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BY TELEGRAPH.
FOR THE UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.
FORTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

SENATE.
WASHINGTON, 28.—The resolution to retire Crittenden as Brigadier-General was reported adversely.

HOUSE.
WASHINGTON, 28.—The morning hour was spent with the House went into committee on the tariff commission bill. Keason addressed the House.

AMERICAN.
Washington, 28.—The dissatisfaction of republican Senators at what they consider the President's expression of opinion in making appointments is gaining expression daily, and the grumbling increased. Last Saturday a dozen or so republican Senators who happened to be in the Capitol, discussed the Presidential tardiness in making appointments.

Growing Senators.
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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.
It is stated that the Monetary Commission has been indefinitely postponed.

Alaska.
No credit is given to the rumor that Walker Blake is going to marry a daughter of the late Governor.

Alaska.
A cyclone passed over the coast of Alaska, doing great damage and killing women.

Alaska.
The Illinois State Senate yesterday adopted a resolution asking the President to pardon Mason.

Alaska.
The night police force now around the London docks number 60. It is believed the British intend to blow up the tunnel which passes under the docks.

Alaska.
London dispatch says it is stated that arrangements between the cable companies, with the object of increasing the tariff to America, is nearly completed.

Alaska.
Only three miners were in the London Run mine at the time of the explosion. They were found badly burned. A train about a mile from the scene of the explosion. One, William Scott, will die.

Alaska.
The steamer Thor, Cornell from London for New York, went to sea on the rocks south of New York. The passengers and crew were saved by another steamer. Loss heavy; on boat alone, over \$20,000. She ran on the rocks in a fog.

Alaska.
London society is deeply interested in the lecture given under the auspices of the National Health Society. There is an exhibition of dress, clothing, boots, etc., to the end, it is really a masterpiece of approved style hanging chiefly from the shoulders.

Alaska.
Sir Sidney Hedley Waterloo, Baronet, Member of Parliament for Gravesend, and formerly Lord Mayor of London, was married at the British Embassy in Paris yesterday to Miss Hamilton of San Francisco. Rev. Mr. Ayn, Presbyterian Minister of Napa City, Cal., officiated.

Alaska.
The recent shooting near Thirley, Tipperary, was a sanguinary skirmish. About 50 men attacked the house of a farmer, and were paying rent. While the party were firing into the house, three policemen, in ambush, fired upon them. The "monsters" fled and were pursued by the police. One of the fired 20 rounds of buckshot after them. The road was discovered stained with blood for a distance of over half a mile, and a party, who had been at the first fire, were found near the attacked house mortally wounded.

Alaska.
The object of fixing the coronation of the Czar for a late date is to permit the exhibition at Moscow, which will open in May, to be closed before the coronation.

Alaska.
It is thought if the two events be simultaneous, the great concourse of people attending the exhibition would give an opportunity to the British to secure a position of superiority in the eyes of the world.

Alaska.
The official world is amazed from centre to circumference at the spectacle of three such prominent members of the government as Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Fawcett and Mr. Chamberlain, walking out of the House on a cabinet resolution being introduced by the Premier for the customary allowance for the Duke of Albany at his marriage, and to his widow should the survive him.

Alaska.
The bold members publicly repelled their responsibility for the proposition, an event never known before in the history of English ministers. There is a great fuss at the moment, and it is not known when the Queen's message concerning the allowance to Prince Leopold was read.

WOMAN AND MORMONISM.
THE HEARTY BELIEF IN POLYGAMY THAT IS HELD BY A FEMALE PHYSICIAN, THE WIDOW OF A MORMON.

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What about the domestic relations of your people?
"I am not personally interested in that question, having never myself been a member of a polygamous family, but I know of it from intimate acquaintance, both personally and socially, with those who are living in that relation. The proportion of those who are in the present time is about one-tenth of the population. They all believe in it, but it is optional with them whether or not they practice it. One is forced to practice polygamy. My experience with those who are living in that relationship is that it conduces to the physical, moral and social degradation of the human race. In reference to domestic happiness, of course there is more or less of wrangling and disagreement, but this is owing to a difference in temperaments, but taking the same number of families, I find no more, but rather less, want of harmony among families living as polygamists than among those of monogamists. There is a perfect mutual confidence between the husband and his wives, which is a state of affairs I hardly think exists in any community outside of Utah."

Has there been, or is there now going on, any change in Utah in regard to this particular doctrine?
"There has been no change in the opinions of the people. Of course, Congress may pass laws to prohibit the practice of our principles, but I do not believe there will ever be any change in the opinions of our people. I do not believe God will change. He has given us this revelation for our good, and our people will stand by their principles to the end. It is really a matter of conscience. I do not believe that Congress has anything to do with it, as it is with us a peculiarly religious sacrament and ordinance."

