

J. F. SMITH TELLS RELATION

RELATION OF CHURCH TO SUGAR TRUST DENIED.

Portland Oregonian Gives Interesting Story of Smith.

(Portland Oregonian.)

The true story of the connection between the Mormon church and the sugar trust was told in Portland yesterday by Joseph F. Smith, the venerable and famous president of the church, who with his wife, 11 of his children and one grandchild, his second councillor and counsellor, John Henry Smith, Bishop Charles W. Nibley, presiding bishop of the faith; Seymour B. Young, president of the "Seventies," the principal body of the Mormon clergy, their wives and some of their children, a party of 22 in all, passed the day in this city.

"The coming of President Havemeyer of the sugar trust to our country," said President Smith, striking the gray beard as he talked, in unconscious emphasis of his words, "has been one of the grandest and greatest boons to prosperity and success to the people of Utah and Idaho that could possibly have happened. It has given employment to the settlers and their families, and to thousands more who have since come in; it has built up a vast industry where none was before, and it has increased three-fold the value of the land.

Sugar Price Doesn't Rise.

"And more than that," he added throwing back his broad shoulders, now somewhat bent from 75 years of a life most of which was passed in the sturdy industry of the pioneer farmer, "since Mr. Havemeyer came to Utah in the early '90s, the prices of chickens of hogs and livestock generally, and of vegetables, farm products and food-stuffs of all kinds have gone up many times, but the price of sugar there still remains substantially at the same figure.

"We hold Mr. Havemeyer, as far as the work he has done in our country is concerned, in the greatest respect. He looked up squarely in the eye and did as he said he would do. Never once did he wrong us, or try to wrong us—not once. And for all that we feel very kindly towards his memory.

"Let it be understood, however, that the Mormon church has never bought stock and does not hold stock in the sugar trust. Mr. Havemeyer bought a half interest in the sugar company which the church, by backing with its own credit and taking stock in payment at a time when the corporation was on the verge of bankruptcy, had saved. Later this company built or acquired control of other sugar-making plants in Utah and Idaho, Mr. Havemeyer putting up with the money. The church was interested only in so far as it held the stock mentioned."

In the simple, straightforward language of the pioneer, without attempt at embellishment President Smith then told the interesting story of how the beet sugar industry became such an important factor in the industrial growth of Utah and Idaho, and of the events that led to the coming of Havemeyer. None could be more competent to tell these details, for President Smith himself came across the plains to join the Mormon colony in 1848 and has been one of the most prominent figures in the fostering of the industry.

"I have two wives and President Smith has five," said John Henry Smith. "But since the supreme court held as legal the law prohibiting plural marriage, we and all the members of the church have lived up to that law. The church absolutely forbids any of its members to practice polygamy, and ministers of the church are forbidden to perform or authorize in any way any such marriage. This, remember, is an absolute rule of the church, and the church itself sees that it is carried out.

Law Fought, Then Obeyed.

"Yes, there have been some violations—only a few, as you will find violations of any law, and mostly these violations occurred soon after the law was passed. We fought that law, for we did not consider it legal for congress to interfere with religious matters, and we fought it in the supreme court—but when the supreme court decided against us, we, who are as law-abiding and love our country, the United States, as much as any of her

sons and daughters, complied with the law.

"After all, the only problem now is with us old members of the church, who came up under the old regime. There is no problem with the younger generation. But only a few of us are left now—I am about the youngest and I am 63—and soon there will be none. Then there will be no problem.

"As to us old-timers, while we obey the law, we shall never cast aside any of our wives nor our children. Could you expect us to? I say it would be wicked and inhuman, and no man would do it."

Stories in magazines that the Mormon church owns stock in the Union Pacific railroad and other "trusts," John Henry Smith declared to be absolutely false.

Besides being a pioneer of Utah, John Henry Smith is a pioneer in crop farming and irrigation methods. He is one of the founders of the National Irrigation congress, the National Dry Farming congress, the Trans-Mississippi congress and the National Farmland congress. Most persons do not know that irrigation was first attempted on a large scale by the Mormon colony in Utah.

Grande Ronde Extolled.

John Henry Smith, and President Smith, too, declare that the Grande Ronde valley in Oregon, through which they traveled on their way to Portland, has a wonderful future, and they declare that there isn't a spot in Oregon, so-called desert or not, that irrigation will not make fertile.

"In the Grande Ronde valley," said President Smith, "I saw some of the finest wheat I have ever laid eyes on. We often run 30 to 40 bushels to the acre in Utah, but the wheat beats that. The heat does not seem to injure it that I could see."

President Smith and his party left Portland last night for Seattle, accompanied by President Ballard, of Portland. They will visit Victoria Friday, and return to Portland Saturday, Sunday President Smith will conduct special services at 11:15 a. m. and 7 p. m. at the church of the Latter Day Saints at East Tenth and Sherman streets.

The wife of President Smith, who is accompanying him, is a sister of the wife of S. H. Kimball, a Portland contractor and former schoolmate of John Henry Smith. Mr. Kimball lives in Gresham.

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the first day of December, 1909, creating improvement district No. 9, and designating Fourth street as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the fifth day of July, 1911, whereby

said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Fourth street in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon cement sidewalks on each side of street, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of Fourth street, from the south curb line of Jefferson avenue to the north curb line of M avenue.

(A) And the property affected and benefited by said improvement is as follows:

East half of blocks 1, 2, and 3, Grandy's addition and west half of block 59, 59, 57, 103, 104, 105 and 115 and east half of blocks 75, 74 and 67, Chaplin's addition to La Grande, Oregon. Also tract of land on Fourth street situated in SE corner of sec. 5, T. 3, S. R. 36, E. W. M., lying between Pennsylvania and Main avenues.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$2,200.00. That the council will, on the second of August, 1911 meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment. La Grande, Oregon, July 21st, 1911. CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. 7-21-10

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, for the construction of 8,700 lineal feet, approximately, of cement walk five (5) feet in width; also for the construction of 8,700 lineal feet, approximately, of cement curb, to be built along certain streets in what is known as Connordale addition to the city of La Grande, Oregon, same to be constructed according to the plans and specifications on file in this office. All proposals to be filed in this office by five o'clock p. m. July 26th, 1911, and each proposal to be accompanied by a certified check of five per cent of the amount of the bid. The council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

La Grande, Oregon, July 20th, 1911. C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder.

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