SURVEYS IN OREGON

Work Mapped Out for Topographic Parties.

FIELD TO BE TAKEN AT ONCE

Eastern Section of State Will Be the Principal Scene of Operations—International Boundary to Be Marked Finally.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 18.—The Geological Survey has completed the details of surveying that is to be done in Oregon and Washington the coming Summer, and is about ready to announce the official programme. It has been decided that one topographic party will be engaged in Oregon during the coming Summer, in mapping the country lying east, north and south of Union, including a portion of the Wallowa Valley. This party, consisting of eight or ten men, will be in charge of C. W. Sutton, and will commence active work about the middle of May, outfitting at Union. They will gather data upon which to draw the topographic map of the Union quadrangle, as the area will be known. Something over 800 square miles will be covered by the surveying party, a portion of it extending into the proposed Wallowa forest reserve, which has never been completely surveyed by the General Land Office. Some of the data collected by this party will be considered by the Secretary of the Interior in finally fixing the boundaries of this forest reserve.

Canyon City to Burns.

A party of surveyors under C. F. Urquhart will enter the field immediately south of Canyon City, and work southward as far as Burns, traversing a considerable portion of the proposed Blue Mountain forest reserve. Most of this country has been heretofore surveyed by the Interior Department, but never before by the Geological Survey. The work in this region will be purely triangulation, forming the basis for more complete topographic surveys next year. After crossing the mountains and reaching Burns, the party will turn westward, working towards Prineville, and if sufficient time remains, triangulations will be extended southward towards the headwaters of the Deschutes River. The desirability of this region for irrigation purposes has attracted the attention of the Geological Survey, and notwithstanding private interests have gone in ahead, the Government has not taken its eye from the Deschutes Valley as a possible site for a future National irrigation system. All these surveys will prove valuable alike to the Government and to private irrigators.

Establishing Levels.

For some time a party of surveyors under charge of C. H. Semper has been working northward along the line of the Southern Pacific Railroad, establishing the exact elevation above sea level of points about three miles apart. This party started at San Francisco Bay, at sea-level, and has pushed northward until it is now in the vicinity of Eugene. It is expected that Portland will be reached some time in June, where connection will be made with a similar system of levels that has been brought up from Astoria. The Geological Survey has had considerable difficulty in getting accurate levels from the Southern Pacific; not that the railroad surveys were inaccurate, but that the level of the road has been raised or lowered at so many points since their surveys were first made that it is impossible at this time to tell just what the level is. The present party is locating iron posts at the points whose levels have been accurately ascertained, and these marks will be preserved for use as the basis of future surveys. Hereafter, in working eastward from the railroad, even across the mountains, levels can be ascertained from the marks now being established.

Work in Washington.

Several parties are to operate in Washington this Summer, one or two being already in the field. Most of this work is of the topographic character, although in one or two localities triangulations are to be made. L. C. Fletcher is in charge of a party that is completing the survey of Chapaca quadrangle. When this work is done, he will commence the survey of the Okanogan quadrangle, which will include the seven townships on the Okanogan River, recently withdrawn with a view to determining their adaptability for irrigation. Mr. Fletcher will be assisted by W. C. Guerin and a small field party.

Early in May, A. E. Martin, with a party, including H. R. Ferriss as assistant, began the field work in the Oakesdale quadrangle in Eastern Washington. This is to be topographic survey work.

A. H. Sylvester has entered upon the survey of the Mount Adams quadrangle, within the Washington forest reserve. This area has never been carefully surveyed, and but little is officially known of the character of the lands in this vicinity, beyond general reports heretofore made after mere reconnoissances. Mr. Sylvester will have Ralph Cowgill as his assistant, and will make North Yakima his base of supplies.

R. B. Robertson, field assistant, will organize a small party at North Yakima in June, for the purpose of extending the existing triangulation into the arid region east of the Columbia River, in Franklin and Adams Counties. It is expected that this party will also be able to report facts that will be considered in taking up irrigation works in Washington next season.

Define Forest Reserve Boundaries.

After inspecting certain level work that has been done heretofore in Northern Central Washington, along the lines of the two railroads, R. A. Farmer will take up the survey of the southern and eastern boundaries of the Washington forest reserve. The boundaries are described by land office subdivisions, but have never been marked off accurately, nor been fully determined in the field. The boundary line, as surveyed, will be permanently marked.

Already a party of surveyors under Sledge Tatum has started in to mark the eastern and northern boundaries of the Mount Rainier forest reserve. When this work is well under way, Mr. Tatum will leave this party in charge of an assistant, S. E. Blout, and will proceed to the Bitter Root forest reserve, in Eastern Idaho, and survey portions of the western and northern boundary, which have never been marked.

