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### UTAH AND POLYGAMY.

For the DEMOCRAT:

It was the intention of our Constitution not only to secure the greatest good to the majority, but also to promote justice and right, and to repress wrong. Hitherto our senators and representatives have in the discharge of their varied duties, shown themselves equal to every emergency, but one.

Whenever the Constitution needed an amendment to guarantee to our people rights not already secured, the Congress in its wisdom and patriotism at once made the necessary provision, and presented the amendment to the people for ratification or rejection. Several amendments have thus been added to the original Constitution; and it seems to me that one more is now badly needed. It seems incredible that our great Government has been baffled and defied so long by one little territory, Utah.

With the requisite population, she demands admission as a state, and boldly claims that she can not be refused admission as the Constitution provides. Why may not Congress at its next session add a clause to the Constitution prohibiting polygamy in any state or territory, and submit it to the people for ratification?

This would not be legislation against any religious sect or denomination, but only to check and suppress a growing evil, whose tendency is to destroy virtue and bring everlasting disgrace and ruin upon our country. The sooner this matter is dealt with, the better. It would stop the immigration of the hordes of Mormon proselytes that are pouring into Utah from Europe and other parts of the world, with their sensual and devilish doctrines of nihilism, infidelity and hate for our Government.

Don't admit Utah as a state until polygamy is wiped out and provision made to prevent the recurrence of a like evil. J. S. HILL, Butler Tenn., Oct. 26, '89.

### WAKE FORES LEETTR.

To the Democrat.  
Foot ball is a new game in the South while in the North it has been played for many years. The game is a very

laborious one to say the least. A large ball the size of a watermelon and the same shape is used. To a spectator, who does not understand the "points" the game appears to be under a hard fight among the young men for the ball. Every College in the state has a team. An Inter State Foot Ball League was formed at Raleigh last week, Chapel Hill, was allowed the Presidency and elected Mr. Lee, Wake Forest the Secretary and elected Mr. Sikes, Trinity, the Treasurer which was filled by Mr. Daniels.

Wake Forest has received a challenge from the Richmond College team and will play them on the 9th somewhere on the James River near Richmond.

There was to have been a match game of base-ball at Raleigh this afternoon between the Chicago Female Team and the Raleigh team. The rain I suppose will break it up.

The Prof. of Physical culture is giving the students and a few of the Professors all they want in the way of exercise. This feature of the college is a good one, stooped shouldered young men will be made straight and the weak places developed. As the Prof. was coming to Wake Forest last summer he took a carriage at Richmond, Va., to drive to the hotel and created quite a sensation. The negro driver was hailed on all sides and asked if that was Kilram, and it was with difficulty he succeeded in getting to the hotel for the throng of people who crowded the streets to get a glimpse of the great sluggar, as they thought.

Prof. L. R. Mills gave a very interesting lecture on rain storms and cyclones last Tuesday night. He had several requests from scientific men for a copy of his lecture. It would be a great advantage if the Prof. would make prediction of all the rain and storms especially such a rain as is now in progress.

The Y.M.C.A. of the College is in a very prosperous condition under the management of Mr. John L. Kessler who will deliver an address at the district convention which meets at Durham the 8th, 9th and 10th, of Nov. Wake Forest will send a large delegation.

Rev. John Mitchell who has for several years been Agent of the Ministerial aid association of W. F. College has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Hendersonville, N. C., and will soon enter on the duty.

One year ago the two societies and the college did away with medals, this fall each society has put back the improvement medal.

Hight C. Moore, of Caldwell has been very sick for two weeks but is now much better. There are numerous cases of sickness in the college now, more than common for this time of year.

The Baptist State Convention will meet at Henderson,

40 miles below here the 13th of Nov. and continue for several days.

The colored people have been in a big way to the west. They had a Fair at Raleigh and every negro one saw wanted to go. Gov. Fowle is the open in respect and his audience was the happiest people in America and everybody believed it.

The State Fair was said to have been the best for several years.

