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MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The meetings of Legislative Assemblies, in Utah, have never been attended with much excitement, uproar, noise nor confusion attendant upon the assembling of a greedy set of office-seekers and log-rolling gentry in quest of some position they deem themselves peculiarly qualified to fill that may be in the gift of the law-makers, and which they may have been promised by some of the members elect for "services done and performed" in the electioneering campaign either for the successful candidates or the victorious party.

Office seeking being one of the most unpopular and disgusting things to which men can turn their attention in this Territory, and the incumbency of what few offices there are in the gift of the Legislative Assembly being a tax upon, instead of a source of profit to the recipients, or those thus honored, legislators with few exceptions enjoy an immunity from the importunities and assaults of such hungry swarms of beings as in other Territories and States usually gather at the capital on the eve of sessions, and do not from thence depart so long as there is a ray of hope left of their obtaining something from the public crib to satiate their longing desires for such lucre. This is also a poor country for the obtaining of private franchises. Toll roads, toll bridges, ferries and other exclusive privileges, are not very popular nor paying institutions, neither can they often be obtained by asking the law-making department for them. All these things combined contribute to produce a quiet and peaceful state of things at the seat of government, not only while the members are assembling, and the wheels of legislation are being put in motion by effecting permanent organizations, but during the sessions.

A few of the members of the present legislature, from distant counties, arrived the forepart of last week, but a majority of them did not reach the city until Saturday. Their arrival created no sensation whatever beyond the cordial greeting of old friends and acquaintances. On Monday forenoon shortly after eleven o'clock the members and a few of the aspirants for the positions of secretaries, clerks, sergeants-at-arms, messengers and firemen, or foremen as generally erroneously called, were seen wending their way leisurely towards the County Court House, where the last session was held, and to which place at its close an adjournment was taken to convene again on the second Monday in December, 1862, at twelve o'clock at noon, at which hour the members assembled in their respective halls, and proceeded to take the usual initiatory steps to effect an organization preparatory to entering upon the duties devolving upon them as the representatives of the sovereign people.

In the Council Chamber the roll was called by Patrick Lynch, Esq., former assistant secretary, every member answering to his name, with two or three exceptions. Hon. Orson Hyde was elected president *pro tem*. Elder Joseph Young, former chaplain, offered prayer, after which, Hon. Daniel H. Wells was elected president; James Ferguson, secretary; Patrick Lynch, assistant secretary; John W. Young, sergeant-at-arms; Samuel L. Sprague, messenger; John D. T. McAllister, foreman, and Elder Joseph W. Young, chaplain. On motion of Mr. G. A. Smith a committee was appointed to wait on the Hon. Chief Justice Kinney, and request him to attend and administer to the members and officers the new oath of office prescribed by Congress, commonly called the "oath of allegiance," with which request his honor promptly complied. The organization of the Council having been completed, Mr. Carrington introduced a resolution, which was adopted unanimously and subsequently concurred in by the House, adjourning the Legislative As-

sembly from the Court House to the State, formerly Council House, after which the Council adjourned to meet in the chamber prepared for that body in the State House, at three p.m., on Tuesday.

The Representatives elect on assembling were called to order by R. L. Campbell, esq., former assistant clerk, when Hon. John Taylor was elected speaker, and Thomas Bullock clerk *pro tem*. On motion the speaker *pro tem*. appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Rockwood and Pratt, to examine the credentials of the members elect, who reported the following entitled to seats: Messrs. John Taylor, Hiram B. Clawson, Edwin D. Woolley, Joseph A. Young, Albert P. Rockwood, John V. Long, from Great Salt Lake County; Albert K. Thurbur, Lorenzo H. Hatch, Aaron Johnson, from Utah County; John Stoker, Judson L. Stoddard, from Davis and Morgan counties; Loren Farr, Thomas Dunn, from Weber County; Jonathan C. Wright, from Box Elder County; Peter Maughan, William B. Preston, from Cache County; Eli B. Kelsey from Tooele County; Timothy B. Foote from Juab County; Reddick N. Allred, Madison D. Hambleton, from Sanpete County; Thomas Callister from Millard County; Amasa M. Lyman, from Beaver County; Silas S. Smith from Iron County; Orson Pratt, sen., from Washington County; George W. Bean from Wasatch County, and Thomas Rhoads from Summit and Green River counties. The oath of office was administered to the members by Chief Justice Kinney.

