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ANTI - POLYGAMY CONSTITU-TIONAL AMENDMENT.

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THE text of a bill for a constitutional judges, as though they comprised the amendment declaring polygemy unlaw- whole question. Herein is a specimen ful, appears in our Washington dis- of avoidance of fact, arrogance, igpatches. It is to be recommended by norance, fanaticism and hate comthe Judiciary Committee of the House bined such as could scarcely be found on Monday, the 24th inst. The object elsewhere. It is one of those monis evident. It is to commit the nation strosities which have become so freas a whole on the plural marriage quent hereabout that they no longer question, and prevent the recognition create surprise. of polygamy as any part of the public policy; also to extend to the States the provisions now in force in the Terri- his arrest, had heard of any change tories in relation to this matter.

dition of the public mind, that the simple; the evidence showed to the amendment will be adopted. People contrary, and there are plenty of peoare not disposed to be rational in the ple who had heard to that effect within vails. These drive out reason and pre- count for naught, their uninfluenced put down "Mormon" marriage, the nothing with this organ and its henchcountry is not unlikely to lose sight of men in their ungodly raid. In their the right of each State to regulate its splenetic frenzy to control everything from the Federal Government.

By the adoption of such an amendment to the Constitution, the States, the people, will relinquish one more of dicer's oaths." the features that distinguish the democratic system of this great Union. It never have been another conviction for will be a surrender of one of the prin- the crime with which he was charged." ciples of local self-government. Each Just so. And in order that there individual State now possesses the might be such convictions the Court right in itself to determine what right in itself to determine what so held. In other words, if the is in its domestic selectors what we and will not fit the crime, the crime must how marriage shall be regulated upon be made to fit the law. This is a feat its own domain. It may establish easy of accomplishment by those who polygamy or iforbid it so far as secular law can interfere with the marriage relation. Any State in the Union may, if it so determine, make plural marriage legal within its own borders. - It Lorenzo Snow did not in fact change may also declare it illegal. But if this one lots from his regular course of life proposed amendment shall be adopted, that power will be voluntarily given up, and the National Government will have power to regulate so much of the domestic relations of the several

States. It would be a step in the wrong direction. The tendency now is to centralization, to the absorption by the Federal power of many of those rights reserved to the States respectively or to the people. It is a downward movement. The integrity of the American system can only be preserved by the maintenance of those individual rights that light, which obtains in courts and belong to the respective States, and a journals elsewhere, is set aside here; corresponding preservation, with con- and the absolute fact that such person stitutional restrictions, of the powers, is living as nearly in conformity with

transaction which is not a menace to ALARMING REVELATIONS. life, limb or property can be a crime THE dispatches furnish some interuntil it is made one by law. And then, when it is erected into an artificial esting reading. A short time since the country was startled by the murderous offense, how is it that the great charter outrages of Anarchists in Chicago. The of the country can be ruthlessly revelation of the existence of an brushed aside at the behest of a cheap adroitly devised and flendish conspiraudge or an unprincipled editor, and cy to make that city a scene of carnage the newly-made offense be given a and destruction is still more alarming. retroactive application? The organ It places such a calamity almost beprofesses to be so determined an upoud the confines of the merely possiholder of the law, such a stickler for ble and places it within the circle of obedience to every requirement, and the probable. 'The diabolic plot did vet it refuses to consider or to not carry in the instance referred to. permit its allies to consider that future attempts of but the fundamental law, but hangs the same nature will always to technical constructions miss fire is exceedingly doubtful.

of questionable statutes by partisan and grows the future prospects are blackened with frightful probabilities, for they are sure to prosecute the work on which they have set their hearts. No one who has the welfare of the country at heart can read the statements of Captain Schaack without a sensation of foreboding. Neither do

"No man, in or out of the 'Mor mon' Church, ever, up to the time of of his investigation.

in his domestic relations." It is not unlikely, in the present con- This is a falsehood, pure and consideration of this important sub- the time stated. Truth, veracity, ject. Prejudice rules and passion pre- honor, are all set aside, men's oaths vent sound judgment. In the desire to and disinterested statements go for domestic affairs without interference or destroy it, they will accept of but one condition from the people they are hounding, and that is one which "makes marriage vows as false as

> "Had the Court so held, there would In other words, if the lar find the crime existing in the shades of the past when there was no law at all. Further on the same article says: "There are plenty of evidences that

upon the passage of the law. All that he did was to devise a plan which he believed would baffle the court and ity and repentance. By and by events defeat the law." There were also plenty of evidences

the other way; but as long as the defendant had to be convicted, they did not seem to count. It is only such season evidences, such law and such interpretations as tend to produce the desired

result that are wanted. And in the AN OPPORTUNE DISCOVERY last sentence of the above paragraph, THE Hawaiian Gazette of April 20th knavery is united to mendacity. The contains an announcement of the death usual benefit of construing an accused of Mr. L. L. Rice, whose name has figperson's acts in the most favorable ured prominently in connection with the notorious Spaulding story. It will be remembered that Professor Fairchild of Oberlin College, while on a

dent after the fuse had been lighted judgment, and almost every person in Ireland of experience, position and that this would be unnecessary. He coolly valked into the room where the powder was and extinguished the fusc. This was done at the imminent risk of big life respectability.

