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ve franchise. Again, when accusd of making the Church dominate victions. These unlawful, extreme he State, by permitting ecclesiasti- and hurtful measures having been al influence or priestly authority carried to such an unbearable exmeans of the marked ballotwhich had been approved, and which many still believe to be the heapest and best means of preventng illegal votes-the Legislature nacted a law providing for the therwise marked bailots and makog them strictly secret.

o change the vote of the people in law for the recovery of the large avor of their accusers, Congress is sums extorted. Some of our most now urged under pressure of public honored citizens have been impinion incited by unscrupulous perons, to enact laws disfranchising in and without support of law or his Territory many native born and ther loyal citizens of the Republic. The fraudulent certificate issued by Utah's present Governor having ceration has been by higher powers hus far tailed to disfranchise pronounced unlawful, unjust and he people, Congress is asked to do what duplicity and unblushing fraud without redress. have failed to accomplish, and we call he attention of your Honorable Body to the fact that previous to the passage of the anti-polygamy Act of 862, there was no law in force, persistently arrayed themselves ocal or Congressional, against the marriage of plural wives in Utah. There are many persons who contracted plural marriages before that humanity, they have frequently time, who have never violated that joined with scheming adventurers, statute, and who have remained un- whose greed for spoil has only been molested in their family relations. They cannot be convicted of crime Decause they have broken no law, yet the legislation proposed to your Honorabl Bodey would distranchise them and deprive them of the inalienable rights of citizens which, ings of the fiercest kind, and have we submit, is both unnecessary and rendered alien to each other those unjust. Under these cruel circumstances the future can alone develop what unhappy events may yet be in store for a people so long subjected to the evils growing out of usurpations and the abuse of power by officers of the General Government wholly irresponsible to the people. While reviewing the grievances which caused the .revolutionary fathers to place on the altar their lives, their fortunes and their sacred nonor as proof of the truths contained in the bill of indictment, brought against the British King, the people of Utah, revering that declaration of rights, -amarating the Constitution and honoring the flag of their common country, claim the offences totally different from those protection of the nation whose noble alleged. Thus men have been punsires made human liberty not only desirable, but possible. And while claiming "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" as bequeathed rights, they do solemnly declare that governors in Utah books is because prosecutions have have repeatedly, on trivial pretexts, been conducted under their prorefused their assent to laws most visions in cases to which they were wholesome and necessary for the public good. They have abused the which they were entirely foreign. pardoning power by turning loose They have designated our citizens upon the community convicts as the scum and offscourings of the dangerous to the public peace. world, morally debased and physi-They have sought to obstruct cally corrupt; and yet drinking sa the rial their approval of legislative appropriations and their signatures to needed enactments unless handlcapped by unusual and unreasonable measures. They have attempted to might better harmonize with "the render the military hostile and superior to the civil power, by calling on troops to enforce orders depriving widely published that the affairs of citizens of the right to bear arms even when celebrating the anniversary of our national independence. present Legislative Assembly con-When soldiers stationed near us have been arrested for growsly violating municipal laws they have been forcibly released by military authority. Others have quietly enjoyed their quarters even when the General was appealed to for military revenue of the Territory is derived aid, while the militia of the Terri- is annually assessed, collected and tory were compelled to defend the homes of the people from the hostile encroachments of Indians who had plundered and killed defenseless citizens. ment for the tenure their offices, and for the amount vote. and payment of their salaries tious, unprecedented and contradic-

packed juries in order to secure con- are chargeable to the government ed: assert influence at the polls tent, the National Supreme Court on appeal, in many instances has reversed the decisions of the Territorial Courts and remanded the causes for new trial.

Other government officials have endeavored to cripple and break up egistration of voters, repealing all our co-operative, mercantile and inlection laws requiring numbered or dustrial institutions, by illegal imposition of revenue taxes to the amount of many thousands of dol-The registration law having failed lars, requiring expensive suits at prisoned upon trivial pretexts, precedent other than that established by the malice of bightry and hatred; and when their incarcruel, the sufferers have remained

