

LEGISLATURE.

COUNCIL.

Thursday, Feb. 21, 1884.

Mr. Heyborne presented a petition from Wm. C. McGregor and 110 others, of Iron County, praying for re-appropriation of \$1,000 for road-making purposes. Read, and referred to committee on highways.

The Chief Clerk read a communication from the House in reference to C. F. No. 19, notifying the Council of adherence to their amendments to said bill, and requesting that a committee of conference be appointed. The Chair appointed Messrs. F. S. Richards and Joel Grover to said committee.

Mr. Grover, of the committee on municipal corporations and towns, reported back H. F. Nos. 38 and 45, and C. F. Nos. 1 and 8, recommending their passage. Report accepted, and bills tabled to come up in their order.

Also C. F. Nos. 10 and 17, without amendment, recommending their passage. Tabled to be further dealt with.

Mr. Woolley presented a report from the committee on elections, relating to that portion of the Governor's Message bearing on registration and elections, with an accompanying bill prescribing qualifications for voters and office holders, providing for registration of votes, and regulating the manner of conducting elections. The committee recommended its passage. Report received, and bill, C. F. No. 33, read by title and tabled to be further dealt with, and with instructions as to printing.

Mr. Barton brought up a report from the committee on counties relating to that part of the Governor's Message treating of apportionment, enclosing a bill apportioning the legislative representation of the Territory. Read, and bill laid on the table to come up in its order.

Mr. F. S. Richards introduced a bill, C. F. No. 35, amending section 2,006, chapter 10 of the compiled laws. Read the first time and tabled to come up in its order.

C. F. No. 34, apportioning the legislative representation of the Territory of Utah, passed to its second reading, and was referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. H. J. Richard presented a bill, C. F. No. 36, to license dogs, imposing a tax of two dollars per annum on same. Read the first time and referred to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Barton submitted C. F. No. 37, providing for private roads, which passed to its second reading, and was referred to the committee on highways with instructions as to printing.

C. F. No. 13, a bill for the preservation of domestic animals, passed to its third reading.

C. F. No. 30, to prevent the selling or giving of toy pistols to minors, was read the second time, rules suspended, and bill passed.

C. F. No. 16, to amend sections 2, 3 and 13, chapter 29 of the laws of 1880, was read the second time, and the rules having been suspended, the title was amended and the bill passed.

The Chief Clerk read a communication from the Governor concerning the duties of the commission on revision of the laws, and requesting that arrangements might be made for their continuance in office until the end of the session. After some discussion, the matter was referred to the committee on judiciary.

H. F. No. 19, a bill for the adoption of children, was next considered. The additions suggested by the committee were accepted and the bill read the second time. On motion, the rules were suspended and the measure passed.

Council adjourned to Saturday at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23.

Council met at 10 a.m., President Cluff in the Chair.

Mr. Barton on behalf of the committee on irrigation, presented a report on C. F. No. 22, a bill to appropriate money to aid in sinking artesian wells in certain parts of the Territory. The committee reported a substitute and recommended its passage. Read and bill and substitute tabled to be further dealt with.

Mr. Taylor submitted a report from the committee on claims and public accounts in regard to the petition of James H. Wilcock, assessor and collector of Wasatch County, praying that the sum of \$300 per annum be appropriated and fixed as the standing salary of sub-territorial treasurers. The committee recommended that the petition be not granted. Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

Mr. F. S. Richards brought up a report from the communication of Governor Murray, enclosing a joint resolution on the subject. On motion the rules were suspended, and joint resolution, continuing the committee on revision and compilation, was read three times and passed.

The Chief Clerk read a communication from the House, enclosing C. F. No. 18, with one amendment, also H. F. Nos. 37 and 24. Tabled to come up in order.

Mr. F. S. Richards presented a report from the committee on judiciary referring to C. F. No. 34, and recommended its passage. Tabled for further action.

On motion the rules were suspended and C. F. No. 34, a bill to apportion legislative representation in the Territory of Utah was read three times and passed.

Mr. Taylor brought up a report from the committee on printing concerning C. F. No. 33, with 200 copies printed.

