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PLANS TO SETTLE THE "MORMON"
QUESTION.

MR. CRAGIN, of New Hampshire, has introduced into the United States Senate, a Bill, for the regulation of affairs in this Territory. The Bill is said to be elaborately drawn and sweeping in its provisions. It is the same Bill which was reviewed at some length when Mr. Cragin introduced it at a previous Session of Congress. But it will be found to be inoperative. No such act, if passed, can be carried out, unless the Government is prepared to treat the citizens of this Territory more despotically than ever Russia treated the Poles. There may be a class of people in these United States who would like any measures, however extreme, adopted against the people of Utah; but they are, we are happy to think, few in number. They do not see the necessity for the adoption of desperate measures.

The New York Sun, in alluding to this bill, says that Mr. Cragin is evidently one of those people who believe that in order to eradicate any evil it is only necessary to pass a law against it. But, it adds: "It is clear that no law against polygamy will receive the support of the Mormons themselves. Is Mr. Cragin," it asks "prepared to supply its place by an army of the United States?"

The Sun is clearly of the opinion that this kind of legislation is entirely unnecessary, for it concludes its article by saying:

"Mormon polygamy we think may be safely left in the corrective power of advancing civilization. The building of the Pacific Railroad has struck it a blow, the effects of which it can escape only by flight to some remote region."

When we are outnumbered, which it thinks we soon will be, there will be no need, according to the Sun's view, to make laws against polygamy, and until then there will be no use in doing so. In which view of the case we concur.

The columns of a number of our contemporaries have lately contained an account of the removal of a body of "Mormons" to Jackson County, Missouri. They are said to have gone there to settle and with the intention of building up "Zion in its purity," and are credited with being opposed to polygamy. One of our contemporaries in alluding to this movement indulges in the hope that this removal may be a commencement of a solution of that question that has been a troublesome one to decide:—viz: "Mormonism." It thinks if another portion will leave this country and settle in Hapecock County, Illinois, and others continue on to Kirtland, Ohio; others to Wisconsin; others to Beaver Island, Lake Michigan, and others to Mount Pisgah and Council Bluffs, Iowa, the question in this country could be easily managed; for if the power here continued too great, after such departures, then the Territory of Utah could be so divided as to make it a portion of four States or Territories and the rule of Brigham Young would have its quietus.

Now, this is a very excellent plan, and if Mr. Cragin and the others who are so anxious to push matters to extremities out here do not fall in with the New York Sun's view, why, probably, they can see something in this one which may suit them. There is still another hope, however, that many of the papers indulge in, namely that internal dissensions and schisms will break up the dominant system in Utah Territory and put an end to all the peculiarities which are so obnoxious; in other words, destroy President Young's influence and power with the people.

Suppose this be tried. A good many plans have received consideration, and as this last is inexpensive, and only requires time to test it, it is worth a trial. We presume Mr. Cragin must be a very wise man; Senators ought to be; but we venture to suggest that he can find a great many better plans than the one which he proposes. His is an expensive arrangement; it cannot be carried out without leading to bloodshed; and we scarcely think he is prepared to raise difficulty at home and to make the nation odious abroad by entering upon a crusade against a people whose outside numbers do not exceed 200,000. The Government has already spent millions unnecessarily through the bad counsels and evil machinations of the enemies of the people of Utah Territory, and what is worse than the loss of the money it lost credit. When posterity shall write the history of the administration of James Buchanan, the sending of an army to Utah will be pronounced as the most flagrant, unconstitutional and unstatesmanlike step ever taken since the Government had an existence. Talleyrand, were he living, would call it worse than a crime—a blunder.

Any plan, by whomsoever proposed, which will lead to violence is bad, and will be so pronounced by the intelligence of the age.

(SPECIAL TO THE DESERT NEWS.)

By Telegraph.

AFTERNOON DISPATCHES.

McNAMARA TAKES PART IN A DUEL.

EIGHTEEN GUNBOATS DEPARTED.

NAVIGATION CLOSED ON HUDSON RIVER.

Times Unpleasantly Warm in Florida.

SPANISH REFUGEES TO LEAVE FRANCE.

Ex-Queen Isabella's Minister Fatally Stabbed.

W. H. SEWARD AND HIS MEXICAN TRIP.

NEW YORK.

