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## THE CHRISTIAN (?) LADIES' MEMORIAL.

WE notice in the press dispatches to the papers on the coast, a memorial from the Ladies' Anti-Polygamy Society of Salt Lake, urging upon President Hayes the punishment of George Reynolds and the refusal of any petition which may be presented for his pardon.

When some of those ladies on the occasion of their former attempt to invoke Congressional vengeance against the "Mormons," were shown the sorrow and trouble and pain and poverty which would naturally overtake the plural wives of Utah and their children, if the law of 1862 were generally enforced, they answered that they had no desire to inflict punishment upon anyone or to do anything in regard to the past, but only to prevent the spread of polygamy in the future, and that their efforts to prevail upon Congress to do something in the matter were not directed to any point except the extension of the practice in this and the surrounding Territories.

How does their present memorial comport with these protestations? They are directing their energies towards the incarceration behind prison walls, of a man who has sincerely and honestly entered into matrimonial engagements, which he and his two wives believe to be in accordance with the laws of God, and not injurious to any of their fellow creatures. In the charity of their Christian souls, these ladies, members of various religious denominations, wish to put the husband in a dungeon, leave his wives to fight the battle of life alone, and their little children to grow up without the care and providing hand of their father. Is not this a striking exemplification of the sweetness of Christian womanhood, and a plain proof that they do not wish to bring trouble upon any one nor inflict punishment for the past, but only to prevent polygamy in the future?

They may argue, or rather repeat the arguments of the vile men who prompt them—for they are but puppets in the hands of certain male wire pullers that might be named—and say they wish this defendant punished as a warning to others. Indeed? Do any of the memorialists believe for a moment that extreme measures will have any repressive effect upon either men or women of the "Mormon" Church? We do not think they have any idea that it will. Bonds, penalties and proscription never yet destroyed a religious innovation. They never will. The convictions which are stamped upon the souls of the people here in regard to plural marriage, cannot be burned out by the fire of the fagot nor stifled by the close air of a prison cell. Force will only increase their intensity and act as an incentive to active resistance.

If the "Mormons" are in the wrong, the very worst way to convince them of their error is to bind them in chains or smite them with the arm of the law. If "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church," the infliction of this punishment will multiply polygamy. The principle is the same. No one outside of the "Mormon" Church knows better than these same memorialists that its members are fervent in their faith as to the divine right of the marriage system. Yet these professedly Christian ladies memorialize the head of the nation, and ask that one who has exercised a religious right, which he supposed was guaranteed to him under the Constitution of our country, be compelled to serve the imprisonment to which he has been sentenced, as a wholesome warning to his brother Saints. What sublime, womanly pity for the erring! What tender feminine regard for their own sex threatened with bewilderment! What gentle, motherly feeling for the little ones! What Christlike sorrow over the "brother" whom they suppose has gone astray! If they should succeed in their labor of love, what satisfaction they will enjoy in this world and in the world to come, and what strong claims they will have upon the Divine mercy and an abundant entrance into Abraham's bosom, with the society and companionship of Sarah, Rebecca, Deborah, Hannah and the rest of the holy women of old, and the grand, many-wives Patriarchs and Prophets who walked with God while in the flesh and now surround His throne in the eternal glory!

We are sorry to see any one waste so much time as those self-constituted female representatives of impossible vengeance have squandered, in the vainest attempts that have ever been made to bring trouble upon the "Mormons," and view their present unfeeling exhibition of malice as unworthy of any lady who makes the slightest pretension to the possession of a Christian spirit.

## FOUR CREATURES:

The Christian (?) Advocate for May contains several rabid anti-"Mormon" items of the ordinary stamp, which are too stale as well as too small to notice. But we will just mention a reference made in its columns to the presence of a Presbyterian raid on the premises of eastern tender-hearts, because it shows how it works upon the Salt Lake Methodist subscription gatherers. After stating that "several thousands of dollars are already contributed and thousands more are in prospect," to aid the Presbyterians in the work of misrepresenting Utah, the Advocate says:

"Where is the Methodist Church?"

A few years ago she led all churches in the work of education, now she is rapidly settling to rest. To our humiliation, be it said, the church authorities in the States do not appreciate the importance of education in Utah and are leaving us to ourselves. But it may not always be so. Gentlemen, statesmen and philanthropists of the M. E. Church in the east—wake up, please wake up on this subject."

It is "humiliating," is it not, that the "authorities does not [advanced educational grammar] appreciate" the imposition which has been precluded upon them by their beggarly brethren from Salt Lake, but have left them to themselves? Also that the Presbyterians have stolen the Methodist stage thunder and are now gathering in dollars on the same old story, but slightly changed, which was invented by the Methodist Lyford, and telling started Presbyterian audiences in the East that one of their ministers "had to preach his first sermon in Utah with a revolver laid across the Bible to protect himself from 'Mormon' assassins who had sworn to take his life." Lyford used to state that he had to have the Bible in one hand and a pistol in the other, and to make a little variation, for different audiences, shifted the carnal and spiritual weapons to his coat tail pockets.

