

BILLS THAT WOULD AFFECT  
UTAH

AMONG the bills introduced in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, the 11th inst., were: By Roscoe, proposing a Constitutional amendment suppressing polygamy; by McKee, proposing a Constitutional amendment declaring the rights and privileges of all citizens the same; by O'ary, for the election of Territorial Governor; by Kellor, proposing a Constitutional amendment providing that Congress have the power by appropriate legislation to secure all citizens equal privileges and immunities and equal protection under the laws; also, to prevent being deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law; and by Calne, for the admission of Utah as a State.

There are all interesting to the people of Utah. We have already expressed our opinion concerning the proposal of Roscoe, and will now say nothing further except by way of quotation; we take the annexed paragraph from an article in the New York Post, which, by the way, has another fine editorial on the "Mormon" question, which we have not space to notice to-day.

"The General's idea must be that a Mormon who would not shrink from polygamy as a crime would quake with horror at the idea of having unconstitutional wives, and at once abandon the practice. It looks as if all discussions of the Mormon problem ought to be prohibited by law, unless accompanied by a careful statement under oath of what those who undertake to solve it believe the problem to be. 'Theoph' might be used against any man or body of men found thinking in violation of this rule."

The Constitutional amendment proposed by McKee seems to be unnecessary as the first named. But in view of the manner in which citizens of Utah have been discriminated against, and of the attempt now being made to deprive them of political rights simply because they are "Mormons," such an amendment would be significant and of great value in the legal conflict which the weak will have to wage against the numerically strong.

O'ary's proposition have the Governor of the Territories elected by the people instead of appointed by the President and Senate, is in accord with republican principles and must commend itself to all who are opposed to centralization and the exercise of despotic power. The people of the Territories have no voice, directly or indirectly, in the election of the President or of any Senator, and therefore the appointment of their Governors by the Executive and the Senate is hostile to the essential principles of our government, and ought not to continue. Let the citizens of the Territories have a voice in the appointment of their own officers and thus keep up some semblance at least of a republican form of government in every part of the United States.

Kellor's proposition seems to be of the same nature as McKee's, but more full and explicit. It would be of great benefit to the people of Utah as long as it was observed and respected, although its intent no doubt is to specially protect the colored citizen. It must be remembered that he has a vote in the States, and is to be protected; the Utah "Mormon" has none so far as national politics is concerned, therefore, he is not to be considered except as a pretext for legislation that will please his enemies.

The bill introduced by our Delegate, if Congress was in a proper frame of mind to consider it justly, would be one of the wisest measures that could be adopted. It would take from the issues of the times one of the most troublesome of national difficulties, made so by the folly of agitators and the weakness of legislators. The admission of Utah would relieve the Government of the supposed necessity of grappling with a perplexing problem that belongs to the domestic affairs of a State rather than the general supervision of the Federal authority. The question of polygamy would out no figure, properly, in the admission of Utah, as it is not recognized in its constitution and would form no part of the State polity. Congress would not recognize polygamy in the Statehood of Utah, because the proposed State itself does not recognize it.

We have no longer to fear that either of the bills we have referred to will pass, but we mention them to show what they are, and the bearing they would have upon our local affairs. Republicans will not do anything that could be construed into a benefit to Utah, because hostility to the "Mormons" is one of the chief articles of their political stock-in-trade, and the Democrats dare not for fear of being twitted with that terrible but absurd accusation—"affiliation with the Mormons and pandering to polygamy."

A BREACH IN THE TRIUMPHAL  
ARCH

In our local columns to-day appears an affidavit of a peculiar character, connected with the notorious Rev. G. M. Pierce bankruptcy affair, that has created so broad a scandal in the community. This other day we gave an explanation of a number of crooked transactions performed by a trio of interested persons—G. M. Pierce, T. C. Griffiths and G. M. Bane. The mass of moral and financial twinedness maintains its apparently interminable character. The Rev. Mr. Pierce states under oath that his assignee, Mr. T. C. Griffiths is well we consider the word that would fairly designate it too vulgar and will put it in English parliamentary parlance—guilty of a "conspicuous inexactitude." When it is considered that the purpose of perpetrating so flagrant a

departure from the truth was to defraud one of Mr. Pierce's legitimate creditors of his rights, the enormity and dishonest character of the falsification are intensified.

