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The following humorous article was written by a columnist for the SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, 21 Feb 1878. It indicates that Sorene Oagard (Mrs. Neils J. Aagard) was trying to run things in the town of Levan:

"A Petticoated Bishop"

Levan

"Speaking of Levan, reminds me that you would probably like to hear from that place. Levan is probably the only place in Utah that is virtually governed by a woman.

"We would natually suppose that any change would be good for Levan after having had for a bishop that villanous old brute (Christensen) who build his house on the Gentile child's grave. But our prophet Brig gave Levan a "bishop" who is worse than Christensen. His or her name is Oagard. I say her; for she says she intends to run the town her own way.

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She called a meeting the other day, but only one of the female roosters attended besides herself. Sister Oagard arose and said, "Sister Curtis, don't you feel better since I took charge of this place?" The sister assented and a resolution was adopted to that effect. Sister Curtis suggested the propriety of stopping so much dancing and horse racing. Sister Oagard said that was what she had called the meeting for.

"Sister Curtis said it would be well to speak to Bro. Oagard and have him attend to it. but Sister Oagard said she was the one to attend to it; that her husband wasn't smart enough and he could not spare time from his other wife. This mention of his other wife started the tears in both of the Sisters, and they embraced for some time, when Sister Curtis sobbed, "it is hard to bear." This brought Sister Oagard to a sense of her "true ??wardness?," when she screamed:

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"but for all that it don't hurt the principle," "No," says Sister Curtis, "but to h--l with such a principle," Little more was done at that meeting, but look out for the announcement of Sister Curtis being cut off. Dancing and horse-racing are to be stopped unless the offending pay a certain amount of wheat into the famine fund. I am afraid if John the Revelator doesn't keep an eye on that petticoat bishop, he will lose his tithing the coming season."

(written by "I Watchem", SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, 21 Feb 1878, p. 3)