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THE COMMISSION AND THE
 ADMINISTRATION.

In another part of this issue is a communication over the non de plane of "Curiosity." Our view in relation to the statements made by Secretary Thomas to our reporter and his agree with it. In the interview it is stated that the President had made a voluntary statement regarding the character of the communications between himself and Hon. George Q. Cannon and John T. Caine. This would be an extraordinary proceeding on the part of a gentleman from whom it appears to be not impossible to draw information regarding his intentions upon any matter of public interest. We are also safe in stating that the two gentlemen who visited Mr. Cleveland, made no application to him for relief in the sense conveyed in the interview. It is not to be supposed for a moment that they made any request of him to prevent the enforcement of the law. It is not the case that one of the main duties of the Chief Magistrate is to see that the law is strictly and impartially enforced. The leading object of the visit to the President of Messrs. Cannon and Caine was evidently that of the side of the question "Curiosity" they should not be. It is not the enforcement of the law that is complained of, but the illegal, tyrannical, and outrageous methods that are resorted to under cover of its pretended administration and execution. The President has promised to give the matter his earnest consideration, and to act upon the result of his investigations. Should he become thoroughly conversant with the subject, and act conscientiously upon information to the extent of his official power, that is all the relief that can be expected from him. However unjustly and unreasonably the President might act, it is not his duty to act in this manner. It is not his duty to act in this manner. It is not his duty to act in this manner.

THE SITUATION IN ARIZONA. MESA CITY, ARIZONA, April 12, 1885.

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THE CRUSADE IN ARIZONA.

By courtesy of a gentleman residing in Arizona, we are in receipt of the following in relation to recent court proceedings in the Second District of that Territory. The Court opened at Phoenix on the 20th inst. Judge Finney presiding. The polygamy and unlawful cohabitation cases being at the head of the docket, those of James T. Wilson and Charles L. Robinson were first called. The former charged with unlawful cohabitation, pleaded not guilty, and the latter, against whom indictments had been found on both charges, reserved his answer until the following day. Hon. Thomas Fitch, who is operating with the counsel for the defense, arrived at Phoenix on the 21st. After consultation with the attorney, the prosecution conceding that Charles L. Robinson and Oscar M. Randolph, the latter having been similarly indicted, should plead guilty to the lesser charge, on condition that the greater one should be withdrawn. They were accordingly arraigned on the afternoon of the 21st and pleaded guilty. The court, before passing judgment, gave the accused an opportunity of expressing themselves regarding the position in which they were placed, and they gave a brief explanation regarding their religious convictions. Judge Finney stated that he believed in the perfect honesty of the statements of the prisoners. He said that the law under which they were convicted might be bad, but that it should be observed until it was changed or rendered void. It was no pleasant task for him to pass sentence upon such men as those who were before him. Many of the people down East thought the "Mormons" were but little better than wild beasts, but he being conversant with the different classes of people in Arizona, his observations had forced him to the conclusion that for honesty, industry and a pacific disposition, the "Mormons" were not excelled by any others in the Territory. After administering the prisoners as to what their future course should be, Judge Finney pronounced sentence, which was that the two brethren be imprisoned in the Territorial penitentiary at Fort Yuma for ninety days, without hard labor or fine. The prisoners thanked the Judge for his kindly expressions, and were then handed over to the United States Marshal, to be taken to Fort Yuma. The case of James T. Wilson was to be taken up on the morning of the 23d, and his counsel felt sanguine that they would secure a dismissal.

