

fringed upon the liberties of others, have been abridged, and we reproached with crime made so by that special law.

Congress, the Supreme Court, and the whole civilized world, may unite in declaring that the marital system taught by the Bible and approved of God is no part of religion, but that would fail to change the fact. They might, with equal propriety, declare that baptism, the partaking of the sacrament of the Lord's supper and the solemnization of monogamic marriages are no part of religion, but would not millions of loyal citizens, holding otherwise, resist with reason and all the powers bequeathed to them, the authority of Congress to legislate against their religious rights in this regard? Would not Catholics and Protestants join in pronouncing, in language of no doubtful meaning, against even an attempt at such flagrant usurpation? Would they not quote the living words of the illustrious Washington, and repeat that such expedients are the customary weapons "by which free governments are destroyed," and that the "precedent must always greatly overbalance in permanent evil any partial or transient benefit which the use can at any time yield?" Congress having passed the law, and the Supreme Court having adjudicated upon it, we respectfully submit that it would be in bad taste for us, however much we might desire to regard favorably the recommendations of His Excellency the Governor, to attempt the enactment of laws for the regulation of religious matters, over which Congress seems to have claimed special legislative jurisdiction.

No, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council; your committee must recommend this honorable body to leave the responsibility of enacting special laws abridging the religious liberties of the people with our national law-makers. If they are willing to assume the responsibility, we are not. Judging from the past conduct of His Excellency, your committee regret to say that they are unable to see how he "would have the paternal hand of the general government, in the spirit of the most enlightened civilization, and with the broadest humanity, protect and shield the people of Utah." If he would do this by urging the paternal government to adopt his peculiar mathematical rule by which thirteen hundred votes for one obscure candidate for congressional honor and emoluments, were counted a majority over eighteen thousand votes cast for the honored Delegate of the people's choice, then must we beg to be excused from basking in the glare of such "enlightened civilization," or from reposing in the shadow of such "broadest humanity."

Whatever His Excellency would have the paternal hand of the general government do for the people of Utah in the future, they are not ignorant of what he has attempted to do for them in the past. If he has spoken of, and written about them in the spirit and language of love in the past, then indeed, he may well desire "to join with us in the abolishment of the doctrine of hate." We will do what we can to aid His Excellency and his friends in this matter, for it is an unworthy doctrine to preach or practice. The people of Utah and their representatives do neither, for their religion, years ago, taught them the better and more noble way—"Love your enemies, and pray for those that despitefully use you." And, thank God, the humility of the Gospel of "peace on earth and good will to men," has not only enabled Utah's people to abolish, so far they are concerned, the doctrine of hate, but it enables them to-day, without the aid of legislative enactments, to unblushingly, and with "honor and pride," look the world "full in the face," and ask no odds of an enlightened civilization that would chain a thought, prescribe religion, strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.

DANIEL H. WELLS,
Chairman Committee on the Judiciary.

MOSES THATCHER,
Chairman Committee on Education.

Adopted by the Legislative Council of the Territory of Utah, February 10th, 1882.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,
President.

L. JOHN NUTTALL,
Chief Clerk.

A Paris dispatch says the Captain Briton has failed, and managers absconded.

Correspondence.

About Bees.

SALT LAKE CITY,
February 4th, 1882.

Editor Deseret News:

At a committee meeting held in the City Hall, to-day, to consider the advisability of amending a bee law, passed at the last session of the Legislature, it was unanimously agreed that the DESERET NEWS be asked to correct the recommendation of Parley M. Griggs, as published in the NEWS of Jan. 31, 1882, as reported by Thos. E. Daniels, of Payson, Utah Co., Jan. 27th. It reads: "Prest. Griggs recommended that on the first spell of warm weather, we examine our hives and change the empty slats (frames) from the centre to the outer edge, and give them full slats in the centre." This might lead novices into a vital mistake, as this month the bees usually begin to raise young brood, and it is universally the case that the brood nest occupies the centre of the hives, requiring empty "frames." Where hives are deficient of honey, the bees should be replenished by all means, but not placed in the centre of the hives. The bees will carry the honey and use it skillfully if it is to be found in the hive. Rye flour placed in vessels, on warm days, where the bees can wallow in it, carrying it into their hives, would be very beneficial to bees in case of dysentery, which is likely to follow a long cold spell of weather. Where rye flour cannot be had, use Graham flour.

Look out for heavy losses of bees where they are not well protected from severe cold weather.

There will be a meeting of beekeepers of this county, to elect one or more Bee Inspectors for the coming two years, to be held at the Council House on the 15th inst., at 1 o'clock p.m.

JOHN MORGAN,
THOMAS MCKAY,
ED. STEVENSON,
Secretary.