We pity these poor creatures who have exhausted the patience of charitable "Mormons" here, and submitted their once credulous religious faith in the east with their absurd fabrications, false in word and without a thread of simple truth, and now find themselves distanced by their Presbyterian competitors in the race for dollars. But if they are being left to themselves now, what will be their condition when Eternal Justice shall measure out to them their just deserts, and they find themselves outside the Holy City, whose gates bear the names of the twelve polygamist patriarchs, in that place which is reserved for all "who love and make a lie?"

## THE DEMONSTRATION.

Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper for May 31st has a supplement containing pictures of the recent grand demonstration in this city in honor of Counselor Daniel H. Wells. The artist has drawn somewhat on his imagination, but has succeeded in giving a pretty good idea of the procession, and makes no attempt at caricature or intentional misrepresentation. The letter press account of the demonstration is fair and candid, and concludes as follows:

"Those who think 'Mormonism' is weakening are mistaken. In Brigham Young's palmated days he could have done no more than has been done on this occasion."

Mr. Jas. Dwyer has disposed of all the copies he received of this number, but has telegraphed for more which will arrive in a few days.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

## FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

## EXTRA SESSION.

## SENATE.

WASHINGTON, 27.—McDonald asked leave to present a petition and memorial of the ex-soldiers and sailors of the Civil War, protesting against violation of the civil service reform, especially in relation to the appointment of custom officers in San Francisco, alleging the interference by federal officers in elections.

The memorial seeming to reflect on a number of members, Burnside explained the circumstances alluded to in the memorial. After a spirited debate on the reception of the papers, they went over till to-morrow on objections.

## HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, 27.—The bill relative to the removal of cases from the State to Federal courts, came up in the morning hour, the pending question being on seconding the previous question. Fernando Wood appealed to Townsend of Maine, who has charge of the bill, to permit its reference to a non-committee as not to have the bill brought up by the business of other committees.

Townsend regarded it as his duty to press for action on the bill. The Republicans then resorted to the policy of withholding their votes and this made the necessary call of the House.

The call was followed by roll call on motion to dispense with further proceedings, and the morning hour without action.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill to prevent the introduction of contagious and infectious diseases into the United States, the Senate bill in relation to that subject having been substituted for the House bill.

## EASTERN.

## The Pacific Mail Steamer.

New York, 27.—The annual report of the directors of the Pacific Mail Steamer Company, for the year ending April 30th, 1897, was received here today. The report shows a net profit of \$52,748.88, and expenses of \$401,516.07. The liabilities of the company to April 30th, were \$2,516,571.71, and the assets \$1,016,277.20, leaving a deficit over assets of \$1,500,304.51. Dividends of \$100.00 for the year are stated as \$498,570.07.

## What the Democrats will do.

A Washington special to the Bulletin says: The House members of the joint democratic caucus committee met this afternoon, and unanimously agreed on the following line of policy which will be brought up to-morrow before the joint committee. They propose to send the President a first bill, the separate bills, one for the repeal of troops at the polls, and another compelling the supervisors law. These will both be vetoed. Then they will pass a joint resolution extending the appropriation for the army till December, coupled with a statement, on condition that the supervisors do not act. If they are vetoed they propose to adjourn, and if again vetoed by the President, to repeat the programme. Beyond that all is chaos.

## Democratic Congressmen Interviewed.

A Washington special says: A reporter interviewed Senator Butler on various topics, and the latter said he should vote for supplies to the government, and if thwarted with "backing down," should bear

it well as he could. In regard to the negro census as having its origin in Washington and managed by politicians, he thought the higher was to be a blessing to the south, which have too many negroes and was raising too much cotton.

A special interview with Fernando Wood, is reported, who said he don't intend to sail for Europe till Congress adjourns. He declared Warner's silver bill would never become law, and said the country was in the condition of a convalescent patient, and when the doctor comes meddling and trying to do something, he ought to be driven out with a horse whip. Wood said further that he was positive the committee on ways and means would not report any bill whatever at this session, affecting revenue or taxation.

## The Cavalry to Grant's Aid.

The Herald has an editorial on the proposed excursion to San Francisco to welcome Grant. It doesn't believe Grant is a consistent party to this extraordinary demonstration, and fears it will be a great annoyance and embarrassment to him. It says that the United States made an eloquent speech thanking all who took part in the congress.

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redskins, the men succeeded in effecting their escape, but were obliged to abandon their horses and wagons.

Indians near Fort McLeod are killing white men's cattle to avoid starvation.

## FOREIGN.

## GREAT BRITAIN.

European News in Brief.

LONDON, 27.—The rowing match between Fialand and Nicholas for £100 a side has been arranged for the 23rd of June.

Sir Garnet Wolsey leaves for the Cape on Thursday.

A dispatch from Alexandria states that two companions of the Italian explorer, Marquis of Antinori, have been made prisoners by the natives of Bosh.

A Paris dispatch says: The members of the Canal Congress had a grand banquet to-night. Admiral Ammen presided, and gave a toast to France and the French delegates. Professor Lawrence Smith of Kentucky, on behalf of the United States made an eloquent speech thanking all who took part in the congress.

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