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confirmation of his fears that the Mormons intended to remain on the lands of his Indian charges. Two of my favorites stories are about the first policeman's ball and about a prophetic joke in the Frontier Guardian, weekly Mormon newspaper published in Kanesville, now the present city of Council Bluffs. The policeman's ball story is revealed in Hosea Stout's journal entries for late February and early March 1847: Feb 25: "Went around preparing for a police ball and at dark went on duty guard duty and staid till midnight." Feb 27: President Young spoke of the manner that the parties had been managed, and proposed for those who had been, not to go to any more, as the house would soon be needed for something else. This, of course, Stout noted, broke up the arrangements of the police for they had most (of them) been to some of the