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## The State Legislature

The legislature will meet on Monday next and organize for the session. The senate is composed of eighteen members, fifteen of whom are Republicans and three Democrats. The house has forty-five members, forty-two Republicans and three Democrats, making the total membership of both houses 63, of whom 57 are Republicans and 6 are Democrats. S. H. Love and Wesley K. Walton are the leading candidates for the presidency of the senate while Thomas Hull is the favorite for speaker of the house. Love and Hull are both from Salt Lake county and if the two chief places of honor go to them the country will claim about everything else in the way of clerkships and paid officers of all kinds. The members will meet in caucus Saturday night to decide those questions. The first ballot for United States senator will take place eight days after Jan. 9, in each house separately and the following day the two houses will meet in joint assembly to confirm the result of the separate ballots. It is thought only one ballot will be necessary as the sentiment for George Sutherland is so strong that no other candidate will stand any show.

The full list of members of both houses is as follows:

### THE SENATE.

A. G. Barber, Logan, Democrat.  
Willis Johnson, Circleville, Republican.  
C. R. Hollingsworth, Ogden, Republican.  
Peter Clegg, Tooele, Republican.  
Harden Bennion, Vernal, Democrat.  
Simon Bamberger, Salt Lake, Democrat.  
Frederick Rasband, Park City, Republican.  
C. E. Loose, Provo, Republican.  
T. C. Callister, Fillmore, Republican.  
C. P. Larson, Manti, Republican.  
Wesley K. Walton, Republican.  
Wm. N. Williams, Salt Lake, Republican.  
George N. Lawrence, Salt Lake, Republican.  
Stephen H. Love, Salt Lake, Republican.  
Samuel C. Park, Salt Lake, Republican.  
Henry Gardner, Spanish Fork, Republican.  
A. B. Lewis, Milford, Republican.

David McKay, Huntsville, Republican.  
Republicans, 15; Democrats, 3.

### THE HOUSE.

R. Kuchler, Ogden, Republican.  
George S. Dean, North Ogden, Republican.  
George M. Miller, Huntington, Republican.  
W. J. Panter, Union, Republican.  
Harry S. Joseph, Salt Lake, Republican.  
Charles E. Marks, Calder's Park Station, Republican.  
J. E. Petersen, Circleville, Republican.  
T. H. Merrill, Richmond, Republican.  
James P. Curtin, Winter Quarters, Republican.  
W. H. Maughan, Wellsville, Republican.  
James B. Wilson, Midway, Republican.  
George Spencer, Randolph, Republican.  
Charles Carroll, Orderville, Republican.  
George Stringham, Thurber, Democrat.  
T. C. Pancake, Ogden, Republican.  
Alfred Luther, Escalante, Republican.  
A. R. Hawley, Inverary, Republican.  
O. L. Thompson, Scipio, Republican.  
H. B. Cromar, Salt Lake, Republican.  
W. N. Gundry, Stockton, Republican.  
William L. Stewart, Warren, Republican.  
Ezra F. Richards, Farmington, Republican.  
William McCrea, Salt Lake, Republican.  
M. J. Dalley, Park City, Republican.  
N. C. Christiansen, Sterling, Republican.  
Herbert Hopes, Eureka, Republican.  
George A. Hone, Benjamin, Republican.  
F. W. Fishburn, Brigham City, Republican.  
A. V. Anderson, Bingham, Republican.  
John H. Wootton, American Fork, Republican.  
Orrin D. Allen, Maeser, Republican.  
Thomas P. Cottam, St. George, Democrat.  
Thomas J. Jones, Cedar City, Republican.  
James A. Anderson, Morgan, Republican.  
D. R. Roberts, Logan, Republican.  
George Austin, Lehi, Republican.  
Clesson S. Kinney, Salt Lake, Republican.  
Thomas Hull, Salt Lake, Republican.

W. T. Edwards, Salt Lake, Republican.  
John E. Pace, Richardson, Republican.  
Walter C. Lyman, Bluff, Republican.  
A. Johnson, Mt. Pleasant, Republican.  
S. T. Stookey, Sugar, Republican.  
Grant Simons, Payson, Republican.  
John F. Tolton, Beaver, Democrat.

