

selected as delegates to present the cause to Congress. Hon. John T. Cason, Wm. H. Hooper, James Sharp, Wm. W. Rice, F. S. Richards, D. H. Peery and W. D. Johnson Jr. This day was important in the history of Utah.

The second Slashed movement was in 1852. The convention met in the City Hall, Salt Lake City, on June 20th. Sixty-five delegates were present. Permanent organization was effected by the election of H. M. Jackson, president; L. O. Woodley, first vice-president; James T. Hammond, second vice-president; Henry M. Waite, secretary.

Daily meetings were held, Sunday services on July 1st, when the Constitution was adopted and the convention adjourned.

The Constitution contained a section which read "Bigamy and polygamy being condemned, compensation will be received for all damages caused by such an infidelity and adultery is forever prohibited and declared a misdemeanor." Any person who shall violate this section shall be convicted thereon of a fine of not more than \$1,000, and imprisonment not exceeding one year, or for a second offense not more than three years to the discretion of the court. This section shall be construed as operative without the aid of legislation, and the offense prohibited by any statute or limitation within these parts after the consummation of the offense; no man power of pardon except those until such person shall be appointed by the President of the United States. Utah has the same.

Mrs. Franklin S. Richards, E. G. Waite and W. W. Rice were selected delegates from the Convention to present to Washington, and with George T. Chase, their attorney, to the President, Congress and the Courts, and the new State of Utah, and the new State of Colorado.

The Convention appointed a committee to go to the seat of government to present the Constitution of the State of Utah, and Andrew Jensen, F. F. Wells and Andrew Jensen.

Later the Constitution was adopted by the people, voted 11,183 for and 674 against it. The Convention adjourned, and a dead set to Utah's appeal, and the Statuted question practically dropped out of sight, until after the division of the power of each party in 1890-91.

**STANCE OF THE SLASHED.** The leading events intervening between this point and the present are matters of current history. The division of the people on party lines, the issuance by President Roosevelt of the so-called "Manifesto," in which he

"and I now publicly declare that my advice to the Latter-day Saints is to refrain from continuing any marriage forbidden by the law of the land," and the adoption of the Mormon Tabernacle Conference of Oct. 6th, 1895, and again of Oct. 6th, 1891, in adopting by unanimous vote a resolution declaring that "We consider him (Wilford Woodruff) fully excommunicated, by virtue of his sins, and that the church which has been read in our heresy—and that as a Church in general conference assembled, we accept the declaration concerning plural marriage as authoritative and binding."

Then the granting of amnesty by President Harrison, and afterwards the dissolution of the Liberal party.

It is related of Tammie, the celebrated warrior, that she one occasion, having been overtaken and defeated by her enemies, sought refuge in a small cleft in the earth, and placed herself in the most pitifully dependent.

While there she espied an ant struggling to carry a kernel of corn up a steep bank, and she called to the ant, "Come up here, and help me."

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**WHERE WE MARK IT.** Number with such credentials as those, the admission gates ought to be open, and the doors wide open, and Utah possess the portals of the Union, while the New Year bells for 1895 are yet ringing, with all the pomp and splendor fitting to the change of millennium.

To make the record complete, it only remains to say that Congress passed the enabling act for Utah's admission, which was approved by President Cleveland, Oct. 1st, 1895. The Constitutional Convention was framed in March and April, May, 1895, when the Constitution of the state was framed. The people ratified it on November 1st, 1895, and the day before yesterday, January 4th, 1895, the President signed the bill, and the State on equal footing with the original States of the American Union.

**NO UNION OF CHURCH AND STATE.**

The Constitution, which forms the fundamental law of our State contains these words:

"There shall be no union of church and state; no law shall be made to interfere with the functions, performances of religious institutions or governments."

No inhabitant of this State shall ever be compelled to pay taxes or contribute to the support of any mode of religious worship by any government or church.

"The Legislature and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah, entitled, An Act to punish polygamy and other kindred offenses; approved Feb. 1, 1891, and in force from the same date and imposes penalties for polygamy, is hereby declared to be in force in the name of Utah."

From this brief resume of the main incidents of history connected with Utah's struggle for independence, it will be seen that the great efforts of the efforts of a majority of the people to attain the independence of the full rights of American citizenship on the one hand, and the efforts of the people to sustain the government of the United States on the other hand, have been the chief factors in the development of the territory.

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One South African mine, is destined to become a powerful factor in our immediate prosperity.

**REGULARISATION OF SILVER.**

In the mean time, however, it is the hope of every patriotic citizen of our young State, that the time may not be far distant when, by the rehabilitation of silver through congressional action, the value of the dollar will be increased, and the permanence of the economy, the permanent prosperity of Utah and the West, will be assured, and the financial interests of the Republics considered as they may be at no time.

One of the greatest pressing needs of the country is a railroad to the south and west of us. Let us include the hope that within the next two or three years a road or road may be constructed which will open up the mineral wealth of the mountains and southern Nevada.

With the product of these mines coming to the trade center of our State for reduction, and with the outcome of mining out the mines, smaller mines, and the like, and the people would certainly go up upon an extremely substantial footing.

I have confidence that these and other projects necessary for our material advancement will be undertaken through the efforts of the people of the State, and that nothing can be done which will be more beneficial to the people of the United States and the people of the world than the opening of these lands, which are among the richest in the world.

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