

THE MASONIC ORGANIZATION — One of the most cheering signs of the civilization of the times, in Utah, was the imposing procession and the interesting exercises, on the occasion of the organization of Mt. Moriah Lodge, U. D. F. & A. M., in this city, on Monday afternoon. The affair was novel to this City of the Saints, and certainly significant of elevating innovation and of progress in this heretofore proscriptive part of free America. At two o'clock, p. m., the Members, numbering between fifty and sixty, from among the civil and military citizens (gentiles) marched in full Masonic regalia from the Lodge Room through the principal streets, on their way to Independence Hall, and headed by the splendid Military Band. The Hall was thronged by spectators, among whom were scores of the fine ladies of the city and camp. After an opening prayer by the Chaplain, H. W. Noyes, and music by the band, the Disposition was read, by Capt Henry Beach, who properly invited the commissioned officers of the Lodge, to wit — Jas M. Ellis, W. M., W. G. Higley, S. W., and W. L. Halsey, (by proxy) J. W. The Worshipful Master then made the following appointments: C. Popper, Treasurer, J. M. Thurmond, Secretary, T. H. Auerbach, Senior Deacon, Louis Cohn, Junior Deacon, Wm. Munter and P. Quinn, Stewards, and R. Baker, Tyler. Next, an appropriate and eloquent address was delivered by James M. Ellis, Esq. After music and benediction, the Masons returned to their Lodge room, and in the evening, participated in a pleasant festival. Everything passed off decorously, and delighted the well-wishers of humanity, in the Hall and on the street.