When this crookedness is combined with Mr. Griffiths' connivance with General M. Bane, in allowing the latter, on a bill of sale obtained from the defuncting clergyman, to carry away a large amount of property after the assignment was made, a more unprincipled person to be entrusted with the property rights of a large number of people could scarcely be conceived.

The sworn denunciation by the Rev. Pierce of Mr. Griffiths, looks like a cheering scintillation of light in the midst of the most deplorable turpitude and gloom. It has the appearance of a ray of repentance from the reverend gentleman. We hail it as something refreshing and, we must confess, rather unexpected. We hope he will keep on in that line, for none is so far gone but he may retrace his steps.

There is one bleak spot in Mr. Pierce's affidavit transactions, however. In view of his past career, it is a question with the public whether he can be safely believed under oath.

So far as General Bane and Mr. Griffiths are concerned we are not even so hopeful as of him. They may, however, be still very useful in their way. It is to be hoped they will not cease their connection with the anti-"Mormon" crusaders who advocate the political dismemberment of Utah. They are admirably adapted for campaign work of that character, in which they have so conspicuously figured. In that capacity reliability is at a discount, the chief qualification consisting of sufficient ingenuity and unscrupulousness to falsify the "Mormons" without stint or limit.

In all probability the Pierce-Griffiths-Bane triumvirate is no longer a unit. Doubtless the scintillation of the first of the trip, has isolated him from the other two. They can no longer remain as three "souls with but a single thought, three hearts that beat as one," in a scandalously crooked financial game of catch-all all you can, irrespective of the rights of others. The Rev. Pierce must now stand off in rigid isolation, while Messrs. Griffiths and Bane doubtless will continue to fall on each other's necks and weep at the diminution of the prospects of getting away with any more Bible, encyclopedias and gold pens.

LAPHAM'S LEGISLATION.  
Our readers will perhaps remember that among the foolish plans proposed in Congress a year or two ago, was one by Senator Lapham, and known as the "Altamont" bill. He is now moving again in its interest, and his measure is thus described by the Washington correspondent of the Denver Tribune:

"It provides that no married man having more than one wife shall be a lawful voter, and a man who has been convicted of bigamy shall be disfranchised. It is provided that it shall be the duty of the first Legislative Assembly which shall be convened after this act shall have taken effect to repeal all the laws or parts of laws which authorize or sanction plural or polygamous marriages; and in view of the many deluded women and helpless and suffering children, that the said Legislative Assembly endeavor to provide by some law for the support during the remainder of their lives of the homeless and destitute female victims of polygamy and their helpless and orphaned children."

The future marriages in the said Territory, in order to deserve public respect, shall be solemnized in some building of place other than any Mormon endowment cloister, in the presence of two or more disinterested and respectable witnesses of intelligence and discretion, only by a Justice of the Peace or by a Justice of the Supreme Court, a Mayor, or Alderman of an incorporated city, a Justice of the Peace duly commissioned and sworn, or by an ordained and solemnly consecrated and generally acknowledged religious denomination other than the establishment or society of the Mormons. As marriage in law is a civil contract, no particular ceremony is required when the same shall be solemnized by a Justice or Judge of the Supreme Court, or by a Mayor, or Alderman, except requiring the parties to declare in the presence of the officer officiating that they, and each to the other, solemnly agree to enter into the covenant of matrimony in the form and customs of the society to which he belongs. A husband's absence for five years will be sufficient cause for divorce, and for this only, except in instances where the decree is made by the court.

In order that there may be no failure of justice in consequence of legislative legislation, it shall be the duty of the Governor, to dissolve and dissolve the body and order a new election.

In addition to the foregoing it is proposed to change the name of Utah to "Altamont," meaning "the high mountain." What effect this is to have on the question of polygamy, which seems to agitate the soul of the ambitious Lapham, does not appear in the bill, but Lapham seems to think that the poet's query "What's in a name," has little significance, and that a great deal depends on what you call a thing or a Territory.

As far as the "Mormons" are concerned we see nothing to protect against in the Altamont arrangement except its extreme folly and superficiality. The change of name would have no effect whatever except to disturb our records, maps, and local public affairs in a manner

to cause inconvenience and needless labor. The disfranchisement of polygamists is provided for in a much more sweeping manner in the Edmunds law. If Mr. Lapham can point out anything in the laws of the Territory which "authorizes or sanctions plural or polygamous marriages," we will venture the prediction that they can be abolished without any further action of Congress. Also that if there are any "homeless and destitute victims of polygamy" in Utah they will be provided for without any law of Congress or of our Assembly.