To Mark the International Boundary.

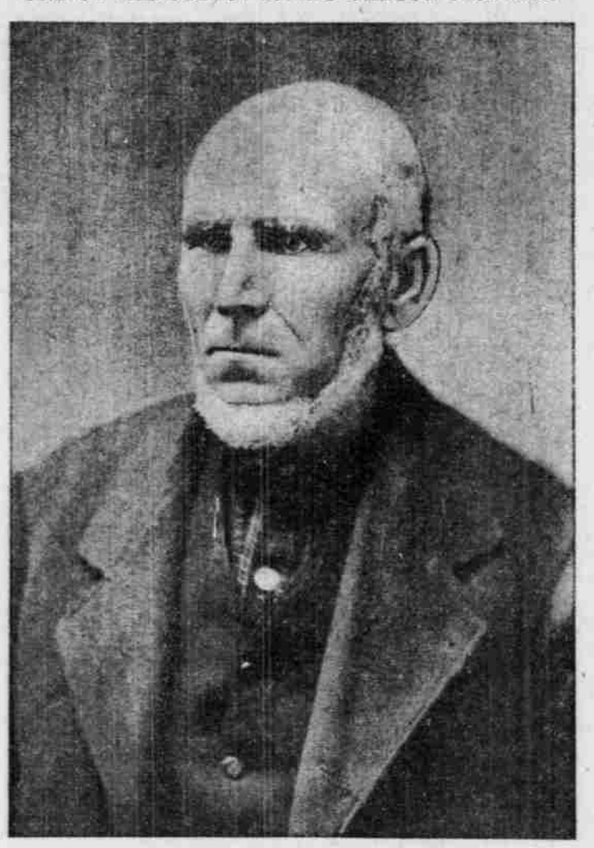
The work of actually and finally marking off the international boundary line between the United States and Canada west of the Rocky Mountains will be commenced this Summer, and pushed ahead as rapidly as possible. Most of the country traversed, however, is mountainous and rough, making surveys slow, and it is believed it will take several Summers to complete the final survey and marking of this stretch of line. In this work the Geological Survey will co-operate with the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and with a party of surveyors designated to assist, on the part of Canada. Last Summer these same parties made a preliminary survey of this line, but made but few markings. In disputed areas, where mining property was in dispute because of the lack of knowledge of the exact location of the boundary, a few marks were put down, but only in such cases. The Geological Survey party this year will consist of E. C. Barnard, topographer, assisted by D. L. Reaburn and J. G. Hefty. They will enter the field early in May, and work as long as the weather permits. In this connection the survey party will also gather sufficient data upon which to base a topographic map of the region lying just south of the boundary line, triangulations having been made heretofore.

In making their preliminary examinations a year ago, the surveying party found the original marks laid down by the boundary commission over 50 years ago. These marks were found to be accurately placed in most instances, but too far apart to prove of any considerable assistance, now that the country has developed. The old markings are 25 to 35 miles apart, and are valuable only in the immediate vicinity. There is no difference of opinion between the American and Canadian surveyors engaged on this boundary survey. It is only a matter of accuracy in surveying, and with one side acting as a check upon the other, this is insured.

Two surveying parties are to be sent to Alaska during the present month. One, under T. G. Gerdine, assisted by R. B. Oliver, will make a topographic survey of the area between Tanana and the Yukon, westward, from the vicinity of Circle City, over a territory that has heretofore been triangulated.

Another party, under D. C. Witherspoon and C. E. Hill, will make a topographic survey of the eastern portion of the Nome peninsula. This work in Alaska is intended to be used as the basis for subsequent geologic examinations of the regions triangulated and topographically mapped.

ONE OF THE OLDEST LIVING OREGON PIONEERS



FRANCIS REVENUE, AGED 90, WHO CAME IN 1853.