Buncombe at Buffalo—More Failures.—More of the Richardson-McFarland scandal. Perilous Rescue—Indictments by the Grand Jury—Duel—Executive Clemency—Robbery and Murder—Departure of Gunboats—Hudson River Frozen up.

BUFFALO.—At a large public meeting to-night, great indignation was expressed by the citizens of all nationalities, at McDougall being permitted by the United States to congregate British troops on American soil to coerce insurgents in another country.

Several failures are reported since yesterday, among them M. Dissatunlegin, of the wine growers' association; J. F. and H. Turk, liquor dealers; Phillips and Hoff, and Matthews and Bonner, produce dealers.

No one has applied for letters of administration for A. D. Richardson, and his brother simply inquired of the Surrogate what course he should adopt, and was informed that he had no right to take out letters. Richardson did not make a will, and it is said that his relatives will contest the death-bed marriage.

The steamship *Grecian*, from Palermo, went ashore at Long Island, and broke in two; all the persons aboard, 17 in number, were rescued by a life boat at imminent risk.

The Grand Jury in King's Co., to-day, presented indictments against sixty election inspectors and canvassers for being concerned in the election frauds. Among them are one of the fire commissioners and two justices. The majority of them are office holders and politicians.

A duel, concerning a lady, came off at Acquia Creek, Va., a few days ago, between Col. McNamara, a politician, and a broker named Varnum; they were both wounded, the latter probably mortally.

NEW YORK, 19.—Col. Richard Eringht convicted of being implicated in the whisky frauds, and sentenced to the penitentiary, has been pardoned by the President.

Eighteen Spanish gunboats sailed to-day, under convoy of the Spanish war vessel *Pizarro*. A few spectators witnessed their departure, but there was no demonstration whatever.

ALLEGANY, N. Y.—Dr. Andrew Mead was robbed and murdered in his store last night, a thousand dollars reward is offered for the murderer.

POUGHKEEPSIE.—The Hudson river is full of ice; navigation is closed at this point.

WASHINGTON.

Military Assistance Wanted in Florida—Treasury Matters.

WASHINGTON.—A delegation from Florida called upon the President this morning for the purpose of getting troops sent to Florida to aid the authorities in executing the laws and protecting the lives and property of the citizens. The party complain that a large number of assassinations have occurred lately. The President stated that he would confer with the Secretary of War on the subject, and that means should be taken to effectually carry out the laws.

The Secretary of the Treasury has given orders for the payment of the January interest on and after Friday next, without rebate. Interest to the amount of thirty millions will be due January 1st, and the anticipation of one week will give sufficient time for the entire payment. There are now in the treasury about 108 millions in coin, 33 millions of which consist of deposits for which gold certificates have been issued.

MISSOURI.

Presbyterian Celebration.

ST. LOUIS.—The Union of the Old and New schools of the Presbyterian Churches, was celebrated here to-day, by appropriate discourses delivered at all the Presbyterian Churches.

CALIFORNIA.

Reforms Demanded—Sitka Advice.

SAN FRANCISCO, 20.—The *Alta* has interviewed a number of leading citizens with regard to the municipal situation. All agree that reform is absolutely necessary, but they, generally, decline interference in legislative and municipal affairs.

The United States Revenue cutter *Lindholm*, arrived last night after eight months' absence. She brings Alaska and Sitka advices to December 5th. Everything was quiet in the Territory. The only want felt by the people was that of a civil government.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Social Science—Good Project.

BOSTON.—At a meeting of the Social Science Association, last evening, an address was delivered in favor of establishing industrial schools in connection with public schools, to teach general sewing and all useful domestic work; also in favor of providing a place where young women of the working classes can meet for education and improvement.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCE.

DE LESSEPPS congratulated—Spanish Refugees Ordered to Leave—Embarrassment about Postal Matters.

PARIS.—Lesseps, engineer of the Suez Canal, has been congratulated on the

success of his work by the Emperor Napoleon and Lord Clarendon.

The authorities, to-day, ordered all the Spanish refugees in the city, who were in any way implicated in the late revolution, to leave the country.

Commercial parties in this city, particularly those having business connections in America, are much agitated in relation to the approaching termination of the postal treaty with the United States. This treaty expires on the 1st of January, and though the French government is disposed to renew it immediately, during the interval that must necessarily elapse before it can be fixed letters cannot be pre-paid, and much embarrassment is likely to ensue.