SALT LAKE CITY,
February 7, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

Whilst I, like "Index," would like to see the poll tax law continued for the benefit of young men who desire to vote for the men of their choice, I also sympathize with the poor as such and especially the aged, but I would not extend the limit of the poll tax law on their account, as it would work a hardship to the many who have taxable property without benefit to the few who have not. From "Index" standpoint however, this proposition is incorrect, as he naturally enough sympathizes with the aged veteran who is over sixty years of age and could not vote because he had no taxable property, but might do so if the poll tax limit was extended. In reply to that proposition I wish simply to state that whilst all able-bodied men under sixty years of age must pay such tax, there is no law to prohibit them from doing so if they are sixty thousand and whilst they pay such tax they are legally entitled to the franchise. If I thought otherwise I would suggest that the privilege be extended by law. As our tax law now stands it favors quite enough of the English law of property control of the ballot, without prohibiting citizens from the privilege of helping make the roads, the rich as well as the poor travel, thereby purchasing (if it must be so) a citizen's right to a voice as to who shall be his local servants.

D. TYLER.

The Queen, by advice of her physician, goes incognito to Merton in March.

It is said the Nicaragua Canal scheme is viewed favorably by Congress.

Margaret Martin, a colored woman, died in New York yesterday, at the age of 103.

The Greenback State Committee meet at New York on the 22d to consider a call for a National Convention and other business.

In Syracuse, William Tedre visited a house of ill repute, shot two girls, one of whom will die, and then killed himself. Jealousy the cause.

In Vienna it is officially announced that it is untrue that the Imperial sustained losses by the failure of Union Generale or the Vienna Land Bank.

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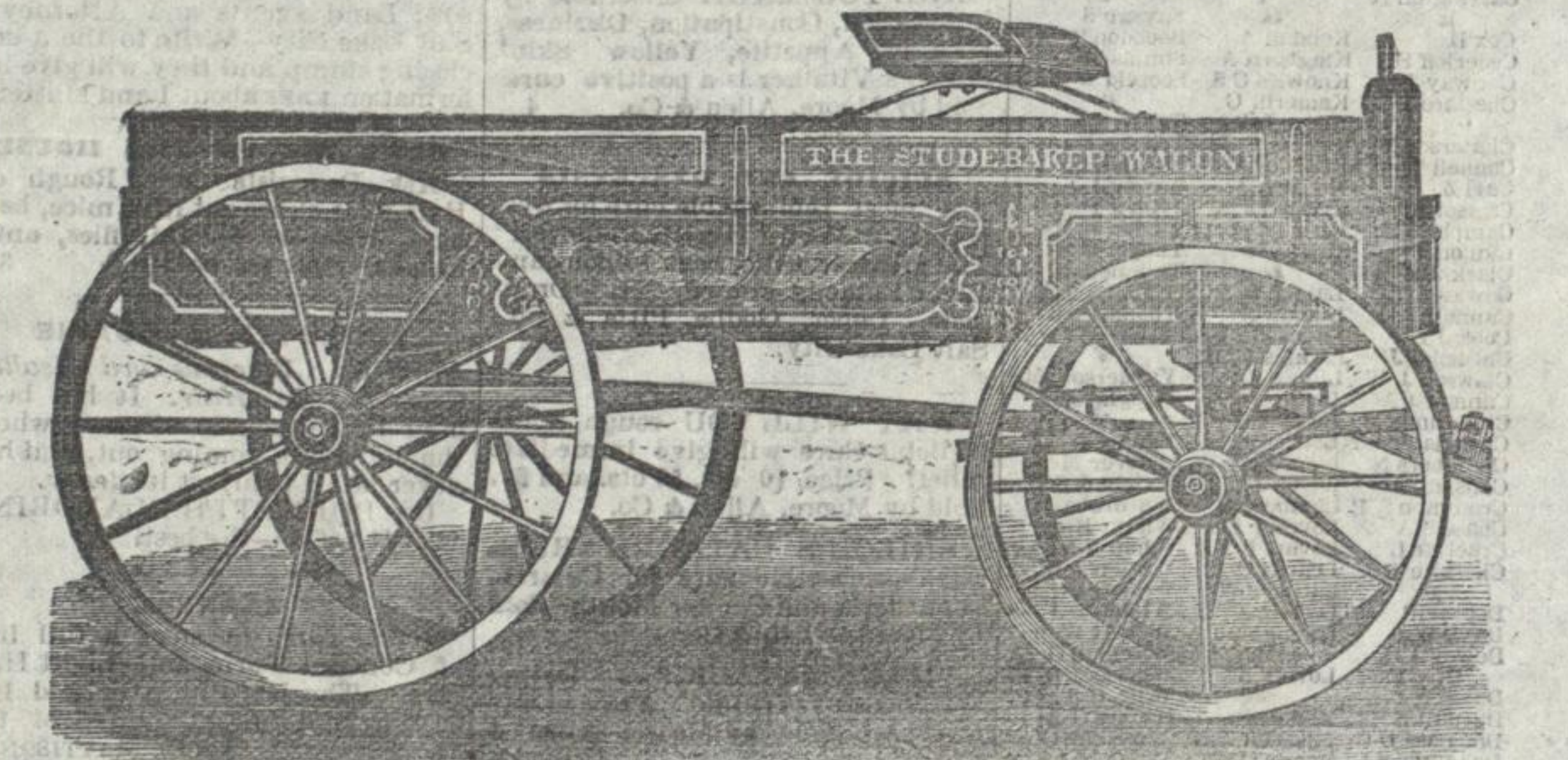


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