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parties and here the matter rested for the present."

Feb 28: "The 12 suggest the Police go ahead with the ball

Tues. Mar 2, 1847: "Was home until one o'clock and then

went with my wife to the council house to our police party.

It was an uncommonly beautiful, clear, warm and pleasant

day. We had the Police, the Twelve and Band present, and

enjoyed ourselves uncommonly well by dancing, talking,

eating sweet cakes &c and some little preaching... Took

wife home 11 p.m. Party quit 3 a.m." One of the things

I like most about that little story is that is demonstrate

s clearly that Brigham Young was not a dictator, as the

anti-Mormon press has insisted for the past 135 years, but was accepting of advice from others and did relent

and allow the police to have their party, after all.