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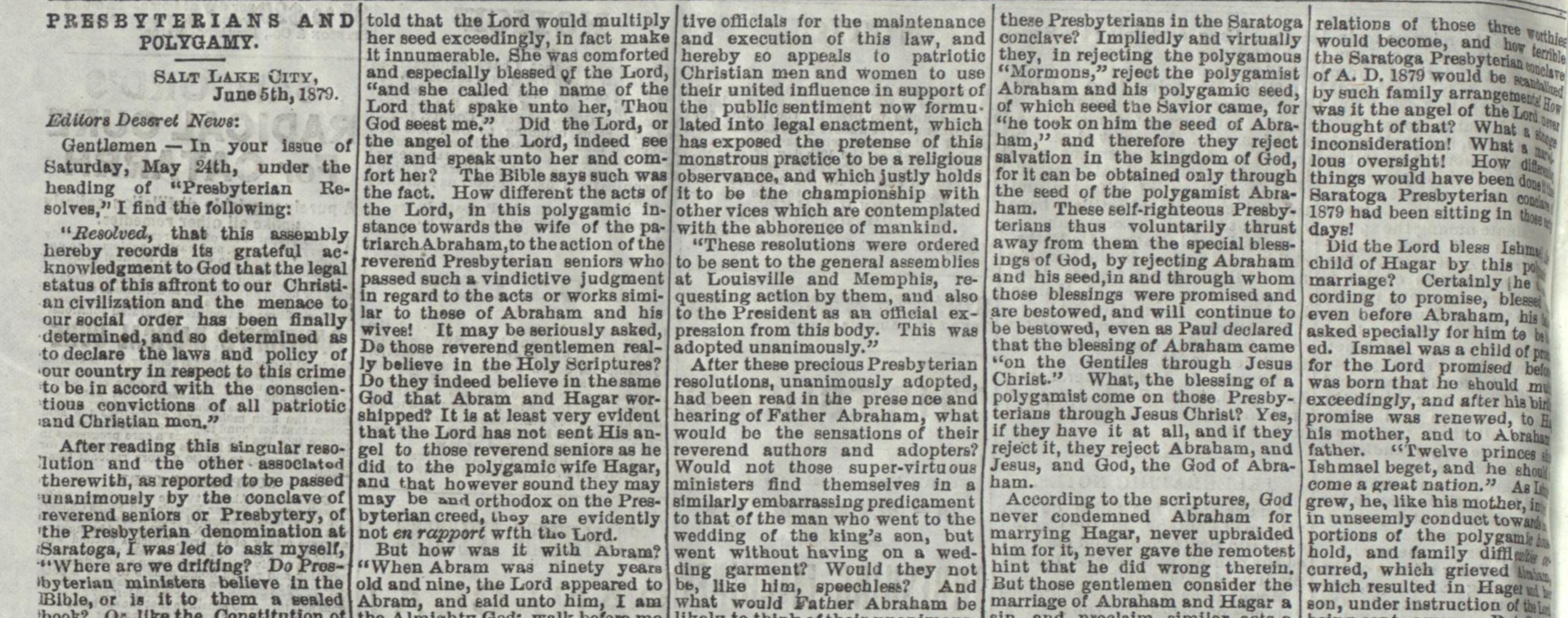
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book? Or, like the Constitution of the Almighty God; walk before me likely to think of their unanimous- sin, and proclaim similar acts a being sent away. But God the United States among modern and be thou perfect. And I will ly adopted resolutions? Would he criminal offence, an "affront to our with her, and he sent his and politicians, is it twisted, warped, make my covenant between me not justly regard them as equiv. Christian civilization," a "menace comfort her in her sorrow, and and mutilated to suit modern and thee, and will multiply thee alent to a unanimous vote of cen- to our social order," a "mon- her to fear not for the lad exceedingly." Gen. xvii, 1, 2. The sure upon himself and upon his strous practice," holding "the "become a great nation." If it is not heterodox to look to token of the covenant alluded to works while upon earth? Would championship with other vices God was with the lad," saw the Bible as our guide in religious was circumcision. See verse 11. he not be likely to say of them as which are contemplated with the Scripture, "and he grew, and he matters, let us open that sacred Did Abraham reject his son Ish- the king said, to his servants, of abhorrence of mankind." How re- in the wilderness." Genesis book and see what it says on this mael, the offspring of polygamy? the wedding garmentless man, markable! Where did those Pres- 20. Many years afterward, at subject. Jesus said, "If ye were No. We read, "In the self same "Bind him hand and foot, and byterian ministers obtain their father Abraham's death, Isas Abraham's children, ye would do day was Abraham circumcised, and take him away, and cast him into religious doctrines, their conjugal Ishmael, two of his polygamies the works of Abraham. But now Ishmael his son." See verse 26. outer darkness: there shall be and social ethics, and their criminal manifested their filial and and code? Certainly not from the ternal feelings by jointly bur ye seek to kill me, a man that hath "And Abraham said unto God, O weeping and gnashing of teeth?" told you the truth, which I have that Ishmael might live before Now let us make a little closer Bible, not from Jesus, not from him in the cave of Machine Abraham, not from the God of Gen. xxv, 9. It may be asked heard of God: this did not Abra- thee!" See verse 18. And God contrast between the Bible record Abraham, not from any friend of the Lord actually bless Ishn ham." John vili, 39, 40. said, "As for Ishmael, I have heard as to Abraham's works and the re-Without referring to the simi- thee: Behold, I have blessed him." cord of the works of these pious the God of Abraham. It must have and watch over him and be larity of the animus which actuat- See verse 20. Blessed whom? This Presbyterian ministers in solemn been, therefore, from an opposite him and his mother in day and ed the ancient Pharisees and which polygamic son. "And will make conclave assembled. There is source. Yes. Watch over and bles tole Sarai gave Hagar to Abram, to be amous wife and mother her evidently actuates these modern him fruitful, and will multiply him abundant material and material of reverends, let us inquire, what exceedingly; twelve princes shall a very pungent character. I will in- his wife. Did the Lord condemn son, begat and born in pu were the works of Abraham? he beget, and I will make him a troduce a little of it. Jesus Christsaid Sarai for this? O, no. Thirteen marriage? Yes, undoubted The Bible says, "Now Sarai, great nation." See same verse. to his disciples, "He that receiveth years after Hagar's son Ishmael, say the Rev. Presbyterian in Abram's wife, bare him no child- The above are the acts of Abra- you, receiveth me; and he that re- which