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MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

PEOPLE'S TICKET.

For Mayor:

FERAMORZ LITTLE.

Aldermen:

1ST WARD, - ADAM SPIERS.
2ND " - HENRY DINWOODEY
3RD " - A. H. RALEIGH.
4TH " - JOHN SHARP.
5TH " - ALEX. C. PYPER.

Councillors:

BRIGHAM YOUNG,
JOHN HENRY SMITH,
NICHOLAS GROESBECK,
J. R. WINDER,
DAVID O. CALDER,
GEORGE REYNOLDS,
ELIAS MORRIS,
ELIJAH F. SHEETS,
HARRISON SPERRY.

Treasurer:

PAUL A. SCHETTLER.

Recorder:

JOHN T. CAINE.

Marshal:

ALDREW BURT.

THE WOMEN'S PETITION.

THE petition of the twenty thousand and more of Utah women to Congress appears to have struck the eastern public with surprise, to such a degree that few know what to say about it. The petition was there, with the signatures, and its, to the eastern public, novel and strange requests. As it could not be got over bodily, the idea occurred to some of the newspaper people that the only way they could attack it would be to give it a bad name, depreciate it, and nibble it away, bit by bit. Consequently all sorts of depreciatory suggestions are thrown out by one paper or another, some of them most ungallant and discourteous. It is suggested that many of the names are forged, that there are not so many women in the Territory, that names were obtained under false pretences, that the women are slaves of the men and dare not do other than sign the document, and many more disingenuous and silly things are said, to all of which we have nothing to say, as we do not consider any answer needed here. We may, however, insert the following extract from the Washington Star of Jan. 24—

"Another petition was presented in the Senate and in the House today from the women of Utah. There were 2,678 names attached to the document. The objects asked for are that Congress appropriate a sufficient amount to make the Centennial exhibition a success, and an amount sufficiently large be appropriated that the exhibition be thrown open free to all. This is the most numerously signed petition which has been presented to Congress for these objects. It has been asserted that signers of this petition in Utah have complained that their names have been attached without their consent, to the petition of the 23,026 women of Utah presented to the Senate and House a few days ago. Delegate Cannon, from Utah, says that there is not a shadow of truth in these statements. The two petitions are entirely distinct. That signed by the 23,026 women was drawn up and circulated by the Ladies' Relief Societies of Utah, the members of which are Mormons, and asked Congress to repeal the anti-polygamy law of 1862, and the Poland law of 1874, and to admit Utah as a State. The delegate is positive that not one of the signers of this petition was led

to think that she was signing a petition for any other objects than those set forth in the memorial. The other petition was circulated under the auspices of the Women's Centennial Executive Committee."

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

COUNCIL.

Council convened yesterday, Feb. 2nd, at 2 p. m.

The following communication was received from the House and read:

"Gentlemen, — The House has passed the accompanying bill (H. F. No. 1) a bill amendatory of and supplementary to the charter of Beaver City, and forward the same for your action thereon."

The bill passed its first reading and was referred to the committee on municipal corporations and townsites.

Council then resumed the second reading of (C. F. 1), "The Penal Code," and made additional amendments thereto; laid on the table till to-morrow, for further consideration. Adjourned.

HOUSE.

House met yesterday afternoon at 2 p. m.

Mr. Preston presented a petition from the citizens of Smithfield, Cache county, praying for a change of city boundaries; referred to committee on municipal incorporations.

Mr. Thurber presented a petition of Wm. Leary and other citizens of Pangwitch, Iron county, praying for a new county to be created; referred to committee on counties.

Mr. Hatch presented a petition from C. W. Tappan and forty others of Salt Lake City, praying for the insertion of an article in the school law, now under consideration by the Legislature, for the election of a number of delegates to represent each school district in the Territory at precinct conventions (of which they are a part) there to elect precinct officers, also deputies to city and county conventions for similar purposes, etc.; referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Thurber, chairman of committee on revenue, reported a bill (H. F. No. 18) to "provide revenue for the Territory of Utah and the several counties thereof," and recommended its passage; read the first time and ordered read a second time and sixty copies printed.

Mr. Rockwood, chairman of committee on agriculture, trade and manufactures, reported back the request of the Recorder of Marks and Brands, referred to them, and recommended that the committee on claims and appropriations be instructed to insert in the appropriation bill the sum of \$200 to defray the expenses of printing, as contemplated in said report. Said committee so instructed.

Mr. A. Call, chairman of committee on roads, bridges, &c., reported adversely on the petition of H. W. Miller and 45 others, asking for \$1,000, to be expended on the road between Black Ridge and St. George; report accepted and committee relieved from further consideration of the subject.

The report of the Recorder of Marks and Brands, referred to in the report of the committee on agriculture, &c., ordered to be spread on the minutes.

A communication was received from Mr. Wm. Clayton, Recorder of Marks and Brands.

Reports from the Territorial Librarian and Directors of Penitentiary, now in the hands of the committees, were ordered spread on the minutes.