Mr. F. S. Richards introduced C. F.

No. 35, amending sections 2,326 and 2,336 chapter 22, title 22, of the Compiled Laws. The measure was read twice; and the rules having been suspended, was read the third time and passed unanimously.

The Chief Clerk read a communication from the House notifying the Council of their concurrence in C. J. R. No. 1, referring to the continuance in office of the commission on revision and compilation. Received.

C. F. No. 18, to repeal section 21, chapter 31, of the laws of 1880, was also returned slightly amended. Amendments concurred in.

H. F. No. 37, providing for the election of a board of fish commissioners, and prescribing their duties, was read the first time by title, and referred to the committee on fish and game.

H. F. No. 24, to amend an act for the disposal of stray animals, etc., was also read the first time by title, and referred to the committee on agriculture.

C. F. No. 38, a substitute for C. F. No. 22, a bill to appropriate money to aid in sinking artesian wells in certain desert lands, was next considered. Much discussion ensued on the merits of the original bill. Finally the substitute having been read the first time, pending further action was ordered printed.

A communication from the House was next read, enclosing C. F. No. 30, with two amendments. The bill refers to the selling or giving of toy pistols to minors. The amendments expunged the word "minors" from the title and the context. Amendments concurred in.

C. F. No. 35, amending section 2006 chapter 10 of compiled laws, taken up on its second reading, the rules having been suspended, was read the second and third times and passed unanimously.

C. F. No. 17, extending the powers of incorporated cities, was read the second time. The rules having been suspended, the bill was read the third time and passed.

C. F. No. 10, a bill to amend section 1, chapter 13 of the compiled laws of Utah, 1882, passed its second reading.

C. F. No. 8, to amend an act to incorporate Richmond City, Cache County, passed its second reading. The rules were suspended and the measure was read the third time and passed.

H. F. No. 38, to amend an act to incorporate Provo City, passed to its third reading.

The Chief Clerk read a communication from the House enclosing C. F. No. 34, apportioning the representation of Utah Territory, having amended the same. Amendments concurred in.

HOUSE.

Thursday 21, 1884.

Mr. Morgan, from the committee on education, introduced H. F. No. 56, a bill providing for the purchase of 200 copies of a new and revised map of Utah Territory. This bill contemplates an appropriation of \$1,600 for 200 copies of a map of Utah, to be published by Joseph A. West, and for the distribution of the copies so purchased. Bill read first time, and second time by title.

A message was received from the Council, giving notice of conceding to the wish of the House for a joint committee on C. F. No. 12. The Speaker appointed Francis and Thurman on said committee.

Mr. Thurman introduced H. F. No. 5, a bill relating to certain crimes and punishments, and the punishment thereof. Referred to committee on judiciary.

H. F. No. 22, a bill to encourage the mining of mineral ores in Utah, was taken up on its second reading and amended.

C. F. No. 18, a bill repealing section one of chapter 31, and offering a substitute, was taken up on its third reading. This bill relates to the care and expense of the insane at the asylum. The bill was amended. The vote on the passage of the bill showed 19 ayes, 2 nays.

H. F. No. 37, a bill to provide for the election of a board of fish commissioners and to prescribe the duties thereof, was taken up on its third reading and passed, the vote being sixteen ayes four nays.

H. F. No. 24, a bill for the disposal of strays was taken up on its third reading. Mr. Farnsworth moved to strike out the enacting clause. The motion was lost. On the passage of the bill the vote stood 13 ayes 7 nays.

A message was received from the Council giving notice of passage of C. F. No. 30, also C. F. No. 16.

C. F. No. 30, a bill preventing the giving or selling of toy pistols to minors, was read first time, second time by title and referred to committee on militia.

C. F. No. 16, a bill amending sections 2, 3 and 13 of chapter 29, laws of 1880, relating to abandonment of roads, read first time, second time by title and referred to committee on highways.

