

## GOVERNOR WEST'S RECEPTION.

The program as announced in last night's News for the reception of Governor West was carefully carried out and the march made to the Theater over the route indicated. The Theater, which was well filled with people, was artistically draped with Stars and Stripes and national hunting. Hon. John T. Caine acted as chairman, and speeches of welcome were made by Judge Henderson, Hon. F. S. Richards and Hon. David Evans, while telegrams of congratulation were read from S. R. Thurman, W. H. King and A. D. Gash of Provo, C. M. Nielson, C. W. Peterson, Peter Greaves, C. M. West and H. P. Larsen of Ephraim, and Prof. J. H. Paul of Logan.

Chairman Caine then introduced Governor West, who delivered the following inaugural address:

Seven years ago I came as a stranger to the capital of Utah. Right royally was I welcomed then and warmly am I received tonight. Seven years ago a vast concourse of people greeted me when I appeared among them, but many, I fancy, came with curiosity to see what manner of man had come to be their governor. Now I come as one of you—one of them—a citizen of Utah. (Applause.) How different the feeling then and now.

When tonight I look into your hopeful and joyous faces and grasp the hand of unquestioned friendship, the blood courses like lightning through my veins. Such a demonstration shows to a man that he has excited some love and respect in the hearts of a great people. There is no joy comparable to the consciousness that the people you have served appreciate your efforts. (Applause.)

Seven years ago bitterness, division, contention and strife prevailed here.

The air was filled with distrust and suspicion. Neighbors looked askance at each other. There were a darkness and feeling which hung like an impenetrable pall over you. I found a city here of 22,000 or 23,000 people. Now we have a population of between 50,000 and 60,000. Where there was hatred then there is good feeling now. Magnificent homes and costly business blocks have increased in numbers. Improved streets and more rapid transportation and a variety of other blessings are the result of the confidence that has been established since that time. Seven years! Magic words! They have wrought these changes. Then there was an unnaturalness—such a condition of affairs as has never existed elsewhere. That was the beginning of a new era.

The result is seen now in the removal of that which was wrong. Which condition was the best for the people, that which existed then, or that which prevails now? There is no one within the sound of my voice—not a citizen within the confines of this great Territory—that would not unhesitatingly declare himself in favor of the condition of today. [Applause.] I say to those who are loth to trust a great people, whose pledges and conduct should dispel all doubt as the warm chinook scatters the winter storms and clouds, how can you stand back and deny them that which they are rightly entitled to?

With the adoption of the methods

inaugurated when I first came here came the beginning of a better time. We organized a Business Men's association, and thereby got men together who had been engaged in local strife and contentions. They talked their differences over together, as men should, and learned to love and respect each other. The movement here in that respect was followed up in Ogden, Logan and Provo, and the desire for peace and good feeling spread rapidly. He who was then in the wrong could be reached and talked with and greater patriotism was brought about.

No longer the leading men of that people find lodgment within the gloomy enclosure of a prison house. No longer the wife weeps, in her loneliness, for the absent husband who did not and could not return. Thank God those times are gone forever. [Tremendous applause.] Utah's own brave men and women have placed in their hands the cup from which they all drink the sweet wine of general happiness and prosperity. [Renewed applause.]

One week ago today I witnessed in New York a great line of United States battleships with the flag of our country to the front to do us honor. Bands were playing patriotic airs, great guns fired salute after salute and loyalty prevailed everywhere. It was indeed a time of supreme rejoicing and pride to know that we are clothed upon with American citizenship. Could any Utah citizen have seen what I saw and felt the thrill I felt, he would not be willing to live another moment under territorial vassalage and bondage. [Cheers and applause.]

I speak tonight of statehood. Of all things wanted, needed and that which should be had, statehood is uppermost. [Tremendous cheering.] Will you, dare you speak or work against it, territorial citizens?

In Utah is a people who have accomplished wonders by their industry and thrift. They have taken the mountain streams from the courses nature made for them and redeemed an arid waste and made it as an oasis. They plant, cultivate and gather in season and are prosperous. Their horses and cattle roam over the hills and ranges, their sheep feed in the mountains and upon the deserts. Wealth and civilization are everywhere. In the towns and villages are homes of magnificence and comfort. In our commercial marts are business houses and manufactories of many kinds. Great business blocks and elegant residences tower heavenward in all our leading cities. Railways, electricity and everything that can conduce to man's happiness is ours. There is absolutely nothing to prevent us from becoming more a part of our great government. Territorial government was created simply for the weakling.

We have passed the stage and are now ready to assume all the responsibilities of statehood and no obstacles should be placed in our way.

I say to our friends in doubt, in all kindness and charity give your doubt to your kind—men and women among whom you live—and I promise you it will not be abused. You admit that many changes have come—changes for which you pleaded in season and out. Now, for God's sake, for your own sake and for the sake of the people among whom you live, give up the fight and

work with us for peace, good will and happiness. (Applause.)

Now to our people of Utah we have a duty to perform, an account of the strife that has begotten a feeling of distrust and doubt. Let us relegate to the rear rank forever the idea that the church shall rule the state; nor shall it in anywise interfere with it. Every man shall worship his God under his own vine and fig tree after his own behest, without molestation; we shall go on and demand that Utah be admitted into the Union.

I come to you as a Democrat appointed by a Democratic President, confirmed by a Democratic Senate.

I believe that our Liberal friends, small in numbers, are, for the good of the Territory, growing beautifully less, (laughter) and I believe that most of them are honest in their doubts and are willing to concede the doubts of their hearts at the expense of their brains. (More laughter.)

I am determined to be Governor of the Territory without regard to party, creed or religion. As the officer of the law it will be my sworn duty under the law to secure equal rights to all men.

As Governor it shall be my endeavor to limit taxation to the necessity of an honest government wisely and economically administered. (Applause.)

In the bestowal of such patronage as I have in my gift, I shall not give it except to those who are honest and capable.

I deem it proper to say that here sits Governor Thomas, whom I succeed. I have always found in him my constant and steadfast friend, and I have to say that while differing from him on various questions, I have believed him honest in his convictions.

If in the confines of Utah there is an enemy of mine, I thank God I do not know it. I am now ready to take the office for the second time, as required by law of the Governor of this Territory. (Prolonged applause.)

Chief Justice Zane then administered the oath of office to the new governor. It reads as follows:

I, Caleb W. West, governor, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to this fourth day of May, A. D. 1893.

This concluded the inaugural exercises and the gathering dispersed with three hearty cheers and a "tiger" for the new executive.

## PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The Priesthood meeting of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion was held in the Assembly Hall today at 11 a.m. Elder Angus M. Cannon, President of the Stake, presided.

The roll call showed the following as present: Four High Councilors; four Patriarchs; Elders George B. Wallace and William C. Dunbar of the Presidency of the High Priests' quorum; twelve Presidents of Seventies; and eleven home missionaries. All the