The United States District Attorney of Arizona has stated unreservedly that all the accused brethren who decline to plead guilty to unlawful cohabitation will be indicted for polygamy as well, no matter whether they have committed the latter offense or not. This outrageous proceeding is for the purpose of forcing the brethren to plead guilty to the lesser charge, that they may be run into prison, rather than take the risk of being convicted, contrary to law and evidence, of the greater offense, and be sentenced to a long term of incarceration.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND AND THE COMMISSION. SALT LAKE CITY, April 10, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

I learn through your interview with the Secretary of the Utah Commission that President Cleveland was so communicative as to impart to the Commission the remark he had made to Hon. John T. Caine, before the Senate, respecting the course he intended to take in the treatment of Utah. This unusual mark of confidence on the part of the Chief Executive evidently pleased the Secretary and impelled him to further revelations. It may be exactly true as related; but if so, it is the first instance of which I have heard that the President has been so confidential. I frankly say to you that I must have better evidence than the Secretary's statement that it imparted to them the substance of his conversation with our Delegate. President Cleveland has thus far obtained no better evidence than the Secretary's statement that it imparted to them the substance of his conversation with our Delegate. President Cleveland has thus far obtained no better evidence than the Secretary's statement that it imparted to them the substance of his conversation with our Delegate.

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AMERICAN. SUNDAY'S DISPATCHES.

The War in Central America said to be ended.

Washington, 12.—Senor De Peralt, minister from Costa Rica, has received a dispatch from the Government of that country, stating that the war between the Central American Republics is ended.

Arrested for Embezzlement.

Toronto, 12.—C. E. Beebe, bookkeeper of Shindler & Co., Portland, Oregon, has been arrested here, charged with the embezzlement of several thousand dollars.

Reported Battle with Riel.

Winnipeg, 12.—While no reliable information can be had to-night from the West, rumor has it that the 8th battalion had a skirmish with Riel's party within thirty miles of Humboldt, and that some were killed.

The effect of Gen. Komaroff's detailed statement which showed the Russian position in the Caucasus has been weakened by reports received by the British from the Caucasus.

The Russian Minister of War has sent a congratulatory letter to General Komaroff, and has directed him to thank the troops in the name of the Emperor and to announce to them that they took part in the battle will be rewarded according to their rank.

Russian Transports.

Cairo, 12.—The Russian consul here has ordered the Russian transports, *Vostok* and *Sankt Petersburg*, to proceed to Alexandria, avoiding all British ports.

Gen. Wolsey Will Capture Khartoum in the Autumn.

Cairo, 12.—Gen. Wolsey says he has no idea of abandoning his intention to capture Khartoum in the autumn.

Indian Troops Moving.

Bombay, 12.—Troops are moving towards Quetta as rapidly as transportation will allow. The third and fourth army corps have been ordered to be placed on a war footing.

Russia Will Not Yield an Inch.

London, 13.—The *Daily Telegraph* publishes a dispatch from Berlin, stating that Russia refuses to yield an inch of the Afghan frontier, and intends to express his approval of Gen. Komaroff's action by appointing him commander-in-chief in Persia.

The Lowest Point in Many Years.

London, 13:30 p.m.—The stock market was unusually quiet this morning. The Russian explanation of the battle does not seem to increase the feeling that there will be no war. On the contrary, the general opinion is that the war will be no war.

The Disease Spreading.

Senator Chaffee left the house at 9:15 a.m. He stated that the disease was spreading. The Senator was with Gen. Grant an hour. There was some pain in his morning attending the taking of food. The cancer in the throat was weaker than yesterday and during the hour of the Senator's call the patient coughed only once, and then the expectation of a recovery was completed. Without difficulty, as the General was nourished, now, the Senator believed would survive. The gradual course of the cancerous disease produced death.

Bought the America.

New York, 13.—The employees of the National Harbort of Steamship Lines, the English government has bought the *America* outright, paying \$250,000 for her.

Stocks.

New York, 13.—Stocks strong and excited. First prices generally 1/4 to 1/2 higher, and further advances were made in early dealings, the upward movement being aided both by bulls, who were buying for long accounts, and by bears of last week, who rushed to cover at the opening. The excitement subsided after the first hour, and the market gradually became quiet, and irregular. Lake Shore was prominent for its decline to 37 1/2, while *Consols* were quiet, and *Union Pacific* 100 1/2. *Consols* were quiet, and *Union Pacific* 100 1/2.

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