

Masonry in Utah.

The following communication was handed us some time since for publication, but the press of other matter has prevented its earlier appearance in our columns:

Since the days when the army under Johnson was stationed at Camp Floyd, who had with them a Traveling Dispensation to convene and hold meetings of Masons, the efforts to form a regular Lodge, though attended with much zeal, had never proved successful.

An application was made by many officers and soldiers at Camp Douglas for a dispensation to form a Lodge to several jurisdictions. The request had been universally denied to that extent, when Masons were more plenty in the city, that the refusal which had greeted former applicants discouraged a renewal by many who were residents of this city.

In November, 1865, Mr. W. G. Higley, who had emigrated from Iowa and concluded to settle here, on finding so much finished material; disregarded all former discouragements, devoted his time and attention in calling on such of the Masons as he became acquainted with, until he succeeded in getting sufficient signers to call for a meeting. Accordingly, on the 9th of November, ten or twelve claiming to be Masons assembled at the Odd Fellows' Hall, among whom were Wm. L. Halsey, Wm. G. Higley, James M. Ellis, E. Emanuel, F. H. Lewis, J. H. Lewis, Frank Shoemaker, and many others. After discussing some preliminary points, an organization was effected, Wm. L. Halsey being chosen President and J. M. Thurmond, Esq., Secretary.

The meeting was unanimous for starting a Masonic Lodge. A Committee on Correspondence was appointed, which consisted of J. M. Ellis, F. H. Lewis and Wm. L. Halsey.

A permanent organization was then effected, styled a Masonic school of instruction, with the following officers: W. L. Halsey, President; J. M. Ellis, First Assistant; Wm. G. Higley, Second Assistant; J. M. Thurmond, Secretary; F. H. Lewis, Treasurer. Meetings were held regularly once a week and invitations published to Masons in good standing favoring the formation of a Lodge to co-operate. In about three weeks from the first meeting the Committee on Correspondence reported a favorable response from the jurisdiction of Nevada. The members were then requested to get their demits. Arrangements were made for the renting and fitting up of a suitable room. All of which having been amicably and harmoniously accomplished by the unanimous aid of the Masons at a cost of about \$800. Jewels, records, furniture and various other Masonic implements were procured. It was then agreed to name the new lodge, Mount Moriah Lodge.

A petition was regularly drawn up, asking the M. W. Joseph De Bell, then Grand Master of Masons of Nevada, to grant a dispensation to form a lodge of Masons at Salt Lake City. The petition was signed by 14 Master Masons in good standing, and their prayer indorsed by the lodge at Austin. A general jubilee and holiday prevailed on the reception of the document, which it took about four months to procure. A large and respectable procession of Masons was formed, numbering about 70; after marching through the principal streets, they proceeded to Independence Hall, when, amidst the throng that crowded that spacious room, the ceremony of forming the new lodge was performed by a skillful brother. A banquet for Masons at their hall in the evening closed the eventful exercises of the day that planted Masonry under legal authority in Utah. The Lodge was formed on the 4th of February, 1866.

Ever since, the Lodge has worked in harmony, and spread its knowledge and usefulness.

At the late annual communication of the Grand Lodge, Mount Moriah petitioned for a charter, and elected the following officers: J. M. Ellis, W. M.; W. G. Higley, Sr. W.; W. L. Halsey, Jr. W.; W. T. Auerbach, Sec., and Chas. Popper, Treasurer.

The Grand Lodge, in its wisdom, saw fit to deny the request, and yet asked Mount Moriah to work under dispensation for another year.

Masons adhering to perseverance, this act on the part of the Grand Lodge did not slacken their zeal, and Mount Moriah to-day prospers, and hopes the delay in obtaining the charter will only better qualify them for the many duties and uses of a Lodge.

With the common view of all Masons, to obtain Masonic power, a number of brethren have procured a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Montana, and formed another Lodge, thus adding to the laurels of Masonry another star; both lodges meeting in the same hall.

Mount Moriah, U. T., may rightly attribute its origin to the efforts of W. G. Higley, who is honored to-day with the position of Sr. W.; the second, yet most important office, in a Lodge.

The Lodge is at present composed of some of the best citizens of this place. Their communications are but once in each lunar month, which is on the second Tuesday of each month. The officers are—James M. Ellis, Worshipful Master; William G. Higley, Sr. Warden; Louis Cohn, Jr. Warden; T. H. Auerbach, Secretary; Charles Popper, Treasurer; Jas. F. Nounnan, Sr. Deacon; H. Aaron, Jr. Deacon; William M. Johns and P. Quinn, Stewards; Edward P. Johnson, Marshal; H. Reuben, Tyler.

Wholesale Market Report.

[CORRECTED DAILY.]

SALT LAKE CITY, March 7, 1867.

Greceries and Provisions.

Flour (Utah), per 100 lbs.	\$3.50 & 4.00
Bacon, per lb.	50 @ 60c
Butter (Ranch) per lb.	.50
Coffee, per lb.	45 @ 50c
Candles, per lb.	40 @ 45c
Cheese (Utah), per lb.	35 @ 50c
Corn Meal (Utah), per lb.	24 @ 25c
Can Fruit, per doz.	\$15 @ 18
Lard (States), per lb.	.40
Sugar (Brown), per lb.	36 @ 40c
Sugar (White), per lb.	33 @ 40c
Syrup (Utah) per gallon.	1.50
Teas, per lb.	\$2 @ 2.50
Tobacco—Natural leaf, per lb.	\$2.35
Sweet lump, per lb.	\$1.10 @ 1.50
Lard, per lb.	.40
Salt (Utah), per lb.	.02
Whisky (States), per gallon, dull.	\$7.50 @ 8.00
Coal Oil, per 5 gallon can.	\$20.00
Eggs, per dozen.	25c
Hardware—Good stock. Prices dull.	
Nails, per lb.	35c

Dry Goods and Clothing.

Domestics, per yard.	33 @ 45c
Boots and Shoes—Good stock and prices steady.	
Clothing—Good demand and prices steady.	
Dry Goods—Heavy stock. Prices dull.	
Hats and Caps—Prices dull.	

Monetary.

Virginia Dust (currency).	\$21.00
" " (coin).	\$16.00 @ 16.50
Boise Dust (currency).	18.00
" " (coin).	\$13.00 @ 13.50
Gold Coin (buying).	1.24
Gold Coin (selling).	1.33 @ 1.35
Silver Coin, 6 per cent. less than Gold.	
Current Drafts on New York, Par.	
Coin Drafts on New York, 6 @ 8 per cent. premium.	
Coin Drafts on San Francisco, 2 1/2 per cent. premium.	