she bare to Abram, was born in solemn conclave assemble ren: and had an handmaid, an ham, with whom the Lord con- ceiveth me, receiveth him that the Lord promised that she should this year of grace, 1879, "we wa Egyptian, whose name was versed, with whom he entered into sent me. He that receiveth a pro- have a son in twelve months, have done things very different Hagar." "And Sarai, Abram's a special covenant, and to whom he phet in the name of a prophet shall though she had never borne a child we would have left her to her dest wife, took Hagar, her maid the gave a special promise as his repre- receive a prophet's reward; and he before. When Abraham heard this ed fate in the wilderness, as a Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt sentative on the earth, that in him that receiveth a righteous man in promise and thought that he was honored, disgraced, deserted wom ten years in the land of Canaan, and in his seed should "all the name of a righteous man, shall close upon a hundred years old and her son as the illegitimate and gave her to her husband Abram tions of the earth be blessed." receive a righteous man's reward. Sarah was ninety years old, he fell spring of an unsactified union, to be his wife. And he went in Why? "Because thou hast obeyed And whoever shall give to drink upon his face and laughed, rolled have called on all Christianston unto Hagar and she conceived." my voice." Gen. xxii, 18. Thus unto one of these little ones, a cup on the ground with laughter very portune the Government to me it will be seen that this Abra- of cold water only, in the name of likely. Sarah also, when she heard cute add proscribe them. We would Gen. XVI, 1, 5, 4. We proceed a little further in the ham, the polygamist, was a man a disciple, verily I say unto you, of this promise, laughed at the idea, have burnt the brand of inhory history of Abraham and we find it who held communication with he shall in no wise lose his reward." so elated was she at the very deeply into the guilty brow dis written, "Then again Abraham God, and who is emphatically Matt. x. 40, 41, 42, Jesus further thought of such a thing. But in ther, mother and child." Ver took a wife, and her name was Ke- called "the father of the faithful," blamed the Pharisees for not doing due time the promise was fulfilled, likely, but the God of Abrahan turah. And she bare him Zimram, the "friend of God." A man who the works of Abraham. Nor can and Isaac was born, and said the a different being entirely to an and Jockshan, and Medan, and has been looked up to as an ex- we find a solitary passage wherein Lord, "I will establish my coven- ern Presbyterian clergyman a Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah." ample worthy of imitation among Abraham, polygamist though he ant with him for an everlasting has essentially different ideals Gen. xxv. 1, 2. It is also written, the Jews, the Mohammedan, the was beyond a doubt, was condemn- covenant, and with his seed after morality and immorality, "Unto the sons of the concubines Indian, and the Christian nations ed of Jesus. But he said "Your him." The Lord promise a son to macy and illegitimacy, and and which Abraham had, Abraham down to the present time. A man father Abraham rejoiced to see my a woman who had made her hus- many other important things a who was eulogized by the prophets day: and he saw it, and was glad." band a polygamist? Yes. The nected with the welfare, saling gave gifts." Gen. xxv. 6. From the above it would seem and apostles, and referred to by the See verse 56. What, the polygamist Lord promised to make an everlast- and eternal exaltation of the that Abraham was a polygamist, ancient seers as an example of Abraham see, down the vista of ing covenant with that son and his man race. and that in one case at least, Sarai, everything that was great