

It seemed as if the floor was closed as a solid mass, and the girls would creep around this, crawl around the machines and creep on hands and knees until they got to the opening where I was. The machines saved many from being crushed to death. I believe that fully 100 persons escaped with me. I remember seeing them run across the common in different directions to their homes, terrified. Some ran away a short distance and then returned to the ruins. The girls came back to look for their brothers and sisters or friends. We could hear the moans and shrieks of those imprisoned in the ruins. The rain was pouring down, and all around was dark. I was badly bruised and hurt about the body, head and limbs, and went home after I saw I could do nothing. Between 250 and 300 operatives were in the building. About 4 o'clock I allowed 16 girls to go home. All the floors were in operation. The report that 100 went home at four o'clock is not true."

### UNTRUTHFUL PROTESTS.

The following documents, to which editorial reference has been made, are here reproduced to show how regardless of truth in representing their fellow citizens people can be who are actuated by religious intolerance, and corrupt political and pecuniary motives. These protests are also given space that they may be preserved for historical purposes.

The first is a memorial adopted by the Idaho Legislature, Jan. 3:

#### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1.

BY WHEELER.

*Against the admission of Utah, and praying for the appointment of a Legislative Commission.*

*To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

Your memorialists, the Council and House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Idaho, most respectfully represent:

That the proposed admission of the Territory of Utah as a State, would be a calamity not only to every loyal Gentile citizen of that Territory, but to the general public, and especially to those States and Territories adjacent to Utah;

That the admission of Utah would place the government of the State directly in the hands of the leaders of the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," commonly known as the Mormon Church—an organization treasonable in its teachings and practices to the United States Government;

That many of said leaders are now, and have been for months past, fugitives from justice and under indictment for crimes against the laws of the United States, and others are serving terms in the penitentiary for similar crimes;

That the members of this treasonable organization, known as the

Mormon Church, largely outnumber the loyal Gentile citizens in said Territory, and consequently have, and for many years to come will have absolute control of all elections therein;

That all pretences of abandonment of bigamy, polygamy and other crimes against the laws of the United States are pretences only, made for the purpose of deceiving persons unacquainted with the abhorrent practices of the Mormon Church, and thus create a feeling favorable to the proposed admission of said Territory of Utah;

That the turning over of a State Government to said Mormon Church or the leaders thereof, would be unsafe and impolitic, because said Church is composed by a large majority of the lowest and most densely ignorant classes of the Old World peasantry, who are in no way Americanized, and who have nothing in common with our aims or our Republican institutions. They are serfs, and serfs only—slaves to the most tyrannical and despotic organization in existence. They are absolutely under the control of their leaders, and the use of the ballot in their hands would be entirely under the direction of said leaders, and a travesty on the elective franchise;

That there is no severance of Church and State in Utah, all reports to the contrary, notwithstanding;

That the admission of Utah and the additional power thus given said Mormon Church would create a dangerous condition of affairs in Idaho, and would endanger the welfare of our social and moral institutions;

We, your memorialists, would therefore respectfully pray that the Territory of Utah be not admitted as a State, and we do further pray that a Legislative Commission be created for the government of said Territory.

And your memorialists will ever pray, etc.

The following is a protest of citizens of Utah Territory against its admission to the Union as a State:

*To the Honorable, the Congress of the United States:*

The Liberal Territorial Committees of Utah, representing both Democrats and Republicans, respectfully present the protest of the citizens of the Territory against the proposition to admit Utah as a State. We are the servants of about 55,000 Gentiles, composing the entire Gentile population, and this large body of citizens unanimously oppose the scheme which is being so vigorously pressed by the Mormon Church. Joining with them are many Mormons who disregard the orders of the church. Our constituents are an industrious, loyal and law-abiding people. They are faithful to the laws and traditions of their country. They are equal in intelligence, courage and energy to those of any community. They have made their homes here, invested their money here, and are fully informed as to the conditions which surround us. Although they are in a minority,

they have a right to be heard, and the fact that they are unanimous in their opposition to the admission of Utah is an unanswerable argument against the proposition. Although they compose but one-fourth of the population of the Territory, they pay nearly one-half of the taxes. They have opened large and valuable mines, and have produced therefrom over \$108,000,000. Quite half of this sum has been paid to Mormons for labor and supplies. Before their advent the Mormon element were so poor that several whole families did not secure \$10 per year. The Gentiles have churches of the value of a half-million dollars. They support one hundred schools independent of the Territorial school system. They have established hospitals and libraries and enterprising newspapers. They have built magnificent business blocks, and during the past year have expended in building in Salt Lake City alone upwards of one million dollars in money. These people are not mere adventurers. They are not "carpet baggers." They are American citizens who pay their own way, and who bear aloft the banner of Progress.

They oppose the admission of Utah into the Union as a State because it would be under the tyrannical domination and control of a secret organization commonly called the Mormon Church, with its 28,000 office holders.

Because polygamy, which is an essential of the creed of the church, would be perpetuated and laws against the crime could never be enforced.

Because it would place the common schools under ecclesiastical control where the book of "Doctrine and Covenants," which teaches polygamy, would be a text book, as it is now in the Mormon schools.

Because it would retard progress, depreciate values and drive from the Territory the men and women who are fast making it fit to enter the Union of States.

Because the whole scheme has been engineered by the Mormon priesthood, in order that they might entrench themselves behind the barriers of state rights.

Because it would be a crime against American institutions to clothe a Territory which is un-American in all its tendencies with the honors of a state, where the iron will of one man dictates what the laws shall be and who shall make and enforce them.

The statement that has been made upon the floor of Congress that polygamy is dead is false. It is taught and practiced throughout Utah, and if Utah becomes a state, the polygamous household and polygamous practices will be openly and brazenly flaunted in the face of the world, and the American people will be asked, "What are you going to do about it?"

We respectfully submit herewith, protests against Statehood signed by upwards of 13,000 people.

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Liberal Territorial Committee of Utah.