Officials, bound by their oath of office to sustain the Constitution and laws of the country, have disregarded their sacred obligations, and against the people whom they have been paid to serve, losing sight of law, justice and equity, and often of equaled by their malevolence, and in order to acquire influence have persistently misre, resented the opinions, aims and practices of the people. Thus have they succeeded in arousing jealousies and heartburnwho ought to be bound together by fraternal affection. Government officials, in many instances, instead of administering the law, have overridden their constitutional powers, exceeded their authority, and in the most vexatious manner annoyed, harassed and trammeled the people in the exercise of their political, religious and civil rights. They have taunted our best citizens with the charges of disloyalty, called them traitors to our country, reproached, insulted and incarcerated them under pretence of crimes repulsive and foreign others under naws chacked against ished for the United States offense of polygamy, under the territorial laws against lewd and lascivious cohabitation; and the reason such laws are not now upon our statute never intended to apply and to functions of the territo- loons, gambling dens, billiard halls government by refusing and houses of assignation, harlots, libertines and prostitutes have been urged as a means best adapted for the "regeneration" and "Christianizing" of Utah's people that they civilization of the age." It has been frequently said and the Territory are under the control of foreign born citizens; yet the tains twenty-seven American-born and but nine naturalized citizens. We are accused of being opposed to education. Statistics demonstrate the contrary, and a Territorial tax equal to that from which the entire disbursed exclusivelya for payment of school teachers in district schools, open to the children of all citizens, irrespective of creed, color, or party, while in addition, a local option law The district and supreme judiciary permits a tax not exceeding two per endeavors of many members of of the Territory, depending alone cent. for general school purposes to upon the will of the general govern- be annually assessed in the district of where the people so elect by popular The country has rung with cries have frequently obstructed justice of "Mormon" atrocities and by ruling in the interest of de- the Mountain Meadows Massacre is bauchery, prostitution and kindred cited as an instance. The truth is crimes, and have rendered veza- that no western Htate or Territory has been settled with so little lawtory decisions against municipal lessness and bloodshed, and so little regulations and in favor of lawless expense to the Government, as liquor vendors. They have hinder- Utah; and the -hocking catastrophe ed the naturalization of foreigners alluded to, occurring in an Indian · by requiring religious tests, ind country, over three hundred miles thereby have discouraged immigra from the capital of a Territory then tion. By specious rulings, invading without railroads or telegraphs, is no even the boundless domain of benef, more to be charged upon the people this favored land. they have sought to deprive citizens here, or their leaders, than the When accused of crime, of the right bloody scenes of the frontier, in mortalists will ever pray, etc. of trial by an impartial jury of their which a few renegade whites have

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ther proper qualifications, the elec. peers. In other cases they have joined in the raids of the red men, fered by Councilor Wells and adopt.

at Washington. We repudiate, with all our souls, the foul charge, and declare that all the reliable evidence ever adduced is entirely opposed to the popular belief. We court investigation on this and other vile and infamous slanders.

We respectfully urge that while this Territory is deprived of any representation in Congress, through the act of the Executive, generally recognized as usurpation and fraud, it is most unfair to us that measures should be rushed through the National Legislature, no voice from the people against whom this special legislation is designed, being lifted in their behalt or heard in their defense.

We respectfully remind your Honorable body that there are instances in recent history which demonstrate the evil consequences of hasty action unjustified by fair inquiry. In 1857 an army was sent to Utah to support the inauguration of government officers, under the mistaken impression that the "Mormons" were in revolt, and that they would resist the new officials. It had been falsely represented by officers who of about four hours on the Utah conhad left their posts in this Territory that Utah was in rebellion, that mittee on elections, to-day, on mocourt records had been burned, and tion of Hazeltine, adopted the folthat other overt acts against law and | lowing: good order had been committed. The found that the reports were incor- of Utah; rect, a commission was then appointed, and it was clearly proven is not entitled to a seat in this Conthat there had been no cause what- gress as Delegate from the Territory ever for the agitation, the army or of Utab; the expense of the expedition. A Resolved, that the seat of delegate commission to investigate before in- from that Territory be and is hereby stead of after the action of the gov- declared vacant. ernment would in that case have The detail of the vote on the last saved the country many millions of two paragraphs of the resolution was dollars and the administration from as follows: Ayes: Calkins, Hazelan act which no informed person tine, Waite, Townsend, Ritchie, will now declare to have been wise Rathebone, Miller, Jacobs, Paul, or politic. to Congress that the Legislative ton, total 5. The first paragraph Assembly of Utah had not made any declaring Campbell "not entitled to provision, and would not provide for the seat" was unanimously adopt-Jurors' and witnesses fees and other ed. expenses of courts in criminal cases. Without sufficient investigation propriated for legislative expenses of that Cannon's private character did this Territory with provision that in the omce of delegate under the ex-\$23,500 for such uses the money might be recovered. The Assembly appropriated \$22,000 for court to prepare a report on behalf of the expenses, and at its next session a majority. Each member will be restatement set forth in this memorial upon the legal questions. can be substantiated by competent documentary evidence. We further respectfully represent that there is no cause for the disof our local govruption ernment. The taxes are light, good order is maintained, no person is deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law; the ballot is free and secret; all religious and political societies are equal before the law; peace prevails, property is secure, industry abounds and the material interests of the Ferritory are in a flourishing condition. We submit therefore that it is impolitic and unstatesmanlike to disarrange the political machinery of this whole commonwealth in an effort to punish the alleged offenses of a few individuals, and that a full investigation of our internal affairs will show that a widespread excitement has been raised on a very small and fragile basis. It is evident to all who understand the situation that notwithstanding the sions concerning Utah, they are yet misinformed as to our condition, our laws and our necessities, some of the bills introduced in either house bearing unmistakable evidence of your Honorable Body to suspend acfacts are learned, and a tangible. foundation is laid for rational probe done to the institutions which guard the liberties of all people in And as in duty bound your me- new Vegetables, I invite the patronage of the The following resolution was of- w48t

Resolved, The House concurring, that three duplicate copies of the Resolution be ordered enrolled, and that it be presented to be signed by the members and officers of both Houses.