and time, the day of the Lord Jesus Christ seed? Yes. Would those Presby. Isaac was the child of Sana, the first wife of Abram, gave her good, noble and exalting among the founder of the true Christian terian ministers have done any wife of Abraham, who led in maid Hagar "to her husband men. A man of whom Jesus said, religion, and rejoice over it and be such thing? consummate his polygan Abram to be his wife." Gen. xvi. 3. to the degenerate Jews in his day, glad! Yes, so Jesus himself said, Did the Lord condemn Hagar for riage with Hagar. Did Mile We are naturally led to inquire, "If ye were Abraham's children, ye and said it with evident satisfac- becoming the polygamic wife of Isaac? Verily so. He was used did Abram sin in this act of taking would do the works of Abraham." tion, to the credit of Abraham, and Abraham? Not in the least, so far of promise, par excellence mill another wife? The history of Abra- Jesus moreover said of the poor equally as complimentary to him as the Bible record shows. When, ed to Abraham and Sami done ham, as given in the Bible, estab- man, "that he also died and was as reproachfully to the self-righte- in the excess of her feminine vani- years or so after the page lishes facts quite the reverse. We taken up into Abraham's bosom"- ous but unbelieving Pharisees. The ty, she taunted Barai because of marriage with Hagar. God al find that when Sarai'drove Hagar a place which these reverend Pres- apostle Paul also said, "If ye be the latter's sterility, Sarai was Isaac, "I will establish my " away, the Lord specially interposed by terian gentlemen would all like Christ's, then are ye Abraham's naturally angry with Hagar and ant with him for an event in behalf of the latter and sent his to enjoy and which they no doubt seed, and heirs according to the retaliated, so that Hagar ran covenant, and with his seed angel to look after her. "And the devoutly desire and pray for. Yet, promise." Gal. iii, 29. Now I may away from Sarai. But the him." Gen. xvii. 19. Wi angel of the Lord found her by a if it is among the possibles for these say, without doing violence to Lord sent an angel to Hagar? child of this woman who fountain of water in the wilder- reverend gentlemen ever to enjoy Scripture or to principle, as Abra- What for? To condemn her? To her husband to take a polyge ness" "And he said, Hagar, Sarai's the exalted position of the poor ham was the "father of the faith- punish her? To destroy her? O no. wife? Yes, and after the poly maid, whence camest thou? and man, how would their pure, moral, ful"and the"friend of God," blessed But to comfort her, to counsel her ous wife was taken too. Would whither wilt thou go? And she virtuous sensibilities be shocked to of God in everything, and endorsed to return and submit herself to Saratoga presbytery have said, I flee from the face of my mis- wake up and find they were in the by Jesus and his apostles, that he Sarai, resuming her polygamic rela- that? No, they would have tress Sarai. And the angel of the bosom of a polygamist! Then the who receiveth those who do the tions. The angel of the Lord coun- Sarah a shameless, corrupt w Lord said unto her, Return to thy books might be opened and the re- works of Abraham, receiveth Abra- sel a woman to return to her poly- pandering to the vile passions mistress, and submit thyself under | cord of these pious, Presbyterian | ham; and he who receiveth Abra- gamic family and submit herself to | husband, and would not have her hands. And the angel of the ministers be ordered read as fol- ham, receiveth the God of Abra- the polygamic household? Yes, forward to favorably regard in Lord said unto her, I will multiply lows: ham. I may further say, that he and, apparently, as an inducement unless he had been forward thy seed exceedingly, that it shall who receiveth a faithful