The new state and county officers who were inaugurated on Monday, January 2, are as follows:

### State Officers.

John C. Cutler, governor.  
Chas. S. Tingey, secretary of state.  
D. N. Straup, justice of Supreme court.  
James Christiansen, state treasurer.  
J. A. Edwards, state auditor.  
A. C. Nelson, state superintendent of schools.  
M. A. Breeden, attorney general.  
C. W. Morse, M. L. Ritchie, George G. Armstrong, T. D. Lewis, judges of the Third Judicial district.  
Fred C. Loofbourov, district attorney.  
Joseph Howell, congressman.

### County Officers.

W. W. Wilson, John C. Mackey, Edward D. Miller, commissioners.  
C. Frank Emery, sheriff.  
P. P. Christensen, attorney.  
J. U. Eldredge, Jr., clerk.  
P. O. Perkins, recorder.  
I. M. Fisher, auditor.  
W. O. Carbis, treasurer.  
C. M. Brown, assessor.  
J. B. Swenson, surveyor.  
John W. Smith, superintendent of schools.  
C. B. Diehl, Joseph J. Whitaker, city judges.  
Dana T. Smith, city justice of the peace.  
W. F. Hills, city constable.

The fact that the party which has been in power for some years carried the election last fall obviated a general change in the personnel of the staff in the various offices. The changes in the county offices are exceedingly few and it is better so, because those already employed are not only efficient in a general way, but are thoroughly trained by experience in the duties of their positions.

County Clerk Eldredge made few changes in the staff of the office. D. A. Smith was promoted to the chief deputyship in the equity and law department and W. H. Farnsworth was made chief deputy in the probate side. Mr. Smith has been in the department for some years and is thoroughly efficient. He takes the place formerly occupied by George G. Armstrong, who was elected district judge and took his seat on the bench Monday. W. H. Farnsworth is a new appointee, but he is well qualified for that kind of work. He is a bright young business man besides being well versed

in the law. From a political standpoint also his appointment is an ideal one. C. S. Buckwalter, Harry Evans, old and efficient men in the office, Mr. Eldredge did well in retaining.

As Truth foreshadowed a month or more ago L. P. Palmer retired on December 31 as clerk of the supreme court and was succeeded by H. W. Griffith, his former deputy. Mr. Palmer was clerk of the Supreme court since statehood nine years ago. He was thoroughly efficient, conscientious, faithful to his duties and always obliging. He retires with honors and takes a responsible position in the county recorder's office. Of Mr. Griffith the new Supreme court clerk, nothing but what is good can be said. He is thoroughly familiar with the work, thoroughly reliable in every respect and will make an ideal clerk.

The board of county commissioners approved the appointments of Willard Hanson as assistant county attorney and Miss Woodmansee as stenographer, but declined to approve County Attorney Christensen's appointment of J. P. Lyon as second assistant on the ground that one assistant to the county attorney was sufficient. While thoroughly believing in the principle of economy, Truth very much doubts the wisdom of the board in its view that the business of the office can be properly conducted with one assistant. The office has never been before run with one assistant. The police court business is almost sufficient to occupy the entire time of one man and that is only a small portion of the work which falls on the office. We notice that at the end of last year 77 criminal cases, a large number of which were charges of felonies, were dismissed mostly for lack of evidence sufficient to convict. If the former county attorneys had had more help it is more than probable that evidence could have been collected at the proper time which would have gained convictions in a goodly number of those cases. Too many criminals escape justice. The county attorney's office is a poor place to practice cheese paring economy.

The county board also turned down County Treasurer Carbis' appointment of Frank Swenson to a position in the treasurer's office. Mr. Swenson is a good, steady, efficient clerk. While no cause was given by the board for not confirming his appointment it is generally understood it was for political reasons Mr. Swenson having left the Republican party and affiliated with and worked for the "American" party in the recent election. The reason for the non-confirmation is valid.

### Sensible Man.

There's a man in Chicago who says that what he likes best about his wife is his arms.