

JUDGE JAMES PENNEWILL

#### WANTED FOR U. S. SENATE.

If Judge James Pennewill, of Dover, Delaware, will accept election as the successor of United States Senator Allee, which a majority of the Republican members of the legislature say they are ready to give him, he will undoubtedly be chosen. The jurist, however, does not want to be senator, and has repeatedly so declared to his personal friends, but leading Republicans are strongly urging Judge Pennewill to cast aside his personal wishes and agree to an election.

Polygamy.—One difficulty in the way of receiving a professed convert, though affecting only a small percentage of candidates, is a most perplexing one. It is that of applicants who have more than one wife. As Hindus or Mohammedans they have entered in good faith into marriage contracts with these wives, and if a man puts away all but one what provision shall be

made for the rejected, and on what principle shall he decide as to the one to be retained? Some of our missionaries hold that where the husband is living the Christian life in all sincerity it is better to receive into the church such a candidate, though not eligible to any church office, than to require him to give up all but one wife and thus brand with illegitimacy his children by them, as well as occasion the wives so put away endless reproach and embarrassment.

The Rev. John P. Jones, D.D., in a book which he published in 1903, in treating of this same subject, said:

If it be demanded of the man that he put away all but one of those wives taken in heathenism, then we ask whether it is Christian or even just to cast away one to whom he was solemnly and religiously pledged according to the laws of the land with whom he has been linked in love and harmony for years, and from whom he has had children? It is not easy, on Christian grounds, to decide such a problem as this; nor is it very Christian to put a ban upon any woman who, in accordance with their religion and their country's laws, has formed this sacred alliance with a man and has lived with him for years; nor can it be right to brand with illegitimacy the children born of such a wedlock.

I cite these authors, Mr. President, to show that men of liberal view, but sincere Christian spirit, find it difficult to meet and solve the problem among the converts to the Christian religion in the Orient. The highest authority on this subject counsels toleration and the recognition of the convert to the rights of the Christian church, although he may still hold to his plural wife.

These examples show the questions that our missionaries are meeting with constantly. These men have been taught, from their experience in countries where polygamy is practiced, the doctrine of charity, and have recommended practically the same course toward the converts to Christianity—where these converts have plural wives—that has been adopted by the people of Utah and the other western states where polygamy once held sway as a part of the doctrines and teachings of the Mormon Church.

It is not, however, for the senator of the United States, Mr. president, to determine which course should be pursued to eliminate forever this last vestige of barbarism on the civilization of our times. We have only to deal with Senator Smoot and his record, and that alone must determine our action. From the consideration that I have given to it, and for the reasons that I have here expressed, I feel, Mr. President, that I would be false to the oath that I have taken were I to vote to expel him from the senate of the United States, and I shall, therefore, when the time comes for the senate to determine this momentous question, cast my vote in favor of his retaining his seat.

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## NEXT WEEK IN HISTORY.

### JANUARY 27.

- 1756—Wolfgang Mozart born; died 1791.
- 1851—John James Audubon, American ornithologist of worldwide eminence, died in New York; born in New Orleans 1780. Audubon produced a monumental work in colors of birds in natural size; also a description of the habits of birds.
- 1878—Sir Edward Shepherd Greasy, author of "Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World," died; born in Bexley, England, 1812.
- 1893—Hon. Admiral Gillespie Blaine died in Washington; born Jan. 31, 1830.

### JANUARY 28.

- 1807—Pall Mall lighted with gas, the first use of the illuminant for streets. Several experiments in illuminating with gas were made between 1739 and 1807. In 1786 Dr. Pictet, a chemist at Wurzburg, lighted his laboratory with gas produced by the dry distillation of bones, and in that year also Earl Dundonald of Scotland lighted his Culross abbey with gas obtained from coal tar. The first practical use, however, is accredited to William Murdock, who lighted his workshop at Cornwall with coal gas.

