

Money In It.

"The Utah bill will not act against polygamy, but it will enable the Gentiles to engage in litigation ruinous to the Mormons, whose position will consequently be very uncomfortable."—Washington Dispatch.

And there is a well grounded suspicion that that is the real animus of the measure. It will enable the Gentiles to "ruin" the Mormons. There is the spirit of the bill in a nut shell. We have no admiration for Mormonism, especially its polygamous feature; but to us there is something extremely offensive in the political Aminadab Sleekism which oppresses and tyrannizes under the plea of "high-moral ideas." Public sentiment pronounces Mormonism wrong in the abstract, and no doubt its marriage custom is contrary to the letter of the law; and so the "I am holier than thou" element successfully organizes to crush out the people who, all honest of purpose as nine tenths of them were, followed their leaders into the wilderness in the vain hope that there they might be free from persecution. It reminds us of those creatures in the lower life, who wait till their brothers have constructed snug nests and retreats, and then proceed to coolly appropriate them. If this were done under the unimpeachable plea that "might makes right," it would not be so bad; but it is done under the cloak of morality, which renders the act about as repulsive as it can be. Why do not these people proceed against the Oneida Communists and other sects at war with orthodoxy? Is there no "money in it?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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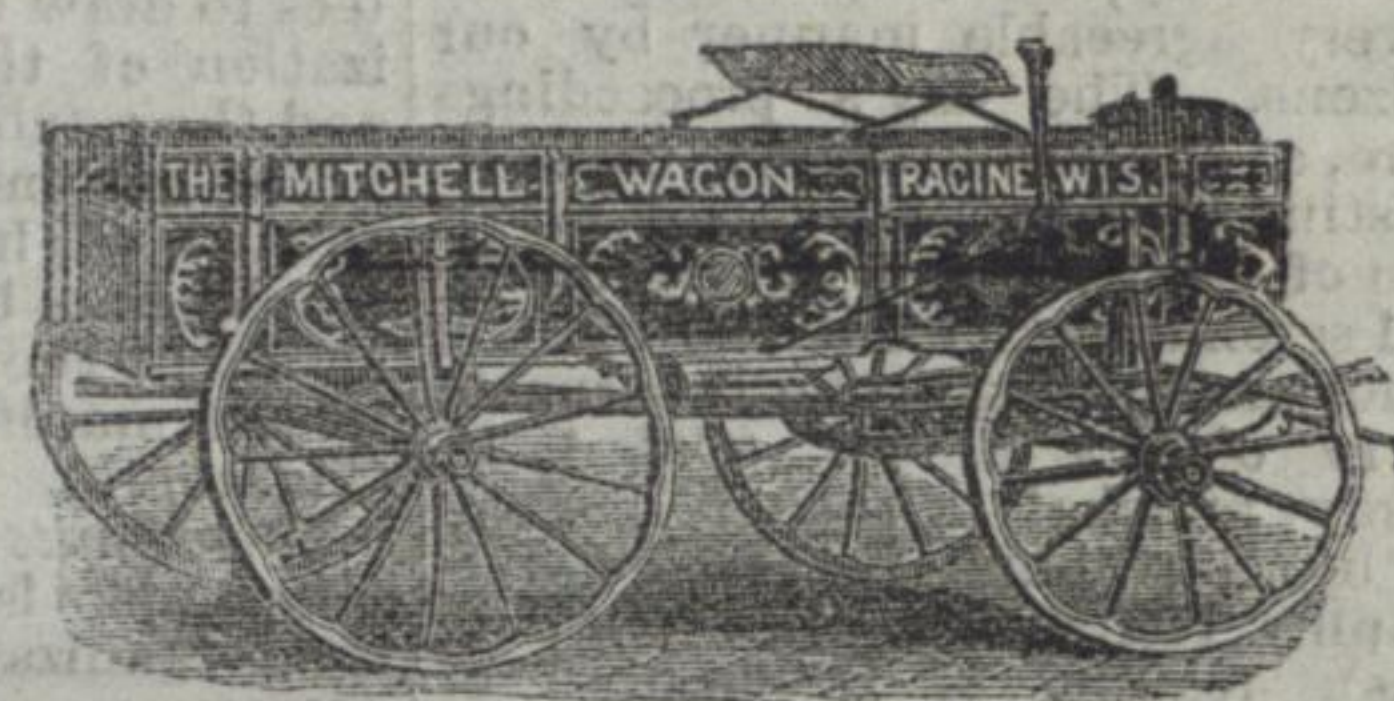
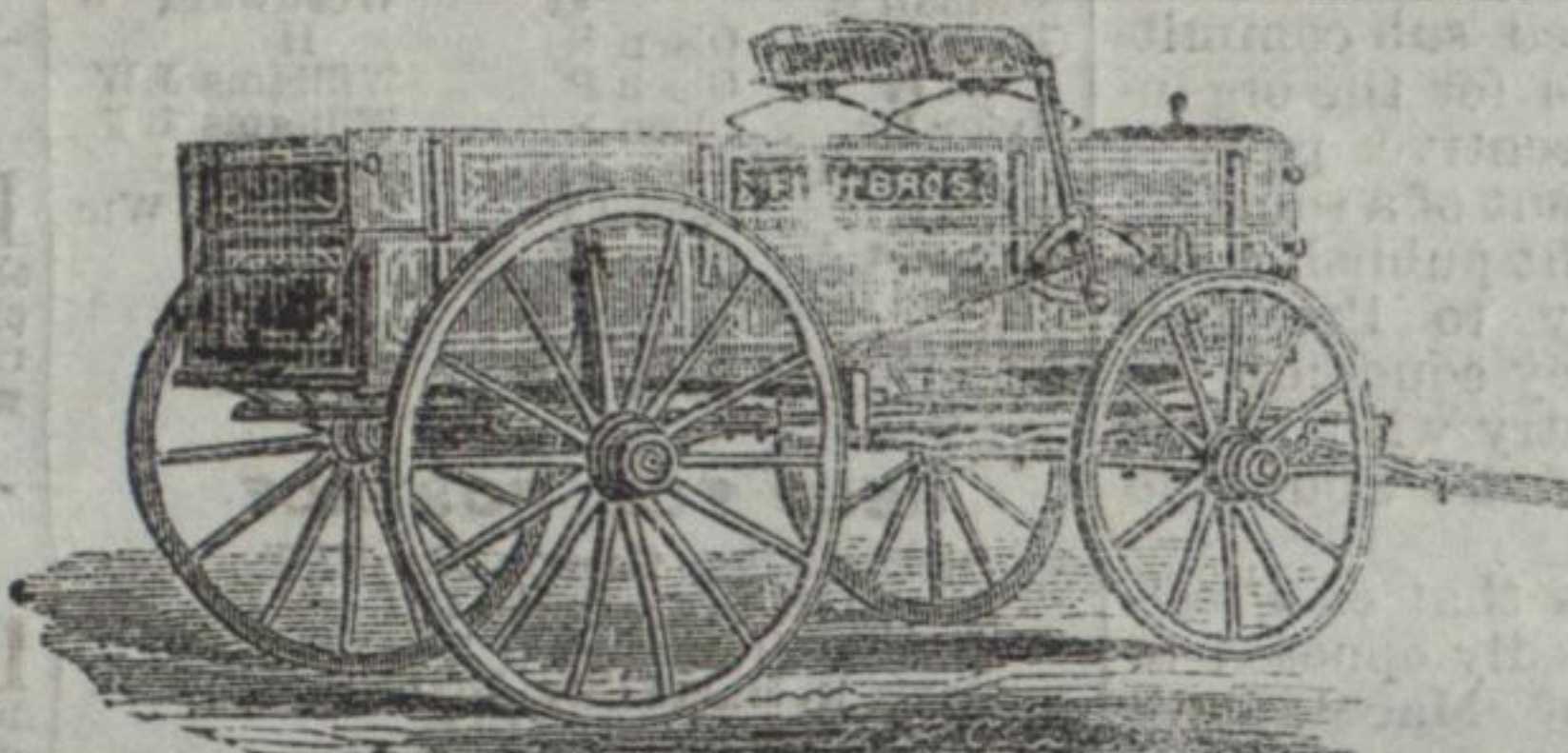
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