

ple whose belief in the Bible is not merely a tradition or a pretense, and those who go to hear them thinking that polygamy is the subject to be treated upon, find out to their surprise that this feature of the system, if mentioned at all, forms but a very small part of the creed which the "Mormon" Elder has to promulgate, and so far from being its "chief feature," as imagined, is contingent to and dependent upon other principles which are deemed essential and which are amply supported by holy writ, while not received by the various contending "Christian" sects. And as a rule it will be found that the army of clergymen in European countries fight very shy of the missionaries from Utah with the Bible for a weapon. The "wandering heathen" would find them the poorest kind of reinforcements.

### IT DOESN'T SEEM TO TAKE.

NOTWITHSTANDING the spasmodic "Liberal rallies," the attempted organization of clubs, the opportunities for "Liberal" vituperation in grand enthusiastic gatherings of from seven souls to fifty, the circular sent to prospective office holders, and other means adopted to stimulate excitement and raise the needful funds, that Fifteen-dollars-per-head assessment doesn't pan out very freely. Quite a number of the Governor's appointees have not made any attempt to force themselves into places already filled, and do not intend to make themselves obnoxious to the people among whom they expect to live, just to please a few rabid and reckless schemers. Others who have no objection to figure as office-holders even at the expense of personal decency, hesitate to invest Fifteen Dollars in a very doubtful speculation the expenses of which have only just begun. In not a few instances the offices, if ever obtained, will not bring in the sum of Fifteen Dollars profit in the space of that number of years. Then there are a good many who have been assessed who cannot see the beauty of handing over cash just to boost a few men into offices that will pay, while the great majority, even if they succeed, will only get places without pecuniary recompense worth mentioning.

All these things combine to make the "Liberal" appointees hesitate and to work up the managers into woeful anxiety. "Something has got to be done, you know, and expenses must be met, for lawyers don't work for nothing, and there will be no pickings for the wire-pullers, to say nothing of current outlay." So all you that are anxious to feather the nests of a few foul birds at headquarters, send in your Fifteen Dollars as a starter, and you will soon have further opportunities in the same direction!

But we are afraid that nothing we can say will have any more effect in this direction than the pleadings of the signers of the circular. Hubbellism doesn't take worth a cent in Utah, and the treasurer for the Fifteen Dollars expense fund, will not be under the necessity of hiring many clerks to keep the receipts account. Somehow it doesn't seem to take.

### A GALVANIZED POLITICAL CADAVER.

Luke P. Poland's name is familiar to the people of Utah, not on account of any particular good that he has done or evil that he has averted, but because he became notorious as the reputed father of the congressional bantling begotten by Utah ringsters, and known as the Poland bill. We have nothing particular to say about the old gentleman, his record is enough. But we clip the following from the New York Sun to show how he is estimated in other quarters, and by what a slim thread his chances hung for election to Congress again. The Sun calls it "The Resurrection of Poland!"

"An old-fashioned election in Vermont, passing almost unnoticed, has resulted in an old-fashioned republican majority of 20,000 for the State ticket, and the resurrection of Judge Luke P. Poland in the Second District by a majority of 798 in a vote of 25,000.

When Judge Poland's blue coat was less threadbare, and its brass buttons less shinier than now, he

was elected to the Fortieth Congress by a majority of 6,800 in a vote of 14,779.

Judge Poland went to the Forty-first Congress by a majority of 10,255 in a vote of 20,550.

The brass buttons reappeared in the Forty-second Congress with a majority of 7,273 in a vote of 13,685.

The same old garment was elected to the Forty-third Congress by a majority of 5,695 in a vote of 16,445.

But this year, upon his reappearance in politics, Judge Poland has a majority of a few pitiful hundreds, instead of the old six, seven, or ten thousand. It is instructive to observe that even the republican voters of Vermont are gradually finding out what an amount of humbug may be buttoned up with brass buttons inside of an old blue coat."

### BEYOND THE SPIRIT AS WELL AS THE LETTER.

THE Grand Rapids (Michigan) Times says:

"The Utah commissioners evidently propose to regard the spirit as well as the letter of the Edmunds bill, for they are purging from the voting lists all persons, male or female, who since the passage of the anti-polygamy law of 1882 have at any time lived in violation of that law."

Yes, and they have gone, as we think, a long way beyond both its spirit and letter, and further than the Times indicates. The erasure of names from the registry lists included those of persons who entered into the plural family relation previous to the enactment of the law of '62. More than that. Men and women who became disconnected from the practice of plural marriage before the passage of that law are also excluded from voting privileges. If this comes within the letter or the spirit of the Edmunds law we would like the Times, or any other man to show us the point. We are of the opinion that this exclusion is beyond all law and cannot be sustained either on legal grounds or the necessities of the case.

