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PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY THE DESERET NEWS COMPANY. CHARLES W. PENROSE, EDITOR. and the second se Friday, . | October 3, 1884. JUDGE ZANE BLUNDERS AGAIN.

THE case of Rudger Clawson, who was indicted by the grand jury of the Third Jbdicial District in April last for polygamy, under the Edmunds law, is now before the Court. The attorney for defendant, F. S. Richards, Esq., moved yesterday to quash the indictment on the ground that the grand jury which found the indictment was illegal. A brief report of his able argument in support of the motion will be found in another column. The prosecution depended chiefly for answer to this argument on a decision of a California Court, to the effect that no challenges could be interposed to a grand jury except such as are named in the statute providing for such challenges. That as the Utah law is taken from the California code, it is therefore subject to the same limitations and the ruling of that Court applies here.

But, as was shown by Mr. Richards, the situation is different in Utah from that in California. The Legislature of Utah stands in a different position to that of a State Legislature. Congress assumes to legislate for the Territories, and in addition to the Utah law in relation to juries, there is the Poland law enacted by Congress. Now over anything that is regulated by the Poland law, the Utah statutes cannot prevall either by excess or limitation. The Congressional law is paramount, the local law subordinate. Therefore challenges to a grand jury may be interposed if it has not been impanelled as the Congressional law requires, even if the Utah statute providing for and limiting such challenges does not cover the ground of the Poland law. For instance, the law of Congress

requires two hundred names to be placed in the box, half of which shall be selected by the Probate Judge and the other half by the Clerk of the District Court, and the Utah statute provides that:

"A challenge to the panel may be in-terposed for one or more of the follow-ing causes only: 1. That the requisite number of ballots was not drawn from the jury box; 2. The notice of the drawing of the grand jury was not given in the manner provided by law; 3. That the drawing was not had in presence of the officers designated by law." (Act on Criminal Procedure, sec. 119, Laws of Utah, 1878.) sec. 119, Laws of Utah, 1878.)

to the three causes of challenge given | tinction not at all likely to aid in proabove preclude a challenge against the unlawful selection? Clearly not, since the statute providing for such selection is a law of the United States, while the statute limiting challenges so as not to cover the ground is but a law of this Territory. A jury, then, may be challenged if not drawn and impanneled according to a law of the United States, even though the ground of challenge is not included in the locall cal law in relation to challenges. If not, there is no remedy for juries selected by fraud. But there is a remedy, and that is found in Sec. 1854of the Criminal Procedure Act, which provides that the indictment must be set aside, upon motion of the defendant, among other reasons, "Where it is not found, indorsed and presented as prescribed in this Act;" "this Act" requires it to be found by a grand jury of "fifteen eligible male citizens of the United States, selected, summoned and im-panelled according to law. If it is not selected according to law it is illegal, and "must be set aside by the Court" Utah. on motion of defendant. The ruling of the Court on the motion to quash the indictment will be found in full in another part of this paper. It does not touch on the question explained above; for some reason the Court avoided this issue. We will draw attention, however, to some points in His Honor's Opinion which we consider fatal defects in his argument. In quoting from the Edmunds law relating to challenges to jurors, Judge Zane in one place omits a very important clause. The wording of the law, as may be seen from the section which he gives in full in another place, is as follows: "In any prosecution for bigamy, polygamy or unlawful cohabitation under any statute of the the thirty names drawn in compliance United States, it shall be a lawful cause with the provisions of the Poland bill. of challenge, etc." The Judge claims that this covers a grand jury as well as a trial jury. But in that portion of his argument on this point he conveniently leaves out of his quotation the words we give in italics. A grand jury acts entirely under the laws of the and excused because they answered Territory. It is selected and drawn under a law of Congress, but when impanneled it is governed entirely by the local statutes. Therefore the clause "under the laws of the United had to be omitted from the Judge's argument or # would have spolled all his reasoning. It is only in a "prosecution" under the "laws of the United States" that a juror may be challenged as to his belief in bigamy, polygamy or unlawful cohabitation; and supposing that a prosecution commences with the proceedings of a grand jury, as the judge contends, seeing that they act entirely under the local law and not

and consequently by his own argument as belief in polygamy, and there was is unlawful. There was never a more manifest all the way through a dispocomplete case of giving away an argu-

jury by which to try polygamy cases." would shield him from baseless and Correct. And for this purpose it was so arranged under the Poland law that were illegally found, as much as from uries should be composed equally of conviction by a packed jury.