What have you to say to the statement from Salt Lake City, Utah, in the closing speech of the legislature, which adjourned on Friday evening, that there was a total unanimity of the fact that the day of polygamous legislation was forever passed?
"The papers I get from Salt Lake City do not indicate any such feeling as that they have never had since I have been here a single true statement in the papers here of our position or of our practice. They seem unwilling to publish anything from our people. The clergy here are united to manufacture a public opinion against us, so as to influence Congress to oppressive and unconstitutional legislation. But in my social and professional intercourse with all sorts of people in New York I have found that a truthful statement by me of our beliefs and position reveals to them the fact that they have been misled by constant misrepresentations and misstatements of facts by our opponents."

What is going to be the result of this agitation?
"That is a question which will require a wiser head than mine to answer. Of one thing, however, I am quite certain, and that is that I am quite certain that the result will be to make us more determined to stand by our principles. We have always been loyal to the flag and the Constitution, and we take our stand on the constitutional guarantee of religious liberty."

Will the Mormons leave Utah?
"Leave? Where would they go? Will they resist the enforcement of legislation against them?"

Suppose the United States should send an army to drive the people of New York from their homes. Would they resist?
"We own our homes, and have bought and paid for them. They may drive us out or murder us in cold blood, but if they do they will only get a mass of ruins for their hands. For one would burn everything I have before it should fall into the hands of the United States authorities. Resistance on our part is just what the United States authorities in Utah desire. They are desirous of getting their hands on the funds of the Territory, which have thus far been administered honestly by the Mormon authorities. The men in business there—consider, I mean—do not desire this agitation. They deprecate it. They live on good terms with our people and are satisfied."

What are the educational facilities of the Territory?
"We have district schools. In every ward in the cities and in every settlement. We have three high schools—the Brigham Young School at Provo and the Logan Academy in the northern part of the Territory. These are all excellent schools, in which pupils have the opportunity to pass examinations at West Point, at the Polytechnic School in Troy, and at the School of Mines, where they have graduated with high honors."

How is the property in Utah?
"The rights of property in Utah are just as sacred and absolute as in any other country. I have bought and paid for my property, and I did not buy it from the church office. Property is bought and sold there just the same as anywhere else, and it is sold in the same way. I heard Dr. Brown, a lecturer on Mormonism. He said that President Taylor was the richest man in the world because he owned the property of the Territory. Now, he knew that was not true. The real riches of Dr. Newman's hostility comes from his discussion with Elder Pratt, in Salt Lake City, in which he was terribly wronged ever since that time. He has thought it a religious duty to do it about us. But the key-note to his whole position is to be found in his prayer, which he said: 'O Lord, we have been deceived for the valleys and rich mines.' Yes, that is just what they want."

How do the women of Utah look upon the proposed legislation of Congress?
"The women are the very last persons in the Territory to wish for any legislation of this kind. It would not be for their benefit, but to their serious detriment. It would break up their families, separate them from their husbands, whom they love dearly, and leave them and their children unprotected and uncared for."

But Congress proposes to legitimate the children born in polygamy?
"Yes, but what do they propose to do with the wives? A gentleman said to me not long ago: 'I married three wives years ago before any legislation on this subject by Congress was ever passed. I have some daughters grown up. Do you suppose that would stand up in any court? I have treated all my wives uniformly and perfectly happily with them, each in their own home, and have violated no law.'

And that is the universal sentiment among our people?
"It is customary for men with several wives to furnish each wife with a separate house. 'If they are able they do so sometimes; but I have known three or four women living happily in one house. Speaking of women's rights in Utah, it has been asserted that the women vote at any age and without naturalization, provided they are married. That is false. A woman must be 21 years of age and naturalized, unless she is a native-born or the daughter of a naturalized citizen, no matter whether she is married or not, before she can vote. She must also gain a residence by living one year in the Territory, and three months in the county and three months in the precinct before she is entitled to the franchise. The ballot is absolutely free from dictation of any sort, so far as the Church is concerned. The principle of our form of government is that the majority shall rule. The minority in Utah are not willing to concede this. They want to control the whole Territory, and to control the whole Territory is to control the whole people. Our women have been painted to the world as degraded creatures, fit subjects for the prayers and sympathies of all the virtuous women in Christendom. Now, I consider myself a fair specimen of the women of Utah, and if anybody can see anything degraded about me I should like to have him or her accuse me. When I came East I intended to lecture, but have been unable to do so because I could not get a place unless I hired a high-priced hall, which I was not able to do. I even asked Henry Ward Beecher for his lecture room, telling him that I was on the same side to Mormonism as he was, and he had been in the habit of looking at his reply was: 'Thank God, I never saw but one idiot, and I do not want to! Permission to lecture in his hall was refused, as it was in every other Church I applied for. When Beecher visited Salt Lake City he was asked by Brigham Young to preach in the Temple. So was Dr. Newman. Talmage was not. Our people invited discussion and are not afraid of the truth. It is misrepresentation and falsehood and deceit that we object to and deplore.'

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