So far as the result of the election is concerned it will not make any difference. But as a matter of principle and as an infringement upon the rights of citizens it ought to be and no doubt will be adjudicated upon. For the present those who have been unjustly deprived of exercising the elective franchise must "gain and bear it," but patience, perseverance and wise action, will no doubt result in bringing smiles back to their cheeks, and restoring that which belongs to them of right before God and their country.

### THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN NEW YORK.

THE nomination of Judge Folger for Governor of New York has created quite a stir among the Republicans of that leading State. It was hoped by the Cornell action that Folger would decline, but that anticipation has been dashed to the ground by the formal acceptance which has been received from the nominee.

The proceedings of the convention do not seem to give very great satisfaction. Many grave charges are preferred against its managers. Mr. Stephenson, speaking for many members of his party says:

"I have attended a great many political gatherings, but I never saw one where there was so much cheating, lying and underhanded work practiced. Were I one of the persons nominated I would never write a letter of acceptance. I think it would be far better to call a new convention and select new men, or empower the State committee to do so. The feeling is now so bitter on the part of those who consider themselves to have been sold out by pretended friends and cheated by their opponents as to seriously endanger the success of the Republican ticket."

This is not very creditable to the party of "high morality" and is not conducive to that union at the polls which is so desirable among all parties, so long as it is not conspicuous in their opponents. On the same question the Cincinnati Commercial remarks:

"The Folger votes did not represent the Republican masses in New York. Three-fourths of his votes were machine made in the Democratic cities, just as two-thirds of the Grant vote at Chicago was from the States that were Democratic beyond all doubt."

There is pretty good prospect that with wise management the Democrats will be able to carry the election this time, and the result, there is little doubt, will have a strong bearing upon the next presidential election. The nomination of Grover Cleveland is acceptable to both wings of the Democratic party in New York, and while he is likely to command the united vote of his party, there are many Republicans who, tired of the dictation of the stalwart machine, will support the Democratic candidate.

It is stated that Conkling will enter the field in behalf of Folger, and will make that "greatest effort of his life," which has been so frequently promised. President Arthur will give Folger his ardent support, and the old stand-bys, with the office-holders and office-seekers of the party will rally to elect him. But the Democrats, for the first time in several campaigns, have put aside their factional disputes and will go solid for their man, who, though young, has made an excellent reputation, and as Mayor of Buffalo has done good service in the work of reform and the clearing out of corruption. Already some of the Republican papers come out in his support, while others admit his strength and are warning their own people against danger or defeat.

Altogether the outlook in New York is encouraging to the Democrats, and Folger is acting wisely by holding on to his position in the cabinet, no doubt feeling the force of the old adage, "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

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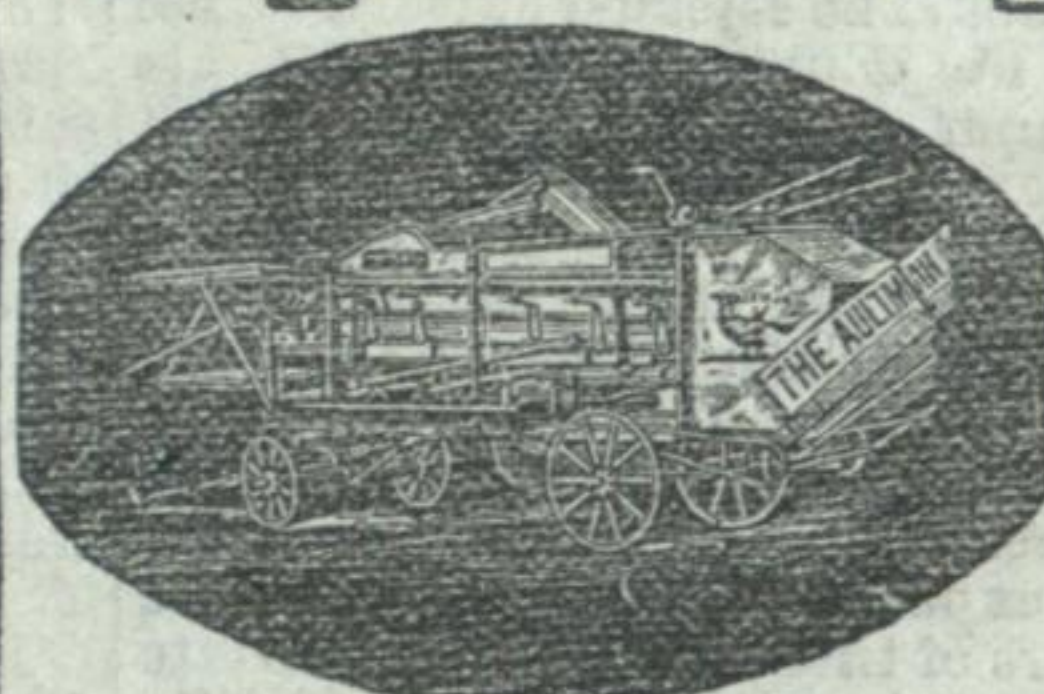
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