when it is made up entirely of persons prejudiced from the beginning against the accused? What kind of impartiality is there in a process that packs a grand jury with persons em-

the purpose of finding indictments against them on frivolous pretences, and then packs a trial jury with the enemies of those indicted, in order to judice exists against the "Mormons" Honor sustains a method by which the enemies of the accused shall say whether he is to be prosecuted or not, provide an "impartial jury." 58 It should be observed that Judge Zane's argument in regard to a juror's

belief concerning murder, etc., applies to trial juries only. Who ever heard of a grand juror being challenged as to his belief in reference to such crimes? There is always a difference made be-

tween grand jurors and petit jurors in the matter of challenges, and that which may be proper for the latter may be improper for the former. Again. It is mere presumption to say that a juror who believes that polygamy is a command of God will not indict one who practices polygamy and violates the law of the land. Belief in the rightfulness of a principle is one thing, violating an oath to judge according to evidence is another thing. One does not pre-suppose the other. A "Mormon" may think it right before God for a man, under some circumstances, to have more than one wife at the same time, and yet, being sworn to

find according to a human law and the evidence, he would be bound before God and man to bring an indictment or find a verdict according to his oath. If the Judge cannot see this we are sorry for his mental blindness; if he does see it, we are sorry for his argument, or

of certain things "in the marriage rela-

But suppose the names put in the box were not selected as required by the Poland law. Would not the jury made up from the persons thus unlaw-fully selected be an illegal jury? And would the limitation of the local law would the limitation of the local law tion." This was an individious dis- Do you believe in the doctrines and tenets

grand jury?"

aition to create such a jury as was not ment than this. Again. His Honor says the object of the law was "to provide an impartial contended that a person suspected of crime had rights before the law which

At the conclusion of his argument "Mormons" and non - "Mormons." But is a jury anything like impartial the court took a recess, and on re-assembling at two p.m. listened to the reply of C. S. Varian, Esq., Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, who argued that the provisions of the Edmunds bill in regard to the qualifications of jurors

bittered against a class of citizens, for on polygamy cases, were applicable to grand jurors as well, and hence that this grand jury was a legal one. He declared that the point made by defendant's attorney that the "Mormon" convict them on slender evidence. Is members had been asked certain quesit not a fact, known to the Court as tions regarding cohabitation which well as to the public, that a bitter pre- had not been put to the non-"Mormons." had no weight, from the fact among the class from which this pack- that this was a matter purely optional ing system selects both grand and with the prosecuting attorney. He petit jurors to indict and try them? To cited authorities to show that secure an "impartial jury," then, His the only ground defendant could have for his motion would be in proving that the requisite number of ballots was not drawn from and by which his enemies shall also the jury box, and that the notice of the try him, if indicted. A new way to drawing was not given in the manner provided by law, and that the drawing was not had in the presence of officers designed by law ; but that these steps having been regular and fully complied

with, there was no legal standing for the motion to quash the indictment by reason of the illegal nature of the empanelling of the jury.

Mr. Richards, in his closing argument,, showed that the authorities quoted by Mr. Varian were not applicable to the state of affairs in this Territory, where there were two legislative bodies, the Congress of the United States and the Territorial Legislature, and referred at some length to the jury system which obtains here, and to its history from the beginning, making .s strong and concise argument in support of his motion.