After the qualification of the members the House proceeded to effect a permanent organization by electing the following officers: Hon. Orson Pratt, sen., speaker; Thomas Bullock, chief clerk; Robert L. Campbell, assistant clerk; James D. Ross, sergeant-at-arms, James Ure, messenger; James S. Brown, foreman; and Elder W. W. Phelps, chaplain, to whom individually, Chief Justice Kinney administered the requisite oath.

A message was received from the Council announcing that that branch of the Legislative Assembly had completed their organization and were ready to proceed to business, and subsequently another message was received informing the House that the Council had passed a resolution adjourning the Legislative Assembly to the State House, which was concurred in unanimously. A committee was appointed by the Speaker, consisting of Messrs. Farr, Taylor and Woolley to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, in conjunction with a like committee from the Council, to inform him of the organization of the Legislative Assembly, and that they were ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make, and thereupon the House adjourned to meet in the State House on Tuesday, at three p.m.

On Tuesday both Houses met pursuant to adjournment in the State House. The standing committees were announced, after which a joint session was held, and E. Smith elected Public Printer. The Governor informed the Assembly through the joint committee appointed to wait on and inform him of their organization, etc., that he would meet the two Houses in joint session this afternoon at two o'clock p.m. and deliver his message, which some are waiting for with considerable anxiety.

ANOTHER EXPEDITION AFTER INDIANS.

A detachment of about one hundred cavalry, under Major McGarry, left Camp Douglas after dark on the evening of Thursday last, the 4th inst., for the purpose, as understood, of making an attempt to recover from the Indians, who were reported to be encamped somewhere beyond Bear river, north, some of the stock which they took from the emigrants last summer and fall, and to give them a little taste of the fighting qualities of the Volunteers, should opportunity present.

It is stated that the greatest secrecy was maintained in camp in relation to the movement, that the Indians who are ever on the alert, might not be apprised of the intended expedition and the march of the troops, through their spies, who are, no doubt, constantly lurking about, until they should be far on their way towards Bear river ferry, a very wise precaution, and if the plan of operations could have been successfully carried out, it might have produced satisfactory results, but

from reliable reports, it seems that, notwithstanding the secrecy that was intended, the Indians were informed by a runner who was seen going northward on Thursday afternoon, and passed through Brigham city on his way to the Indian encampment, before the troops left Camp Douglas, and of course they were soon on the look out for the troops, and making arrangements for defense.

Major McGarry continued his march during the night of the 4th, and made no lengthy halt, as reported, until he arrived at Willard the next day, in the forenoon, some fifty-four miles from Camp Douglas. The command remained at Willard till late in the evening on the 5th, when the march was resumed, and passing Brigham city near the base of the mountains on the east, arrived at Bear river ferry before daylight on Saturday morning.

On his arrival at the ferry, as we have been informed by a gentleman who left Brigham city at noon on Monday, the Major found that the river was full of ice and the ferry-boat not in running order, as the decking had been taken off by the owner, Mr. Empey, the two scows on which it was constructed taken apart when the ice commenced running to save them from demolition, and on hearing of the approach of the soldiers, the Indians had cut the rope on the further side of the stream, thereby intending to make it impossible for the command to cross the river at that point. They, however, succeeded in getting one of the scows out of the ice, and crossing most of the troops over without their horses, which were taken down to Mr. Empey's ranch, some eight miles below the ferry.

The troops which crossed over remained in camp on the bank of the river during Saturday, the encampment of the Indians being in full view on a hill beyond the Malade. During Saturday night two Indians were captured by the guards, and two more on Sunday morning. On Sunday, as stated, Major McGarry sent an Indian boy belonging to Mr. J. Meeks, to the Indian encampment to inform them that if the stock which they had in their possession was not brought to his camp by Monday noon, the four Indians who had been taken prisoners would be executed. In the course of the day on Sunday the Indians broke up their encampment, crossed over the Malade to the east side and proceeded across the plain, in full view of the troops, to Bear River Canyon, no effort having been made to attack them while en route, for reasons unknown.

