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WARHINGTON, D.C., April, 29,1884. Sir: The Board of Commissioners appointed under the act of Congress of March 22, 1883, respectfully report: That the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah adjourned sine die on the 14th ultimo, without accom-plianing such legislation as is contern-plated by said act of Congress. We therefore consider it proper to present as account of the condition of affairs in the Territory, and the operation of the legislation of Congress concerning polygamy, so far as appertains to our duties.

Since entering upon the discharge of our duties, in July, 1882, we have dili-gently sought to inform ourselves as to the history of the Mormons, and the present condition of Utah and its peoto the history of the Mormons, and the present condition of Utah and its peo-ple. Thus far the legislation has been directed against the crime of polygamy and "unlawful cohabitation," a full exposition of which was submitted in our last report, which we need not now repeat further than to say that the present law provides for the punishment of polygamy and unlawful cohabitation by fine and imprisonment upon conviction in the courts of jus-iustice, and also for the disfranchise-ment of polygamists from voting and holding office.

Justice, and also for the disfranchise-ment of polygamists from voting and holds office. To what are and what are engaged of the so-called "problem?" Justice as well as the Board who are engaged in the so-called "problem?" Justice as well as the Board who are engaged in the so-called "problem?" Justice as well as the Board who are engaged in the so-called "problem?" Justice as well as the Board who are engaged in the so-called "problem?" Justice as well as the Board who are engaged in the so-called "problem?" Justice as well as the Board who are engaged in the scecution, demands a full and explicit answer to these questions, though at the expense of considerable elaboration and some repetition of mat-ture and some repetition of mat-ture and some repetition of mat-ture and elections in the Territory were held by polygamists. The Legislative Assembly of 1882 (consisting of thirty-sit members) were all in polygamy other offices, such as Delegste to Con-gress, and Territorial, county, and musicipal offices from youth to order as almost unknown in Utah, and musicipal officers. Were fulled by poly-gamists in about the same proportion. The dootrine of "rotation in office" was almost unknown in Utah, and musicipal officers. We have esti-mated the number of voters (male and engale. All this is changed under this act. Since the Commission of the sum e of whom is a poly-gamist. In this number are included at numicipal officers. We have esti-mated the number of voters (male and there is not now a polygamist in office to Utah. So much as to the present and future effects? "The theory of the act of March 22, fish, appears to be this: that discrim-mition between those Mormons who onto, placing a stigma upon the former, as depriving the hold office, while, on the other hand, an inducement is held out to the latter class, that by abstain-out to the latter class, that by abstain-and depriving the polygamic relation they will enjoy all the polygamic relation they

the other hand, an inducement is held out to the latter class, that by abstain-ing from the polygamic relation they will enjoy all the political rights of American citizens, would, in time, have the effect of inducing great numbers of the Mormon people to refrain from plural marriage. While such consid-erations are not likely to have much weight with the elderly men, who al-ready have a plurality of income

India time to time-is convincing evid-ence that the leaven of unbellef and skepticism is at work in many minds.
Whether the actual practice of poly-simy is on the decrease or not, is a disputed question. Since our hast re-port we have made additional investi-ation, and we are of the opinion that in the more rural districts, chiefly in the southern portion of the Territory, there has not been much decrease, while in Salt Lake County and other counties where there are considerable cided decrease.
The physical geography and other bestacle to the territory.

cities and towns there has been a de-cided decrease: The physical geography and other conditions of the Territory present an obstacle to the speedy solution of the difficulty. The tide of emigration from the States which in so few years settled the status of the fertile State of the "Great West" will not be repeated in this Territory. There is little to at-tract American farmers to Utab. Its aren is large—about \$4,000 square miles; but the greater portion consists of bar-ren, rocky mountains and deserts, so that perhaps not more than one acre in Respectfully; ALEX. RAMSEY, G. L. GODFREY, A. B. CARLTON, J. E. PETTIGREW. Hon. Henry M. Teller, Secretary of the Interior. but the greater portion consists of bar-ren, rocky mountains and deserts, so that perhaps not more than one acre in fifty will ever be susceptible of culti-vation. But there are many valleys, that by means of irrigation from the mountain streams, are very fertile and productive. Nearly all of the agri-cultural land is already occupied, and it is very evident that Utah can never support a large population. The pes-ent population is estimated at 100,000, about four-fifths being Mormons. The people are generally engaged in agri-cultural pursuits, chiefly in a small way, relying mainly on irrigation. Prior to the completion of the trans-continental railroad through Utah in 1869, there were very few non-Mor-mons in the Territory. Since that time the business of mining has be-come an important interest, several of the most valuable mines of silver and lead in the West being located there. Besides there are some gold mines and valuable deposits of coal iron, copper and other minerals. The mines give good employment to a great many per-sons, and have been the means of st. U. S. DEPOSITORY. DESERET NATIONAL BANZ. PAID UP CAPITAL. - - \$200,000

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and other minerals. The mines give good employment to a great many per-sons, and have been the means of at-tracting considerable non - Mormon population. Many of the non-Mor-mons (or Gentiles) are doing a pros-perous business in baking, mining and mercantile pursuits. Candor requires us also to say that personal security and property rights appear to be as inviolate in Utab as in any of the States or Territories. However, bus-iness men of small capital, among the Louis, Omaha, London, and principal Continental Citics. ar Makes Collections, remitting proceed

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