ing the commandments of God. When
the law is our master, the yoke is hard to
bear; but when it is our servant, it works
easy; whereas, if it be our master, we are
continually compelled and driven by it.

There is not a single constitution of
any single state, much less the constitu-
tion of the Federal Government, that
hinders a man from having two wives;
and I defy all the lawyers of the United
States to prove the contrary.

Let the past experience be buried in
the land of forgetfulness, if the Lord will;
but if this is done at all, it will be by
showing kindness towards us in the fu-
ture. If they wish us to forget the past,
let them cease to make and circulate
falsehoods about us, and let all the good
people of the Government say—"Let us
do this people good for the future, and not
try to crush them down all the day long
by continuing to persecute them."

If we are a company of poor, igno-
rant, deluded creatures, why do not
they show us a better example? Why
not send the money to pay the ex-
penses of our legislature, and the ex-
penses of the expeditions against the
Indians, as they do to other territories?
Their present course towards us, put in
language, is, "We will squeeze them still,
and dig out their eyes if it be possi-
ble." While they continue to pursue that
course towards us, we shall continue to
tell them of it. It makes me think of
what an old farmer said in Boston, who
had been in the habit of paying his mer-
chant’s bills very punctually, but, from
some cause, he did not continue to meet
his payments as usual. The merchant
sent for him, and said—"I have always
found you to be a very honest man,
why do you now lie to me?" The farmer
replied—"Because I am pinched." The
merchant asked—"How hard should an
honest man be pinched to make him lie?"
The farmer replied—"Just pinch him till
he lies." They want to pinch us till we are
led to do something to bring the whole
nation down upon us, according to the
plan of old Tom Benton, but, gentlemen,
this cannot be done, for there is a God in
Heaven, and He rules, thank His Holy
Name; and we will be wise enough to
keep His commandments, that we may
be saved. Amen.

MEN ETERNAL BEINGS, ETC.

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Having been called upon by Presi-
dent Grant to address you this morn-
ing, I do so with pleasure. How long I
shall speak, I do not know, for I have
been quite unwell for some time past,
and whether my strength will hold out
or not, I am unprepared to say; I can tell
you better when I have tried.

I have been much interested during
the Conference that is past; and al-
though I was not able to take an active
part in the business that was going on,