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TERMS IN ADVANCE.

DAVID O. CALDER,  
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### Christianity's Utah Jury Bill.

The following is published as Christianity's Utah Jury bill—

A bill to provide for challenges to jurors in trials for bigamy and polygamy in the Territory of Utah, and to amend section four of the act entitled "An act in relation to courts and judicial officers in the Territory of Utah," approved June 24th, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section four of the act entitled "An act in relation to courts and judicial officers in the Territory of Utah," approved June 24th, 1874, be, and the same is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following, namely:

In all prosecutions for bigamy or polygamy under section one of the act entitled "An act to punish and prevent the practice of polygamy in the Territories of the United States, and other places, and disapproving and annulling certain acts of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah," approved July 1st, 1862, it shall be sufficient cause of challenge and for the rejection of any juror, first, that he has more than one wife living and residing in said Territory, whether married to any of them by the ordinary rites and ceremonies of marriage, or by the rites, ceremony, or proceeding known as sealing, or any other ceremony or proceeding claimed or understood by bigamists or polygamists of said Territory to create either an ordinary, a merely temporal, or a spiritual marriage, and by reason of which he may recognize her as either a temporal or spiritual wife; *Provided*, That they cohabit together as husband and wife usually do in that Territory; second, that he believes it morally or legally right for a man to have more than one living and undivorced wife at the same time, he knowing them to be alive and in the Territory, or to cohabit habitually, as with a wife, with more than one woman. Any person challenged as a juror on either of the foregoing grounds may be questioned upon his oath as to the existence of either of them; but as to the first ground he shall not be bound to answer, if he shall say upon his oath that he declines on the ground that he fears his answer might tend to criminate himself; and if he shall answer as to that ground, his answer shall not be given in evidence in any criminal prosecution against him; but if he declines to answer on the ground that he fears his answer might tend to criminate himself, he shall be rejected as a juror. If by reason of the rejection of jurors upon either or both the grounds above mentioned, the panel of the jurors drawn for the term shall be exhausted, the Marshal, or any deputy, shall, by the order of the Court, proceed to summon talesmen to serve on such jury until the requisite number of competent jurors shall be obtained in the cause.

### THE WOMEN'S PETITION.

Mr. Cannon, the representative of Mormondom in Congress, who has become notorious from the contest over his admission, is a short, rotund and rosy gentleman, with a genial face and manners. He is an Englishman by birth, and a printer by profession. His family emigrated to this country when he was

quite a boy, and joining their fortunes to those of the Latter-day Saints, were among the first to settle in the Great Salt Lake Basin. He has always occupied a prominent position in the temporal affairs of the community and is represented to be a fine business man. He lives here during the session of Congress at Willard's hotel, with one of his four wives.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 19, 1875.

Brother Cannon.

Dear Sir:—By kindness of Bro. Staines, we forward you two original copies of a "Memorial of the Women of Utah to the Congress of the United States"—one for the House and one for the Senate—which we are very desirous shall be presented as soon as Congress shall convene after the holidays.

Had we not been anxious for its early presentation, instead of 22,626, we should, with a little more time, have obtained 30,000 signatures.

Inasmuch as it has been frequently said abroad that the women of Utah act from compulsion—that we are compelled to do and say without right of choice—we testify to you that the getting up of this memorial is wholly women's work; that the movement was in progress without the knowledge of the "sterner sex." But wishing to award the men the gratitude which is their due, we are proud to acknowledge that after we had commenced our work the superintendents very generously accorded us the free use of the telegraph and railroads of the Territory, which greatly aided in canvassing for signatures.

We mention these facts that you may be authoritatively posted in case you should be thrown in contact with any of those ignorant persons who prate about the enslaved condition of the Mormon women, and state that in all our movements we act from our free will and choice.

Trusting that God will raise up to you many friends of those who are the honorable of the earth, and wishing you success as our worthy delegate, and all the peace and enjoyments of which you position and present surroundings will admit, we subscribe ourselves your sisters in the hope of that rest that remains for the people of God.

ELIZA R. SNOW, M. I. HORNE,  
B. W. SMITH, SUSAN T. YOUNG,  
H. E. YOUNG, N. T. YOUNG,  
Z. D. YOUNG, P. M. STAINES.

Washington Correspondent Chicago Inter-Ocean.

### Local and Other Matters

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 2.

**Coming Home.**—We understand that Elders John Sharp, James A. Little, Feramor Little and Jesse W. Fox, Jun., started west from Omaha this afternoon, on their way home.

**Rolling Out.**—The brethren migrating to Arizona are daily rolling out of the city, most of them well equipped, with good teams and wagons, agricultural implements and other things to match. Those selected from the 16th and 17th Wards started to-day.

**Woman's Exponent** for Feb. 1 contains "Send Him the Proof," "R. S. Reports," "The Lost Babies," "Remembered Happiness," "Warn Your Girls," "Society and its Tendency," "An Essay," "Retrenchment," "Liberty," "An Editor's Wife," "Reflections of a Young Mother," etc.

