

the avowed purpose of engaging in a crime." Indeed, How did the *Inter-Ocean* find this out? In its anxiety to suppress "Mormonism" that paper has itself committed a crime. It has perpetrated a gross libel upon the immigrants. They have made no such avowal; they have expressed no such intention. Has the *Inter-Ocean* some patent process of finding out the intentions of all the people who land at the port of New York? Or does it advocate the policy of preventing immigration by presuming wrong intent on the part of passengers from Europe?

The *Inter-Ocean* need not make a fuss over the possibility of counterfeiters, pickpockets, or prostitutes landing in this country. Chicago swarms with them. The *Inter-Ocean* flourishes in the midst of them. It is used to their presence, and frequently records their doings as common matters of daily news. It raises no particular fuss about it either. But it feels awfully incensed over the supposed marital excesses of a few people away in Utah, and seek, to divert attention from the actual corruptions and social filth of its own city—fettered with the scent of villainous unmentionable, by this coating of gongs and pointing to Utah or to people landing in Gotham to be forwarded to the Rocky Mountains. Why Chicago is a reservoir of crime! Let the *Inter-Ocean* direct attention to the inflow of real criminal element from all points into the sinful city of the lakes, if it is anxious to do anything in the cause of morality.

This non-sense about "Mormon" immigration has received sensible notice from the British Government. The right of "Mormons" to travel to the United States, and the impossibility of proving "criminal intention" on the part of any emigrants has been recognized on both sides of the sea and it only remains for editorial fanatics and pulpit idiots to howl about the supposed purpose of "Mormon" arrivals. As a matter of fact there is no class of people who come to the shores of this country to settle, who in any way can be truly said to be superior to "Mormon" immigrants. They are as a rule honest, religious, sober, industrious, thrifty folk and—let the *Inter-Ocean* make a note of it—polygamy is as far from their thoughts and intentions as it can be from the minds of the returning tourists who often come on the same steamships. The *Inter-Ocean* knows nothing about it, and talks like a noodle! This is, at present, a land of liberty so far as immigration is concerned, and we do not think the tin horn tootings of the Chicago organ of rampant radicalism will change the situation or do much towards "suppressing Mormonism."

THE OGDEN REGISTRATION.

Editor Deseret News:

The registration is about over now and the people generally have had an opportunity to register. There has been a marked difference in the attitude of the registration officers the past few days. There are a number of legal voters of the People's party sick and the county registrar and his deputies have gone to their houses and registered them. I desire to mention this and give the proper persons credit for the courtesies extended.

The decision of Judge Emerson came like a wet blanket on the Liberals to-day. Some of them were so confident the woman suffrage act would be pronounced invalid, but as for their hopes! the ladies will vote at the coming election.

With the news of the decision the Liberals renewed their efforts to get the ladies non-"Mormons" to register, and livery carriages have been plying in a lively manner through the city carrying parties to the registration office. By the-by we have had another office yesterday and to-day, in Major Silva's store, on main street, and thither most of the parties registering to-day have directed their steps. OGDENITE.

Ogden, Sep. 16th, 1882.

Professor Boss, of the Dudley Observatory at Albany, believes that the comet near the sun is a return of the great comet discovered by Dr. Gould in South America, February 5th, 1850.

Still the question continues to be asked—Who is U. J. Wenner.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION, MADE BY HON. R. K. WILLIAMS, ON THE OPENING OF THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT, IN OGDEN CITY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 1882.

If Your Honor please, I arise, in parliamentary parlance, to a privileged question and personal explanation.

It has been made known to me that Your Honor suspects that in some manner I was connected with certain publications in some of the Salt Lake City newspapers, made in relation to the recent important cases and questions involving the legality of female suffrage in this Territory. I know that sometimes false reports are secretly made to the Judge of a Court for the purpose of affecting the professional status of a lawyer, but as secrecy itself is a badge of fraud, and as such means are too contemptible to be noticed by a gentleman, I have never condescended to inquire into such things.

This, however, is of a different character. It is true that the appearance here, last Monday, the day of opening the registration of voters for the November election, of Gov. Murray, Receiver of United States Land Office, Gen. Bane, the senior member of the distinguished law firm of Sutherland & McBride, and the rejection of the application for registration of a "Gentile" lady by the County Registrar, Major Stephens, and the suing out of a mandamus and immediate trial by an attorney of the "Liberal" or "Gentile" party, both counsel and parties belonging to the same party, hostile to female suffrage, and no lady applicant of the "People's" or "Mormon" party rejected, so as to make a test case in their behalf, excited much of unfavorable comment, and of strong suspicion of unfairness, and this was not a little enhanced by reports of boasts by prominent "Gentiles" that such measures had been determined on by the Governor as would set aside female suffrage.

