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REVIEW OF THE UTAH COM-MISSIONERS' REPORT. -No. 2-

port allege that the Edmunds Act "offers full amnesty for past offenses," and that it "also invites the people, through a Legislative Assembly to be chosen by themselves, to formally accept this generous offer of Congress to condone the past, and only requiring of them that they shall obey the law in future." It is needless to tell those who are familiar with the Edmunds law that nothing of the kind is to be found in its provisions. But many are not acquainted with its details, and for their benefit we quote. The sixth section of the Act says:

is hereby authorized to grant amnesty to such classes of offenders guilty of bigamy, polygamy or unlawful cohabi-tation, before the passage of this Act. on such conditions and under such limitations as he shall think proper. But no such amnesty shall have effect unless the conditions thereof shall be complied with.

for all past offenses," does not marriage relation." When the Comthis provision is that he is only author- for a future occasion, not desiring to ized to grant annesty for offenses crowd too much of this review upon act, and one of those offenses could more to come. not be committed before the passage of the Act because the Act liself created the offense. Before the passage of the Act there was no such offense as "unlawful consbitation" within the meaning of the third section, and therefore the proposition to grant annesty for It was citlier a piece of sly humor at the expense of the Chief Mugistrate or a bit of bungling characteristic of anti-"Mormon" legislation.

Now let us see how much the peopic are "invited by this Act through a Legislative Assembly" to formally accept the "generous offer" that, as we have shown, was never made by the proper thing to let variety assume its Educands Act. The last clause of the law provides

bers suil have been elected and re-turned according to the provisions of Without delivering, the Judge flor this act, said Legislative Assembly may make such laws, conformable to

ute books, were wreated and twisted reason among others that one man, and this case, and in punisiting with such by Federal Judges to meet cases he the one alleged to be offended, in- severity a fanatical leader of those of plural marriage, contrary to stead of twelve men having neither who claim to be an oppressed race, has their plain meaning and intent, friendship nor hatred and having no raised a demon which she cannot conand when, by advice of some of the interest in the result, tries him. To gar- trol. It may bring about a political Federal judges and many non-"Mor- ble his language and pervert his mean- dissolution of the Dominion govern- was signed on the desired terms. mon" members of the bar, a new penal ing, is inexcusable; yet, we submit ment, and in any event will certainly code was enacted after being submitted to the unprejudiced judgment of any be productive of no good results. It to their supervision, those statutes impartial man cognizant of all the may be looked upon as a blunder which which had been wrested to act in the facts, If this was not done in the Miner | might as well have been avoided place of the Congressional law of 1862 | case, not only by the Court, but by the were repealed, with many others ren- two attorneys who subsequently asdered unnecessary by the new code. sisted him in the consummation of his Bi TELEGRAPH 'The Mormons themselves' are not measure of oppression.

responsible for the omission of those His honor then goes on to show that laws from their statute books, but the an attorney may be removed or sus-Federal judges who aided and abetted pended upon his conviction of a felony in their misapplication for the purpose or misdemeanor involving moral turpi-THE t'th Commissioners in their re- of an assault upon the "Mormon" tude, and seeks to establish the point that such turpitude exists in the case

people But this attempt to throw dust in the of Mr. Miner. It is a labor requiring Riel was executed on a scaffold at the eyes of the country in the shape of considerable sophistry, some little these oft-exploded fallacies, will not argument, au avalanche of words and obscure the fact that it is the law of a plentiful lack of logic to evolve moral Congress against cohabitation with turpitude out of the conditions of the more than one woman that is corrupt- matter under discussion. The manily administered by the courts for festations of such a state of mind or which the Commissioners make apolo- habit as that, are complete depravity, of Louis Riel, leader of the Canadian gy. The absence of certain laws in looseness of conduct, absence of chas- half-breeds in their recent rebellion, the Utah statute book is not the ques- tity, addiction to vice and a benumbed tion. It has nothing to do with it, state of the higher faculties. It is The question is, why do the scarcely necessary to resort to proof or Utah courts send to prison "Mor- argument to rebut so monstrous an mons" who have been found guilty of assumption as that any one of those

"The President of the United States nothing bat open recognization of specifications is attributable to Mr. women as their wives, no proof of Miner; because, in the first place, carnal cohabitation having been most of the readers of the NEWS have brought against them, and at the same known him for many years, either time turn loose without punishment personally or by reputation, and know 'Gentiles" who have been proven the contrary to be the case in each and guilty of the grossest immorality and every instance; and, secondly, it was who have violated the third section of not proved, so far as by bare implica-

