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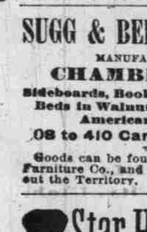

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STATEHOOD MOVES.

Delegate Caine Has a Hearing Before the Senate Committee on Territories.

Efforts for Further Anti-Chinese Legislation Being Made in Congress.

Tascott's Partner Makes a Clean Breast of His Connection With Snell's Murder.

By Telegraph to the NEWS.]

UTAH AGAIN.

The Further Hearing Before the Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. — Continuing the hearing before the Senate Committee on Territories, Delegate Caine said the people of Utah, on four separate occasions, had asked admission. One objection was polygamy. It was not a question of religious belief, but the Constitution permitted no breach of the laws which are deemed necessary for the protection of society. While the State could not prescribe religious belief, it could forbid practices which, though sanctioned by revelation, were held to be detrimental to good morals. There was no pretense that the religious beliefs of the people were to be inquired into.

Caine defended his co-religionists of Utah against the charges brought by various writers; declared that they were upright, worthy people; that though the revelation permitted plural marriage, and though all the members of the Church might have married repeatedly, the large majority of the people of Utah had sought to put themselves into conformity with the requirements of the country. The constitution adopted by the convention was not a work of conspiracy. There was but one point in it about which there could be any question, and that was whether the twelfth section embodies the honest views of the 13,-195 men who voted to ratify it. This section makes polygamy and bigamy a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine and imprisonment. He declared upon his honor, that the people of Utah did deliberately and unreservedly adopt that section in good faith as the law of the land, and intended to enforce it in good faith. In reply to questions, he said the last plural marriage of which he had knowledge, was that of Rudger Clawson, several years ago. This man had been tried, and had suffered imprisonment for this offense. The present legislature of Utah, now in session, has before it a bill for marriage laws, prohibiting polygamy and bigamous marriages. This has been reported favorably from the committee on judiciary. Those who oppose statehood for Utah, he continued, care nothing for the religion or morals of the Mormons. It is their politics which they oppose. If you would satisfy them you must disfranchise every Mormon on account of religious belief.

JUDGE JEREMIAH WILSON

also addressed the committee. He eulogized the people of Utah as among the thriftiest, most honest and temperate of the world, and he challenged comparison with any other community, to the progress they have made in all that goes to constitute an enlightened and civilized people. The whole opposition as to the admission of Utah, he said, might be summed up in two propositions: "Assault upon religious belief, and an attempt to govern the majority by the minority." The Mormons were objects of abuse, because they held a voting power which could not be legitimately overcome at the polls. He said they had never broken a promise or betrayed a trust, and therefore their sincerity in this matter ought not to be questioned. He contended in a legal argument that if the state broke the compact made with all the other states represented by Congress, the latter had the inherent power and all that was necessary to enforce the contract. When asked whether in his opinion the people of Utah could be trusted to make this compact and exercise the powers of statehood, he would answer most emphatically "yes."

DELEGATE DUBOIS,

of Idaho, addressed the committee in opposition to the petition for admission. He admitted the population of Utah to be 190,000, and sufficient, so far as numbers go, to entitle the Territory to Statehood, but declared that this population was mainly imported directly from Europe by the "Mormon" Church. Even with an insufficient police force, he said, the number of arrests was enormously disproportionate to the population, and the vast majority of the persons arrested were convicted. Utah had been blessed with a superior climate and soil; she lay on the direct line between the East and California. Yet, with such advantages, her taxable wealth only aggregated $35,000,000, $5,000,000 of which was railroad property, not owned in Utah, and $10,000,000 of which belonged to the 30,600 Gentile inhabitants of that Territory. Per taxable wealth averaged only $157 per capita, while the neighboring Territories ranged from $380 to $700. He asked to be informed by any advocate of admission why the practices of Brigham Young and John Taylor were now admitted to have been wrong, and argued that the course of the Mormons in the future could be best judged by their past. They had been driven out of Missouri by reason of their polygamous practices, and had established themselves in Illinois, where they founded the City of Nauvoo, and undertook to do the same thing they are now trying to accomplish. They secured a city charter which made them independent of state control, and then enacted regulations of such a character that the outraged people of the state rose in their might and drove them away. Crime is rife in Utah and the criminals have the sympathy of the entire Mormon people. If any reform was promised, and abstinence from practices pronounced by law to be criminal, the man who promised it was ostracized. The Legislature refused to make provisions for the arrest and punishment of criminals, and the United States government was compelled to bear the burden of the local government of the Territory. The new constitution was half a trick, half a lie, and those who presented it did not come as free men to free men, but with cringing and cowardice proposed to bind themselves for the future in a way which was required of no other State. The Territory could not come in under this constitution as equal, and the provision against the amendment of its constitution was therefore either entirely nugatory or entirely wrong. The gentiles of the Territory did not believe two years of statehood would elapse before the constitution would be changed to meet the views of the Church.