Mr. Rockwood, chairman of committee on municipal incorporations, to whom was re-committed (H. F. No. 13), a bill entitled "An Act Incorporating Ephraim City, Sanpete County, begged leave to report a substitute bill (H. F. No. 19), entitled "A Bill incorporating Ephraim City," and recommended its passage.

(H. F. No. 13 was rejected and substitute bill (H. F. No. 19) "A bill to incorporate Ephraim City," was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time by sections.

The vote referring the petition of C. W. Tappan and 40 others to the committee on education, was reconsidered, and referred to the committee on elections.

(H. F. No. 15) "A Bill to extend jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in criminal cases, and to regulate the mode of procedure therein," taken up on its second read-

ing, commencing at section 8, several amendments made, and pending reading of sec. 87, re-committed to committee on judiciary with instructions.

(H. F. No. 5,) "A bill incorporating the City of Nephi," was reconsidered and said bill was referred back to the committee on municipal incorporations, with liberty to substitute a new bill for same, and Mr. Grover was added to the committee during consideration of said bill.

Mr. Preston gave notice that he would move at to-morrow's session to have in the future morning sessions.

Adjourned.

COUNCIL.

Council convened at 2 p. m. yesterday, Feb. 3rd.

Councilor E. Snow, chairman of the Centennial committee, to whom was referred the petition of the president and members of the "Women's Centennial Executive Committee for Utah," moved that they have leave to withdraw said petition; carried.

Councilor A. O. Smoot, having obtained leave, presented (C. F. 8), "An act providing for the election of county prosecuting attorneys, and prescribing the duties and fees of the same," referred to committee on judiciary.

On motion of Councilor W. S. Snow, the committee was instructed to take into consideration the propriety of making such a law general in all the counties.

Councilor Cluff presented the following report—

"Gentlemen — Your committee on railroads, to whom was referred (C. F. 5 and 7), bills for 'An act amending an act providing for the incorporation of railroad companies,' etc., have examined said bills, and beg leave to report back C. F. 9, a bill embodying the two, and recommend that the same be put upon its passage; report accepted.

The said (C. F. 9), "A bill for an act to amend 'An act providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and the management of the affairs thereof,' approved February 19, 1869," was recommended to the committee on railroads, with instructions to incorporate certain amendments therein.

(H. F. No. 19), "A bill incorporating Ephraim City," was referred to the committee on municipal corporations and town sites.

(C. F. No. 11), "The penal code of Utah," was recommended to the committee on judiciary, and made the special order for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

House met yesterday at 2 p. m.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed the Hon. George Atkins, member for Tooele, in the following standing committees:

On revenue, elections, engraving and enrolling, and education.

Mr. Rockwood, chairman of committee of elections, reported adversely on the petition of C. W. Tappan and forty others. Report accepted, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

(H. F. No. 19), "An act incorporating Ephraim City," was passed.

Mr. Farr, chairman of committee on judiciary, reported back, amended, (H. F. No. 12), "A bill to limit the time within which Criminal Actions may be Prosecuted in this Territory," and recommended its passage as amended; recommended to committee on judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Lyman, Messrs. John Taylor and C. W. Penrose were added to the committee on judiciary during the consideration of said bill.

Mr. Preston moved that the regular sessions of the House be at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. the remainder of the term; motion put and lost. Adjourned.

COUNCIL.

Council convened at 2 p. m. yesterday, Feb. 4th.

Councilor Smoot presented petition of the citizens of Payson, asking for certain amendments to their city charter; referred to the committee on municipal corporations and townsites.

Councilor Woodruff presented the bill of Jesse W. Fox, Territorial surveyor, amounting to \$240, for office rent and fuel, from December 31, 1873 to Dec. 31, 1875; referred to the committee on claims and appropriations.

Report of the chancellor of the University of Deseret was read, or-

dered spread on the minutes, and referred to the committee on education.

HOUSE.

The House met yesterday at 2 p. m.

The Speaker administered the oath to the Hon. Brigham Young, Jun., Member from Cache and Rich counties.

Mr. Roundy presented a petition from Jacob Hamblin and 10 others, of Kane county, asking for an appropriation of \$2,000 for exploring and road work performed in Kane county and across the Buckskin Mountains to the Colorado river; referred to committee on roads, bridges, etc.

Mr. Pace presented a petition from George W. Hickman and 31 others, of Benjamin, Utah county, praying for the removal of corporation boundaries from Benjamin precinct, Utah county; referred to committee on municipal corporations.

Mr. Rockwood presented a petition from Stephen W. Taylor, Sheriff of Salt Lake county, praying for an appropriation of \$593.25, for services in arresting prisoners, etc.; referred to committee on claims and appropriations.

Mr. Rockwood, Chairman of committee on agriculture, trade and manufactures, to whom were referred the petitions of Jos. Rawlings and 63 others, of Jas. Winchester and 67 others, and of Catherine Burger and 44 others, praying for an act requiring smelters to condense the fumes of their works, submitted a bill for the same, and recommended its passage. Ordered to be read a second time, and 60 copies to be printed.