In this state of affairs the People's party had taken measures to get up a test case in their behalf, to be presented and argued by their counsel. So I remained in court until the argument of the case of Mrs. Anderson vs. Registrar Stephens was closed, when I arose and asked your Honor to postpone any decision of the question, as I had another case involving this same question, affecting as it would a large class of voters and one of general interest, and wished to be heard on it as I thought I could present some additional and imposing reasons for the validity of female suffrage which had not been presented.

Your Honor at once remarked substantially that you had not given the question any thought, were unprepared to decide it and were entirely willing to hear any additional argument on either side.

It was then agreed to postpone further hearing on the question until Wednesday. And I have substantially and truthfully stated what did occur whenever I have had occasion to mention this subject.

I am in nowise connected with said publications, nor am I in any manner responsible for them. I did not know of them until on Wednesday night, after your Honor had granted the mandamus on Mrs. Gilbert's application against the deputy registrar at Brigham City, Box Elder County, Major Loveland. Hence, when your Honor said to me, on the said application, that some of the Salt Lake papers "had gone for the court and counsel" in the Mrs. Anderson case, I did not know the character of the article, or that my name was mentioned in them, but naturally supposed there would be unfavorable comments in the papers representing the People's party, as against the Governor, Receiver, Registrar and counsel, but intended myself not to be connected with it in any manner, nor in any way implicated further than required by professional obligation.

So far as I know or am informed I feel sure that there is no just cause for any reflection on the integrity of the Courts or Board of United States Commissioners. Indeed, I may say that thus far the general impression is quite flattering as to this Board—that they have acted fairly and with a view of administering the law as they understood it. I have said this much as due both to Your Honor and to myself.

R. K. WILLIAMS.

P. S.—The argument was finally adjourned over to Salt Lake City to be argued with other cases, on Thursday, where it was fully ventilated before Chief Justice Hunter and Justice Emerson. R. K. V.

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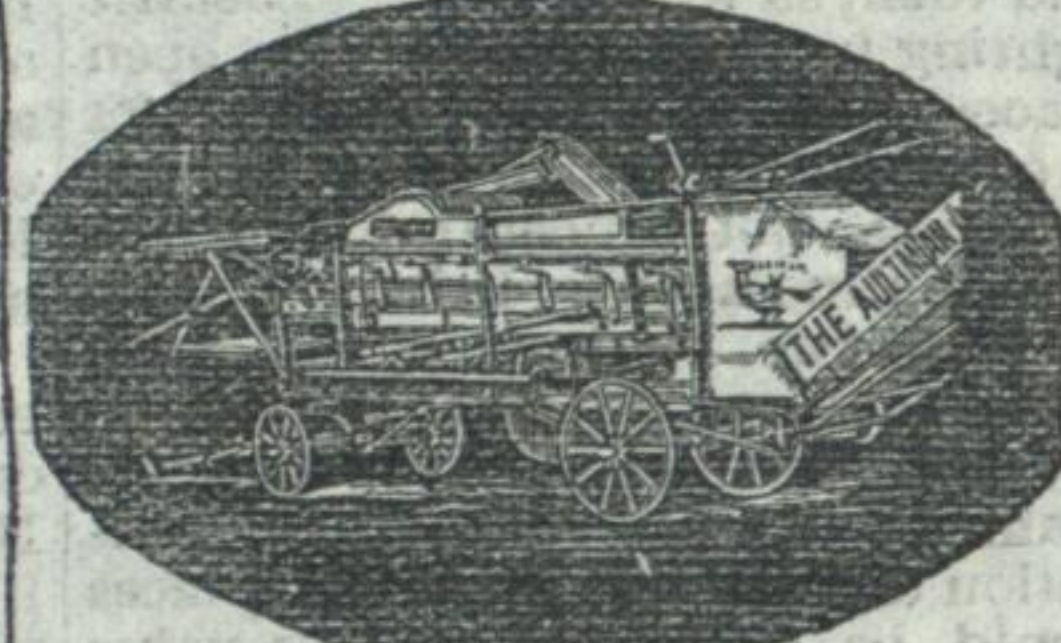
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