Richards asked leave to reply to Mr. Dubois, but Senator Paddock (not a member of the committee, but present as an interested party) stated that the opponents of the petition would wait a further opportunity to present their case, and the committee, therefore, adjourned for the day.

Inter-State Tariffs.

The auditor of the Inter State Commerce Commission has issued the following circular to the railroads, located wholly in one State or Territory, regarding the filing of freight and passenger traffic: Roads with connections to and from points outside of such State or Territory on through tickets or bills of lading, should file tariffs covering such tariff with the commission. If such through rates are made by the addition of local rates to the rates of connecting roads, such local tariffs should be filed with the commission, together with the statement that the through inter-state tariffs are made by adding such local rates to the rates of the carrier (naming it) with which connections are made. If joint rates are made on any basis other than by the addition of the local rates to the through rates of connecting carriers, tariffs showing such rates should be filed with the commission, covering all inter-state business transacted thereunder.

Postal Matters.

Postmaster General Dickinson has sent telegraphic instructions to the postmasters of Los Angeles, San Diego and Pasadena, California, authorizing the employment of an efficient force in each office to meet the temporary and permanent needs of the service. A superintendent and inspector of the Postoffice Department are instructed to visit these offices and to render the postmasters every required assistance in reorganizing and increasing the service and extending the office facilities. At Los Angeles, in addition to the regular force a superindent of the mails and a superintendent of the money order division are authorized at a salary of $1200 a year, and a superintendent of carriers at $1000. Two branch stations for carriers are suggested. At Pasadena two permanent clerks at $1200 each per annum, and four at $800 each are authorized, and the free delivery service is suggested. At San Diego, in addition to the general authority to employ a sufficient force to properly handle the mails, the postmaster is authorized to appoint one clerk at $1000 per annum.

The Chinese Question.

The Senate committee on foreign relations heard arguments today from the Pacific Coast delegation in Congress in favor of further legislation to restrict the immigration of Chinese.

Senator Stewart explained the provisions of the bill recently introduced by him amending the Chinese restriction act. He said that under the present law the Chinese enter the country in large numbers through British American and Mexican ports. Frequently, when a collector of port refused to allow Chinese to land, they would apply for writs of *habeas corpus*, which sprung upon the United States courts an immense amount of business to the detriment of other matters pending before them. These applications, he said, were generally successful and the Chinamen gained entrance. He thinks the courts should be relieved of these cases and that the Secretary of the Treasury should, as proposed by the bill, be given enlarged powers in prescribing rules and regulations regarding the certificates granted to Chinese, and a practical administration of the existing restriction laws was exceedingly difficult, and in attempting to evade their provisions, the Chinese would invent all manner of schemes. He held that the various provisions in the bill would invoke no violation of the existing treaty.

Representative Morrow of California said the restriction act was not very effective in its administration. It was the duty of the Pacific Coast delegation in Congress to take action looking to some radical improvements in the existing treaties. When a Chinaman was refused admission to one port, he always found some other loophole by which to enter. He hoped for a speedy settlement of the matter, so that people from the eastern part of the United States desiring to emigrate, would not be deterred by apprehensions of future troubles in regard to the Chinese.

Representative Felton said that the proposed legislation was entirely inadequate to accomplish the results desired. It was necessary that some legislation more definite in its provisions should be enacted. He had trustworthy information that the Chinese continued to come into this country, notwithstanding the existence of the present law. The Chinese government, he said, had made no attempt to observe the present treaty, and he held that there was no reason for further delay if the people of this country desired to abrogate it.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, said he had given much study to the matter, and had decided convictions upon it. It was pretty well agreed that the Pacific delegation was in favor of the absolute exclusion of Chinese, and was satisfied that the existing law was insufficient. Something radical was imperatively demanded. The Chinese nation would not be likely to protest against new legislation that might be framed because they themselves knew they had violated the present treaty. A treaty of absolute exclusion would be hailed with joy by the people of the Pacific Coast.

Other gentlemen present spoke in a similar strain.

Representative Thompson was unable to be present but sent the following letter:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.

Hon. John H. Sherman, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Relations:

SIR:—Acknowledging the receipt of your note this day at hand, I have to express the hope that some effective method may be adopted to secure the exclusion of Chinese from our shores, and can only suggest the exercise of all the powers of the government, legislative and executive, looking to the adoption of such measures, and pledging my support as a Representative, to any measure that may effect this greatly desired result. Respectfully,

THOMAS L. THOMPSON.