Thus it will be seen, the Act, so Edmunds Act by cohabiting with more tion even, by the gentleman's prosecu- The intelligence was convered to him fail from offering "full amnesty than one woman, though not "in the tors and persecutors, that such or any in of them were the case. The ipse divit offer any annesty at all, but places the missioners make this clear there are of the Court, even though alded and rebel's cell is immediately adjacent to power in the hands of the President to some other questions which we would encouraged by two attorneys, estabimpose just such conditions as he like to ask them in relation to their lishes nothing, in view of the fact that thinks proper, and to grant or with- latest report. And there are further they were, as previously shown, bent gate in front of the cell was an armed hold amnesty on those conditions at points in the document that call for upon the consummation of ulterior sentinelonduty and outside the build-hold amnesty on those conditions at points in the document that call for upon the consummation of ulterior user and narcel tag a cordou of armed men were pacing his option. One carlous feature of some comment which we will reserve purposes, all forming part and parcel of a previously designed programme. committed before the passage of the our readers in one article. There is in the case is simply a disquisition on of the mounted police. A representamarriage in general and polygamy in

THE JUDGE'S FIELD DAY

Ir is to be hoped that his honor, Judge Zane, will now be able to turn his attention to secular affairs for a time, locument for another time. and give religion a rest. It seems to

The principal point 'made in the be a part of the programme to intersperse with regular business more or less sermonizing from the bench on the guise of law our religion and evils of "Mormonism," and having lessly assailed, obtains with nearly had perhaps more of that especial feaequal force in the case of Andrew D. ture than even the shrickers and claquers require, it would seem the imprisoned for five days. His offense wonted sway. 'The proceedings in the was assaulting an individual of doubt-Third District Court on Saturday alone

were sufficient as to virulence "And at or after the first meeting of the hegislative Assembly whose membehavior, named Henry G. Collin, a person who wears the livery of the United States Marshal, and makes him-self conspicuous after the fashion of his breast above the region of the Without delivering, the Judge filed daruling in ce the disherment pro some other animals, by being supremeheart, ceedings against Aurelius Miner, instily offensive. Burt had no right to take not inconsistent with other laws of the tuted by the Court himself. The full the law into his own hands, and was text, without omitting the dotting of

PER WESTERN UNION TELEOR, PH LINE. AMERICAN. "

LATEST BY LIGHTNING. Riel Executed.

REGINA, N. W. T., 16 -Louis David barracks of the mounted police force near this city, for high treason against the Queen of Great Britain, at 8/23 o'clock this morning, mountain time. Regina, N. W. T., Canada, 15.--A special messenger, bringing the warrant signed by the Governor General of Canada, directing that the execution should take place in accordance with the verdict of the jury which tried him, arrived here in a special train at eight clock to-night. There is now no onger any doubt that Riel will meet his fate on the scaffold at some hour to-morrow. The arrival of the

WARRANT WAS A SURPRISE

to even many of the officials, who owing to the late hour and previous clays had argued that another respite would follow. Riel received the formal intelligence at 9 o'clock to-night in his cell in the guardroom of the mounted police barracks, three miles west of this cit person by the High Sh riff, Chapleau. The scene was in many respects remarkable. The famous the guard room of the troops doing night patrol duty, fully flity of whom occupied the room. Through the iron their beats. The iron gate was thrown The remainder of the Judge's ruling open on the approach of the high sheriff, and Col. Irvine, commandant tive of the Associated Press was al lowed by courtesy to be present. Rie

particular; "Mormonism" being the who had been conversing with objective point in this as well as all surgeon of the post, arose and wel-other discussions by his honor when a "Morinon" is on trial, and several voice was modulated and he displayed doctrinal points being raised, we re- no sign of excitement. His initial serve the review of that portion of the greeting was

WELL, AND SO YOU HAVE COME WITH

foregoing, that under a thin Lam glad." Sheriff Chapleau replied that the death warrant had come Riel, continuing in the same cneery our people are being merci way, said :"I am giad that at last I am to be cleared from my sufferings." He then broke off into French and thanked the sheriff for his personal consideration. Burt, who was on Saturday adjudged He proceeded again in English: "I de-in contempt, fined \$150 and ordered size that my body shall be given to my tlends, to be laid in St. Boniface. his is the French cemetery across and river from the city of Winnipeg. ful reputation but not at all doubtful The sheriff asked him if he had

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the Organic Act of said Territory and United States, as it shall deem proper concerning the filling of the offices in said Territory declared vacant by this an 1 or crossing of a t, wasipublished

The Commissioners have all along pretended that the Legislative Assemby was required by this act to pass some laws in relation to the offenses named in the Act; to supplement the laws of Cougress with legislation of its own on the same subject. In their report of October 30, 1883, they say in reference to the than incoming Assembly

"It will be their duty under the act of 1882 to adopt measures, in conform-ity, with the provisions of that law, for the suppression of polygamy."

not acted according to the dictum of in which he is interested; and all interthe Commissioners they advise, as they pretations of the language used and the threatened to do in their report of 1883, attitude taken by the defendant are "the most stringent measures compatible with the limitations of the Constitution," and, indeed, such extreme legislation as would, if enacted, be thoroughly hostile to the spirit and apostrophe to disloyalty, Mr: Miner's letter of that sacred instrument.