Having ascertained sometime in the course of the day on Sunday that the river was passable at the old Indian or Upper Ford, our informant states that it was rumored in Brigham City on Monday forenoon, that during Sunday night, the soldiers who were on the north side of the river, were crossed back to the south side, where their horses were, and that the entire command before the dawn of day on Monday had safely crossed the river at the Upper Ford and were ready to offer the Indians battle, which it was believed they would accept. He also states that at about eight o'clock on Monday morning, the firing of artillery, of which the command had one small piece with them, was distinctly heard at Brigham City, and that when he left at noon the command could be seen returning southward about twelve miles off; but what had been the result of the fight, if one had taken place, was not known there, neither whether the stock had been recovered or not, and the fate of the four Indian prisoners had not, of course, transpired.

We forbear comments till more shall have been made known concerning the expedition and its results, which we fear, if not now, will eventually prove unfavorable. If the stock has been recovered, and the Indians so thoroughly whipped that they will retire into the Bannock country, there to remain during the winter, all right; but if they have not been conquered, it is feared that the northern settlements will not be as safe hereafter as they were before the expedition was sent out to punish them for past offenses.

OUTRAGEOUS AFFAIR.

Yesterday afternoon, Main street was thrown into the utmost confusion and alarm by the disgraceful conduct of one of the eastern mail stage-drivers, who was so beastly drunk that he lost all management of his horses, and drove with such fury through the streets that it was only with great difficulty

a large number of persons escaped being injured. As it was, one little boy, a son of Stephen Goddard, was knocked down by the horses, and marvelously escaped being trampled to death.

The first of the affair that we witnessed was the stage and six horses coming up the street furiously; but evidently not an unmanageable runaway. The driver, instead of keeping them on the Main street, apparently to show his skill, wheeled the horses on to the sidewalk, to the south of Kimball & Lawrence's store, and turned short around the Market House. Measurably quieted yet with the reins lying loose upon them, the horses took round to the back of Jennings' store, where they came to a halt. At that moment the ostler got from the stage, and the drunkard began again, and the horses started, turning over a wood pile and landing the stage on its side in an opposite direction. The animals, disengaged from everything but the front wheels, ran through between the buildings into Main street, crossed to the opposite side of the street, smashed everything in their way, upset a candy stall, and threw down the verandah poles of a store. There were a large number of persons at that place who had to save themselves from the frightened horses. Here Goddard's little boy was trying to get out of the way, when the off leader knocked him down and the other horses turned him over and over, like a foot ball. The horses still kept on and took for 1st South street, where they got entangled with a yoke of oxen attached to a wagon, and there came to stand still.

We cannot help expressing the hope that the Eastern Stage Company will be brought to a realizing sense of its responsibility, and the right that the traveling public, as well as others, have to expect sober and intelligent employees in its service. We are confident that had such an affair occurred in connection with the Western Overland Mail Company's stage, it would have been the last time that that driver would have drawn reins for them; but we regret to be forced to add that there are too many things of a similar kind in connection with the Eastern Mail Service.

MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO.—We saw at the Historian's Office a few days since, a specimen of tobacco, grown and manufactured by Mr. W. W. Riley at Provo, who having provided himself with a press and other fixtures, has been putting what little he produced the past summer, some four hundred pounds, into shape more acceptable to the consumers of the, to us, loathsome weed, than the usual way for twisting it up for eating by those who have not the facilities, or do not understand the process of preparing it, otherwise, for mastication. The shape of the plugs and color of the article are supposed to go far in establishing its quality, and we are informed that some of those who think they cannot live without tobacco, and feared "starvation" in consequence of there having been but a small amount imported this fall, are well pleased with Mr. Riley's manufacture, and express a belief that they will be able to sustain themselves on such till spring, if no better can be obtained.

THE CONCERT.

Last evening, pursuant to previous announcement, the first concert of the Deseret Musical Association was given in the Tabernacle of this city. As our forms were prepared for press soon after the hour of opening we could not make any definite or detailed allusions to the performance; but will say in brief, that it was such as to reflect deserved applause, as well in respect to the execution of the varied parts and pieces, as to the scientific skill, order and discipline displayed in the training of the several classes. The second concert comes off on Friday evening next, 12th inst., when an entirely new programme will be presented; and, if the house is not well filled we shall confess to have underrated the relish for music among the citizens of Great Salt Lake City and its environs.

ALMANACS FOR 1863.—The Deseret Almanac for next year is now ready for delivery. They may be had at the Counting Room of the Deseret News Office. Retail price, 25c. Per hundred, \$20.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—James A. Foster, a printer, late of San Francisco, Cal., who was accidentally shot a short time since at Camp Douglas, died on the 26th ult.