It is a rare occurrence for a King to justified in contending that such a be present at a fire in his domain, and Parliament at Dublin will be composed take an active part in stopping the devastation. The good Kalakaua is thus spoken of in the description of the event:

an old fireman, was promptly on hand and personally directed the work on Manakea street. Here he did ex-cellent work urging on the will be withheld the loyalists would be "The King, true to his instincts of ing Maunakea street. Here he did ex-cellent work urging on the willing in duty bound to protect them-men and exerting himself to the ut-selves. I also contend that Parselves. most to stay the work of the raging liament has no moral right to divest While the anarchist element exists fames: Again and again did the men under his command strive to stay the flames, and again and again were they driven back. Had the King's Ministers possessed half the energy of the body without the full and King the fire might have been stayed of the loyalists themselves wrought."

The ground traversed by the conflagation covers the regions bound by sensation of foreboding. Neither do gation covers the regions bound by people. This is what I would have his statements stand alone, but are Nuuanu and Bethel Streets and Rose tried to say in the House of Commons. Lane on the Warkiki, side, by the I feel confident that you will admit sustained by details discovered by dif-Nuuanu River on the Ewa side, mauka ferent individuals aside from the facts on Nuuann Street by Love's bakery urged resistance other than a rigidly

It begins to look as if there was and by a line drawn from thence, in- constitutional one, and if I had any insomething in the theory of the author | clining slightly northerly, to the river : of an anonymous, but finely written on the makai side by the well known "Sailors' Home," corner of Bethel and work, entitled, "The Fall of the Great Merchant Streets, thence by a line run-Republic"-that Chicago would be the ning diagonally across to King Street future seat of anarchical conspiracy. The facts of the Chicago conspiracy Bridge, including even the little jefty taken alone would not be any great built by the Chinese fishermen at this cause of national fear. It cannot be point, but omitting the buildings on dissociated, however, from the situa- the corner of Nunany and King Streets. tion of nearly every large city in the occupied by Mossman & Co., crockery Union. In each of them exists to a and glassware, C. Afong, Freeth dangerous degree the same element that & Peacock and Chulau & Co. is fomenting disturbance and blood- The fire spread mauka of the to inclement weather being merely the shed there. The successful conduct rear walls of the Houolulu Iron occasion of its development in some of one anarchical plot in any of them works and thence on. The total would be apt to cause destruction to number of buildings, both stores and When inflammatory, it attacks the enbecome epidemic, so to spreak, and dwellings, is reported as 523, the total spread from one part of the country to loss is estimated at \$1,250,000. Between fifty and sixty acres of ground was another, until it passed beyond the conburned over and about 7,000 people. trol of either the civil or military Chinese mostly, have been rendered

power. The day of approaching calamity has homeless. The loss to insurance companies been frequently pointed out in these columns. The elements of destruction \$228,500.

This great fire is considered to be one and desolation are accumulating. They will continue, in our opinion, of the most appalling visitations to which Honolulu has been subjected in to gather in bulk and force, until there shall be an ... overwhelming her whole history, so far as the destruc disaster that will shake the Republic tion of property is concerned. When the extent of the calamity in that refrom centre to circumference. The only way of escape is by the nation gard is taken into account, the absence of exsualties to life and limb is almost going down into the depths of humilmarvelous.

will transpire that will cause the country to have its hands so full, that seek -BY TELEGRAPH ing to harass, oppress and destroy the 'Mormons' will be lost sight of for a PER WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.



That Constitutional Amendment WASHINGTON, 24 .- Tucker, of Vir-

A New Comet,

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the Sandwich

ginia, from the committee on judiciary, reported a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment on the sub-NOTICE! ject of polygamy. Placed on the House To all the Descendants of my Father's

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conferred upon the General Govern- the law as his understanding suggests ment. The balance should not be and his circumstances permit, which disturbed, the equilibrium should not in other places would secure acquittal, be destroyed.

