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POLYGAMY IN POLICE.

REPORTS from Washington, from various sources indicate that the "Mormon" question is receiving considerable attention, and that a disposition to hear both sides of it is manifested by live Congressmen and others interested in current public affairs. The mere accusations of persons paid to labor for the adventures who have come to Utah with a view to covering its politics and handling its revenue, are received with a great deal of allowance and "large distinctions."

Representatives of the South particularly are well aware of the power of the average cast-bagger to "shoot with the long bow," and manufacture stories of outrage and wrong for the purpose of alienating public opinion and securing legislation and appointments for personal interest. And they can readily see through the sensational fabrications of hired Mormon-sayers, and perceive the motives that prompt the falsehoods gravely stated before committees, etc., and breathless into the ears of all who will listen.

It is very likely that Congress will interfere with our local election matters, the regulation of which belongs of right to the Legislative Assembly. And it is extremely improbable that the national lawmakers will attempt to abrogate vested rights by taking from the women of Utah the elective franchise. Several ladies of eminence have interested themselves on this question, and have represented to the committee of Territories and other members of Congress the views of the large body of ladies who are working for woman suffrage.

Some of their remarks have been incorrectly reported, particularly in reference to the polygamy phase of the social evil. This would have been an insult to the people of Utah and particularly to the ladies, who have given into the system of plural marriage from the purest motives, and in view of the most exalted principles. The sentiment really expressed was, that whatever might be said against "Mormon" polygamy, it was much better for society than the evils of prostitution, which are winked at and in some degree encouraged by those who sat in the "Mormon" system of plural marriage. And one lady boldly arraigned for inconsistency the legislators who sought to disassociate polygamists while they themselves indulged in practical polygamy of a far worse character.

Between the two systems there is no comparison. They have nothing in common. Polygamy is an extension to the weaker sex of all the benefits that result from a union with the stronger. Plural wives are married to their husband by a ceremony which each party holds sacred and binding both for this life and the life to come. The offspring of these unions are equally the subjects of parental care, affection and support. The protection, culture and sustenance of the family condition are afforded to wives and children, and those benefits which flow to society at large by the institution of marriage are, under this system, amplified and increased.

What is there in such a system that can be likened to the corrupting and destroying social enemy—prostitution? Oneselves, ourselves and crowns with honorable motherhood a larger number of God's fair daughters than is possible under the monogamic method; the other pollutes, discards, destroys and renders them incapable or unfit for the blessings of maternity. One tends to health, life and increase; the other to disease, sterility and death. One makes it possible for all women to be active, honored members of society, enjoying its privileges and contributing to its purity and perpetuity; the other thrusts out a large number of the sex beyond the social pale, tramples them in the mire and brands them with shame and infamy. One is born of love and sanctified by heavenly fire; the other is the offspring of lust and does all government, human or divine. One imposes restraints on passion and directs the results of its rational exercise to the social welfare; the other suggests rules, submits to no restrictions, and its issues run in streams which sap the foundations of society and honeycomb it with infatuation and decay. One is ordered, the other is chaos. One is from above, and leads upward; the other is from beneath, is grovelling and downward, and its path leads down to hell. They are each other's antithesis, and generally the opponent of one is the advocate or practice of the other.

A lecherous man or an unchaste woman is nearly always a bitter enemy of polygamy. We do not say that all the opponents of that system are impure. But those who are vile themselves impose the vilest motives to others, and the worst men and women we have ever met have been the ardent denouncers of plural marriage, while some of the most intelligent and virtuous members of respectable non-Mormon society, after a fair explanation of the "Mormon" marriage system, have generally acknowledged its many excellencies.