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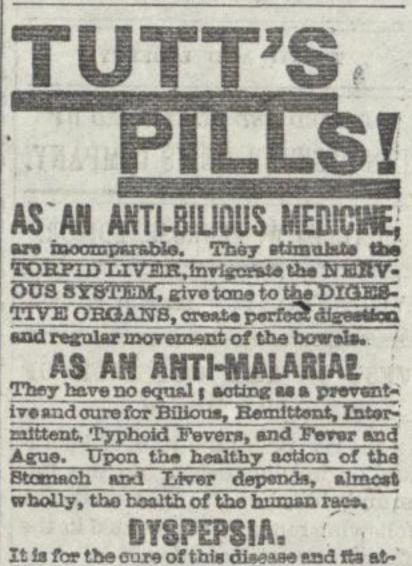
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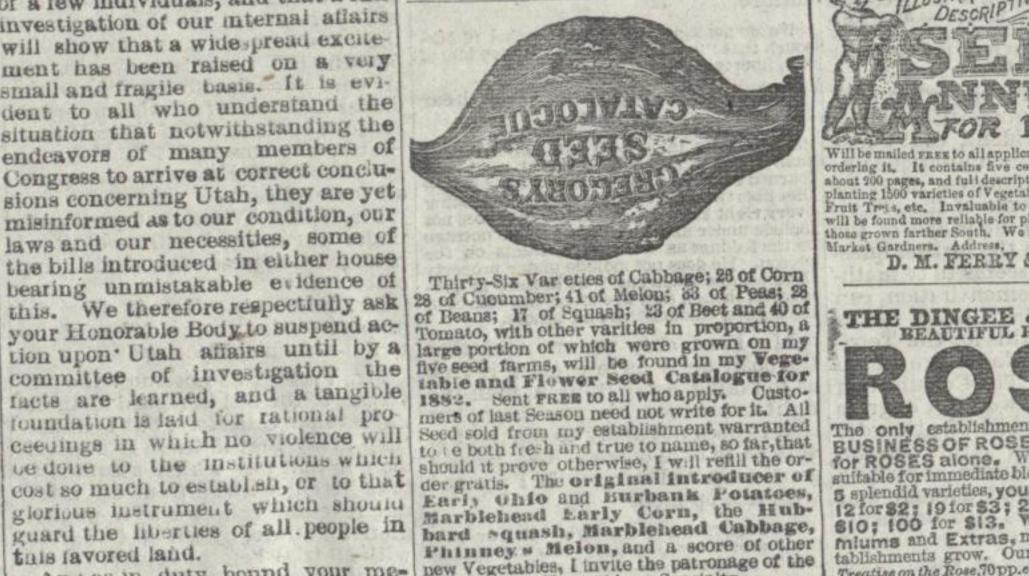
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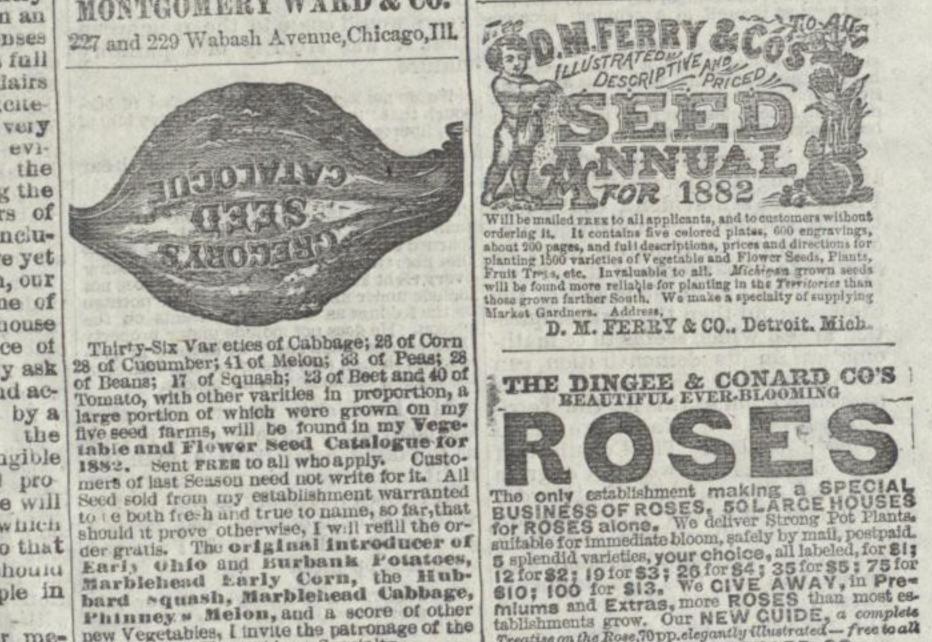


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