The surrender of this right may prove the stepping stone to the acquisition by the Federal authority of other powers in the same direction. It s true that this amendment endeavors to guard against the exercise of national authority over marriage and divorce in general. ,But it is a throwing down of the barriers which the Constitution has interposed between the Federal authority and the rights of the States, and is dangerous

for that reason. It is his "one false step" which the adage says "will ever lead to more." It will introduce into all the States

ject has been more or less frequently ventilated in these columns, but it will the interference "of United States courts, officers and juries, with the bear a good deal of probing and puncturing. It can be pursued a good deal domestic relations of the people. And judging by the abuses which the further, and the proposition proved to enforcement of United States laws a demonstration.

on this subject has inflicted upon Utah, we may reasonably conclude that it will ultimately work mischief in the States. Each commonwealth before him to be sentenced has now the power to regulate this matter for itself, and the surrender of expressing poignant regret that this right to the National Government the punishment prescribed by would be hostile to the spirit of true the Edmunds law was not heavier. democracy.

is the plural marriage of the "Mor- kindly disposed official cropped out gaged in the practice of that system, have been cruel to have left this philthe whole nation, seems extravagantly | was easily surmountable with such an | demise of Mr. Rice: absurd.

The language, "the marriage rela- at hand as the mild-mannered Mr. tion by contract, or in fact," is worded Dickson especially to reach the relationship formed under the "Mormon" system. and the whole amendment carefully guards from the action of its provisions any improper associations of the ple expression of his personal grief at sexes outside of the marriage relation. For these reasons it is likely to be popular, and we shall not be much surprised to see it become part of the supreme law of the land of the free and the home of civil and religious liberty. (?)

[The foregoing was crowded out of our columns on Saturday evening.] It will be seen by a dispatch that the joint resolution proposing the Constitutional amendment was reported to fine that would require a collossal for-

Judiciary Committee to-day: ---

ITS USUAL STYLE.

THE down-town advocate of absolute suppression and subjection of everything and everybody pertaining to "Mormonism," in its bigoted zeal sometimes neglects to compare its own statements with a view to that

to Mr. Rice in Islands, induced blue to hunt among the old papers brought by the latter from Ohio, where he had been an ediis here a "plan to bafile the Court and tor, for the purpose of finding somedefeat the law." O Christianity, civithing in regard to the slavery question. lization and law, if you are indeed re-And that the old "Manuscript Found,"

presented only by such exponents as which was written by Solomon, Spaul the organ and its allies, assuredly your ding was discovered. funeral has been delayed to long! It was the identical manuscript

USURPATION AND CRUELTY

formed the basis of the Book of Mor-On Friday, under the title of, "How mon, and that did not read as was excan we have confidence?" we showed pected and so passed out of sight. Mr. clearly that certain officials here had Howe was to have published it, if i made judicial constructions perform suited. Mr. Eice and his partner suc the functions of wished-for special anti-"Mormon" legislation. The subceeding Mr. Howe in the printing

business, this with other papers fell into their hands, and when Mr. Rice moved to the Sandwich Islands it was taken there with other effects. The manuscript is now in Oberlin College and an attested copy will soon be

published from the office of the In the earlier stage of the present anti-"Mormon" crusade Judge Zane DESERET NEWS, verbatum, with all its was in the habit, when a victim was errors and erasures, and it will be seen how much resemblance it has to for unlawful cohabitation, of the Book of Mormon.

The sudden death of Mr. Rice no: Ine sudden death of Mr. Rice no: long after the resuscitation of the manuscript and his junimpeachable camped on their trail to-night." This manifestation of benevolent grief testimony concerning it, makes its

The only protext for the movement that filled the sympathetic soul of this production appear quite providential. We recognize the hand of the Lord in mons;" and when the fact is clearly notably in the case of Parley P. Pratt, its opportune discovery, for it effectuexhibited, that about twelve thousand who had plead guilty to the indictment aliy puts the quietus on the sully story near people, all told, are or have been en- found against him. Of course it would that connects in the public mind the moved off Dawson began firing his re-Spaulding story with the sacred resolely under religious regulations, the anthropic official in such an abyss of cord, translated by the gift and power fear that sixty millions of people will grief. The effect on his constitution, of God bestowed on the great Prophet be injuriously affected by it, unless it mental and physical, might have been of the Nineteenth Century. The Ga- son was captured and taken to jail. is placed under the power and ban of permanently injurious. But the difficulty zette gives the following account of the Lynching is feared.

