


And yet, having collected such a petition as that, and by such methods you come here and propose to stop a representative of a sovereign State from taking the oath of office. Do you think that the people of this State will ever bring chaos sometime on the floor of this House? You can not do evil that good may come.

The Speaker.—The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. Speaker.—Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman be allowed twenty minutes within which



soon passed away. I was treated by several able physicians, but in a matter of their effort the danger spread until the condition became alarming. After many months of treatment and growing weakness, I decided to try Dr. Williams' medicine, and in four months the last lifeless flesh dropped off. Ten years have passed, and not a sign of the disease has returned."

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and that is this: It is not in the indictment drawn on the floor of this House, but in the memorials and protests placed upon the desks of members yesterday. It is charged that th

State of Utah has broken her compact with the government of the United States by the election of one who is alleged to have been guilty of the misdemeanor, or of unlawful cohabitation. Now, sir, if the State of Utah, by the election of a man supposed to be involved in this system of marriage that obtained in Utah, if they have broken the compact by the election of one chargeable with this offense, then, sir, they have but followed the example of the present administration of the United States government by ignoring the charge made against the man whom they wished to preserve in power.

Utah as a State, when men were recommended for federal appointments to the office being within the gift of the President of the United States, to be confirmed by the Senate of the United States, objections were urged against them of the same character as those urged against the member from Utah, but the President of the United States and the Senate committees having the matter in charged ignored those protests and objections, and these men were appointed to the respective offices they sought and obtained.

Mr. Hopkins. Do you say that the present administration, when appointing anybody—

The Speaker. Does the gentleman from Utah yield?

Mr. Hopkins. I desire to ask the gentleman if he makes the charge—

The Speaker—Does the gentleman yield?

Mr. Roberts of Utah—I do.

Mr. Hopkins—I desire to ask the gentleman if he makes the charge that the present administration has appointed any federal officer in the State of Utah at the time of the appointment or now is practicing polygamy?

Mr. Groenou—And that with the knowledge of the President? (Cries of "Yes.")

Mr. Roberts of Utah—My answer to the gentleman is that when men were candidates for federal positions—

Mr. Hopkins—This is susceptible of an answer, yes or no. It is a fact.

Mr. Groenou—That is all that has been interrupted. I wish to answer the question in my own way. My affirmation is that when men were presented for federal appointments, objection was made against them by affidavits presented both to the President and to the Senate. The President and the members of the Senate of the United States and that these men were appointed notwithstanding the protest and

advantages that they were living in violation of the law.

Mr. Roberts of Utah. That does not answer my question. The question is as to the matter of fact. [Laughter on the Republican side.]

Mr. Roberts of Utah. I refuse to be interrupted.

The Speaker.—The gentleman declines to be interrupted.

Mr. Roberts of Utah.—So, sir, I think that the result of this effort of the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. Eble] is directly in point, and that it would be better that the entire investigation of this case be referred to the committee on the subject in regard to the case, you, sir, that making a charge against a sovereign State for breaking its compact with this government, is a very serious matter, especially since it may be a precedent in regard to the removal of the executive of this nation in violation thereto; for I assert this, that if the people of Utah were guilty of breaking the compact by electing a man to a position, being a violation of these particular laws about unlawful habitation, the administration of the government may also be charged with breaking that compact by also appointing a man to a position, being a violation of the protests supported by affidavits were made. Therefore it is eminently proper that they should go to a committee that will be assured are not liable to raise doubts or heard in this law.

Both Mr. Roberts and myself were overwhelmingly elected by the same constituency and by nearly the same majority. I am not aware of a single instance in which the members of the class which in former days was commonly designated "gentle" having voted against Mr. Roberts, notwithstanding the fact that he was elected since his election was currently made against him in the campaign by his Republican opponents.

There is no ground for the charge against Mr. Roberts is political is shown by the facts that other members of the "Mormon" Church against whom ill charges are made continue to hold important offices and to receive the appointment of Kings. Yet not a single word of objection to their continuance in office is heard from the Republican politicians, who are the most powerful and most energetic effort to array public sentiment throughout the nation against seating Mr. Roberts.

Another of the misrepresentations made by the Republican politicians of this State to create a public sentiment against the seating of Mr. Roberts is that new polygamous marriages are being covertly formed under the sanction of the "Mormon" authorities. There is no foundation for such a charge. It was first made by the Salt Lake Tribune (the Republican organ) during the cam-

The revolution regarding polygamy which has followed the Edmunds-Tucker law is much more radical and effective than at the time of the passage of the act. Time was fast obliterating all traces of polygamy, and it was a subject regarding which the people had almost ceased to think or talk about until the recent case of John W. Taylor came before the Supreme Court. It seemed doomed in this State and cannot be restored by the Church, even if it desired to do so. The exceptional cases in which men and women have been permitted to live together are coincident which are of no more significance than the irregular sexual relations among other classes. If instead of cohabitation having been made a crime, it were merely considered as a misdemeanor, the human nature would make the penalty humane nature is such that there would have been exceptional violations of the law notwithstanding the punishment.

Mr. Speaker, I thought it proper that this statement by this reliable man should be made here for the purpose of meeting the accusation so often made that the Government of Utah has broken her compact or has any intention or desire to break the compact with the United States. In making my official rights known to the House, I am not champion the cause of polygamy. There is no occasion for championing that cause.

Well Known Idaho Republican Expresses His Views.

William Budge, Idaho (president) of the Mormon Church of Idaho, was in the city a few hours yesterday, says Sunday's Boise Statesman. The Bishop came to Boise to make some investigations relative to the proposed leasing of some of his people of school lands for grazing purposes. In the course of an interview the Bishop expressed himself on the Roberts case. He gave as his opinion that the House should have honored Roberts's credentials and given him a seat rather than to bring charges could have been brought against him. The action of the House in refusing him a seat rather acquiesced in the opinion of the Bishop. The Bishop said he did not believe it

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The pressure brought to bear on the congressman was such, he said, that

Why could he ignore the matter, but he believed the better course would be to leave it to the courts to decide what, if the charges against him proved to be true he could then be dismissed from Congress. As the matter stood the attack was not only against the Mormon church as a whole and a slur on the majority of the people of Utah.

The Bishop said he had been told that the President of the United States Edmunds and before the manifesto of the President of the Mormon Church, prohibiting polygamy, that Roberts maintained plural marriages, and that he had more than one wife prior to that time, all of whom he had wedded under the most solemn vows, he would not deny them his support and he would not deny the polygamy act. He absolutely cast them aside under the circumstances would be the act of the craven. As a man he felt it his duty to support the law, and although, as he had sworn, living with

the strict letter of the law since its passage.

HENDERSON IS DEAD.

American Falls Miller Passes Away
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James Henderson, the miller of American Falls, who was brought to St. Mark's hospital Saturday night fatally injured, expired at 9 o'clock last night. Henderson was employed in the American Falls Milling Company's flour mill, and was caught in the belt and was buried to the ceiling. He fell with such violence that his spine was fractured. His body was paralyzed below the fracture, and it was clearly understood by the physicians that his death was not far from the time. Henderson was an unmarried man, and 36 years of age. No arrangements have yet been made as to his burial.

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