

amazing statesmanship was that, which first armed the Governor of Utah with the power of an absolute veto, with which to hold this Theocracy in check, and then appointed the Chief of the Theocracy to wield that power!

#### FEDERAL MORAL COMPLICITY—POLAND BILL.

But, gentlemen, after a quarter of a century of almost or quite criminal neglect of, or moral complicity in these wrongs, the Government of the Republic has turned its attention with some earnestness to the affairs of Utah. "An act in relation to Courts and Judicial officers in the Territory of Utah," passed by Congress a few months since, furnishes us with some much needed remedies, and disapproves some of the enactments cited above; the Practice Act, recently approved by Congress, relieves us from some others; while, in fact, nearly or quite all the Territorial acts cited by me, are absolutely null and void.

#### DUTIES OF JURORS.

Gentlemen, seldom have grand jurors had such grave duties to perform as these which now devolve upon you. You are called upon to investigate the crimes of murder, arson, burglary, larceny, perjury, trespass upon the public lands, illegal voting, violations of the excise laws, and the laws against gambling, and against prostitution. In a word, you are to investigate, on the part of the Government and the people, all crimes of every name and nature. I particularly charge you to inquire whether any official, Federal, Territorial or local, now or heretofore in office in this Territory, has been guilty of any corruption, malfeasance or crime in office; and if he has been, indict him.

#### "MORMONS" AND "NON-MORMONS."

Some of you, gentlemen, belong to the dominant Church, here; in other words, some of you are "Mormons," and it is charged in some quarters that you will not indict prominent men of your own faith, no matter what their crimes. Some of you are "non-Mormons," and it is charged in some quarters that you will vindictively prosecute and persecute "Mormons" without cause. You will both have ample opportunity now to show whether or not these charges are slanders. Deal charitably and leniently with the ignorant and the deceived, and look more vigilantly after the principals than the agents among criminals.

#### POLYGAMY—CAN'T LET IT SLIDE.

Thus far, gentlemen of the Grand Jury, I have made no mention of polygamy. Indeed, I have purposely omitted to mention it. I have wished to emphasize the fact that polygamy, with all its criminal and abominable features, is far from being the only evil that confronts us in Utah. But I must not wholly omit to mention it.

#### ONCE PART OF MEXICO—WILL GO INTO IT.

Utah was once a part of the Mexican Republic, and the Roman civil law and the statute law in Mexico both condemned polygamy; the common law of England, some of whose principles prevail here, denounce it; Congress, in 1832, enacted a statute making it a penal offense; and European and American civilization utterly repudiate it. Notwithstanding all this, polygamy largely prevails in this Territory, and, contrary to the statements of some who would deceive the world, and of others who are themselves deceived, large numbers of men and women are steadily going into it. And still, so far as I can learn, the law against it has thus far been a dead letter. Its enforcement has been defeated by perjury. The polygamous marriage is a secret ceremony. None are permitted to be present but conspirators against the laws, and when they are called as witnesses they have denied all knowledge of it. I fear would-be gentlemen, that you may elicit the truth, and bring some of these influential, polygamous criminals to the bar of justice. It is your duty to labor earnestly to that end.

#### "BLOOD ATONEMENT."

And you will bear in mind, gentlemen, that this Asiatic practice of polygamy goes hand in hand with the murderous doctrine of "blood atonement." Here is a brief paragraph from the lengthened so-called revelation to Joseph Smith:

#### LAW OF THE PRIESTHOOD.

"And again, as pertaining to the law of the priesthood: If any man espouse a virgin and desire to espouse another, and the first give her consent; and if he espouse the second, and they are virgins, and have vowed to no other man, then is he justified; he cannot commit adultery, for they are given him; \* \* \* and if he have ten virgins given unto him by this law, he cannot commit adultery, for they belong to him; and they are given unto him—therefore is he justified. But if one or either of the two virgins, after she is espoused, shall be with another man, she has committed adultery, and shall be destroyed."

#### ADULTERY AND LASCIVIOUS COHABITATION.

There are Territorial statutes against adultery and lascivious cohabitation. They are general in their terms and apply alike, without exceptions, to all citizens and residents in the Territory. I repeat, gentlemen, you will inquire into all crimes of every name and nature.

#### JUGGERNAUTH.

On the other side of the globe, in former times, the murderous car of Juggernaut was wont to roll over a road corduroyed with the prostrate bodies of Hindoo devotees. Quite recently the priests sought again to start it upon its bloody track. The authorities found means to prevent it; and now, almost while I address you, comes the intelligence, that, "the magistrate, who has thus been the indirect means of preserving the lives of a number of his fellow-creatures, is covered with abuse and accused of "conspiring to interfere with the religious observances of the people."

#### TIME WILL VINDICATE US.

Gentlemen, let us do our work, however much we may be misrepresented and misunderstood. Time will vindicate us. Even now, a consciousness of duty done ought to be our sufficient reward.

—The coal miners at Reding, Yorkshire, have resolved to strike.

