

bell, the Gentile candidate. The Governor is the judge of nothing except the returns, and by these returns Mr. Cannon was elected. Whether Mr. Cannon is an alien or a naturalized citizen, is for Congress to judge. We think this worthy of notice, because it is one fragment of a thoroughly mistaken policy, which often has been adopted towards the Mormons. However objectionable their marital arrangements, this sect is entitled to the strictest justice at the hands of the government. This is the only true policy toward them. Everything that looks like persecution strengthens the hands of the leaders, and postpones the dissolution of the sect. Their whole history is the story of their increase through persecution. It confirms the uniform experience that any persecution short of the extermination to which Philip II. subjected the Spanish Protestants, and which de Montfort applied to the Albigenses, is not only a crime, but a blunder."

The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, a Republican paper, of wide circulation and great influence, thus pointedly touches up the outrage and its author:

"Governor Murray, of Utah, is on his way east to receive congratulations for his conduct in giving a certificate of election to a man who had no title to it. Congress will, we trust, treat the matter as it deserves, and will not admit Mr. Murray's man. This is a government of law, and the law plainly entitles Mr. Cannon to the seat. It is for the House to say, as the sole judge of the election and qualification of its own members, whether Mr. Cannon, being a polygamist, is qualified to sit as a member. Mr. Murray was guilty of gross and impertinent usurpation in the premises."

The Shelby (Michigan) *Independent* of January 15th, has the following editorial:

"It has been the claim of the Republican party, for which we so long fought, that it favored free speech, a free press, a free ballot and a fair count. Of late those declarations have been their incessant and ceaseless clamor. It has been their constant ringing charges against the Democrats that they were in favor of violating those self-evident rights that have beaten the Democratic party and kept themselves in power. But now see how some of these apostate defenders of a free ballot and fair return carry out their profession. In Utah a man by the name of Cannon has about 15 votes to a man by the name of Campbell's one, and yet Governor Murray has given the man with only one vote to fifteen, the certificate of election. There is exemplified the great boast of obeying the popular will. To deceive the public there are pretexts and excuses made for this outrage on popular elections—but they are shown to be 'refuges of lies' from the fact that the same condition of things has existed for years, and this same Cannon has had a seat of Congress, no party or man ever before having the hardihood to pretend to set aside such an almost unanimous expression of public will."

The Louisville *Courier-Journal*, while sustaining the refusal of a certificate to Mr. Cannon, on the ground that proof was given that he is not a citizen of the United States, (which, by the by is not true) still considers that it was wrong to give the certificate to the person voted against by nearly all the electors. We extract the following paragraph from a leader in that paper:

"While the Governor was competent to withhold the certificate from Cannon, it appears to us that he could not properly give a certificate to Cannon's opponent, as it was decided in the Oregon case in 1877, that the ineligibility of one candidate does not elect his opponent. Just here there seems to be some irregularity."

The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* has the following, in its Washington correspondent's account of an interview with Delegate Cannon. In answer to a question from the reporter, the gentleman replied:

"I don't believe Campbell will get my seat. I have had assurances from prominent men of both parties in the House and Senate, that they would stand up to me in this matter if the published statements of Governor Murray's extraordinary action were correct. A leading Republican Senator said to me to-day: 'We must sustain the sanctity of the ballot box and abide by its decision. I will not do to say that the 1,300 vote,

can overcome 18,000.' The southern members seem inclined to sustain me. Several of them have come to me and said: 'Cannon, if such an outrage against majority rule had occurred in the south, there would have been a howl from one end of the north to the other.'"

Our readers will perceive from the quotations we have made that the enormity of the Governor's offence is pretty generally understood and denounced. The plotters against Utah have apparently gained a point by a nefarious trick, but "the end is not yet," and we can afford to do do as we have done so many times before with ultimate satisfaction—watch, work and wait.

#### "STAR" ITEMS.

FROM the *Millennial Star* of January 3d we learn that President Carrington has been visiting the Glasgow, Dundee, Durham and Newcastle Conferences, leaving Liverpool for that purpose on December 30th, calculating to return January 17th.