The matter was taken under advisementjuntil 10 o'clock this morning, at which hour, in the presence of a full bar, the following was rendered by Chief Justice Zane as his

## DECISION.

This is an indictment for polygamy and the objection to the indictment is that the grand jury was not a legally constituted grand jury and the reason, as I understand—the substantial rea-son is that certain grand jurors were excused illegally and certain others were placed on the grand jury in con-sequence, that ought not to have been there. It appears from the statement of facts pleaded to by the attorneys for the prosecution and for the defendant that sthe grand jury was first se-

the prosecution and for the defendant that the grand jury was first se-lected in pursuance of section 4 of the Act of Congress approved, I think, June 23d, 1874. In brief, there were at first thirty grand jurors selected in the mode prescribed by the statute. I do not understand that there is any ob-

is of the highest importance that an impartial jury shall act in each case. The is of great importance to the party in-dicted if he is innocent. A partial grand jury micht indet an innocent man; heccause they will act upon their projudices; but it is important to the State and to the project to have as impartial grand jury, because it would be a wrong to provide the second of the protection of society they have an innocent man indicted, and it would be a wrong, also, against the public to permit a guilty man to go unished when there is evidence suitient to convict him. That is the source to convict him. That is the state, through the government which they have governent which they have governent of society, they have adopted this method of prohibiting and preventing which they have determined is injurious to society, they have adopted this method of prohibiting and preventing which they have determined is injurious to society as a crime. And the reason of its presumption that a man who believes its right to commit the crime which he is called upon to try, cannot be an impartial juror in the trial of that man. He should not be influenced by law of the society. If a man for marder, he is not a competent juro, because he will be instanced by that beliet. Or if a man is charged with robbery—If a juror who is the a the believes that if is right to romartial juror in the trial of that man to try that man; neither is he a instant believe. Or is and the reason of the shim believes that if is right to in the trial of that kind, because the convict the matter is he compare the indicated by that the list we projarital juror in a trial of that kind, because the convict in the trial of the a the believe polygamy. Notwith-a then the the man is right in its with him that the man is right in the their here as of big my or polygamy case is the solution is with him that the man is right in its the man is not try that mane. He sholygamy case, the will still believe that polygamy case the convict. The solution is with him that the

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Now, to construe this law simply to apply to the petit jury, and not to the grand jury would certainly defeat the purpose of the law, and, in my judg-ment, would be contrary to the letter as well. I am of the opinion that the letter and spirit of this law both agree. I am therefore of the opinion that these jurors by their answers were properly excluded; could not have been otherwise under this law without disregarding it. Other matters were discussed in the discussion of this question; but I think this view of the case will dis-pose of them. The motion to set aside the indictment, is, therefore, over-ruled.

Mr. F. S. Richards asked that the court note an exception to the ruling, which was done.

This decision was scarcely unexpect-

ed, after the late series of astonishing judgments and rulings which have emanated from the same high judicial source. No one who remembered his Honor's order in the open venire matter last week could indulge the hope for a moment that he would look upon the grand jury which found the Clawson indictment as in any way imper-

fect.



falls to the ground. The question as to when's prosecumences is very important. In make the section of the Edmunds law providing for challenges in the impanneling of a jury, cover the ground of a grand jury as well as a that both parties in this Territory trial jury, His Honor strains a little the should be represented in the jury box, meaning of the term "prosecution." and there was therefore no cause for It is generally understood that there excluding the fifteen "Mormon" jurors can be no prosecution in a District Court natil an indictment is found. The beginning of a prosecution is the conceded they did. Nor does Section

the laws of Congress, his argument

Do you believe in the doctrine of plural marriage as taught by the Mormon Church? Do you believe it is right for a man to have more than one undivorced wife living curing an "impartial jury." Why did not the Judge pass on that question? The Prosecuting Attorney claimed at the same time? that he had the right to put questions

And each of these grand jurors answered these questions in the affirma-tive and was excused, and other jurors were selected in the following mode as provided in section four: to some grand jurors and to refrain from putting them to others, just as he chose. In other words, to pick out ust such persons as he wanted to in-

If during any term of the district court any additional grand or petit jurors may be necesary, the same shall be drawn from the said box by the United States marshal in open court; but if the attendance of those drawn cannot be obtained in a reasonable time, other names may be drawn in the same dict "Mormons" and exclude all others. Is this what Judge Zane would "providing for an impartial