Francis Revenue, the venerable pioneer of Sandy, Clackamas County, Or., was born in New Orleans, La., on the 12th day of September, 1813, and will therefore soon be 90 years of age. At an early age he learned the cooper's trade, and he also spent three years studying in the City of Paris, France. He married Liddy A. Lawrence, with whom he lived in peace and happiness until her death, which occurred at the family homestead near Sandy, March 11, 1900. Mr. Revenue crossed the plains to Oregon in the year 1853, taking several months to perform the journey. Upon arriving in Oregon, Mr. Revenue immediately took up a donation land claim, upon which he has resided ever since. In those pioneer days, the Indians were quite numerous, and the nearest neighbors were five or six miles distant. Shortly after his arrival in Clackamas County he went to work with energy to hew out a home in the then unbroken wilderness. The difficulties to be encountered in this herculean task was so very great that many would have given it up as hopeless. But Mr. Revenue persevered, and finally triumphed. Three years of his pioneer life was spent in merchandizing, and his kindness and generosity to the needy and distressed were proverbial. This nonogenarian patriarch is very interesting, very intelligent and very patriotic. A constant and close observer for more than three-quarters of a century, it is simply wonderful to think of the number of incidents and events, now passed into history, of which he was, so to speak, an eye-witness. He never envied any person, no matter how distinguished his role, but, on the contrary, felt sympathy for those burdened with the cares of church or state, and was perfectly satisfied to act his own part—that of an independent farmer. His children now living are John, Edward, Theodore and Lawrence, and Alice (Revenue) Wedle, Lucy (Revenue) Roberts and Lillie (Revenue) Howard. Though Mr. Revenue will be 90 years of age on the 12th day of next September, he is as active as ever.

OF EFFICIENT TYPE.

Roosevelt Directly Responsible for the Settlement of Great Issues.

Collier's Weekly.

As the vigorous trial and prompt decision in the Northern Securities case are undoubtedly due to the President, our attention is again called to the kind of Executive who now heads this Government. Mr. Roosevelt has few resemblances to any of the men who have preceded him in office. He belongs to the popular and efficient type, yet he is utterly unlike his leading predecessor in that type. President Jackson was more original than Mr. Roosevelt, but the power of his nature was often used for evil, because he was willful and without docility. Mr. Roosevelt has shown much ability to learn. It may be Mr. Hay, Mr. Knox or Mr. Root, who thinks out an intellectual problem, but it is Mr. Roosevelt who employs these men and largely makes their ideas effective. Anybody who remembers the tone of his observations on the Venezuelan affair of 1895, and compares it with the moderate and tactful conduct of the recent complication, will appreciate how Mr. Roosevelt has ripened. He is no longer looked upon outside of Wall street and the headquarters of political bosses, as a danger. He has kept his energy and improved his judgment. He may say one thing about the tariff or the trusts last year and another thing today, but it only means that he is going earnestly but cautiously along, under the best advice, to execute right and extirpate wrong. Mr. McKinley had rare tact and so much ability to learn that he progressed in a few years from silver to gold, from relentless protection to an enlightened view of protection, but he would hardly have had the force to do as much as Mr. Roosevelt has done toward capital, toward labor, toward Cuba. Mr. Cleveland is one of the largest and most honorable figures in the story of our country since the war—one who will be much praised by historians, but he had, with his courage and his bulldog patience, a lack of tact that limited his utility. He saved the currency and he raised the moral tone of politics, but he would have done more had he possessed Mr. Roosevelt's adaptability, his readiness to yield little points in order to gain large ones, his unexpected but notable ability to take part in team play. It now looks as if, with six years ahead, the President would leave a remarkable record of good work accomplished.

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MORMONS TALK BACK

THREE ELDERS AFTER THE SCALP OF PRESIDENT SMITH.

Pay Respects to Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints—Deny Belief in Polygamy.

PORTLAND, May 8.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian of April 17 an editorial appeared under the heading: "Polygamy not Orthodox Mormonism," giving a synopsis of what was spoken of and done in a conference held in Kansas City, Mo., by the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints. The hackneyed subject of polygamy, which seems to be uppermost in the minds of the ministers of that society, was again brought forth.

The sayings of Mr. Smith, president of the Reorganized Church, contained so many inaccuracies and misleading statements that it becomes necessary to give some correct information on this subject. Let it here be impressed upon the mind of the reader, what may be said is not offering in argument a plea for polygamy, but merely stating the facts in relation to the introduction in this dispensation by Joseph Smith, the prophet, seer and revelator. Why Mr. Smith and his followers should attempt to give the origin of plural marriage at this late date, when such marriages have not been solemnized for many years in the church founded by Joseph Smith, the prophet, is not explained. The purpose appears to be under the plea of absolving that religious leader from the charge of teaching and practicing plural marriage, to brand with willful falsehood all his successors in the prophetic and presiding office, together with a large number of men and women noted for truth and veracity and of unimpeachable character, some of them still living,—who have given the most direct and solemn testimony that Joseph Smith taught them the doctrine of plural marriage as contained in the revelation dated July 12, 1843, and also practised what he taught. This number includes several highly respected women who have given evidence under oath that they were sealed to Joseph Smith as his wives for time and all eternity, and that they sustained this relation to him while he was living.

