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Assembly, the Mormons elected 31. and the Gentiles 5. Of the territorial, between man and his God; and that he Utah. One of them, known as the ounty and precinct officers, a large owes account to none other for his faith "Edmunds law," approved March 22d 1882, "re-enacted and extended the majority of those elected are Mormons or his worship; that the legislative none of whom, however, are living in powers of the government reach actions provisions of those of earlier date. olygamy. declares polygamy a crime, defines the only and not opinions. I contemp ate with In former official reports the commissolemn reverence that act of the whole same and punishes its commission by a on several times expressed the opinion American people which declares that fine not exceeding \$500, and imprison-PODVE that the laws of Congress, in connectheir legislature should make no law ment not exceeding five years; declares conabitation by the man with moron with other influences, were "setrespecti g an establishment of religion, ng strongly in the direction of rethan one woman a misdemeanor, pun ishable by fine of sot more than \$300 or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. form" in Utah; and that at no distant day "this relic of Asiatic barbarism Jefferson's Work, 113] day "this relic of Asiatic barbarism (polygamy) would be swept from the land." We have predicted from the beor by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both in the discretion of the court, and allows a joinder of ginning, that the legal discrimination and Kansas. ounts for polygamy and unlawful co

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and of relieving the power from an August 17th has been at hand for som question, we venture respectfully to re lays, and after some delay, bavin, been somewhat indisposed. I shall commend the adoption of an amend ment to the constitution of the United attempt a reply to your inquiry. states, prohibiting the institution or You ask me, 'what in your (my ractice of polygamy in any form in the states, and in the territorie-or other places over which the judgment will be the efficacy of the aws of the United States, particularly the Edmunds-Tucker sct, in putting stop to the practice of polygamy i United States have exclusive jurisdiction, supplemented with appropriate power of 1- greiation to carry it into full this Territory" (Utah?) I have been somewhat acquaintec with a good many of the Latter-day Saints, as they call themselves, since effect. This recommendation is in accordance with propositions which havalready been submitted, respectively, m the year 1851, at which time I located a he Senate and House of Representa-

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Salt Lake City, June 30, 1887, for the purpose of adopting a State Constitu-tion, and inviting all parties in the Ter-ritory to participate in those meetings.

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ritory, met at the time and place desig-nated and remained in session over a week. During their session the com-mission received a communication from them requesting us to take charge of the election for the adoption or re-

sent by mail for \$1.10. For sale by all drug-gists. Send for encular. MOORE, ALLEN & CO., Wholesale De-pet for Santa Able and Cat-R Cure. jection of the proposed constitution by the legal voters, at the general election to be held August 1st.

against the polygamists would sooner ons, and in accordance with the acts of or later be attended with good results. Congress, the commission has from Early in the present year we thought we discerned a disposition among the Mormons to give up the practice of polygamy; and we wish to add that we have used our official and personal in-concerning their church membership fluence to induce the Mormons to take or their religious opinions; and that all

that was required, and all that could Early in June of the present year, rightfully be required, was, that they should come within the laws and we were gratified to learn that a general movement for the abrogation of abandon the practice of polygamy. For form. The central committee of the "People's (Mormon) Party" published s call in the newspanning of Committee of the std: "the legislation of the std: "the std: a call in the newspapers for mass meet understand it is not enacted against the ings of the legal voters to be held in all religion of any portion of the people of this territory. The law under which the counties of the Territory, to select delegates to a convention to be held in we are acting is directed against the

rime of polygamy." In its report of October 30, 1883, it said that "by abstaining from the po-lygamic relation, they [the Mormons] will enjoy all the political rights of American citizens " The other political parties in the Terri tory declined to participate in the move-

In its last annual report (Sep. 24, 1886) the following language was em The convention, with delegates from all or nearly all the counties in the Terployed : "We recognize the obligation of the government of the United States to protect the personal and property rights of the Mormon people and to deal with them as equals before the law, yet it is equally the duty of the government

to punish crime." In its 'circular for the information of registration officers," issued in March, 1887, after enumerating all the disquali-

CAUSE:

habitation in the same information or indictment; Disqualifies any person from serving as a juror in any prosecution for polyg-amy or unlawful cohabitation who is, or has been, living in the practice of

tation with more than one woman, or who believes it right for a man to have of the territor al status. It would raise an implied and incidental power more than one living and undivorced wife at the same time, or who believes primarily drawn from the power of Congress "to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting it right to live in the practice of cohabitation with more than one woman.

the territory or other property belong-ing to the United States," to the dignity of an express power imbedded in that upon his being challenged for any such Authorizes the President to grant abinstrument itself. Other considerations favor lt.

solute or limited or conditional am-nesty to offenders against any such previously enacted laws; Legitimates the issue of polygamous would inure us a solemn and deliberate

verdict of the American people against marriages solemnized according to the ceremonies of the Mormon sect, who the practice of polygamy, either as a were born before the first day of Jan-

uary, 1885; Disqualifies any polygamist, or other person cohabiting with more than one woman, from voting at any election, or for election or appointment to any office or place of trust, honor or emolu-

ment. The last law on this subject, known as the "Edmunds-Tucker Act," which took effect on the 3d day of March, 1887, is supplemental to the act of 1832, and is more comprehensive in its scope. It makes the lawful husband or wile (if commenting to testifue) a comment to the common schools of the country. Note the common schools of the country. Would form the minds of rising gen erations in harmony with its ideas and object. Yours respectfully. A. B. CARLTON. JOHN A. MCOLENNAND.

Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, Secretary of Interior, Washington; D. C.

Council Biuffs, Iowa, at tives, of which that in the Hous most of the inhabitants of that plac was supported by an able, and elaborate and vicinity were of the Mormon faith report from its judiciary committee. Such an amendment would put an er and, although never having been suffi ciently intimate with them to become acquainted with the inside workings of their "peculiar institution," I have no been unobservant of its outside effects and influences. ** The bill introduced into Congress pro upon a disturbing question which legislation under the present c natitution must cease to operate with the cessation

viding for a Territorial government in Utah, became a law in 1850, and from that time until 1892 Congress, although that time until 1852 Congress, although doubtless fully sware of the open prac-tice of this offense (polygamy) in Utab failed to enact any law pro-hibiting the practice in the Territory. Even after the enactment of 1862, no efforts of any importance seem

to have been made to colorce it to the practice of polygamy, either as a social institution or religious rite. It would serve as a rampart for the pro-tection of monogamy, the bed-rock of American and European civilization, against the inroads of an Asiatic vice. It would be an authoritative notice to im-migrants from all lands that the United States are dedicated to the virtues of States are dedicated to the virtues of into the common schools of the country.

statutional. Recently, however, there seems to have been a change in the na iure of the efforts to punish violators of the law against polygamy and un lawful cobabitation. By unyielding and determined, yet humane efforts, the law is now being enforced to such

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