The Postmaster General has ordered the establishment of a mail route from Horace, Kansas, to Pueblo, Colorado, by way of Denver, Memphis and Atlantic and Pueblo, State Line railroads. The contract calls for service six times a week, beginning March 1st.

Crisis Imminent.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Much uneasiness prevails in political circles. Colonel Ponsonby, the Queen's private secretary, has recently paid several visits to Lord Salisbury and W. H. Smith, government leader in the House of Commons. Such visits are unusual except when a crisis is imminent. After the cabinet council today, Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, walked to the Irish office. He was evidently greatly excited. Although the weather was bitterly cold he was hatless and walked with his hands clasped to his head. He was followed by detectives.

SNELL'S MURDERER.

Young Tascott Said to be in Los Angeles.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—The man who assisted in the murder of Millionaire Snell by standing watch outside while the residence was being robbed, is behind the prison bars. The arrest was made to-day, and the police have already secured a full confession from the prisoner. It confirms beyond a doubt the statement that the murderer is young William R. Tascott, the son of Colonel J. B. Tascott, the wealthy manufacturer. The man arrested today made Tascott's acquaintance this winter in the Garden City billiard hall on West Madison street, and for some weeks they have been together every day. The morning that Snell's house was to be robbed, he and Tascott went to the house together. Tascott went inside, leaving his comrade on the sidewalk. After the murder was committed Tascott hurried out, grasped his companion by the arm, and together they went to Tascott's lodging on West Madison Street, and remained several hours. Tascott told all and the other was so horrified and so afraid that he would be charged with the murder itself, that he refrained from giving information to the police. He made a sworn statement today, and satisfied the police that he was telling the truth. The police refuse to reveal the name of the prisoner. The Associated Press dispatch giving the information that a criminal answering the description of Tascott, the alleged murderer, was captured at Los Angeles, but had broken jail, was eagerly perused tonight by Inspector Bonfield and Detectives Sergeants Aldrich and Elliott. Elliott showed a dispatch just received from the warden of the Kentucky Penitentiary, where Tascott had been incarcerated, stating that the fugitive's body was peculiarly marked, affording certain means of identification. He has a scar on the right hip, where he was shot while attempting to escape from the Frankfort prison. There were also scars, some perhaps yet unhealed, on the right leg, on the knees and both elbows, the results of wearing a ball and chain. The detectives are anxious that the information should be spread, especially to California and the Southwest, that Tascott's front upper teeth exhibited a gold filling, a line or surface of the metal extending along the edge. The filling seems to be from the interior, but shows prominently, the upper lip being slightly drawn back.

The rumored presence of Tascott in Los Angeles led to the discovery this evening that a young woman with whom he was very intimate, is probably in that vicinity, and perhaps has been visited by him. Who she is or what her appearance is, the police refuse to say, only stating that she left here for California some months ago. It is hinted her destination was San Diego.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—The theory is published here today that the notorious crook with several aliases, one of which is Clark, who was lodged in jail here Wednesday night and escaped in a few hours by cutting through the wall, is the man wanted in Chicago for the murder of A. J. Snell. His description tallies with that given in the Associated Press dispatches published this morning.

The Criminal Record.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—The trial of Frederick Anschlag, who murdered Charles B. Hitchcock and wife near Santa Ana January 24th, closed here today, and the jury after fifteen minutes' deliberation, rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree. The court fixed February 24th, as the day of passing the death sentence. Anschlag's motive for murdering the Hitchcocks was to obtain possession of the deed to a ranch owned by them.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 18.—The jury in the Silas Barrett trial this evening brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. Both the Barrett brothers are now under conviction for the murder of Cardriver Tallafson.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—John A. Benson, indicted for perjury in connection with the alleged fraudulent survey of public lands, arrived here today in custody of Marshal Franks. His bonds have been increased from $30,000 to $60,000.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 18.—In the Federal court today, motions for a new trial and arrest of judgment in the case of Ben. E. Hopkins, were overruled. Hopkins will be sentenced when well enough to appear in court. The indictment against Director Zimmerman of the Fidelity was *nolled*. Hopkins is in jail, suffering from dropsy, and it is said today he is expected to die at any moment. He is a very sick man.