#### The Work in Switzerland.

The following interesting letter from Elder J. U. Stucki, dated Bern, Aug. 17th, is from the *Millennial Star*—

"Prest. Joseph F. Smith.

"Dear Brother,—The following is a little sketch of our trip through East Swiss. Brother Theurer and myself left Bern on the 18th of July and went to Zurich, where we held two meetings next day, July 19th, one in the afternoon, the other in the evening. They were both well attended by the Saints, and some strangers; the spirit of God rested upon the speakers, and we had a very good time together. This is one of our largest Branches, and numbers some fifty or sixty members, most of whom seem to enjoy the spirit of their religion.

"From Zurich we proceeded to Herisau, where Elder J. J. Walser joined us. At this place we held a meeting on the evening of the 23rd, at which good counsel and valuable instructions were given to those present. This branch numbered only sixteen members, to which we had the privilege, during our stay, of adding four more through the ordinance of baptism and the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost. Some twenty-four persons had emigrated from this Branch this season.

"From Herisau we proceeded to Rheinfelden, from which twenty-nine have emigrated this summer, which leaves the remaining ones very much scattered; still they seem to be alive in the gospel, striving to be faithful. We held two meetings with them on Sunday, July 26th. Many of them had to walk a number of miles to the place of meeting; we had a few strangers present, and the Spirit of God was enjoyed by speakers and hearers.

"From Rheinfelden we returned to Herisau and Toggenburg. At the latter place there are but few Saints, and those few are living several miles apart. On account of the distance, they hold meetings here only once a month. We visited all we could at their homes, found them feeling well in the Gospel and desirous of gathering with the people of God to the Valleys of the Mountains; but these, as well as a great many others in this Mission, will never be able to emigrate unless they are assisted by some other power than their own. We found a family of three persons—father, mother and son (and there are others in similar circumstances) who do not earn five francs (not quite four shillings) a week each, out of which they have to pay house rent, buy wood, shoes, clothing, etc., and live on the remaining part, which looks as if it would be a very meagre living, especially as provisions are very high.

"Leaving Toggenburg, we went to Tostthal (Tos Valley), visited the scattered Saints there, and held a meeting with the Winterthur Branch, on Sunday, Aug. 2nd; preached to the Saints and left them feeling well.

"We arrived at Zurich on Tuesday, and in Bern Wednesday Aug. 5th. Altogether we had a pleasant trip, although some days it was very laborious, as we had to walk long distances and often climb up steep mountains. We enjoyed a goodly portion of the Spirit of God, and the Saints rejoiced and I think appreciated the instructions given.

"Brother Walser lately visited Canton Graubunden; baptized one person; held a meeting with the Saints in the vicinity of Sillis, but was afterwards mobbed out of town, threatened with hanging and otherwise abused. The mob followed him a long distance; he however got away all right, without the least injury, but had to walk all night to get to a place of safety. As the devil seems to be very uneasy up there, we have an idea that there is something there worth saving, and mean to labor again in that locality, in a short time.

"Yesterday, Aug. 16th, according to previous appointment, we held an outdoor meeting near Hochstetten, Canton Bern, at which four Branches were represented, viz., Bern, Scherli, Thun-Simmthal, and Langnau. The meeting lasted two hours and ten minutes, and was addressed by Elders John Hinnen, John Zahler, J. J. Walser and J. U. Stucki. We had about one hundred strangers present, all of whom, with but two or three exceptions, listened attentively, remaining till after the close of the meeting. We had an excellent, good time; the brethren spoke with freedom, being influenced by the Spirit of God. The Saints who were present rejoiced exceedingly, and felt thankful for the opportunity they had of meeting together; some of them had to walk eighteen miles, going and coming, and said they were well paid for their trouble. The warm pressure of the hand that followed, on the part of strangers, after the meeting, proved that the remarks made by the Elders were appreciated by them, as well as the Saints; and we hope and trust that some good results from this gathering may be seen in the future.

"Your brother in the Gospel,

"J. U. STUCKI."

A dashing youth went up to an elderly 6th Avenue news dealer and claimed acquaintance. "You don't know me?" asked the young man, emphasizing the word me. "Why, I am James, the son of Mr. Johnson. Father took papers of you years before he died, and I have ever since; but we've moved up town. By the way, I believe I owe you a dollar on the last quarter." The old gentleman's pulse quickened, he adjusted his spectacles, took another look at the youth, and remembered. His youthful debtor produced a ten-dollar bank

note, the debt was settled and they bade each other a courteous adieu. The note was counterfeit.—*N. Y. Sun.*

#### DIED.

At Malad City, I. T., Sept. 26th, of inflammation of the bowels, MARY, the beloved wife of Bishop Daniel Daniels.

Deceased was born in February, 1796, at Llanegwad Parish, County of Caernarthen-Wales; was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1848; emigrated (with her husband, Bishop Daniels) to Utah in 1848; was the mother of five children, and lived and died a firm and true Latter-day Saint. Her remains were followed to the grave by a great number of esteemed citizens of different creeds, the funeral being the largest ever seen in Malad Valley.—*COM.*

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