It is clear to everybody in Utah who learns of his nonsense, that Senator Lapham is grossly ignorant of the subject on which he attempts to legislate, but perhaps not more so than is the average Congressman. We have no laws in the Territory that either sanction or provide for plural marriages or polygamy; we have no poor, homeless, destitute women and children, victims of the lust and cruelty of filthy-hearted counsellors, as may be found in all the great cities of Christendom; and the whole of his measure, including the portion relating to the solemnization of marriages, is unnecessary and wide of the mark, and would have no more practical bearing upon the institutions of "Mormonism" than upon the real, crying, awful and heaven-defying evils that actually exist in the places represented by Senator Lapham.

If public men are anxious to shine as reformers and statesmen, in the name of common sense let them inquire into the thing which they wish to reform, and the subject on which they attempt to legislate, that they may not expose themselves to the derision of all sensible people and the deserved contempt of those who can discern their motives as plainly as they can see their consummate foolishness.

BY TELEGRAPH  
AMERICAN.  
LATEST BY LIGHTNING.  
New York, 12.—Stocks are weaker again. This evening there was a decline of 1/4 to 1/2. The weak- est shares are Northern and Southern Pacific preferred, Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific.

Republican Convention to be Held in Chicago.  
Washington, 12.—On the 24th ball the republican national committee will meet to hold the new convention in Chicago.

They Must Go.  
The Pacific Coast delegation held a meeting this morning to discuss proposed amendment to the Chinese legislation of last Congress. Through a misunderstanding the meeting was not well attended. After informal discussion the meeting was adjourned until to-morrow.

The National Republicans.  
The national republican committee elected Senator Sabine chairman and fixed June 24, as the date for holding the convention. Sabine, in taking the chair, said: "While deeply sensible of the distinguished courtesy you have conferred, I am sorry that we are surprised as the country at large will be at the announcement of your choice, but being pressed by all parties in the interest of peace and harmony, each plan is rather distasteful in view of the position at this time. I trust, however, that the work of this committee will be characterized by the same unanimity with which I have been elected and that at the next session the republican President will be elected by the same unanimous vote of the country. (Applause.)"

Frye (Me.) then submitted his proposition of a new basis for presentation at the next convention. The matter was laid over for the present for positive hearing of delegations in support of the claims of various sections for the national convention. On motion a new resolution was adopted providing that the Chairman appoint three members of the committee who, together with the Chairman and Secretary, shall compose the committee to make arrangements for holding the convention.

Suspended.  
New York, 12.—J. H. Billups & Co., cotton merchants, are reported suspended; liabilities \$400,000; one-half insured.  
Dividends.  
The executive committee of the directors of the Oregon Transportation Company recommended that the January dividend be passed. The Western Union declares a quarterly dividend of 15 per cent.  
Fire in St. Paul.  
St. Paul, 12.—The Reeves Block, adjoining the Drake Block, which burned last night, was also entirely destroyed before the flames could be controlled; loss \$115,000.

FOREIGN.  
LATEST TRANS-ATLANTIC DISPATCHES.  
Heavy Gale.  
LONDON, 12.—Violent gales throughout England, last evening. It is reported that a cyclone has been detected in the Atlantic, and the Spanish King's Speech in the Cortes.

Madrid, 12.—The ministerial council has approved the draft of the king's speech to be delivered at the opening of the Cortes. It is reported that the speech will announce the extension of the suffrage to all able to read and write and pay taxes. The dispute with France relative to the treatment of Alfonso in Paris has been satisfactorily arranged. The relations now existing between the countries are friendly as befitting two adjacent nations with international commercial interests. Spain, it says, will endeavor to increase the cordiality with France, if possible.

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Winn-Farrow.—In this city, December 4th, 1893, by Judge Sargent, Mr. Henry Webb to Miss Sarah A. Farrow, both of this city.

DIED.  
FREDERICK.—In this city, Delbert, son of Frederick B. and Almira Nebeker Eldredge, aged 11 years.  
Funeral from residence, 15th Ward, on Thursday, December 14th, 1893, at 10 o'clock A. M.

JENSEN.—In Monroe, Sevier County, of consumption, November 25th, 1893, Anders Jensen. Born in Denmark January 23, 1819; joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the year 1854, and gathered with the Saints in Zion in 1867. He lived and died a true Latter-day Saint, and strong in the hope of a glorious resurrection.

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