SPAIN.

Aristocratic Assassins—Government Reforms—Declaration from Prim.

MADRID.—Senator Salavajara, Minister under Ex-Queen Isabella, was stabbed to-day by Senator Revitadenieri, who formerly occupied a high post under the former, but who was imprisoned for frauds discovered by Salavajara; the wound is pronounced fatal by the attending physicians.

A decree has been published, appointing Senator Bank to investigate and suggest reforms, advisable to be adopted by the Government.

General Prim publicly declares that there has been no change in the opinion of the government or of the Cortes on the question of the monarchy. The Duke of Genoa will probably receive the crown; but should he decline it the government will not favor the establishment of a republic.

ITALY.

Ecumenical—Cardinal dies—Vacancies in the College.

ROME.—The sessions of the Ecumenical Council are to be resumed on the 6th of January.

ROME.—Cardinal Pentini, a native of Rome, died yesterday, aged 72.

There are now sixteen vacancies in the College of Cardinals. It is understood that the Pope will make no nominations to fill the vacancies while the Ecumenical Council is in session.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Inter-Oceanic Canal—"Saturday Review" on the Richardson-McFarland Marriage.

LONDON.—The *Times* says great interest is felt in commercial circles on the possibility of another ship canal, deeper and wider and less subject to fog and sand drifts, through some of the Central American States to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

The *Saturday Review* has an editorial on the Richardson-McFarland tragedy, in which the writer pronounces the Astor House wedding celebration as grotesque, nauseous and blasphemous.

HAVANA.

Ovations to Seward—Religious troubles in Mexico—Arrival of Spanish Troops. Campaign against Insurgents.

HAVANA.—A mail steamer from Vera Cruz, brings dates from the City of Mexico to the 10th. Ovations to Seward continued. On the 3rd Romero gave a grand dinner in his honor, at which speeches were made by Romero, Seward, Frederick Seward and others. On the 5th a grand ball, attended by four thousand citizens, was given at the Theatre Nacional. The neighboring streets were decorated and illuminated.

The *Monitor* commenting on Seward's speech about his disinterestedness in coming to Mexico, says a guilty conscience needs no accuser. A French Journal criticizes Romero severely for toasting the King of Prussia, saying that Bismarck's spies keep a close watch on the movements of Seward and Romero. Some of the journals continue to give political significance to Seward's trip. The entire Republic is full of pronouncements, and troubles continue in all parts of the country. A mob attacked a Protestant congregation at Pueblo, during the service, led by an Imperialist officer and urged by the priests. Many of the congregation were severely injured; some, it is supposed, will die. The mob tried to burn the Protestants alive, using the bibles as a funeral pile. The police interfered and arrested several rioters and afterwards went to several Protestant houses, insulting and threatening the inmates.

A battalion of Catalan volunteers arrived from Spain to-day. General Pueblo, commanding Puerto Principe, announces that he will begin a campaign against the insurgents.

RED RIVER.

Loyalty on the Increase.

TORONTO.—A special from St. Paul says the Press has received a letter from prominent Canadians at Pembina, which says that Governor McDougall has not called on Canada for troops, but relies upon the loyal people of the Territory to quell the outbreak, and he thinks they will do it without bloodshed. The letter states that McDougall's force is rapidly increasing by accessions of loyal people of all classes, and that a large band of Indians were ready to assist in defense of the flag.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Terrible Mining Accident.

A steam fire engine has been throwing a stream into the ruins since daylight; the earth still continues falling and enlarging the cavity continually. The excitement is very great and is increasing. The families are moving out of the houses, fearing they will fall next. The general opinion is that other houses will fall in also, and there is a danger of the mines taking fire.

CHANGE IN BRITISH AND AMERICAN POSTAGE.—The United States Mail says that on and after the 1st of January, 1870, the single rate of postage (half an ounce or under), for prepaid letters between the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland will be reduced to six cents (three pence). If not prepaid, or sufficiently prepaid, a fine of six cents (three pence), will be added to the deficient postage and collected on delivery.

The rates of postage, conditions of payment, etc., on newspapers, book-packets and samples of merchandise remain unchanged.

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