And yet, as the language of kind. No such requirement is made. Great stress is laid, by means of in said Territory declared vacant" by the Edmunds Act. There is not a sen- Inasmuch as the defendant there and tence, or a line, or a word in it requir- then, on two separate occasions, ing or suggesting the passage of such laws as the Commissioners have taken upon themselves to declare it is made. the duty of the Legislature to enact.

It has been already shown that the Lerislative Assembly did passalaw sense of fairness would prompt the fully meeting the requirement, if such Court in seeking to punish him for asit may be called, of the Edmunds Act; sumed disloyalty, to give him the benbut it was vetoed by the Governor, as fit of his statement as a whole, not any law will be, without doubt, which | state a part of it only, and thus make really fuldils the intent of the Ed- the world believe that the man whose munds Act in cutting short the official lives and salaries of the Utah Commisstoners, and does not enlarge the gu- repentant rebel. The determinabernatorial powers or pander to the undue ambition of the Executive.

This attempt of the Commissioners i to put the Legislative Assembly in a power of the court if he would not, faise light before the Government and the country is not at all to their credit, having to resort to the alternative, it and when properly understood, as it will be in the not distant future, will plausibility. What method more inprove to them no source of delight, of genious, what execution more unhonor or of reputation.

The Commissioners undertake to in- partisan attorney have devised and struct the Secretary of the Interior as carried out? To stiffe all that is to the meaning and intent of the Ed- against us, and display with all the braying and blaring of tempestuous munds Act, with a gravity that would rhetoric those things out of which we be amusing if it were not so misleadcan weave a fabric to conceal ing. They say "the law was not directed at individual lascivious prac- our own imperfections, is the tices." Tuis will be a surprise tactics of pot-house politicians and the to many of these Congressmen who lower grade of police court lawyers; voted for the bill, if they should ever but the bench should be above and besee the report of the Commissioners. youd such proceedings, no matter how ambitious its occupant nor how much They were no doubt under the impression that the third section of the law he may consider that he is obeying the was almed against what they consid- written and expressed intent of the ered individual lascivious practices, government and the "rest of us." and was intended to cover all cases of Mr. Miner specially said he would unlawful cohabitation. But, accord- not obey the fugitive slave law, even ing to the Commissioners, it was only when the Supreme Court pronounced aimed against the "Mormon" Church, it constitutional; that laws could not or what they please to call "Its assault destroy his conscience nor his upon the monogamic system," of intelligence, and if all laws states be plunged into a war meaning which we shall have something further were quietly and unquestioningly to say at another time.

in Saturday's NEWS, and the reader has by this time inwardly digested it, so far as such unsavory viands can be. It which constituted the offense. The begins with a recital of the incidents fine was paid, and those who know all connected with the trial, conviction, the facts and are unprejudiced, will and sentence of Mr. Miner, and prosay that it ought to have been a comceeds to reiterate most of what was said and done by the Court lars more than has ususually been in relation to the defendant's failure to taxed for that offense. But such an 'promise." As before, his honor palpaopportunity to establish the supremply, and as we ibelieve wilfully, draws conclusions from collateral rather than acy of a "Liberal" deputy marshal over cognate facts-that is, he makes use of a mere "Mormon" deputy sheriff, was the tactics of a lawyer who sees and not to be lost; and as Colhn had a subporna in his pocket, issued from the And now because the Assembly has cares to see but one side of a case, that

tine be made to appear by statements that an officer was inconstrued in accordance with the tercepted in the discharge of his duty, definitions laid down in the vocabulary. Review-'Llberal'' ing the previously exhausted ousiness the assalled was engaged words are again paraded before us, when his answer to the Judge's query the Edmunds Act which we have as to whether or not he would obey all thought of committing a contempt or quoted proves, the Utah Legislature laws of the United States hereafter and of treating the court's process lightly, is not required to do anything of the not advise others to violate them, was stated, intimated or implied in the law. | a powerful, strain upon the defendant's was sufficient, intent or no intent; and The Legislature is simply authorized to statement that since his majority he imposed the monstrous penalty menpass such laws "as it shall deem pro- had never said he would obey all the loned above in addition to what had per concerning the filing of the offices laws of Congress, and that laws had previously been inflicted. A long lecbeen made which he never would obey. ture preceded it, in which the majesty a the connection referred to, up glaringly at intervals: but suppose stated what the laws were that he would not obey, and gave his reasons therefor, it would seem to an unpreju-Wouldn't it have been the other ox dleed observer that the most ordinary that was gored? We think so.