Mr. Thurber presented a petition from A. M. Musser, asking for an appropriation of \$1,608.67, for telegraphic services for the Territory during the past five years; referred to committee on claims and appropriations.

Mr. Farr, chairman of committee on judiciary, to whom was recommended (H. F. No. 14), "A bill relating to the Estates of Deceased Persons," reported back said bill with amendments, and recommended its passage. The amendments as proposed by the committee were adopted, and the bill being further amended, was passed.

Adjourned till 10 a. m. on Saturday.

MORNING SESSION.

HOUSE.

SATURDAY, Feb. 5th, 10 a. m.

Petition of F. Kesler, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Territorial Penitentiary, for an appropriation of \$100, compensation for services in that office; referred to committee on claims and appropriations.

Mr. Penrose presented a petition from the Union Free School Association of Ogden City, praying for a law incorporating that organization; referred to committee on private incorporations.

Mr. Rockwood, chairman of committee on agriculture, trade, etc., reported that they had considered the "bill to protect towns and settlements from the encroachments of herds of stock," to present which through said committee leave had been granted to Mr. Pack, and asked to be relieved from further consideration of the subject, as they did not deem such legislation necessary; report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Murdock presented a petition from D. P. Whedon, Assistant U. S. Attorney, for the 2nd Judicial District, asking an appropriation of \$625, for services performed as such officer; referred to committee on claims and appropriations.

Mr. Hatch, chairman of committee on irrigation and canals, to whom were referred the petition of the Hooper City Irrigation and Canal Co., and the petition of J. S. Rawlings and 88 others, reported favorably upon them, and recommended the passage of accompanying Bill (H. F. No. 21). Said bill was read the first time and recommended to the committee on irrigation and canals, and Mr. Rockwood was added to that committee during its consideration.

(H. F. No. 18.) A bill to provide revenue for the Territory of Utah and the several counties thereof; taken from the table, on its second reading by sections, and, pending the reading of section 9 the House adjourned till 2 p. m.

COUNCIL.

The Council convened at 2 p. m. on Saturday, Feb. 5th.

Council resumed the consideration of (C. F. No. 1), "The Penal Code of Utah," and further amendments being made, the bill passed its second reading, and was read the third time by its title, which was amended to read, "An act to establish a Penal Code," and the bill so passed, and was ordered to be sent to the House for their action thereon.

A communication was received and read, from Prof. O. H. Riggs, Territorial Superintendent of Common Schools, setting forth the amount of labor performed by him in the duties of his office, during the last year and nine months, and asking that a suitable amount be appropriated as compensation therefor, also for stationery, traveling expenses and incidentals, furnished by him; referred to the committee on claims and appropriations.

Councilor Harrington, chairman of committee on judiciary, to whom was referred (C. F. No. 8), "An act providing for the Election of County prosecuting attorneys and prescribing the duties and fees of the same," reported back as a substitute (C. F. No. 10), "A bill to provide for the election of County prosecuting attorneys, and prescribing their duties and compensation," and recommended its passage; passed its first reading and was taken up on its second reading, pending which it was recommended to the committee on judiciary.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met on Saturday at 2 p. m.

(H. F. No. 18) taken up at section 8 on its second reading, and, after several amendments, Mr. John Taylor moved for the amendment of the first section, pending which the House postponed further consideration of the bill till Monday next.

Mr. Rockwood, chairman of committee on elections, to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's message relating to the law governing elections, reported that they had carefully considered the subjects presented, and submitted the accompanying bill for "An act supplementary to an act regulating elections." Said bill (H. F. No. 22) was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time and sixty copies printed.

Adjourned.

Local and Other Matters

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 4.

A Peculiar Weapon. — Brother James Dunn has presented to the Museum a peculiar looking weapon, a kind of pike, with a hatchet face and a long semi-circular blade projecting from behind it. This, with a long pole stuck in it, constituted the weapon of defense and attack of the late Brother Benbow, when he was in the Nauvoo Legion, when it was commanded by General Joseph Smith, in troublous times, when the saints were beset by blood thirsty mobs. Fire arms were scarce in those days, and people had to defend their homes and families with the handiest weapons they could get.

An Incident. — Last evening, at the Tenth Ward new meeting-house, just before the commencement of Dr. J. M. Benedict's lecture on digestion, one of the chandeliers suspended from the ceiling fell to the floor, smashing the lamps and spilling the oil, which spread around in a blaze. The incident caused some consternation and a stampede among the lady portion of the audience, but some of the young men promptly stripped their coats and spread them upon the flames, smothering them out in a short time. Others quickly brought buckets of water, which was, however, not needed, and order was soon restored.

The lecturer treated his subject in an able, interesting and pleasing manner, and was listened to with the strictest attention.

Literary Association. — Last evening a meeting of members of the 17th Ward was held in the District school house, for the purpose of organizing a Literary Association, for the special benefit of the young of both sexes and the general benefit of all. Brother James