**Fruit.**—Yesterday a goodly quantity of beautiful, mellow apples arrived at the Legislative Hall, for the use of the members of the Legislature, the only indication as to who the donor was being that the package was labelled "Santaquin," and a strong suspicion that the Bishop of that town had a hand in the matter. The NEWS was remembered in conjunction with the territorial law-makers.

**Lecture.**—Last evening Elder James Dwyer delivered a lecture, in the 17th Ward School-house, to a

large audience. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society of the Ward, and the subject was "Education." The lecture showed the speaker's interest in the subject, and his advice to the young on the choice of reading matter, if followed by those who heard him, will not only prove of great benefit to each one personally, but be a great advantage to the Society.

**St. John's.**—We had a call to-day from Brother George W. Burridge, presiding Elder of the settlement of St. John's, Tooele Co. He informs us that the instructions of President Young with regard to the mode of conducting social gatherings is being strictly carried out there. On Jan. 27th, the young ladies got up a leap year party, which opened at 2 and closed at 10 o'clock, precisely, and everybody felt well, all enjoying themselves excellently.

**Long Winter.**—This is the 2nd of February, and it is a common saying in various parts of the world that the bear comes out of his lair at noon to-day, and if he sees his shadow he goes back with the conviction that the last end of winter will be a long one; and if he doesn't see it, that it will be short and he stays out. He certainly would be able to see it on this clear day. The saying further is that half the hay and corn should be on hand yet, to meet the requirements superinduced by future inclement hard weather.

**Police Court.**—This morning James T. O'Connor appeared before Justice Pyper on a charge of having been inebriated, creating a disturbance of the peace and resisting the officers who arrested him, for which he was fined \$25.

M. W. Macdonald showed a greater affection for ardent spirits than for the principles of honesty, for he obtained liquor without having the wherewith to pay for it, for which the Judge fined him \$10.

N. P. Peterson got intoxicated and, in addition, having no visible means of support, he was for these considerations sent to jail for thirty days, in default of meeting a thirty dollar obligation, in the shape of a fine.

**A Conspicuous Sign.**—Messrs. Mattison and Johnson, agents for agricultural machinery, have erected, in front of their premises, First East Street, south of the City Hall corner, a very conspicuous at the same time somewhat attractive sign, in the shape of a tall yet comely windmill, called the "Regulator," manufactured by the Marshall Wind Engine and Pump Company, of Marshall, Michigan, and for which the before-named firm are agents. This windmill is very popular in various parts of America, where it has been introduced, and its use is rapidly extending to every part, even to California, where it is taking precedence of the numerous windmills manufactured in that State. It certainly speaks well for the superior advantages of the "Regulator," to gain a rapid footing in so distant a part from the point where it is manufactured, and where other engines of the same kind are made, having the disadvantages of heavy freight to contend with.

The advantages claimed for the "Regulator" over other wind engines are numerous, and some of them are that it has a solid rosette wheel, leaving no sails to lessen its power; it is always balanced when in or out of gear; the rudder vane will not recede from the wind wheel; it faces the wind squarely in a light as well as heavy breeze, besides many others, too numerous to mention.

We had the pleasure of meeting the other day with Mr. Spicer, one of the inventors, who was on a short visit to this city and about to leave for California, who informed us that the "Regulator" is covered by a large number of patents, and that the raising capacity of the windmills ranges from 3,000 to 15,000 gallons of water a day, the quantity depending much, of course, upon circumstances. He is sanguine that it needs but a trial among the farmers of Utah to secure a wide

introduction for it in this Territory, being well adapted for purposes of irrigation.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 3.

**Phrenological.**—The lecture of Prof. Cedarstrom, at the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms, last night, was attended by a not very large but very appreciative audience, who paid marked attention. An interesting feature of the lecture was the practical delineations of character given of parties present. On Friday, to-morrow, evening the subject will be "Practical Phrenology as Applied to Every-day Life."

**Centennial Concert.**—The concert at the 15th Ward Hall, last evening, was a very creditable affair, and deserving of a larger audience, both on account of it being for the benefit of the "Centennial Committee of the 15th Ward," and its musical merits. Where all did so well it is difficult to make distinction, but the efforts of the Misses Swan and Olson, and Messrs. Owen, Gardner, Morgan and Griggs, also the recitations of Messrs. Hull and Tibbs, are deserving of special mention. The feature of the evening, however, was the performance of The Centennial Band, a burlesque, by eight young men, which will bear repetition. The whole proceedings reflect great credit upon the conductor, Mr. T. C. Griggs.

**Visit to Cache.**—Last night Bishop E. F. Sheets returned from a business visit to Cache Valley. We learn from him that there is from a foot to eighteen inches of snow on the level in that locality, and consequently if the people's hay and other feed should give out before the weather breaks not a few head of cattle will be likely to perish.

