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EDITORIAL NOTE.

The British fleet is bound to Constantinople whether Turkey is willing or not. In a day or two we shall learn what Russia is going to do about it.

City politics makes no news today. Agitation is dead. It was killed by ballots yesterday. The highest opposition vote was 666, against 3,067, the highest number for a candidate opposed. This is a poor exhibition of strength for the combined forces of anti-slavery.

Not very long ago Mr. Gossage was the most popular statesman in England. Now the people stand at his windows. There is no dependence on the great public gratitude for past labor and service finds no place in the heart of the people. The tyranny of the masses is far worse than the despots of an autocrat.

Clothing dealers who long yearly use articles from their stock should be careful to examine the tickets before replacing the goods on the shelves. The maddest gain in town a few days ago was one in that line of business which sold him he had worn to a party in the previous evening, and from which he had forgotten to take 20 in greenbacks which he had carried with him for "change."

One of the latest Yankee inventions is a patent ballot box which members of the Connecticut legislature have been examining. It is designed to prevent fraudulent voting, for ballot stuffing goes on despite of registration and other precautions. By an apparatus completely secured over the top of the box, a lever worked by the box tender is made to ring a bell and register a number plainly visible every time a ballot is dropped in. As the lever is released the aperture through which the ballot box is closed, so that there can be no voting without the knowledge of the tender. At the close of the voting the register shows just how many votes have been inserted. In case of a dispute about a ballot the ballot can be numbered and shown out if found fraudulent.

OUR DELEGATE'S POSITION.

In another column will be found an account of an interview of Washington Post reporter with Hon. George Q. Cannon, Delegate to Congress from Utah. It is a difficult matter, generally, in reading press accounts of "interviews" to distinguish between the utterance of the interviewee and the ingenious imaginings of the interviewer. In this instance the friends and acquaintances of our delegate will readily separate his actual replies from the touched up and limited items interpolated by the reporter. Our Cannon may have fired some hot shot into the camp of the enemy but "blowing" is not to be associated with the kind of ordinance even by implication.

The explanation is ready for the phrasical character of the People's Ticket, at least, of our elections, is probably selected correctly, with the exception of the statement that such persons are now placed inside the ticket, which is incorrect, no peculiar mark being used at all. Mr. Cannon, I think, said that while he deplored the pointing of those characters outside of the ticket, he would have objected to their appearance inside. It is well known here that whenever an opposition ticket is made up, its supporters endeavor to choose as possible to imitate the People's Ticket, for the liberal, noble, republican and anti-Mormon purpose of deception, and to make a showing by the entrapping of the unwary, which they could not do by honorable competition. Yesterday's election furnished another instance of this fact.

There is one point in this report to which we desire to call special attention. It has been frequently asserted that our Delegate, and indeed in Washington his position of plural marriage, and that he has publicly and privately negotiated all his wives but one, and will be permitted that he takes a wife on dishonorable ground. No man has done so at any time. He has simply denied the falsehood, sworn to certain adventures, which he attempted to deprive him of the seat in Congress to which he was elected by an immense majority of the people of Utah, and to obtain by fraud that which they did not the ghost of a chance to get by popular suffrage.

Our Delegate is well known in Congress and in private circles in Washington to be a practical, shrewd, astute, but is nevertheless in a position to defy all the efforts of his enemies to injure him on any grounds, for he is personally popular with several wives, "wives" and "whitish" violation of the laws of Congress of 1862," which was the charge preferred against him by the impudent oligarchs who tried to cheat him out of his position and the people of this territory out of a Delegate in Congress.

This is one strong point to which the "Mormon" people of the truth of their principles and the rightness of their position. Let us, then, those who oppose them never fail to meet so disreputably. If a fair statement of facts, and legitimate deductions from a clear statement of our cause would not easily avail themselves of weapons. But this never has been. Falsehood is their only available means of attack and they are not at all sparing in the use of it. The signal will show that the mighty and it must prevail.

HOT SHOT FROM CANNON.
AN INTERVIEW WITH THE UTAH DELEGATE.
(Washington Post, Feb. 4.)

A representative of the Post called upon Hon. George Cannon, of Utah, at his residence, No. 61 Thirtieth Street, yesterday, for the purpose of talking with that distinguished gentleman concerning Mormon matters in Congress, for the benefit of the innumerable readers of the best paper published in the country. He had never before had the pleasure of seeing the Representative of the Latter-day Saints. Congress, had rather surprised when a benevolent-looking gentleman, a little past middle age, entered the room, and cordially extending his hand, invited the newspaper intruder to a seat, though the latter was often described by the salt Lake Gentiles as the very embodiment of all wickedness; certainly the earthly tabernacle given but little outward token of the blackness of the soul within, citing the object of his call, the reporter asked him if he had published in the Post with Gen. Maxwell and Delegate Fenn, of Idaho. Mr. Cannon replied that he had read the interview with Mr. Fenn, and thought it a very fair and impartial statement of affairs in the Territory of Idaho. As for Mr. Maxwell, he had not seen him, and didn't know where he was. [Mr. Cannon said or might say worthy of notice. As Andy Johnson said of Forney, he (Maxwell) was a dead duck. He had fought and beaten him and his gang, and didn't now consider them of any more consequence than flies on a bull's horn. Maxwell had contested his seat in the Forty-ninth Congress, but was beaten, and everything mean and despicable to gain his point." He (Cannon) had conquered his enemies and slanderers by a square stand up fight on the merits of the case, and beaten them then as he expected, by the same method of warfare, to defeat this new lot in the contest for Congress.]

"Everything there in politics is divided in that way; some non-Mormons, however, vote with us sometimes because of the superior character of our candidates, of other causes, such as usually occurs. The Mormons generally on national issues are inclined to be Democratic, and all other things being equal, in the respective candidates of the parties, would vote the Democratic ticket."

"Pardon my apparent impertinence," Mr. Cannon said, "but I have a wife, and though my wife is not your first illegal wife as it is put, and it is further charged that there is an effort on your part to conceal from the public her identity, in order to shield both you and her from the consequences of prosecution."

"This has not been published, has it?"

"No, sir, not that I know of; but it is certainly circulated on the streets, as also the rumor that you are to be arrested under the District laws."

"The District attorney is utterly false. She is my legal wife in every sense of the word. We were married five years and married in 1854. She is the mother of 11 children, one of whom, her oldest son, was with me in Washington last winter acting as my private secretary."

"[Mr. Cannon didn't seem to be very much troubled at the threat of imprisonment, but he did not say he would be arrested after the election.]

"You accuse me of having two wives since your election to Congress?"

"Yes, sir, I have heard of him at Salt Lake, but never knew him until I came to Washington this winter."

"What do you know of John C. Young?"

"That he is utterly beneath the contempt of an honorable man. A man who will not only sit by and bear his own father and uncle abuse and curse him, but will join in attacking himself, is in my opinion a scoundrel, who does not resent the insults if kicked. He and his gang have been standing me in their paper Salt Lake for years and, though a journalist myself, I have never replied, for the simple reason that it was not worth of it. This fellow Young, in his position on their paper out due to the facilities his relationship to Mormonism gave for acting the part of spy on his own kindred. My main reason for not defending myself in the paper was, and my desire to appear in print, in this way, from my contempt for this fellow, who only wants some one to do so in order to give him an opportunity to make himself prominent by replying. I don't like to gratify him. He is a scoundrel, and who would not resent the insult if kicked. 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