

# DESERET NEWS.

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The public works are progressing well, considering the circumstances which surround us. If the brethren would be more prompt with their labor tithing, and the farmers in the country, would bring forward their butter, cheese, eggs, vegetables, &c., as fast as they receive, it would be a great blessing to themselves, and the workmen, and expedite business.

The walls of the blacksmith shop, on Temple Block, are completed; the store-house, on State House Lot, designed for the occupancy of Messrs. Livingston & Kinkead, are ready for the timbers: and the brick are now being laid for the Church store-house and store, east of the Bowery. The floors are being placed in the State House; and the best of slate is now quarrying at Utah, for the roof. The aqueduct to the Bath House is nearly completed.

About one thousand people, citizens and strangers, attended the Concert last Saturday evening; and, so far as we are capable of judging, and have heard, all were not only satisfied but highly gratified,—and will be ready for more at the proper time. The avails of the Concert will be appropriated to defraying the expenses of constructing a carriage, for the use of the Band, while cheering the people. The carriage is rapidly progressing.

We anticipate that the immense rush to the gold mines, will raise the price of teams in the States, so as to prevent some of the brethren from coming hither this season; while it will help others, who always have their dish right side up.

At the last accounts, the brethren going east, were at Upper Platte ferry, recruiting themselves, teams, and purses, preparatory to a sail across the Atlantic.

Bros. M. D. Hamilton, Potter, and others arrived from San-Pete on Wednesday, bringing shingles and lumber, in search of a little more flour, &c. They report health, peace, and prosperity; late frosts; and crops doing well.

We are informed by a gentleman on his way to the "diggins," that up to the 28th of May, there had passed Fort Laramie, 6852 men, 61 women, 38 children, 1849 wagons, 6633 horses, 2268 mules, 1062 oxen, and 76 cows.

We have received no regular files of any paper, consequently are not prepared to take up the general news of the past year in order of events, but must content ourselves with gleanings, a sketch here and there, as we can beg or borrow an odd number. The blowing up of steam boats, and gathering and bursting up of caucusses and conventions for the avowed purpose of dissolving, or to prevent the dissolution of the Union, are among the prominent items that we have noticed, and should we insert them all, we would have no room for aught else; Though we cannot well omit the last notice we have seen from Washington. April, 16, which we copy from the St. L. Republican.

House.—After prayer, the subordinate Clerk was about to read the journal of yesterday, when Mr. Hall wanted to know on what authority this individual was proceeding to do so. They had door-keeper and Postmaster thrust on them, and he was not willing to have the Clerk in the same way.

The Speaker said the journal had been prepared, as usual, under his direction. The individual at the desk was the subordinate officer of the late Clerk, and now occupied the position which he previously occupied, and the subordinate was not authorized to occupy

the position of Clerk of the House until an election of Clerk. The House is not organized, and no business can be transacted; this, however, will not prevent the reading of the journal.

Mr. Hall said, that if the gentleman reads the journal, not as clerk of the House, he had no objection.

The Speaker remarked that no one was now authorized to act as Clerk.

The journal was then read.

Mr. Harris, of Illinois, moved that the House proceed to the election of Clerk.

Mr. Brown, of Mississippi, wished to offer an amendment. The Speaker decided it not in order.

Mr. Brown's amendment was read, that the order heretofore passed, postponing the election of Door-keeper, be reserved, and that the House proceed to the election of Door-keeper. It was decided that no business was in order until the election of Clerk, who is necessary to the organization of the House.

Mr. Thurman asked if the motion of Mr Harris was debatable.

The Speaker said it was only to a limited degree.

Mr. Brown appealed from the decision of the Chair, declaring his amendment out of order, and the question being taken the Chair was sustained.

A resolution was now offered to proceed to the election of Clerk and was adopted. Nominations were made and Tellers appointed. House Voted—Prindle, N. York 48; Young, former Commissioner of Office, 22; Glossbrenner 11; Gen. Walbridge 17; Forney 17 (although not nominated;) Bart 1 (not nominated.) Five others were voted for; 94 necessary to a choice; 187 votes cast.

If the time intervening between the first Monday in December 1849, and the 16th, of April 1850, was not sufficient for the House to organize, how long will it require to transact a large amount of important business?