A message was received from the Council, giving notice of the passage of H. F. No. 19, in relation to the adoption of children. Also, the passage of H. F. No. 36. H. F. No. 19 was taken up and referred to the committee on judiciary. H. F. No. 36, incorporating Park City, was taken up to consider the amendments made by the Council. On motion the bill was recommitted to the committee on municipal corporations and towns.

Thurman, by consent, offered a resolution, authorizing the chief clerk to request of the clerks of the First and Second District Courts of the Territory a statement for the House of the amount of fines collected under the

laws during the years 1882-3, on or before March 1st.

Adjournment till 10 a. m., Saturday February 23d.

10 a. m. Feb. 23d, 1884.

Mr. Hatch presented an account of \$602.50 from the Deseret News Company, for services rendered the Constitutional Convention. Referred to committee on claims and public accounts.

Mr. Houston for the committee on militia, to whom was referred C. F. No. 30, a bill to prevent the selling and giving away of toy pistols to minors, recommended that it be put on its passage. Adopted.

Mr. Morgan for the committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Provo, asking authority to issue bonds in School District No. 1, recommended that the petition be granted, and submitted a bill with the same. Report adopted and bill placed on file.

H. F. No. 52, a bill authorizing Provo School District No. 1 to issue bonds to the amount of \$15,000 for the purpose of building a school house, was read the first and second time by its title and ordered printed.

Mr. Creer presented H. F. No. 53, a bill to amend the city charter of Spanish Fork City; read the first and second times and referred to the committee on municipal corporations and towns.

A communication was received from the Council, giving notice of the passage of Council joint resolution No. 1, relative to continuing the joint committee on revision and compilation.

It being read the first and second times and the third time by its title, was put upon its passage. Ayes 16, nays 0.

H. F. No. 22, a bill to encourage the mining, milling, smelting or other reduction of mineral ores in Utah Territory, was taken up for its third reading and upon motion of Mr. Thurman it was made a special order for March 1st, 1884.

A communication was received from the Council, giving notice of the passage of C. F. No. 34, a bill apportioning the legislative representation of the Territory of Utah. The bill was read the first time, and the second time by its title and referred to the committee on judiciary.

C. F. No. 30, a bill to prevent the selling or giving of toy pistols to minors, was taken up for its third reading and was put upon its passage, ayes 14, nays 2.

A message was received from the Council giving notice of the passage of C. F. No. 39, a bill amending certain sections of the Compiled Laws, etc.

The bill was read the first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Stanford moved for a recess of 15 minutes. Carried.

Called to order at 11:45.

Mr. Hatch for the committee on judiciary to whom was referred C. F. No. 34, relative to the legislative representation in the Territory, reported the same back amended, and recommended that it be put upon its passage as amended. Adopted. The bill was then put upon its passage. Ayes 13, nays 3.

Mr. Creer for the committee on private corporations to whom was referred H. F. No. 15, a bill authorizing the erection of Union Depots, etc., recommended that it be put upon its passage. Adopted and ordered printed.

A communication was received from the Council giving notice of the concurrence in amendments to C. F. No. 12 in relation to Insane Asylum, etc.

Mr. Cummings moved that the joint committee on printing be instructed to use their best judgment to expedite the printing for the Legislature. Carried.

Adjourned at 12:40 p. m., till Monday at 2 p. m.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TOOELE BEE-KEEPERS.

TOOELE CITY, Feb. 22, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

On the 21st inst., the bee-keepers of this place held a meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the association as no election had been held since it was first organized several years ago, and but few meetings had been held owing no doubt to the few who were interested in the sweet enterprise. But the last two years has added quite a number to the association as you could see from the report of Tooele in the last Territorial Beekeeper's Convention, held in your city last October. The election resulted as follows: President T. W. Lee; First Vice-President A. G. Fraser; Second Vice-President Jno. McLaws; Secretary Jno. Dunn, Treasurer, Chas. Lindholm. It was decided that an annual election of officers be held each year, and that we hold monthly meetings, as some good could be done by an exchange of views, especially from those who had been for years working among the bees to those that were just starting in the business, and to those that will yet join with us. Many of those now engaged in bee culture do not have the time that should be devoted to it as the most of them have other duties to perform which call them away just at the time they should attend to taking away the honey and fixing up other things that would greatly add to the increase of honey and bees. This has been the case so far but we cannot tell yet how we will come out. We will be able to decide when the spring opens so we can examine our hives.

