuring of newspapers, etc., by confining the resolution to newspapers published within the Territory and diminishing the number to three each. House concurred in the amendments.

A communication from the Territorial Treasurer was read, stating that that officer had in his possession of the property of the Territory: One fire-proof safe; a desk; an inkstand, 16 Froiseth's new maps of Utah; one ditto for use of office, and one blank receipt book. Accepted.

A communication from Secretary Thomas was then read representing that as he had distributed so freely of the copies in his possession of the laws passed during the session of 1890, he was unable to supply the members with the same.

On motion of Mr. Jaques, the privilege of the House was extended to Senators and Delegates to Congress, Federal officers of the Territory, commanding officers of Forts Douglas and Cameron, the Mayor and Councilmen of Salt Lake City, Probate Judge and Selectmen of Salt Lake County, Regents and Faculty of the University of Deseret, Superintendent of District Schools of Salt Lake County, and Territorial Surveyor.

Mr. Dusenberry requested that Mr. Jaques withdraw the motion for a few minutes to hear the report of the committee appointed to draft rules. Assented to.

A message from the Council announced the concurrence of that body with the House resolution to provide two copies for each assembly, of the Statutes at large of the United States.

The committee on rules begged leave to report their adoption of the following.

Mr. Dusenberry moved the adoption of the report, whereupon

Mr. Stout objected as the rules were too important to pass over hurriedly without more consideration.

Moved that fifty copies be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Dusenberry amended his former motion by adding that the rules be put upon their passage.

Mr. Stout suggested that the proper motion should have been to accept the report of the committee, but Mr. Dusenberry deemed their adoption sufficient, as the acceptance of the report would prevent the approval or disapproval of the House, thereafter.

The original motion to accept of the labors of the committee was put and carried.

Mr. Stout again recommended the printing of 50 copies of the rules, whereupon

Mr. Hatch moved the adoption of the rules so far as the appointment of standing committees was concerned, also that they be put upon their second reading in order that they may be critically considered before passing to the printer.

Mr. Farr suggested that each member have a printed copy for inspection and was in favor of having the rules printed.

Mr. Booth was in favor of Mr. Hatch's amendment, that the rules pass to their second reading, and that the House adopt those rules pertaining to the appointment of standing committees.

Mr. Smith stated that the House should not adopt the rules before knowing whether any more were needed.

Mr. Peery was not prepared to vote on their adoption.

Mr. Stout thought the Speaker could proceed to appoint the standing committees without the adoption of the rules in question.

Mr. Jaques: As a two-thirds vote is necessary to rescind any rule, their adoption should be with great care.

The motion of Mr. Hatch, that rule twenty-eight be adopted, when put, was lost.

On motion of Mr. Stout it was decided to have fifty copies of rules printed.

A communication from the Council announced the adoption by that body of a resolution offered by Mr. Wells, to have one hundred copies of the daily minutes, and two hundred copies of the names and residences of officers and members, with the standing committees of each House, printed for the use of the Assembly. House concurred.

On motion of House adjourned until 10 a.m. Prayer by the Chaplain.

January 11, 1882.

Roll call; quorum present. Prayer by Chaplain.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read, amended and approved.

Mr. Smith moved the immediate consideration of rule twenty-eight—on the standing committees. Carried.

Mr. Peery objected to section one, as regards the number comprising the committee, and moved that the committee be decreased to three instead of five; which motion, however, was lost.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the committee on penitentiary and reform schools, was increased from three to five members.

Mr. Farr moved that the committee on education be comprised of seven instead of five members. Carried.

The committee on municipal elections was changed from three to five members, on motion of Mr. Booth.

Mr. Preston moved that the committee on mining be increased to seven members. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Booth, the committee on Municipal Corporations was increased to five members.

On motion of Mr. Dusenberry, the committee on Enrollment was increased to five members.

The rules were then read section by section and amended.

During their passage, considerable discussion ensued, in which the greater portion of the House participated.

Mr. Stout moved the striking out of the words "having previously examined and approved."

Opposed by Mr. Farr and Mr. Penrose. The motion was lost when put.

Mr. Penrose moved that rule six be laid over.

Amended by Mr. Stout that rule six be stricken out. Motion lost.

Mr. Jaques moved the striking out of the words "in ordinary Legislative proceeding," in rule six. The motion was lost.

Mr. Farr moved that rule seventeen be stricken out. Lost.

Rule amended by Mr. Booth by