

**Pre-Emption and Homestead Entries.**

U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 11.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. Orr) to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H. R. No. 3250) to confirm pre-emption and homestead entries of public lands within the limits of railroad grants in cases where such entries have been made under the regulations of the Land Department. The bill will be read.

The bill was read, as follows:

"Be it enacted, etc., That all pre-emption and homestead entries of the public lands made in good faith upon tracts of land within the limits of any land grant prior to the time when notice of the withdrawal of the lands embraced in such grant was received at the local land office of the district in which such lands are situated, or after their restoration to market by order of the General Land Office, and where the pre-emption and homestead laws have been complied with and proper proofs thereof have been made by the parties holding such tracts or parcels, they shall be confirmed, and patents for the same shall issue to the parties entitled thereto.

"SEC. 2. That when the time of such withdrawal as aforesaid valid pre-emption or homestead claim existed upon any lands within the limits of any such grants which afterward were abandoned, and, under the decisions and rulings of the Land Department, were re-entered by pre-emption or homestead claimants who have complied with the laws governing pre-emption or homestead entries, or shall make the proper proof required under such laws, such entries shall be deemed valid, and patents shall issue therefor to the persons entitled thereto.

"SEC. 3. That all such pre-emption and homestead entries which may have been made by permission of the Land Department, or in pursuance of the rules and instructions thereof, within the limits of any land grant at a time subsequent to expiration of such grant, or when the grantee was in default in the performance of any of the conditions imposed by such grant, shall be deemed valid, and a compliance with the laws, and the making of the proofs required shall entitle the holder of such claim to a patent therefor."

Mr. KELLOGG. Is this reported from any committee.

Mr. ORR. It is recommended by the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. LOWE. I have the consent of the mover of this proposition to submit an amendment to the first section of the bill, to insert after the words "pre-emption and homestead entries" the words "or entries in compliance with any law of the United States."

Mr. ORR. I accept that, and include it in my motion.

The motion to suspend the rules was then seconded, and (two-thirds voting in favor thereof) the rules were suspended, and the bill was passed.—*Congressional Record.*

**Polygamy in Utah.**

WASHINGTON, May 12th, 1874.—The action of the House to-day on the Utah contested election case will bring about a direct issue in Congress on the Mormon question. After declaring that Maxwell was not elected and that Cannon was elected and was entitled to the seat, the House, by a vote of more than two to one, adopted a resolution ordering an investigation into the alleged polygamous practices of Mr. Cannon, the sitting member. The large majority by which this resolution was adopted is a fine indication of the feeling in the House with regard to polygamy in Utah, and places Mr. Cannon's expulsion beyond a doubt when the report in his case is submitted. The proposed investigation will open anew here the contest between the Gentile and Mormon elements in Utah, and the case will be a very interesting and important one.—*N. Y. Herald.*

