

METHODIST POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS.

The following were among the resolutions adopted at the recent Methodist Conference in this city:

Resolved, That we fear that simply disfranchising those who are living in polygamy and teaching disloyalty in this Territory is not likely to accomplish the end sought. In order to defeat recent legislation polygamists who held office of late have resigned their positions and their places have been filled by non-polygamists who are the creatures of the priesthood and who will obey the behests of their polygamous masters.

Resolved, That we believe the Edmunds bill will not accomplish the end proposed, and if present legislation fails we confidently look to Congress for further legislation that will accomplish the speedy destruction of polygamy.

Resolved, That we believe the polygamist legislature of this Territory should be abolished and a permanent commission of not less than nine citizens of Utah be appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the Senate, and that this commission should govern this Territory until Utah is Americanized and the laws of the United States made supreme.

The following named persons were present and took part in the Conference when the above were adopted

Bishop J. F. Hurst, Dr. C. H. Fowler, G. M. Pierce, A. W. Adkinson, J. P. Morris, G. E. Jayne, L. A. Rudisill, E. Smith, D. T. Hedges, T. W. Lincoln, Theophilus B. Hilton, W. G. Burton, W. J. Bonham, Mrs. N. A. Morris and Miss Mary Wheelock.

We publish the foregoing for the information of some who seem not to comprehend a good, sound, common sense policy to say nothing of religious principles. And we ask them whether they wish these reverend villifiers and defamers these political evangelists, these enemies of freedom, who are seeking to disfranchise the fathers and mothers, to desolate the Territory, to pillage plunder and lay waste to be the teachers and guardians of the little children. Is it really necessary to ask such questions of people claiming to be Latter-day Saints.

A "JUMPING" FAILURE.

ACCORDING to a dispatch which appeared in Tuesday evening's NEWS, another attempt to rob Bishop Thomas Taylor of his iron mines in the south has been defeated. Our readers will doubtless remember the scheme of Allen G. Campbell and others, notably one Culien, a partner of Campbell's, to "jump" and obtain possession of the claims held and worked for a long time by Bishop Taylor. When the case came before the Third District Court, Judge Emerson presiding, the Taylor rights were maintained and the Campbell roguery was rejected.

It appears, however, that the case was taken before the Commissioner of the Land Office, and an order obtained for the cancellation of the Taylor entries. But the Secretary of the Interior has now set this order aside, holding that the Commission had no right to go behind the decision of the Court, and also that the Commissioner was in error in his interpretation of the law concerning mineral entries.

The Campbell clique have money and a strong disposition to take advantage of legal technicalities in opposition to honor, honesty and equity. But for determination and persistence the rightful owner is a match for any of them, and they were very much mistaken, as we declared at the time of the dispute, in thinking that he would let go his lawful hold, or be scared or worried into letting them obtain possession of his property.

As a "Jumper," Campbell has not lately proved a success. He didn't "jump" the Delegate's seat in Congress, although he strained every nerve and lost several buttons in trying to do so; he hasn't "jumped" the iron mines which he has been greedy for for years; but he has spent much money and exposed himself to the contempt of honest people, in both these conspicuous failures. He has dropped out of sight, and would not have been noticed now but for this latest crookedness. Thus it should ever be.

WHAT THE COMMISSION WILL DO.

The Utah Commission will soon move on the common enemy in Utah, when it is assumed, all crooked things will be made straight in the matrimonial relations of the people who are called Mormons. The first round was fought at long range in Chicago on Tuesday last, where the Commissioners met to arrange the preliminaries for the campaign.

The foregoing is from the Cleveland Herald. The assumption mentioned in the paragraph is simply a mark of the continued common ignorance of everything pertaining to the "Mormon" question, and of which leading newspapers are conspicuous examples. We are not surprised at their lack of information on "Mormon doctrine and the real condition of Utah affairs, because they will credit the absurd statements of anti-"Mormon" fanatics, and the fabrications of political conspirators greedy for chances to despise this Territory, and will not, take the pains to learn the facts. But we are somewhat surprised that after discussing so much the measure introduced by Senator Edmunds, and rejoicing so gleefully over its passage, editors do not seem to comprehend its provisions.

The Utah Commissioners have no more to do with the matrimonial relations of the people who are called "Mormons" than has the editor of the Cleveland Herald. There is nothing in the law creating the Commission giving them power to "move upon the common enemy" in any such fashion. If the Herald will examine the law it will be found to confer authority on the five Commissioners appointed by the President and Senate, to appoint registration and election officers in Utah; to canvass the returns of election for members of the Legislative Assembly; and to issue certificates of election. When the Legislature so elected shall meet and make provisions for filling those registration and election offices, the functions of the Commission will cease and the body expire.

To hear some of the sages of the press dilate upon the wonderful things to be done in the family affairs of the people of Utah when the Commissioners get to work, one would think that those officials were endowed with the power of life and death, of granting divorce and alimony, and of making a general "bustification" in the domestic concerns of the whole Territory.

We have no idea that those gentlemen entertain any such absurd notions as to their authority. They will doubtless endeavor to discharge the unpleasant duties imposed upon them according to the spirit and the letter of the law, in which they will receive the support of all sensible, peaceable and honorable citizens.

Why don't newspaper men read up a little? They expose their lack of understanding every time they attempt to touch the Utah question or pitch into the "Mormons." And, by the by, would it not take more than a hundred Commissions of five to "make straight the crooked matrimonial relations" of the good "Christians" of Ohio and other monogamous (?) communities? Eh, Mr. Herald?

The slaughter of innocents by soothing drops goes on with increasing vigor. A Philadelphia doctor estimates that 25,000 bottles of such nostrums are sold every week in that city, and that a large proportion of the 1,500 or 2,000 babies who die there annually are killed by doses of those drugs.

A prize of \$10,000 is offered by the French government to any person who, between July 1, 1882, and July 1, 1887, will have invented the most useful application of the Volta pile. The prize was first opened to competition by Napoleon the Great, soon after the eminent philosopher of Como had made his memorable discovery, but it has not yet been achieved. It has now a fair chance of coming to America.

A painting lately uncovered in Pompeii seems identical in subject with the judgment of Solomon. In the centre is a bench with three judges; kneeling at their feet, in an attitude of prayer, is a woman; further toward the foreground is a butcher's table, and upon it a naked babe, which a man is preparing to kill with a large knife, while beside him stands a second woman with an indifferent air. Soldiers and people close the scene.

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