Letters from the Elders continue to report the spread of the work and additions to the Church. Elder Samuel Roskelley—in charge of the London Conference—relates particulars of the labors of a dozen Traveling Elders under his direction, extending over many counties around the British metropolis, all of which are encouraging and interesting. For instance:

Elders George Stringfellow and H. G. Romney have held meetings attended by strangers in the Sussex District, baptizing a young man and arranging for the baptism of another. Elders C. F. Wilcox and Moroni F. Brown in the Berks and Wilts District, have been arousing the old members and selling the Church Works. They relate the following case of healing:

The brethren called on Brother Wheeler of Reading, and, to use their own language, "found him very low in spirits, as his daughter who had been suffering for years with consumption was not expected to live longer than a day or two. She had been given up by the doctors, and was so weak as to be unable to move her head from the pillow. She had not been out of bed for three months and was looking like death itself when we went into the room. She was glad to see us, and expressed a strong desire to get well enough to be baptized, and wished to be administered to. We felt impressed to make her the promise that she should be thus privileged, and accordingly rebuked the disease in the name of Jesus Christ. She immediately rose up in bed and declared that every particle of pain had left her. We then went down stairs telling her to follow. She actually dressed herself and walked without assistance down a steep flight of stairs, and entered the room where her father and three or four others were sitting. They were utterly astonished, for they never expected to see her come out of her room alive. We felt to thank God in our hearts for this wonderful manifestation of his power through his holy priesthood, and for giving us another powerful testimony of the truth of this great and glorious work in which we are engaged."

Elder T. C. Griggs baptized two persons and rebaptized one at Faversham, Kent, with prospects of three or four more shortly. Elder Edward King made a visit to some old branches in Essex, reviving faith and baptizing three new members in a week; one at Braintree, one at Terling and another at Grays. Elder Joseph C. Bentley baptized four in one week in the North London district. Elders J. H. White and Joseph A. Jennings had gone from London to Wales, where Elder White expected to accomplish much good among his relatives.

Elder N. Wilhelmson, presiding over the Scandinavian mission, writes that during the year 1890, 1,160 persons had been baptized into the Church in that mission, with excellent prospects for the future; 800 persons had emigrated. The governments had permitted the Elders to preach and administer ordinances unmolested, except in Germany, Schleswig-Holstein and Finland.

"A great deal of the printed word has been published during the last year. Besides publishing *Skandinaviens Stjerne*, semi-monthly, *Nordstjernan*, semi-monthly, and *Ungdommens Raadgiver*, monthly,

there have been printed since Aug., 1879, 7,000 copies of *Mærkværdige Syner* (Remarkable Visions) in Danish and 4,000 ditto in Swedish; 5,000 copies of *En Sandheds Rost* (Voice of Truth) in Danish and 7,000 copies in Swedish; 4,000 copies of *Bibelske Henviisninger* (Bible Guide) in Danish, and 4,000 copies in Swedish; 2,000 copies of *Ægteskab og Sæder i Utah* (Marriage and Morals in Utah) in Danish; 2,000 copies of *Anskuelse om Ægteskab* (The Marriage Institution) in Danish, and the same number in Swedish; 5,000 copies of *Den eneste Vei til Salighed* (The Only Way to be Saved) in Danish, and the same number in Swedish; 3,000 copies of *Israels Indsamling og Zions Fortøsning* (The Gathering of Israel and the Redemption of Zion) in Danish; 2,000 copies of *Er Mormonismen en Vrangforetagelse* in Danish; sixteen sheets or form of the new edition of the Book of Mormon, and six sheets of the new Swedish Hymn Book, and 2,000 copies of a work called the Voice of Warning in the Icelandic language."

The *Star* continues to be interesting and an able exponent of the principles of our faith, also giving competent instruction concerning the affairs of the European mission. In the absence of President Carrington, Elder C. W. Stayner takes charge of the *Star*.

#### ONE OR TWO MORE.

ON the subject of the Murray outrage the Washington *Capital*, always racy, pertinent and terse, thus expresses its decided opinion:

"Governor Murray, of Utah, has transcended the power of his office by his flagrantly illegal action in tendering the certificate of election to Allan Campbell as delegate to Congress from that Territory. Murray, by this act, writes himself down as an ass, and puts himself upon record as a legalized liar. Campbell was never elected, and Murray knew it."

Cannon was elected, and Murray knew it. Yet in the teeth of all this acquaintance with facts this gubernatorial Dogberry has the audacity to issue a certificate, in the shape of a ukase, upsetting the legal votes of the citizens, and declaring, as by pronouncement, who the delegate to the Congress of the United States shall be.

Even were the charge that Delegate Cannon is not a naturalized citizen true, Murray's action would be still utterly, completely and unqualifiedly illegal. How much more so it is when we all know the falsity of the charge will be emphasized by the action of the House, when it rebukes Governor Murray in proper style by throwing out the impudent fellow Campbell when he essays to foist upon it, and vindicates Cannon in a proper and practical way.