This ruling will be passed upon by higher court. It is to be hoped that it that it will receive due consideration and that if the decision should be sus-

manner. These were, after the fifteen were ex-cused, the additional jurors selected in the mode prescribed. So it resolved at last into the question whether the act of Congress—so hunch of it as is applied in this case which is found in the Revised Statute book, section 1039, and this statute of the United States passed at the first session of the gene-ral Congress in 1882 shall hold. The sta-tute describes first the crime of polyga-my, and without reading a description of that crime, because it is welljunder-tons guilty of it by a fine of not more than \$500 and imprisonment for a term of not more than five years, and fur-ther provides that: taned, some more cogent reasons will be found for its support than those offered by Judge Zane, which, as we have pointed out, are exceedingly weak and in some instances prove the reverse of his conclusion. - His Honor may improve on acquaintance, but the two important opinions he has de-livered on the jury question do not comport with the reputation for legal ability which preceded his advent to

THE RUDGER CLAWSON CASE JUDGE ZANE'S RULING.

Sec. 3. That if any male person in a Ter-itory or other place over which the United tates have exclusive jurisdiction, hereafter ohabits with more than one woman, he hall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than three hundred collars or by imprisonment for not more han six months, or by both said punish-ments, in the discretion of the court. The arguments made before Chief Justice Zane yesterday on the motion

And then Section 5 provides:

of F.S. Richards, Esq., to quash the indictment found against Rudger Claw-And then Section 5 provides: Sec. 5. That in any prosecution for bigamy, polygamy, or unlawful conabitation, under any statute of the United States, it shall be sufficient cause of challenge to any person drawn or summoned as a furyman or tales-man, first, that he is or has been living in the practice of bigamy, polygank, or unlawful cohabitation with more than one woman, or hat he is or has been guilty of an offense punishable by either of the foregoing sec-tions, or by section fifty-three hundred and dry.two of the Revised Statutes of the Uni-ted States, or the act of July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An act to punish and prevent the practice of poly-pamy in the Territories of the United States and other places, and disapproving and an-nulling certain acts of the legislative as-bendy of the Territory of Utah," or, sec-ond, that he believesji right for a man to have more than one living and undivorced wife at the same time, or to live in the prac-lice of cohabitung with more than one er Claw son for polygamy, on the ground that the grand jury which found the indictment was an illegally constituted one, were listened to by a full representation of the bar of the city and by many other auditors. The public are doubtless acquainted with the circumstances attending the empanelling og that jury, and will remember that of five were excused as not having the necessary statutory qualifications. It will not have been forgotten that of the remaining twenty-five, fifteen were and any person appearing or of "Mormons" and ten non-"Mormons," ther of the foregoing grounds, may be ioned on his oath as to the existence of ach cause of challenge, and other evi-may be introduced bearing upon the on raised by such challenge; and this on shall be tried by the court. But as first ground of challenge before men-t, the person challenged shall not be to snawer if he shell shall not be and that all the former were challenged the following questions in the affirmative, whereas their non-"Mormon colagues were spared the necessity of reed, the person channel say that he will be the person channel and the shall say that he will be the swer may tend to criminate himself; and the swer shall not be given in evidence in any criminal prosecution against him for any criminal prosecution so us or three offense named in sections to answer on the rejected as incom-

"Do you believe the doctrines and tenets of the Mormon church?" "Do you believe in the doctrine of plural marriage, as taught by the Mor-mon church?" "Do you believe it is right for a man to have more than one undivorced wife living at the same time?"

The vacancies thus created were filled up with those known to be non-"Morns," and it was this peculiarly conituted jury which tound the indict. nt against Mr. Clawson. Mr. Richards took the ground that this grand jury was not one specially

plying to them at all:

constituted to seek out polygamy cases, but was formed for the purpose of inouiring into all kinds of offenses Any person appearing or offered as a jur against the laws of the United States

The term juryman is used in its The statute known as the Poland bill eral sense without qualifying by refer-ence to a grand jury or to a trial jury, except so far as the last term, which says, "or talesman;" it is not qualified —the term jury or juror—it is used in its general sense, and the term prose-cution is not in it. was moreover plain in its pr

In any prosecution for bigamy, polygamy,

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