

United States senator he spent in the Mormon temple with the other eleven apostles of that church. The rank of apostle in the Mormon church about equals that of bishops or archbishops in other denominations. If a bishop of any other church was elected United States senator, there would be a row. But as this particular bishop is known to be a defender of polygamy the row is likely to be a pretty lively one. However, Smoot will be senator and legislate for you and me just as the other senators do. It is the culmination of the bargain that the republican party made with the Mormon bishops and apostles when the state was thrown into the republican ranks.

A whole gun crew of the Massachusetts was blown up and all killed or mortally wounded except one, last week, the cause being the premature explosion of a charge for an eight-in. gun while at target practice.

The National Live Stock association is in a state of terror over the meat trust merger. At Kansas City last week it passed resolutions and did all sorts of things along that line, but the merger will be completed all the same. That trust has enough money to escape investigating grand juries and all the annoyances that the little trusts meet with. The only way to beat the meat trust is to beat the republican party and get an attorney general who will endeavor to enforce the anti-trust laws.

In answer to the charge of the hard coal operators that the miners restrict the output of coal, John Mitchell made a statement before the commission in which he declared that the operators are deliberately doing that very thing themselves. He said that there were over 3,000 miners who had been demanding work ever since the mines started up and the mine owners refused to employ them.

At a meeting of the interstate commerce commission last week, J. Pierpont Morgan gave his opinion of John W. Gates. Now Gates wants the commission to call another meeting so that he can give his opinion of Morgan. After that, the general public should be called to give its opinion of both of them.

In the agricultural district of Pennsylvania, where the people are severely suffering for the want of coal, the coal cars are guarded by armed police as they pass through to keep the freezing people from stealing the coal.

The republican medicine bag seems to have had a rent made in it after all. To keep the thing absolutely sacred it was provided that the regular duty on coal should stand as it was, but a rebate of the full amount after it was collected was to be paid back to the importer. That was to prevent the holy of holies from being entered at all. Now the department has decided that the silly performance of collecting the money and then paying it back shall be dispensed with. So there has been a hole poked in the republican big medicine bag, the sacred tariff, which is in the keeping of the family of Aldrich.

Senatorial elections in various state legislatures are as follows: Thomas Platt of New York, re-elected; Orville H. Platt of Connecticut, re-elected; Albert J. Hopkins of Illinois, at present congressman, to succeed "Billy" Mason; James P. Clark of Arkansas, to succeed Senator Jones; William J. Stone of Missouri, to succeed Senator Vest; Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana, re-elected; H. C. Hansborough of North Dakota, re-elected; A. P. Kitteridge of South Dakota, re-elected; R. A. Alger of Michigan, to fill unexpired term of Senator McMillan; Reed Smoot, the Mormon apostle, of Utah, to succeed Senator Rawlins; Jacob H. Gallinger of New Hampshire, re-elected.

The deadlock in Delaware still continues, but the democrats have about lost patience in their efforts to effect a fusion with the regular republicans to defeat Addicks. For the long term, Kenney (dem.) had 21, Addicks (union republican) 21, Dupont (regular republican) 10.

Washington and Oregon have not yet succeeded in electing a United States senator.

A disgraceful state of affairs exists out in our sister state, Colorado. The capitol is filled with men armed with revolvers and shot-guns and indications point to bloodshed before peace is restored. And for what? Not because one faction of the legislature wants to enact some law which the

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other opposes—but because Edward O. Wolcott wants Henry M. Teller's senatorial shoes. Several of the democratic members show a disposition to sell out to Wolcott.

It seems that the polished Jonathan P. Dolliver may prove a veritable bull in the protection china shop.

"Did it (the Dingley act) mean that we were going to surrender all the industries of the United States to the GREED, if you please, of the agricultural interests and the manufacturers of the west?" shouted Senator Aldrich angrily in answer to Senator Dolliver's assertion that: "It is true that in the bill Mr. Dingley reported from the committee on ways and means, of which I was a member, he did put duties up for the express purpose of having them traded down."

Senator Aldrich seems frightened over the prospects of the "omnivorous west" securing any legislation which might in the remotest degree benefit that section. Of course, he has no reason for any apprehension—Burkett, McCarthy, Hinshaw, Norris, and Kin-kaid from Nebraska can be depended upon to do whatever the trusts want them to do. "Western greed," indeed! It is satan rebuking sin.

Governor Murphy of New Jersey is much concerned over the trust agitation. He is afraid New Jersey may lose some revenue in fees for creating Frankensteins.

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