polyga- to her to return, the angel told her his father's family organized "Wheras, by a recent decision of not be numbered for multitude. the Supreme Court of the United mist, believing the same gospel and she should bear a son, and further which Isaac never did, so fail And she called the name of the States, the sin of polygamy has accepting the same principles as said, "I will multiply thy seed ex- record goes, and there is not Lord that spake unto her, Thou been declared to be a criminal of- Abraham did, receiveth the faith- ceedingly; that it shall not be num- reason to suppose that God seest me," Gen. xvi. 7, 8, 9, fense against the Constitution and ful polygamist Abraham, and shall bered for multitude." Thus the but every reason to suppose 10, 13. laws of our country, and under it receive a faithful polygamist's re- Lord, instead of punishing, break- contrary. God was with Iss Here we find a polygamous wife prosecution and conviction have ward, that is, if he doeth it know- ing up, and destroying the poly- communed with him and fleeing from the face of her mistress followed, ingly, or, in Scripture phrase, in the gamic family of Abram, was actu- him abundantly. Furtherman Sarai (who was also the wife of the name of a faithful polygamist. ally the conservator of that family, Lord emphatically callshing "Resolved that this assembly same husband), weary and lonely, On the other hand, and with equal advising Hagar, with soul-cheering God of Abraham, and not out hereby records its grateful acan outcast and a fugitive, hardly hereby records its grateful ac-used indeed of her mistress but knowlegement to God that the rejecteth a faithful polygamist be, relations therewith Would that of Lange God of Abraham, but also rejecteth a faithful polygamist be- relations therewith. Would that of Isaac. Gen. xxviii. Is used indeed of her mistress, but legal status of this affront to our liever rejecteth the faithful polyga- Saratoga Presbyterian conclave dently this cannot be the God. Although she had acted Christian civilization and the not despised nor forsaken of her mist Abraham; and he who re- have done any such thing? What the Presby terians. menace to our social order has been jecteth Abraham rejecteth the God a pity that those pious Presbyteri- As regards Abraham, while foolishly, through vanity and pride, had thus incurred her wrath, yet mined as to declare the laws and with Abraham that in him and in to remonstrate with the state of him? He with policy of our country in respect to with Abraham that in him and in to remonstrate with the angel of phatically the friend and is God was not unmindful of Hagar, policy of our country in respect to his seed should all the kindred of the Lord, and tell him what a of God, the father of the but he signally interposed in her this crime to be in accord with the the carth he blessed and conse (fair ? what a "crime ? what a "crime ? what a conscientious convictions of all the earth be blessed, and conse- "sin," what a "crime," what a whom the Lord chose, with but he signally interposed in her quently, as is well known, Jesus, "monstrous practice" Abram and seed, to become the media behalf. She was told to return to her mistress and render proper sub- patriotic and Christian men. the Redeemer of the world, was of Sarai and Hagar had been guilty of, channel, or instrument "Resolved, that this assembly the seed of Abraham. This is ac- and what "an affront to our Chris- and by which all the families" mission to her-both as parts of the same polygamous family and earnestly invokes the continued cording to the Bible record. How tian civilization," what "a menace earth should be blessed. The household, Hagar was furthermore and persistent efforts of all execu- does it tally with the record of to our social order," the polygamous his lineage came the choses P