DENVER, Feb. 18.—L. F. Lindsay, a clerk in the United States land office here, suicided last night by taking two ounces of laudanum and then cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor. Financial matters was the cause first given, but today it was discovered his accounts in the office were $5000 short, and it is now believed his inability to replace the money, and the fear of discovery, prompted him to the act.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18.—F. D. Ponpart, confidential clerk of Adolph Schieber, treasurer of the Cotton Exchange, is a defaulter for $29,000. Ponpart had charge of the bank box which contained the money and state bonds belonging to the Cotton Exchange. He pledged the bonds to three banks, the Germanis, National Bank of Commerce, and the Mutual National Bank, and squandered the money received in lottery tickets. Suits were filed today against the banks for the recovery of the bonds. Ponpart and an accomplice, George Penser, have disappeared.

AN AWFUL CALAMITY.

Mount Vernon Swept by Storm and Fire—150 Dead and Dying—500 Buildings Wrecked.

General Sheridan Positively Declines to Run for the Presidency.

Bivalvular War on the Coast of Maryland — Captain Nichols Killed in the Engagement.

The Crown Prince Evidently Dying of Cancer in the Throat. —The Wilton Memorial.

A Big Blaze at Bennington, Vermont. —Frozen to Death in Montana, Etc., Etc.

By Telegraph to the DESERET NEWS.]

The Crown Prince.

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—The official bulletin regarding the condition of the crown prince today says: The wound in the throat presents a more favorable appearance and is gradually closing; the cough is the same as yesterday; there is little more expectoration. The patient's appetite is excellent. Other reports say the cough is troublesome and that the expectoration is tinctured with blood.

SAN REMO, midnight.—The crown prince is somewhat better. His cough is less troublesome. Although going on fairly he does not show the average power of recuperation.

Dead.

CHICAGO, 19.—Rev. James Schofield, father of Major General Schofield, U. S. A. died in this city last evening in his 87th year.

Count Corti Dead.

ROME, Feb. 19.—Count Corti, lately Italian ambassador at London, died here today.

Captain Nichols Killed.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 19.—During an attempt to arrest an illegal dredger today the State oyster police schooner *Folly*, Captain Clarke, was attacked by three vessels and considerable shooting was done on both sides. After the affray was over it was discovered that Captain W. F. Whitehouse, of the schooner *Albert Nichols*, of Baltimore, had been killed.

Burning Mills.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 19.—The Daniels building, in which are located the grocery of Daniels, Cornell & Co. and the J. A. Reid printing establishment, is on fire. Although the flames are now under control the damage is $235,000.

The Lebanon Mills at Pawtucket are burning; one mill is gone and the other is going. At the Riverside Mills (Olneyville) the private alarm has just sounded twice. The Atlantic Mills boarding house is known to be burning together with the barn.

The Milton Memorial.

LONDON, February 19.—Despite the keenly cold northeast wind, coupled with frequent intermittent snow falls, a large congregation flocked to St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, today, the occasion being a special sermon by Archdeacon Farrar in connection with the unveiling yesterday of the Milton memorial presented to the church by Geo. W. Childs, of Philadelphia. The pew space was soon fully occupied and chairs were placed in the aisles to accommodate later arrivals. The congregation included Mr. Phelps, the American minister, and his wife, Baroness Burdett-Coutts and many leading American residents.

General Sheridan Interviewed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The Washington agent of the Associated Press sought an interview with General Sheridan this evening for the purpose of ascertaining whether he would consent to make an authoritative statement in regard to his alleged Presidential candidacy. The general gave his consent and it will be seen from the following verbatim report of the conversation that his declarations are thoroughly explicit:

Agent—"Of course, General, you have noticed that there has been considerable mention of your name during the past few weeks as a possible or probable candidate for the presidency next autumn?"

Gen. Sheridan—"Yes, I have noticed it, but I have never looked upon those newspaper articles as anything more than the usual shooting around in the woods which has once or twice before in presidential years brought my name up in that connection."

"But General, the talk is more serious this time and there appears to be something like a concerted arrangement to bring about your nomination."

General S.—"Well, I know nothing more about this alleged boom than what I have read in the papers, except that now and then some friend has twitted me about becoming a candidate; but if the matter is really now discussed seriously, it is time that all parties concerned should be informed that they are wasting their breath. I have

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in my bonnet and I don't intend to have it, for there is nothing that would induce me to leave the profession in which nearly 40 years of my life have been spent, to enter upon a civil career. So all talk about my being a candidate may as well end."

"But suppose the republican convention should ..."

General Sheridan—"Nominate me? I would not accept, but there is not the slightest probability of my being nominated and in any event I would not accept; no, not under any circumstances. I do not want that or any other civil office."

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A WOMAN'S DISCOVERY.
"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus write W. C. Hauricle & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Get a free trial bottle at A. C. Smith & Co.'s Drug Store. (3)

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