

Thursday, February 20, 1872.

The Mormon Question.

The Senate Judiciary committee held a long meeting to consider the Frelinghuysen Mormon bill. The Hon. J. C. Cannon asked permission to reply to the memorial sent there by the Salt Lake Bar, and to urge objections to the bill. They were allowed to file a printed argument, but not to personally appear.—*Oma-ha Herald*, Feb. 15.

The Mormons.

"Omaha-ess" writes to the Omaha Herald from Salt Lake, February 11th, thus:

"On Mormonism my observations have been few. I find a rough idea of it, and come to the conclusion that I should know instinctively every Mormon and Mormoness that I met, but really they look like other people; anyway, they mind their own business. We read a great deal in outside papers of what is being and going to be done here, but we do not hear much of it at home, though, I think, leading Mormons anticipate restrictions that will be carried out with more severity than heretofore."

Co-operation of the President and Congress to Suppress Polygamy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. The situation of affairs in Utah, judicial and administrative, is engaging the serious attention of the President and Cabinet.

On Monday the President visited the Senate, and conferred with some of the members of the Judiciary Committee, as well as with various members of Congress on the subject of this session. Yesterday the President and Attorney-General had a conference on the same subject, and the necessities of the situation seemed to be agreed upon on all hands.

It is frankly stated in high official circles that if legislation which would enable the law to be had at this session, the country must not be surprised to see troops sent to Utah in numbers sufficient to provide for any exigency which may arise. The temporizing policy has had its day.—*N. Y. Times*.

The Administration and the Mormons.

General Grant has evidently made up his mind again that "in view of his position" Mormon polygamy. Our special despatches from Washington and Salt Lake City indicate a revival of the "irrepressible conflict" with the fixed resolution on his part of a decisive settlement with Brigham Young and his hierarchy. In a convention on Saturday last with General Sheridan it appears that the President expressed himself strongly in favor of an enforcement of the laws in Utah if it takes the whole available military force of the country to sustain the civil authorities. It further appears that General Sheridan has been summoned to Washington to give his advice, from personal observation, touching the best localities within a day's railroad distance from Salt Lake City for temporary encampments of troops; from which it is apparent that the existing conflict of jurisdiction between the civil authorities of the United States and of the Territory of Utah are of such a character that in order to enforce the sovereign authority of the general government in said territory the President is prepared for all alternative means. I think he may be required to adopt of making war upon the entire Mormon race.—*N. Y. Herald*, Feb. 15.

The Frelinghuysen Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Utah bill was reported to the Senate from the judiciary committee yesterday, with amendments. It authorizes the appointment of deputy marshals and marshals and assistant district attorneys for each of the judicial districts of the Territories. The United States marshal is required to make a list of 100 male citizens of the United States residing in the Territory, and from these grand and petit juries are to be drawn. Each party, either in civil or criminal cases, to be allowed six peremptory challenges, but no challenges to be allowed on grounds that the jury has served at a previous term of court. These juries are to act in all cases arising under the laws of the United States or of the Territory. All public judges and notaries public to be appointed by the Governor, and subject to removal by him. The probate courts will be allowed to try civil cases involving not more than \$1000, and to exercise original jurisdiction, that being exclusively lodged in the district courts, which have also exclusive original jurisdiction in all actions for divorce, alimony, etc. The district courts are also declared to be Territorial courts in all cases arising under the Territorial laws. The provisions of the bill will be seen to give the attorney general and the election of officers in the Territory, as there is no restriction upon his choice of names which he sends to the clerk of the court, and it also allows him to use the same juries in different districts and sessions after term in the same place. The bill also provides to take away from the probate courts the power to issue writs of *habeas corpus*. The bill repeats all Territorial election laws, and provides the woman suffrage, and forbids the naturalization of persons living in or practicing bigamy or polygamy. It also provides for the discharge from a Mormon marriage in the same way as from lawful marriage; that is, on proof of bigamy, adultery, or polygamy. Among the Territorial acts which it is proposed to amend by bill, are in ordinance incorporating the Church of Latter-day Saints, the judiciary act, the act for the organization and government of the same, the act concerning property rights of married persons, and the acts providing for the election by the legislature of the Territorial marshal, attorney general, auditor, treasurer, surveyor general, and wardens and directors of penitentiary. All these offices are to be appointed by the Governor. This bill is one of those favored by the Republican Senatorial caucus, and therefore is likely to come up in that body this session.

The majority of Congress are opposed to an extra session. The President will not call it unless the session unless some extraordinary and now unforeseen necessity renders it necessary.—*Ogden Journal*.

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