This contemptible system of warfare upon the Mormon people will never meet with favor among the right-minded American people, and we do not flatter ourselves over much when we feel assured that the majority of our people are right-minded and believe in fair play."

The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* returns to the charge as follows:

"Governor Murray, of Utah, defends his action in refusing to issue a certificate of election to Mr. Cannon on the ground that there is no court record of Cannon's naturalization. Who made it the business of Mr. Murray to search the court records to find out whether Mr. Cannon was or was not naturalized? There are other qualifications for a member of Congress besides citizenship, and if Mr. Murray's theory is correct, it is the business of the Secretary of State, in every State of the Union, before issuing a certificate of election, to determine affirmatively (1) that the person claiming it, and having received the largest vote cast, is 25 years of age; (2) that he has been a citizen of the United States for seven years; and (3) that he is an inhabitant of the State in which the election has taken place. Mr. Murray deserves and should receive as a rebuke for his impertinence a prompt dismissal from office."

The Boston *Herald*, of Jan. 15, thus touches on the alleged authority given to Murray by some higher power to violate the law regulating his powers in election matters:

"The 'higher law' has a paramount authority on some questions and in rare emergencies; but it can hardly be evoked to warrant a ministerial officer in exercising functions

that do not belong to him. Governor Murray will hardly be justified by Congress in obeying an order from some 'higher power' to 'issue a certificate to none but Americans in Utah.' If Delegate Cannon was legally elected, he is entitled to his certificate. If he is disqualified by reason of felony or any other cause Congress alone has the power to deny him a seat. It looks a little as though the Governor's zeal had outrun his discretion. But the twin relic must go all the same."

The Washington *Republican* refers again to the matter in this way:

"Business men in New York have little respect for the action of Governor Murray, of Utah, refusing the certificate of election to Judge Cannon on an after-thought. Mr. Cannon has been in Congress a much longer time than Mr. Murray has been Governor of Utah; and if Murray goes out of Utah with as much respect as Cannon goes out of Congress, he will have good luck. Polygamy undoubtedly is exercising an evil tendency over the territories surrounding it; but merely keeping a Mormon delegate out of Congress will not discourage polygamy. If the government proposes to move on polygamy it must do so in the proper form. The Gentile element at Salt Lake has not been as scandalous as the Mormon. They are both bad elements, but the one is fanatical and the other predatory."

Several papers while condemning the course of the Governor, still seize on the certificate straw as a vain hope that it will form a pretext in Congress for action on "the whole Mormon question," and that Delegate Cannon will be rejected on other grounds than those bearing directly on the question of his election. The Washington *Star* thus discourses on the fallacy of such expectations:

"The general run of criticism in regard to the Utah election case is that Governor Murray acted arbitrarily in assuming to decide which of the candidates had been elected. Even those who seek to sustain the governor's action do not go so far as to maintain that under any law he had authority to go behind the election returns and determine the contest. One view of the matter that is quite common is in effect that while a wrong, or at least something not entirely right, has been done, good may possibly come of it; that though Governor Murray exceeded his authority the result of his act will force Congress to take cognizance of the Mormon question, and may lead to legislation for the suppression of polygamy. This is a mistaken view of the subject. There will be no necessity for Congress to go into the Mormon question, in order to determine Mr. Campbell's right to his seat, in the event Mr. Cannon shall contest. The question will be substantially the same as that involved in the former contest against the sitting delegate. The committee on elections will have to make inquiries as to the naturalization of the present delegate, and if the record proves his citizenship that question will, then, be settled. As to the allegation of polygamy, that must be decided under existing law, which only disfranchises those persons who have been convicted of that offense. How anybody can expect a great test case to be made of this election question is beyond conception, in view of the law and the facts."

#### MAKE A NOTE OF IT.

THE Cincinnati *Times-Star* says:

"Yes, 'the Campbells are coming.' One of them sat down on Senator Conkling in the Chicago convention, another took John Kelly's place in New York, and now a third has gone to Congress to sit in Cannon's seat."

Yes, and the "third" will be sat down upon. Make a note of it. It is "Cannon's seat" he wants, but what should be done unto him who tries to steal another man's seat? This Campbell has the wrong ring. There's a flaw in it. It does not chime with the notes of the true "Camp" or other "bells" and will be told to take its clapper elsewhere and retire to the pathetic time of "Allenwater."

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