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THOMAS FITCH INTERVIEWED  
A. N. Y. "HERALD" REPORTER.

Thos. Fitch, leading counsel and attorney for Brigham Young, stayed at the St. Nicholas hotel on Tuesday, and left on Wednesday to keep his engagement at Bannaking, Vt.

Mr. Fitch is directly from Salt Lake and acquainted more directly with Mormon situation in the legal aspects than any person in the country, the reporter was sent to sound him.

Mr. Fitch, a member of the Mormon church, and a man of good character, has retained Bishop Sharp, Hon. W.H. Miner and one or two Gentlemen on good terms with the Mormons had left their names upon the table. Mr. Fitch is a man of good character, with red hair and a black mustache. He is very free and natural in his manner, avoided close inquiries as to the habits of the Federal officials in the state.

"What is the value of Utah?"

"Well, its mines are equal in value to those of Nevada, which have produced from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000, and its coal, etc., are probably not less than \$10,000,000. And this is Mormon work. Labor in Utah in the mines costs only two dollars a day, or half as much all round us."

"Do you think an exodus from Utah is ever likely?"

"Yes. I know it was debated, but Brigham put his foot on it. It is not required. Every interest of Utah has been disturbed, however, by these crusaders."

"What is the situation in the thing?"

"Self-government. Admit them as a State, under a constitution enacted by themselves relinquishing all for the future polygamous marriage. Follow the advice of the Federal Government, and we shall stay married."

The measure of this constitution prior to its enactment will shed more light on the error of the thing than all the judicial errors of our course, and if the Mormons ever agree to disown polygamy and in perfect candor tell us so."

"What will be the political complexion of such a new State?"

"Extraordinary. It is a State without

parliamentary, and it will vote for Presidents, and the spirit of the Constitution will prevail, and other things, said an officer of the court had played poker with the jury. The Judge said this was slanderous, and unless apologized for Miner should be dismissed."

"To return to the federal court, Mr. Fitch, is it impartial among the lawyers?"

"That doesn't become me to say. We had a funny thing there about the time I left. Mr. Miner, a Mormon lawyer, moves an argument of jurisdiction, and he is right, and he would not draw juror by open trial, but by selection, as in United States Court. We lawyers put up with this, and then the trial was adjourned, and he immediately returned, waited quietly to be arrested, and on his following day he gave bail to the sum of \$3,000, in hearing that other indictments on being prepared, were to be brought against them. Finally he was released."

"Patrick and mine," said Fitch, "had had any such trouble." Patrick replied that he had not. Mr. Young said he was prepared for the annual trial, and as the court had indicated his trial as a participant of the trial on the same date, he was prepared to defend him. He thought of making no further delay, departed in his carriage in broad daylight, and saw me go myself. After he had a day or more, Judge Hinckley took off the indictment, and the next day I appeared in court for a moment, and of a warrant upon it for his arrest. He said, "Hence he has an over cry over the judge, and it is ridiculous to be telegraphed out to injure the old man."

"Was it legitimate for Judge McKean to do an indictment so long concealed?"

"No. He had no authority to do it. The trial was suspended until the 26th September, the warrant was delayed the 26th of October. Such concealment never used except when the defendant is present, but when he is not, there was no harm in waiting all the time to be arrested."

"Will he probably return and submit to trial and incarceration at Camp Douglas, the usual charge of murder?"

"It may, but it is more likely he will refuse to walk into this dead-end street."

"Why do you say dead-end street?"

"Because under the existing system of law, determined to secure conviction of these people at whatever cost. He leaves that trial and justifies the means, and when he has been tried for when he has been tried, he has no chance for when he is tried again, as the institution and system of the Mormon church were on trial and made a hinge against them."

"What is the general estimate of McKean as to the probability of Utah?"

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