able, unscrupulous, and subtle rescuer

Mr. L. L. Rice, father of Mrs. J. M. Whitney, died suddenly on the morn-ing of the 14. The deceased gentleman has resided withins daughter since 1879. The Judge himself had manufactured and his venerable figure was well an obstacle that stood in the way of a known about our streets. Mr. Rice was born in Otsego Co., N. construction that would effectually Y., in 1801. When a young man he bebusiness some time in New York City,

in Ohio he was a prominent figure in the politics of the state, occupying at various times the position of editor and also that of state printer. He was an ardent advocate of total abstinence, would have been a formidable barrier to the application of the elastic prowhich cause he championed with both cess of construction to other men, but pen and tongue. He was also, before not so to him. The prosecuting attorney invented the segregation process,

Zane, whose judicial back-handed

agility has probably seldom been THE NEWS has already published some equalled and surely never surpassed in particulars of the great fire which laid the annals of jurisprudence, accepted a million and a quarter's worth of of the Dicksonian theory. He adopted property in ashes in Honolulu, and it with as much ease as he usually rendered about one-third of the inrules during the trial before him of a habitants homeless. A friend has sent rules during the trial before him of a habitants homeless. A friend has sent of the Berlin Academy of Arts opened us the account given of the holocaust of the Berlin Academy of Arts opened to-day. The buildings which have been prosecution is sustained; objec- by the Hawalian Gazette, which draws of the defense overruled. a graphic picture of the scene, and tion are located in Exhibition Park and

ROCHESTER, 24 .- Prof .: Brooks, of THE ANNUAL YOUNG FAMILY RE Phelps, N.Y., reports to the Warner Observatory here the discovery of a new comet. It is large but faint. Its position is as follows: Right ascension 11 degrees, 51 minutes, 15 seconds; right declination north 8 degrees, 55 minutes, 15 seconds. Blaine Repudiates It.

AUGUSTA, Maine, 24.—In answer to inquiries, Blaine, now at Bar Harbor, says he had no interview with any one which Dr. Hurlbuit_obtained from in regard to the fishery question and is in no manner accountable for any opin-Mrs. Davidson, Spauldings re-married widow, on the supposition that it ions that may have been attributed to him. He has had no occasion to change his views uniformly expressed by him in Congress,

On Their Trail.

WASHINGTON, 24 .- The following telegram was received from Genural Miles, dated Calabasas, Arizona, May 22nd

"Two small bands have broken from Geronimo's camp and gone north, and committed depredations. Three men were killed and one boy captured Troops are in pursuit and others are in

advance to intercept if possible. Their effort, I think, will be to leave their wounded and get agency Indians to join them. Have directed Lieutenant Colonel Wade, commanding Fort Apache, and Captain Pierce, of San Carlos to nevern if Captain Lawyton Carlos, to prevent it. Captain Lawton

has followed the main camp with great

Killed by a Colored Tough.

LOUISVILLE, 24.-Mese Dawson, J drunken colored tough, refused to pay his fare on the Owensboro and Nashville road last night and was ejected near Russellville, Ky., As the train volver through the crowded coach Several shots were fired and A. G. Clinton, farmer, received three of Clinton, farmer, received three of them, being fatally wounded. Daw-

Captured in Canada,

OTTAWA, Ont., 24.-A detective from

the United States who has only very recently visited this city, has captured here the ex-chief clerk of a Toledo house. The prisoner, it is said, em-bezzled \$5,000 and fied to Canada, ac-companied by a woman. The fugitive consented to go back without awaiting came a printer and after following the extradition papers.

FOREIGN.

LATEST TRANSATLANTIC DIS-PATCHES.

High Trenson in Amsterdam.

THE HAGUE, 24.—The government will prosecute for high treason, Herr Nieumanhas, leader of the Socialists and editor of their organ, because of certain comments which appeared in his paper on the occasion of the king's yisit to Amsterdam.

Parowan, May 20, 1886;

American Bacon LULE, 24.-The congress of agricul-turalists of the north of France have adopted resolutions favoring an in-

crease of import duties, denouncing existing commercial treaties, and the prohibition of American bacon. International Exhibition of Fine

Arts.

union will be held in the Salt Lak Theatre on the Eighty-Fifth Anniversary the Birthday of President Brigham Young. June 1st, 1866, at 2 p. m. All of the familie who possibly can are requested to be preent. The members will please provide themselves with picnic, LORENZO D. YOUNG,

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the war, strongly opposed to slavery and published an anti-slavery paper. Sympathy is felt for Dr. and Mrs. Whitney in their bereavement. by which the penalty can as easily be THE HONOLULU CONFLAGRA-TION.

made imprisonment for life and a the Honse of Representatives from the | tune to pay, as that specifically defined by the law, and Chief Justice

obliterate his own sorrow. By the simhe removed to Ohio in 1830, and re-mained their for nearly 50 years. While the paucity of the punishment, he made it plain that he himself knew that the maximum penalty was six months's imprisonment and \$300 fine. This