Frost has cut short the cotton crop in this section a good deal. D. D. D.

### TANNERISM.

Tannerism is but another name for incompetency, fraud, waste, scandal and disgrace. Harrison appointed the corporal to office knowing all about his character. He had been told just what he might expect. Mr. Franklin Woodruff, as we learn from the New York Evening Post, is one of the most prominent Republicans in Brooklyn. He told the President "if he appointed Tanner, he would disgrace the administration inside of six months." So whatever disgrace has befallen the Radical Bood Administration because of Tannerism is to be brid at the door of the partisan, weak President of the Republican party. He deliberately chose his tool with his eyes wide open, and after a thorough revelation of the fellows character had been made. He deliberately sinned against light and knowledge when he put this fellow in a position to waste a great surplus and bring an incurable scandal upon himself.

Now this is not Democratic lies and Democratic prejudice, but a fact easily established. It is known in Washington to the officials as well as to the men on newspaper row, that Tanner has spent nearly or quite one hundred million dollars by "rerating" pensioners. That is to say, he has not only expended the \$87,000,000 allowed by the act of the Congress, but he has added \$100,000,000 to that great sum by corrupt means. Now is not that a blistering disgrace and shame now for proof.

The Philadelphia Inquirer is a leading Republican paper of Pennsylvania, it is not a blind organ like the Press, but is reliable if Republican. It publishes in its news columns, and discusses editorially the scandalous transactions under Tanner and demands that all the facts be given to the country by the Administration. It is a terrible revelation of folly and crime, and Harrison stands before the country guilty and responsible.

We give such parts of the Inquirer's statements as are necessary to make the startling scheme apparent. It says:

"It is now stated that the hesitation manifested in making public the report in regard to the administration of the pension of the Pension Office by Corporal Tanner is

on account of the effect which the publication might have upon the financial and business interests of the country. The wholesale rerating only which has just been revealed, involves untold millions, and it is not certain yet that the present revenues of the Government will be equal to the demands created by that sweep of Tanner's pen. The Secretary of the Treasury has called attention to the enormous increase of expenditures beyond the estimates for the year, and has clearly indicated that the existing income of the Government can not meet the drain upon its resources.

"A statement has been prepared in outline, intended to show the extent of the money involved in Tanner's recklessness. The amount is placed not far from one hundred millions, in addition to about that sum now expended on pensions granted in accordance with some regard for law and responsibility. It is very evident from the tone of conversation that great uneasiness exists in official circles. A demand for more revenue with which to meet these unexpected drains would create a popular revulsion which would put a stop to pension legislation, if it did not wipe out some of the radical features of existing statutes."

Up to this hour there has been no attempt made to recover the tens of millions thus paid out by Tanner—paid out wickedly, illegally, corruptly. The man now operating in Tanner's place is actually in possession of \$6,000 he got through Tanner. So says the New York Times. What a stinking kettle of fish! It says with stinging appropriateness and directness:

"If the President, and Secretary Noble really desire to make reparation for Tanner's reckless and unlawful acts, they should find a less objectionable temporary substitute for Tanner than the chief beneficiary of his "rerating" policy."  
A decayed concern!  
—Wilington Messenger.

### A Desperate War.

WHEELING, W. Va., Oct., 29th.—Lincoln county, or at least that part of it around the county seat, is now in a ferment of excitement concerning the fearful tragedies enacted within the borders of the county Thursday night of last week. There is quite a degree of interest manifested to get the accurate details of the double killing at Queen Shoals on the above night. Intelligence from that section is meagre, but enough is known to satisfy the most credulous that Green McCoy and Milt Hally were riddled with bullets on the night in question organized force numbering sixty determined men. The latest report received, and from a reliable man who was detained several days, is to the effect that McCoy and Hally implicated other prominent parties in

the Bluefield tragedy, alleging that they, McCoy and Hatfield, were hired to kill little Al Brumfield, and that they received \$500, or were to, when the job was completed. The attempt on little Al and his wife is well known and that the programme was not fully carried out was because the Brumfield's were too hot on the tracks of the assassins. The report further says that the result of these disclosures has brought about open hostilities, and that the entire district is arrayed, either on one side or the other, and they are congregating well armed and the aspect is of a most threatening nature.