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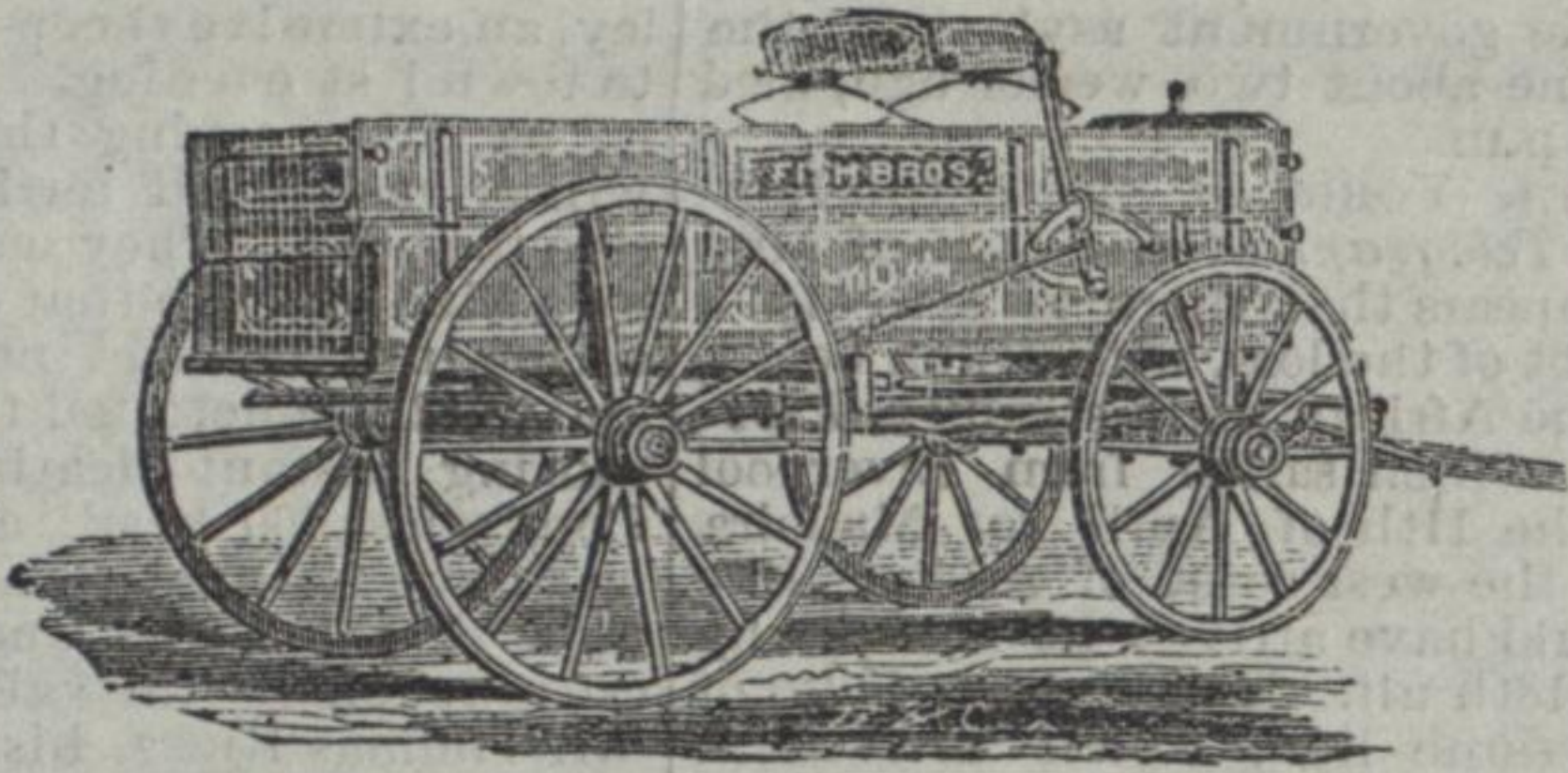
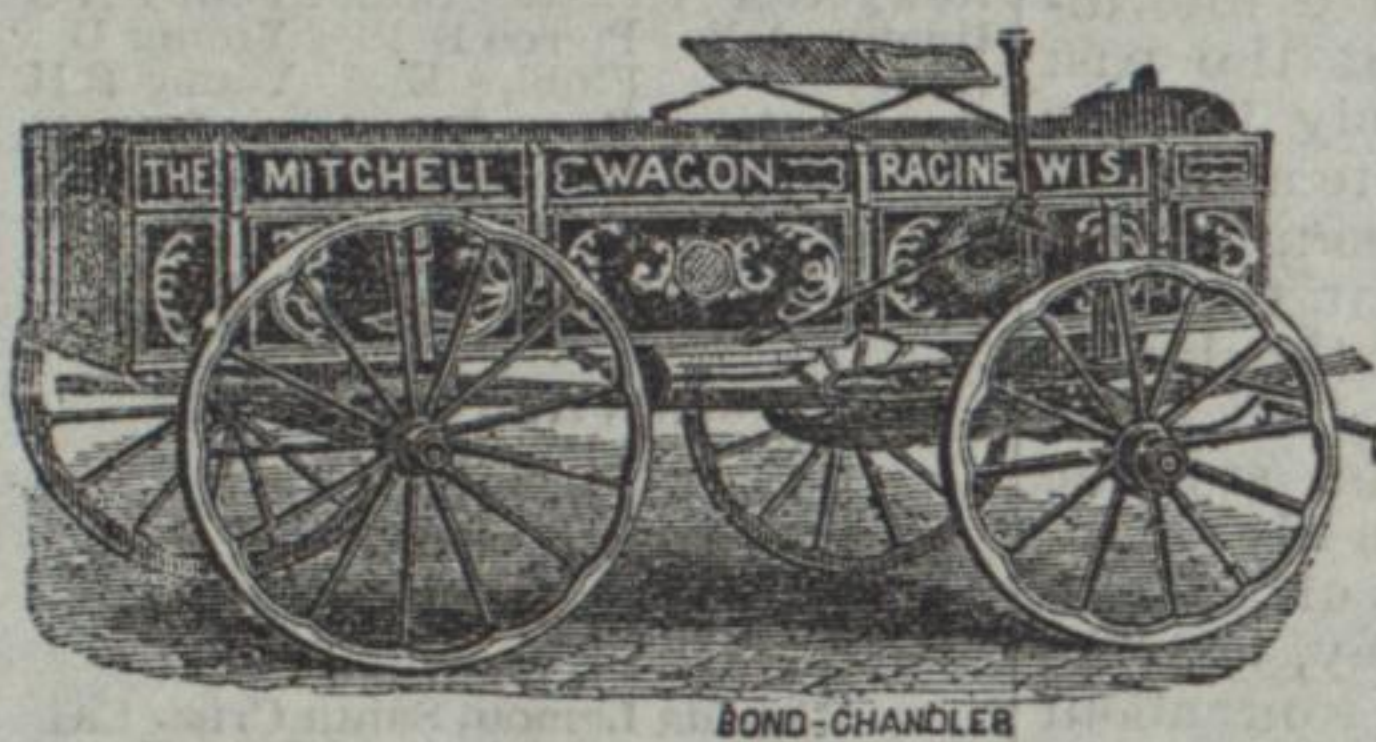
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All persons claiming to be entitled to any portion of the above described land are hereby notified to file their statements with the clerk of the Probate Court of Sevier County, as required by an act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah, prescribing rules and regulations for the execution of the trust arising under an Act of Congress, entitled, "An Act for the relief of the inhabitants of cities and towns upon public lands," approved March 2nd, 1867, approved February 17, 1869.

WILLIAM MORRISON, Probate Judge of Sevier Co. Feb. 20, 1874. w4 3m