J. D.

A LETTER FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

HUNTINGTON, Emery County, Utah, Feb. 18th, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

A few weeks ago the citizens of this county sent a petition to the Legislative Assembly, asking an appropriation of \$2,000 to build a bridge over Price River, in this county; and also for \$2,000 to help to make a road through Huntington Cañon. At the time this petition was sent some of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad officials said we might get the money for the bridge, but we would not get help for the road. Now we see by the minutes of the House of Feb. 12th, that it has turned out just about as they predicted.

There was some talk when this petition was sent that in the event the appropriation was made and the road completed, a great many would bring their supplies through this route instead of paying the D. & R. G. the exorbitant freight rates that they are in the habit of charging on local freight. The petition for the road was for and would be the greatest benefit to the people of the whole country, excepting the railway people, and we would like to know some of the reasons for refusing an appropriation for the benefit of the people, and making one in the interests of a railroad corporation, of course we asked for both, and not wishing to cast any reflections on the honorable committee who had our petition, and who made the report referred to, we can only say it looks strange the prediction above referred to, should be so literally fulfilled.

In connection with this we would ask our law makers if they cannot pass a law to equalize freight rates throughout the Territory, as it seems where there is no competition, the people are taxed beyond all reason, considering the way rates are charged as soon as competition ceases. Now we hold that on the same principal a railroad company charges, more for local freight in a county where there is no competition, that the county would be justified in assessing a greater tax. But as counties cannot do that, why is it that a railroad company as soon as they leave competition, raise their rates double, treble and even four times higher than they do where that competition exists.

We are having a regular old fashioned winter, with snow about one foot deep; the indications are we will have some thawing weather soon, as it has cleared up to-day.

Yours truly, W. H.

CARP AS FOOD.

February 23d, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

I am frequently asked as to the nature and character of this fish, as to its qualities compared with other fish. In answer to those numerous inquiries I will make a few extracts from U. S. Fish Commissioner's Bulletin:

Wm. A. Jett, Atlanta, Georgia, says: He has eaten carp fried, and they were most excellent table fish, equal to any fish.

William A. Ridgely, Glenwood, Md., says: "They are the nicest fish he ever tasted, fried as other fish."

John Houston, Farmerville, Va., had some fried in lard at the time they had visitors, and they all joined in saying the had never eaten anything more delicious.

Mr. Thomas Adams, editor of the Edgefield Advertiser, says: We had two dishes cooked, seven or eight on each dish, from one to two pounds each. They were fried as shad are usually fried, and in all honesty and sincerity we never tasted a more delicious fish. So far from being dry they are precisely the opposite. They have but few bones—the backbone and ribs—with but few besides.

Matthew B. Carter, Shaker Ohio, and G. W. Varnum, Montgomery, Md., affirm that they are equal to the buffalo fish caught in the rivers.

P. Peyton Carver, Mount Joliet, Tenn., declares they are equal to cat fish.

M. S. Sinch, Sr., Wortham, Texas, says they are not as desirable as mountain trout, but equal to perch and superior to lake fish.

J. D. M. CROCKWELL, Clear Lake Fish Farm.

LOTS OF SNOW.

KANAB, Kane Co., Utah, February 12th, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

We are having genuine wintery weather at last, I say at last because it is two or three years since we had as much snow on the ground, at the same time as at the present. February set in with 48 hours gentle rain, followed with snow for about the same length of time, and now it is about 15 or 20 inches deep and increasing to a depth of five feet at the Ranch Post Office, so that the roads over the divide are impassable by team.

IRREGULAR MAILS.