- 1859—William Hickling Prescott, American historian, died in Boston; born in Salem, Mass. 1796.
- 1888—Hon. Admiral Clark H. Wells, U. S. N., died in Washington; born 1823.
- 1893—General Samuel Sprigg Carroll, U. S. A., retired, a prominent leader in the Civil war, died in Washington; born 1832.

### JANUARY 29.

- 1688—Emanuel Swedenborg, celebrated Swedish naturalist, mathematician and theosophist, born at Stockholm; died 1772.
- 1737—Thomas Paine, deist and revolutionary writer, born in Thetford, England; died 1809.
- 1766—Henry Lee ("Light Horse Harry"), soldier, father of Gen. R. E. Lee, born in Westmoreland county, Va.; died 1818.
- 1822—Adelaide Ristori, actress, born in Friuli, Italy; died 1906.
- 1891—William Windom, secretary of the treasury, died in New York city; born 1827.
- 1895—Dr. Jamn Strong, widely known authority on mental diseases, died in Cleveland; born 1825.

### JANUARY 30.

- 1775—Walter Savage Landor, English author, died; born 1844.
- 1880—Gilbert Haven, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, died in Malden, Mass.; born there 1821.
- 1891—Charles Bradlaugh, English Liberal and skeptic, died; born near London 1835.
- 1895—Steamship Elbe of the North

German Lloyd collided with a small vessel in the North sea and sank immediately. Over 300 people went down. The Elbe was bound for America, and most of her passengers were residents of this country returning to their homes.

1898—Admiral Daniel Lawrence Braine, U. S. N., retired, died in Brooklyn; born 1829.

1906—Frederick VII, eldest son of the deceased ruler of Denmark, proclaimed king.

### JANUARY 31.

- 1574—Ben Jonson, friend of and collaborator with Shakespeare, born; died 1637.
- 1762—Gouverneur Morris, statesman, born at Morrisania, N. Y.; died there 1816.
- 1830—Hon. James Gillespie Blaine born at West Brownsville, Pa.; died in Washington Jan. 27, 1903.
- 1848—Abolition of the corn laws in England and inauguration of British free trade.
- 1891—Metscoulson, famous French painter, died; born in Lyons 1811.
- 1892—Rev. Charles Hadden Spurgeon, celebrated English Baptist, died at Mentone, France; born 1824.

### FEBRUARY 1.

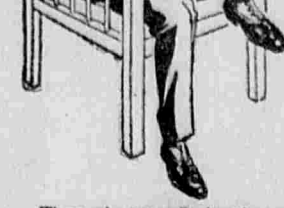
- 1757—John Philip Kemble, actor, brother of Mrs. Siddons, born in Lancashire; died 1823.
- 1801—Titus Coan, famous American missionary in Hawaii and writer on that country, born at Killingworth, Conn.; died in Hawaii 1882.
- 1873—Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury, veteran of the Confederate and of the United States navies and author of "The Physical Geography of the Sea," died at Lexington, Va.; born 1806.
- 1878—George Cruikshank, celebrated English caricaturist, died in London; born 1789.
- 1892—United States flag raised over the town hall at Honolulu.

### FEBRUARY 2.

- 1491—Sir Owen Tudor, grandfather of Henry VII of England, killed.
- 1651—Sir William Phipps, famous as governor of Massachusetts, born in Pennsylvania, Me.; died 1695; he had 20 brothers and five sisters.
- 1848—Treaty of peace between the United States and Mexico signed at Guadalupe; end of Mexican war. The fall of the City of Mexico decided the conflict.
- 1886—General David Hunter, a veteran of the Union army, died at Washington; born there 1802.
- 1893—Max Havelle, English author, died at Rome; born 1804.
- 1894—The famous war corvet Kearsarge, which vanquished the Confederate cruiser Alabama in 1864, wrecked during a storm on Roncador reef, in the Caribbean sea.
- 1902—Paul F. Munde, gynecologist of worldwide fame, died in New York city; born 1846.

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