The Bishop came over the divide from Logan to Dewey's by sleigh yesterday, the Utah Northern being blocked with snow; at Dewey's he took the cars, reaching this city by the regular evening train.

A force of nearly forty men, from the Cache Valley side, were at work clearing the Utah Northern track and had reached the summit of the divide yesterday, so there is a prospect of the blockade on that line being soon broken.

**An Important Industry.**—We believe the value of the dried fruit industry is considerably underestimated by most people hereabout, but stubborn facts prove that it is a very important branch of business, and gives yearly, to this Territory, a very snug sum, and could be made to yield much more liberally. The Utah peaches have an enviable reputation for general excellence throughout the country, and are consequently in great demand, finding a ready market, at good prices. In the face of those facts, however, many of the owners of orchards in this city and other parts of the Territory are very careless about the culture of the peach, because probably of the abundance and consequently commonness of that kind of fruit in Utah. This indifference is sometimes manifested in cumbering the orchards with scrubby and consequently almost useless kinds of the peach tree, and sometimes by taking up good peach trees and planting in their stead other descriptions of fruit trees.

In our opinion the cultivation of the peach should receive more instead of less attention, because, in the first place, it is, when of the best quality, perhaps the most delightfully delicious fruit that the earth produces, at least in these latitudes, and again it can, so far as Utah is concerned, be made one of the most profitable to the producer, and this latter result can be attained either by canning or drying.

The amount of dried fruit actually handled, and nearly all shipped by merchants in this City, during the past season was fifty-five car loads, a small proportion of which is still on hand, but soon to be sent off. Nearly one half of this amount has been handled by Z. C. M. I. The average weight of a car load is 21,000 pounds, which, multiplied by 55, gives a total weight of 1,155,000 pounds, which, at eleven cents a pound, gives a cash product of \$127,050. The bulk of the fruit

above considered was shipped to Steele & Johnson, of Chicago, and some to other parties.

The above figures do not include what may have been shipped from Coriame, where some parties handled this product, neither is the fruit produced in "Dixie" or Southern Utah considered to any extent, most of which was probably disposed of in other markets, such as Pioche and other mining towns. Altogether it would be safe to say that the net product to the Territory from this source, for the past season, would not be less than \$150,000, which may be increased fourfold or even tenfold by paying that attention to the raising and subsequent manipulation of fruit suitable for drying, especially the peach.

While on this subject we may state that it is somewhat remarkable that nobody has yet taken hold of and gone extensively into the fruit-canning business in this Territory, for there can be no doubt that it would be a lucrative investment for capital.

### Sioux Depredations in Montana.

FIVE MILES BELOW  
CLARK'S FORK.  
December 23, 1875.

We met to-day, Wm. Castro and Jefferson Thompson, who in company with Owen Mason, went down to the Big Horn. When eight miles from Fort Pease, between the Fort and Little Horn, they were attacked by about one hundred Sioux Indians, who killed Mason. They took from him nine horses, 500lbs. flour, 15lbs. sugar, 1,500 rounds cartridges, 15lbs. coffee, 14 ounces strychnine, 50lbs. bacon, 10 pair blankets, a lodge and tent and a complete outfit for winter. While trying to dig a rifle-pit, Mason was shot between the eyes and instantly killed. Castro and Thompson tried to reach Fort Pease, but were cut off by the Indians, and were compelled to return up the river. There are seven men with nineteen horses at the mouth of the Little Horn, who will be certain to have to fight. There is a large party of Indians going in the direction of Fort Pease. They have probably attacked the Fort by this time. There are nine men in our party and we feel that we can make a good "stand-off" against a considerable number of Indians.

PAUL MCCORMICK,  
Helena Independent.

### The Snow Blockade East and West.

GREEN RIVER, Wyo.,  
February 1st, 6 p.m.

Three engines with snow arrived from the west at 6 p.m., and reported the road clear. Another block is reported further east, between Bitter Creek and Red Desert.

WELLS, Nevada,  
Feb. 1st, 6 p.m.

The west-bound overland train, that left Ogden on Sunday evening, has not arrived yet. A snow plow and two engines are off the track fourteen miles east of here, at Independence Springs. The east-bound trains are at Elko. The railroad officials are doing everything possible to clear their road, and expect to get trains through to-night and everything in running order again. Weather clear and calm.

### TERRITORIAL DISPATCHES.

PER DESERET TELEGRAPH LINE.  
Terrific Wind Storm.  
PARIS, Ga.

Supt. A. M. Musser:  
The most prolonged and terrific wind storm ever experienced in this country abated about 2 o'clock this morning. Weather pleasant now. Line been down in mountains. Now all O. K.  
WM. BUDGE.

ODESSA, 5.—Navigation in this harbor and neighboring waters is resumed.