The subject is kept before the attention of the public by means of the repeated attempts to expose and destroy those who believe in and practice polygamy as a divine tenet. Thus while his efforts work for its overthrow, he helps to spread an understanding of its principles, and their mis-

tions tend to provoke thinking persons to investigation, to the confusion of our malignants and the triumph of the truth. Polygamy perverted by our enemies is used as political capital. We think in the sequel they will find it of little value to their cause and not worth a dime to them individually.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE

H. N. BRIGHAM YOUNG,
FOUNDER AND FIRST GOVERNOR OF UTAH.

Adopted by the Legislature Assembly, Saturday, February 9, 1872.

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TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

EASTERN.

Utah Affairs.

New York, II.—The *Herald*'s Washington special says: Delegates Cannon, of Utah, is likely to defeat the non-Mormon delegates from that Territory in their efforts to have Congress pass the bill regulating the elective franchise in Utah. The House sub-committee on Territories and the Senate committee on the same subject, have agreed, and the secret ballot, pending the action of the Utah legislature on the election bill now before that body.

The Postmaster-General's New Rule.

The *Herald*'s Washington special says: The Postmaster-General has issued a new rule, which caused a flurry in republican circles. The postmasters for small towns and for county districts will henceforth be appointed on the recommendation of the postmasters of the largest neighboring city. Some western republicans feel indignant at this loss of patronage. They believe it to be another impediment to the republican party, and are more than ever convinced that the President's southern policy is a failure.

Miss introduced into Congress.

The World's Washington special says: Up to yesterday but 10 acts and joint resolutions have been passed. Since Congress began its session 59 bills have been introduced to improve the financial conditions of the country, and which has finally passed, and 56 bills to charter or aid railroads; 50 relating to mail and mail matter; 10 to Chinese immigration; 50 to the improvement of rivers and harbors; 15 as amendments to the constitution; 40 in relation to Indian and 12 to commercial affairs.

Missouri's whereabouts.

The Times' Chicago special says: Major Walsh, commandant of the Marine Hospital police, was in Chicago to-day. Regarding Siting Bull he says: "I see Siting Bull did not meet him personally, but have heard from him frequently, and received a message direct from him on the 1st of January, the day I left Fort Waynes. Siting Bull and his personal followers are now camped at the east end of the Cypress Mountains, where a company of police is stationed. Siting Bull came to the post with five lodges and said that he intended to remain during the winter. It is reported that he has charge of a thousand Indians, who are peaceful and upright, so much so, as to call forth the expression, in the highly figurative language of the red man, 'Brigham always talks to us with one tongue.'"

Mr. Young's motto was in regard to the mode of treating the Indians: "It is better to give them food than to fight."

His just and humane policy toward the "Children of the Forest," not only while acting in his official capacity, as superintendent of Indian affairs, but during his entire public life, has been such as the American government would光荣地自豪于之.

His administration for his adopted Constitution of the United States, which our noble, patriotic forefathers framed by inspiration of the Almighty, never wavered, even when through mis-administration it seemed to afford him protection; but here, on Mexican soil, upon his arrival with his company, he plucked the "seed of fire" and applied it to the breast. His feelings are prostratingly strong in favor of polygamists while they are slaves indulged in practical polygamy of a far worse character.

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God, has been a striking character in his life. But he has gone. In his death the world has lost a master spirit and mankind a friend. As the moral remains of this great champion in the cause of humanity lay in state, the vast multitude that came to obtain a parting view of the departed, were overwhelmed with grief which stirred the heart of thousands; while the mournful refrain was wafted thro' g the civilised world.

With the pure diamond of genuine love, the name of Brigham Young is indelibly engraved on the hearts of his people. His long life of undeviating integrity, replete with deeds of beneficence and philanthropy, is, to his memory, a magnificent and imperishable monument.

The part of the British cabinet might have momentous consequences.

A Vienna correspondent confirms the report that British action has produced a serious impression in both Berlin and St. Petersburg. It is a question whether the Porte will give Russian men-of-war, march on Constantinople. All may depend on which power can telegraph the sooner to the seat of war. If the Russians, they may bring an influence to bear on the Porte to refuse the passage of the fleet.

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