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EASTERN DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, 22.—The Vice-President

laid before the Senate a memorial

signed by over four hundred women

of Utah, strongly deprecating the

admission of that Territory into the

Union as a State. In a letter addressed to

the Vice-President, a committee of five ladies

state that a large majority of the signers

have been residents of Utah and

members of the Mormon Church for

many years, that numbers of them have

had personal and very bitter experience

of the practical workings of polygamy,

and that they have every reason to

believe that the admission of Utah

into the Union, and the consequent

accession of power to the

Mormon priesthood, would be

greatly detrimental to the

interests of the United States.

The papers were ordered printed.

KEY WEST, FLA., 22.—Later dates

from Cuba bring the following:

The insurgents, under command of

Don Cesario, attacked the town of

San Juan, on the 21st inst., and

by a feat succeeded in drawing off

the Spanish troops. The Spanish

troops, however, were not

completely routed, and another

force of insurgents entered the town by

a different route, and sacked the place.

The movements of the Cuban

army, however, have been

successful, and a large sum of money

has been forwarded by Cuban

sympathizers in Porto Rico, to the Cuban

army in New York. The latest

news from the island of Cuba, is

considered certain.

EUROPEAN.

LONDON, 22.—In the House of Lords,

Lord Derby moved for a vote of

condemnation of the late

King of Spain, and to state that

her Majesty's government was prepared

to maintain the ground taken at the

beginning of the present session, and

to decline to admit the claims for

damages before the Geneva board. It

was an anomalous state of things,

that while all the papers of the country

were discussing the question of

damages, the Government was

a few years our rivers and lake fisheries

will be largely increased, giving

employment to a large number of men

and furnishing a cheap supply of nutritious

food to many people.

One of the important means for the

preservation of fish now in our rivers

is the construction of fish ladders over

dams, as contemplated in the act

referred to. Instead of trout, as

well as most other fish, to seek the

particular stream or rivulet in which

they were hatched to deposit their eggs.

To reach this particular spot or parent

bed they will make every effort. Close

observers have noticed that when im-

passable dams have been placed across

streams, the fish will come year after

year and leap hours to scale the falls,

until utterly exhausted.

The fish ladder is ordinarily so simple

and inexpensive that it would seem

that men owning dams would, if in-

formed, construct them without the

requirement of a compulsory statute.

A good fish ladder in our mountain

streams may be made in the form of a

long box of plank, open at both ends,

one end to be fastened at the top of the

dike, the other extending into and

fastened in the pool below. Inside the

box and fastened to the bottom pieces

of plank, should be placed transversely,

say eighteen inches apart, more or less

according to circumstances, to cause

ripples. These ripple bars should not

extend from side to side of the box but

only about two-thirds across. For in-

stance if the first bar is fastened on the

right side of the box at a right angle to

its side, the next will be fastened on the

left side, each extending two-thirds

across, and so on, alternating, until the

top is reached. The water passing in

at the top of this box, is caught by these

bars, and the fish are forced to pass

over and under the bars, and in so

doing they are enabled to pass through

the dam. The fish ladder is a simple

and inexpensive device, and one

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