Haley and McCoy are natives of Kentucky, and are allied to the McCoy faction of outlaws whose murderous feud with the Hatfields is generally familiar to the public. McCoy about a month ago, in company with Haley, ambushed and attempted to murder Al Brumfield and his wife. This shooting occurred on a Sunday night, and both the victims were badly wounded, Mrs. Brumfield being shot in the breast and her husband in the leg.

McCoy and Haley escaped to Kentucky, but not until there had been two more attempts at assassination in the county, in one of which a man named Adkins, a friend of the Brumfields, was wounded. The two would be murderers were arrested in Kentucky and on Friday they were brought to Lincoln county, (W. Va.) jail. About midnight Friday night a mob surrounding the Lincoln jail, forced an entrance after a short resistance by the authorities, took two of the prisoners—Green McCoy and Milton Haley—and hung them to a tree a short distance from the jail building.

### FANATICISM AND BITTERNESS.

We clipped last week a deliverance of the "Abe Patterson Grand Army Post" of Pittsburg, Pa., but failed to note it editorially. It is these bloody shirt performances that are disgusting and mean and that react on the shabby fellows engaged in the dirty work. Such actions on the part of the G. A. P's will be sure to bring them into deserved reproach, and to make the Radical element in the North still more detestable. The Pittsburg bloody shirters are raving mad over the erection of a monument at Gettysburg in memory of the men who fell in that battle, who belonged to the "Second Maryland Rebel Regiment," as the Pittsburgers put it in their fiery resolution. These furious fellows declare that they desire to enter their solemn protest against this sacrilege, and most emphatically denounce any such intrusion by traitors upon sacred soil, etc., etc.

The dignified and able New York Evening Post says of this ugly and inexcusable behavior:

"It really seems as though the Grand Army Machine

was determined to destroy all admiration of the Union soldier by showing him as unworthy of admiration."

The true soldier would recognize the fact that every good citizen is interested in seeing that the spots upon the Gettysburg battlefield marked by great achievements, "whether on the National or Confederate side," are properly marked, inasmuch as the greater evidence of bravery on the part of the defeated army, the greater is the tribute to the victorious army."

It notes the interesting fact that Gen. Grant, in his last book, his "Personal Memories," never refers to the Confederates as rebels and traitors. He says that both sides fought for "principles they deemed dearer than life" and that he, the successful commander of the side that finally triumphed, died believing "we are on the eve of a new era, when there is to be great harmony between the Federal and the Confederate."

Fanaticism and malice are born of the same parents and no brave, just, and honorable man can afford to cherish either of them. They would blister his soul.—Messenger.

### The Two Camerons.

"Don" Cameron is as cold as ice, and when a visitor has the rare good luck to see him he often wishes he hadn't been so successful, says the New York Herald. The deceased Cameron, who was the friend and at times the patron of Democrats and Republicans alike, conciliated everybody with whom he came in contact. Some years ago in Pennsylvania, Don, who was beginning to run things with the dynastic force of the family, told his father at Donegal one day: "I'm going to put my man in as temporary as well as permanent chairman of the Republican State convention to-morrow." "Don't do it," said Simon. "Why not conciliate the other faction by letting their man go in as temporary chairman. If can't do you any harm, and when the time for real work comes your man will go in gracefully." Don refused to heed this sapient counsel, and vowed he'd have both places. "All right," said the old gentleman, "have your own way, but if your man gets licked don't come to me for sympathy." Don persisted, and his candidate for permanent chairman did get badly licked. "Don" said his father that night as they took a glass of wine together: "Don, when you die you will be richer probably than I will, but you won't have half as big a funeral"—Ex. F. MORPHEW, G. G. EAVES.

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