degradation as well as conviction was sought was a blatant, untion to make Mr. Miner recant his faith and become "one of us" or punish him to the full extent of the was plainly manifest in all this; and must go to he public with a show of

this one begins humbly, so to speak; scrupulous, could the most extreme two petty European states are all that are involved actually so far; but we the south by the Bosphorous, the Marmora, the Dardauelles and the Ægean, on the west by the Adriatic and on the north by the southern limits of Austria and Russia, and it has taken a position somewhat central. But will it be confined to its present scope? From the warlike preparations made and still going on in other parts of Europe, it is reasonable to conclude that it will not, but that it will spread and perhaps involve its surroundings for a thousand miles or more on either side. Then may come the question o absolute supremacy among the na-

tions of the Old World, and the civillzed, semi-civilized and barbarous yielded to, there would never be such a for a few - or it may be

WAR IN EUROPE.

"TIGS I GAVE TO MY COUNTRY FIFTEEN YEARS AGO,

intercepted before he had proceeded and it is all I have to give now." If very far; nevertheless he was was asked as to his peace of mind and arrested, tried, convicted, and replied: "I long ago made my peace flaed \$31.50 for striking the two blows can be at any time. You will find that had a mission to per want you to thank perform my friends in Quebec for all they have done for me. He continued, in reply to another question, "I am willing to go. plete explation, as it was several do!- I shall be permitted to say something on the scaffold?" He said in a tone of nquiry. When told he would be al-owed to speak, he said smilingly, "You think I may speak long," that it will unnerve me, Oh! no, I shall not be weak. I shall feel that when the moment comes

I SHALL HAVE WINGS.

Third District Court, here was which will carry me upward." Then opportunity; it could reverting again to the French tongue, and in the inimitable way for which he was famed, to all those who have known him closely, spoke again of the kind remembrance he would retain of the facts going to show, however, that those who espoused his personal cause the facts going to show, however, that the closed by saying to Sheriff Chapthere was no interception, that the leau, as he held out his hand to h'in in assailant was ignorant of what parting "Adieu, mon ami." His eye was clear and unflinching and his bear ing throughout was such as to evoke : n, and only sought satisfaction as sense of admiration by the absence of any individual might of another. The any tremor or excitement. If he ever howed the white feather under fire, or on any occasion, he succeeded in keeptid not enter his head-yet Judge Zaue in the presence of his own approaching held substantially that the overt act fate. Pere Audre, his spiritual adviser, then arrived, and he was left with him

to celebrate mass. The same extraordinary precautions against the possible escape of Riel or intrusion to the barracks by unauthorized persons was observed again this morning. At a mile from the barracks of the law, the dignity of the Court and mounted patrols challenged all perthe authority of the government loomed sons and compelled them to disclose written passes. Two other lines of guards were stationed at points Burt had been the deputy marshal and nearer the post, where the same precollin the sheriff, what then? cautions were again observed. one was permitted to enter the guard rooms until 8:12 o'cclock. The Iscene presented then was that of

RIEL ON THE SCAFFOLD

with Pere Andre and Father McWilliams with him, celebrating mass. Rici was on his bended knee, wearing

SERVIA has formally declared war a loose woolen surtout, gray trousers against Bulgaria, and the order from and a woollen shirt. On his feet the government of the former to cross were moccasins, the only feature the frontier which divides the two of his dress that partook of the Indian that was in him. He received notice nations has been obeyed, with hostilito proceed to the scaffold in the same ties on a minor scale the rule of the composed manner shown the preced hour. It is probable that news from ing night on receiving warning of his that quarter will now and for some fate. His face was full of color and he appeared to have complete self-postime (how long no one can venture a session, responding to the service in a guess) be the absorbing object of news clear tone.

The prisoner decided only a moment gatherers and readers. Like many other before starting for the scaffold not to make a speech. This was owing to conflicts which have startled the world before they were completed, the carnest solicitation of both priests attending him. He displayed an in-clination at the last moment to make an address, but Pere Andre reminded are involved actually so far; but we all have seen that war was brewing in and walked toward the executioner, the vast scope of territory bounded on repeating his prayers to the last moeut, the final words excaping him being "Merci Jesu."

HE DIED WITHOUT A STRUGGLE.

Not to exceed 20 persons were permit-ted within the confines of the barracks to witness the execution, and it was certainly performed with decorum and His body was taken in dispatch. charge by the coroner, and the verdict usual to all state executions rendered

> FOREIGN. LATEST TRANS-ATLANTIC DIS-PATCHES.

Supplies for the Seat of War.

LONDON, 16 .- Turkey has ordered 200,000 tons of coal at Newcastle to be delivered in six weeks, and has sent subjugation for many and conquest \$150,000 to Hungary for the purchase of additional artiflery.



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i et every citzen show their loyalty to heir country by wearing one of