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Courts had to be chosen from the body of the people, and of course they reflected the Mormon element as distinctly as did the Legislature or even Brigham Young himself. As for the position of Governor of the Territory—an office of immense power under the American system—that was conferred, when the Territory was organized, upon Brigham Young, one of the most ardent and respectable Presidents of the Union ever known. The administration of President Pierce thought it best not to disturb this order of things; and accordingly the Prophet Brigham Young continued to be the civil ruler and most conspicuous officer of the Federal Government in Utah until 1858, although blessed or cursed—as people may view the question—with a very large number of wives and a decided evidence as to the tolerant policy of the government, the other Federal officers in Utah, not without having a military support, thought it wisest not to vex their own righteous souls over the problem of a plurality of wives. I have a strong suspicion that they did not do much of anything besides drive their sheep and that those of the negro servant-girl who, being questioned about the house, answered "I mostly keeps the flies off minks."

The Labor Convention has adjourned to meet at Cleveland, Ohio, on the third Wednesday in February in conjunction with the First National Convention to be held there at that time. Thiers told the Chinese embassy that their government must give proofs that French missionaries and consuls are respected, and this is necessary to preserve peace between the two nations. The reconciliation of the U. S. with England and the reduction of the National Debt are the grounds for the belief of the London Times in Grant's re-election. Forgery to the amount of \$35,000 in Boston. The name forged is that of Hon. John Clark as endorser of notes of J. A. Hanson. It is rumored that the police captain drew \$10,000, and an assistant alderman \$5,000 from the Bowling Green Savings Bank, New York, after it suspended payment. W. B. Harper, and Geo. A. Griffiths, colored, have been licensed to practice in the Kentucky courts. The Park girls, whose relatives were murdered, still live, though horribly wounded. It is reported that the men investigated the deed. The Brussels populace continue their violent demonstrations. They smashed the windows of a member who made himself obnoxious to them by supporting the appointment of Decker. A number of the sympathizers of the ex-Emperor traversed the Faubourg Salnt Germain with shouts of "Viva Napoleon." No attempt was made by the police to interfere. A Prussian commission has reported to the Helohstag a scheme for the maintenance of the army, the regular troops to be 415,000 exclusive of officers, and about 225,000 for the ensuig three years. The management of the Russian Legation has passed to-day from Calcaisy to Gen. Gortsoff, whose residence has been at Hartford as military attache. An ex-Emperor traversed the Faubourg Salnt Germain with shouts of "Viva Napoleon." No attempt was made by the police to interfere. Alexis and suite, accompanied by secretary Robeson, visited Annapolis and went to the academy to meet the arrival was announced by a salute of twenty-one guns. The visitors were taken through the grounds, the ship yard and other depots of the academy. At 2 p. m. the Duke and party left for New York, where Alexis will remain till about December 5th, when he will visit Boston, Albany and Montreal, then go West and afterwards visit some Southern States. Monetary and Stocks. LONDON.—Consols 93. PARIS.—Rentes 56 7/8. The specie in the bank of France is increased 800,000 francs. NEW YORK, 24.—Sterling, 9; Government, 10; and firm; W. U. T. 6 1/2; Quicksilver 94; Wells Fargo 55; Pacific Mail 95.

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THE RAID ON THE MORMONS. WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—Some days since, the telegraph brought us news which even now it is difficult to realize. It is nothing less than the arrest of Brigham Young, the great High Priest of the Mormons, who has filled the place of their leading Prophet, director, and civil and spiritual guide ever since the celebrated Joe Smith was killed at Nauvoo, in the State of Illinois. For more than twenty-five years, if my memory serves me rightly, the Mormons have been an organized body in their present location, their "peculiar institution" winked at, if not actually accepted by the United States Government. It is hard to believe that a man, who would never be disturbed; for though rumor from time to time arose that legislation and physical force would be directed to the extinction of the Mormon in the body politic, yet nothing was ever done to put down polygamy, and the rascal died off. At one time the Mormons were located on the banks of the Mississippi. In one of the choicest, richest sections of the State of Illinois, but here American civilization surrounded them, and conflict naturally ensued. The Mormons, being a people to migrate. The State of Iowa gave them a temporary shelter, when like trouble arose from like cause. This time the State refused to clean out the way. There was a country midway between the tide of Western settlement and the new communities which were being founded in the Pacific coast—a land somewhat out of the way, with few apparent inducements for immigration, surrounded or occupied by hostile Indians, and where no one could covet that was not more or less than human. But "the Saints" answer that description exactly; and they pitched camp in the great territory of Utah for the new Chanaan, where the godly should repose after much tribulation, free from the changes and troubles of a wicked world.

The great Republican party which sprang into life with so much energy, power, and passion in 1856, at its very first National Convention, held in 1856, branded polygamy as a "barbarism" and swore that it should die the death. But politicians' vows are something like those of lovers; of words written on the sand, and good only for an ebb tide. Certain it is that but a few months afterwards, the Republicans were very sharp critics of Mr. Buchanan's military expedition to Utah, and after ten years' possession of the government, with enormous armies under their control, they are just now beginning to take the "twin rills" in hand, with its added fifteen years of sacred dust and precedent. Perhaps Brigham Young knew that party Conventions were no more dangerous to the farmer was to the larks when he relied on his peacock's tail, than the party Conventions were to the larks when he relied on his peacock's tail. Nor probably was he much excited when very moral discussions took place in Congress on the subject of the Mormons, for he was not so much as the old maid in the gallery of Congress who audibly echoed the Hon. Mr. Millson's eloquence by saying "Yes, it is a long time, a long time, more than one wife?"

When these Gentiles were few they were on their good feet, and were as diplomats, Presidents Pierce, Fremont, and Buchanan; but, waxing fat and strong, they now exemplify the old law of human nature. The hour and the man are alike gone, and Judge McKean, backed by Federal troops and a wide Gentile sentiment, has caused the arrest of Brigham Young. If the Government were allowed to go on as they are, it would still be well for the Prophet; but the Judge has raised them all off. From the concentration of the troops, it looks as if the Government were seriously purpose to go through with this business, and make the Territory too hot for the Mormons to stay in. Considerable interest is felt on the question of their removal. It is hard to foresee what this people will do in their present straits. Resistance would be vain. It is not probable that they will long remain a new exodus of the Mormons, possibly to the Northern Provinces of Mexico; a portion of the community renouncing polygamy and adhering to the principles of the United States. Your correspondent is as innocent of polygamy as any other unmarried man in America or elsewhere, but he is not able to approve this proceeding. It cannot fail to be a very great degree, the Federal government has grown up so extensively in Utah. He is natural for a plain, unlettered man— even for an uneducated man— to have inferred from the long and constant appointments of Brigham Young as Governor by the President of the United States, or even from the fact of his being the United States official, that polygamy was either no offence, or at least that no punishment need ever be expected. Under the system thus sanctioned and condoned, thousands of women have acquired husbands, and many children and children if the system is forthwith to be put in the road. If a pluralist is to be put in the road, it is for what considerations? Surely it is not to punish a man for having caused polygamy after due notice given, and to deprive a title of all the righteous and propandism of the "free lovers." London Telegraph.

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