Notwithstanding this our northern mail pushes through and makes pretty good time, through the energy of sub-conductor S. M. Anderson. But I am sorry to say our southern mails as we call them, the route our papers and Salt Lake mail matter should come, are sadly behind time. Only one issue of the SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS has been re-

ceived this month, No. 103, of February 1st, No. 104, due last Saturday, and still another issue of Friday, 8th, due here to-day, are yet behind. We are told the cause is a failure to connect at Shoonsburg Hill, which has occurred twice or three times within a week. It appears the carrier from Toquerville brings the mail sack to the foot of the hill. If the carrier from Kanab is there at the top, the mail sacks are exchanged by means of a wire extending from top to bottom, but in case he is not there, the "Toker" man goes back with the same sack he brought and thus the mails are delayed, which we very much regret as the NEWS is looked for with great interest.

IN HIGH SPIRITS.

Our farmers are rejoicing in the hope of plenty of water for irrigating their crops next summer and we are all anticipating a good season for fruit, as the cold weather will keep it back, we hope, till out of danger of being killed by the frost.

SUNDRIES.

The weather was remarkably fine during last fall and up till New Year's. Several new brick buildings have been going up, and are nearing completion.

Our Sabbath schools and meetings are well attended; also our day school under the management of Prof. A. W. Brown, who is a very good teacher.

The people of this ward have been very much interested in the lectures of Brother J. A. Little, on the "Conquest of Mexico," and by A. W. Brown on the Battles of the Revolutionary War, between Great Britain and the United States of America.

Yours as ever, SINE-ODIO.

Missionary Operations in England.—The Numbers of the Saints Reduced.

NO. 4, HENRY STREET, BUCKLAND, PORTSMOUTH, HANTS, ENGLAND, January 30th, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

My field of labor has been changed from the Kent and Essex to the Portsmouth and Southampton District for a season, and I find that here, as well as in the district I have just left, the Saints are very much scattered, and that where there used to be very large branches and good choirs, only exist one or two families, and in some instances parts of those families are in the valleys of the mountains. As soon as a few of the honest in heart embrace the gospel the spirit of gathering seizes them. They must gather with the Saints. I find here and there a photo. of Brother C. R. Savage, and other Elders who have labored in this conference, and they are highly prized by the Saints.

INDIFFERENCE IN RELATION IN RELIGION.

We do not meet with much opposition, in fact not enough to make it interesting. A great many of the people do not want religion; those who are religiously inclined are satisfied with what they have, and tell us they believe we shall all be saved, and shall all arrive at the same place, for we are looking to the same Christ, only our methods of getting there are different. As Mr. Spurgeon says: "We are on various roads but they all point to the same heaven." We find that the tracting does but little good here, and I have not yet heard of an instance where one person has been brought into the church by it, in this particular district, although of course it gives to them a warning, and we are going to continue it; but they cannot understand them, because they do not read them in the spirit in which they are written. Our greatest success is in getting introduced to strangers and visiting them at their houses and explaining to them the principles of the Gospel and showing them the difference between the Gospel of Christ and the systems of men. They have then to acknowledge the superiority of the principles we teach and in some instances they yield to the ordinances. We also present to them copies of the Deseret News and find that much interest is taken in it, and they sometimes invite us to call again and leave another. By the way I must congratulate the Deseret News on its greatly improved appearance.

CONVERSATION WITH A CLERGYMAN.

Bro. John Bench and I visited the office of the Portsmouth Evening News yesterday and had an interesting time with two of its Editors, who treated us kindly, and showed us over a part of the establishment, the pressroom, stereotyping department, &c. We informed them of our business, that we were missionaries of the "Mormon" Church, and they asked a great many questions in relation to Utah and its people, prospects, &c., to all of which we gave strait forward and satisfactory answers. We also gave them a copy of the Deseret News and they in return gave us a copy of their paper (which I have forwarded to you). We also showed them a number of photographs of Utah and its prominent men, Indians &c. in which they took great interest, and invited us to call again.

Last evening Bro. Bench and I attended an evangelical meeting at a Wesleyan church here. The sermon was preached by a Rev. Mr. Brambridge, who with eyes rolled ceiling ward, invited those present to come and give their hearts to Jesus, no matter if their sins were as scarlet, and he would save them. All they needed to o was to say they believed and come