There is not the slightest doubt in the minds of the officers and members of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which was organized April 6, 1830, and has continued with an unbroken line of authority to the present date, having its present headquarters in Utah, that plural marriage was introduced by Joseph Smith in Nauvoo, Ill. That the revelation herein mentioned was proclaimed by him to the prominent officers of the church, and was written under his direction by William Clayton, whose testimony is on record, as sworn to by him before John T. Caine, notary public in Salt Lake City, February 16, 1874. He testified further that Joseph Smith married to him, for time and eternity, as a plural wife, Margaret Moon, April 27, 1843—also that he, William Clayton, officiating as an elder, married Lucy Walker as a plural wife to the prophet, Joseph Smith, May 1, 1843. This woman is still living, and willing to repeat her evidence when necessary.

Among the numerous affidavits recorded, certifying to the plural marriages solemnized by Joseph and Hyrum Smith, sworn to by the parties themselves, are the affidavits of Joseph B. Noble, B. F. Johnson, Lorenzo Snow, Wilford Woodruff, S. A. Woolley, Orson Pratt, L. O. Littlefield, Thomas Grover, J. C. Kingsbury, Erastus Snow, David Fullmer, Howard Coray, Edwin D. Woolley and others, whose character for honesty, veracity and general uprightness of life is unspotted and beyond reproach. Among the women who have made similar affidavits are: Eliza R. Snow, Emily D. P. Young, Eliza M. Partridge Lyman, Melissa Lott, Lovina Walker, Mercy R. Thompson, Lucy W. Kimball, Sarah Ann Whitney, Helen M. Kimball, Fanny Young, Rhoda Richards and many others, whose testimony can be relied upon without a doubt.

There is a woman still living in Salt Lake County who testified to R. C. Evans, who is at present counselor to the president of the Reorganized Church, when he visited Salt Lake City some months ago, that she was married in Nauvoo by Joseph Smith to Hyrum Smith, as a plural wife. Her name at the time of marriage was Catherine Phillips, now known as Catherine Phillips Smith. This evidence, in connection with the testimony already mentioned, is doubtless well known to the president of the Reorganized Church. He and his brothers have visited Utah, and have met women who assured them that they were married to his father in the City of Nauvoo. But, to use his own language, he "prefers to believe the contrary." That is to say, positive, definite testimony of living witnesses to a given fact, corroborated by written documents and indisputable circumstances, are to be counted for nothing in view of a preference to disbelief in their accuracy.

It has been urged in contradiction to this evidence that some of the women, whose names are here given, signed a statement to the effect that they had never been taught by Joseph Smith and Hyrum Smith the "spiritual wife" doctrine, which was held and promulgated secretly by John C. Bennett and other persons, who afterward apostatized from the church. But when this is investigated it will be found that the corrupt and licentious ideas entertained by Bennett and his associates were as far removed from the plural marriage system set forth in the revelation of 1843 as the slime in the gutter is from the glistening snow on the summits of our lofty mountain peaks.

The revelation on celestial marriage, including the plurality of wives, given as explained July 12, 1843, bears the impress throughout of the spirit and language of the other and earlier revelations given through Joseph Smith, as contained in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants. It bears no literary resemblance to the revelation contained in the same volume given through President Brigham Young. It has special reference to affairs in the family of Joseph Smith, which would be meaningless if concocted after his decease. It contains commandments to him personally and to his wife Emma Smith. It also refers to the wives that had already been sealed to Joseph Smith, in a manner that would be without sense, except for its application to those individuals during their lifetime. Mr. Smith and his followers make the bold assertion that there was no issue to any of these marriages. That is a mere assumption, which they are unable to prove, and which is immaterial anyhow. For the lack of offspring can scarcely be viewed as disproof of the marriage relation, or, what would be the social status of many estimable couples in this country?

In rejecting the revelation on plural marriage, Mr. Smith and his followers will have to reject also the doctrine of marriage for eternity, which is an essential part of the same communication, and which is one of the most sublime and glorious principles ever made known to mortals. Under it, a man and a woman may be sealed together here as husband and wife in the Lord, and sealed in heaven, not merely until death shall part them, but through the countless ages of eternity. In that are comprehended glory and exaltation and perpetual increase, dominion and power in worlds without end. Plural marriage is but a part of that communication, and that it came from or through the prophet, Joseph Smith, during the latest years of his life, is as certain as that the sun rises in the east and sets in the West.

Mr. Smith, of the reorganized church, makes a quotation from the Book of Mormon that is far astray from the point of contention. He cites a commandment given to the people who lived on this continent several hundred years before the Christian era, and which was declared for their special guidance. They were limited to one wife each. The reason for this was, that they were too wicked to be permitted to enter into those sacred relations and covenants comprehended in the divine order of celestial or plural marriage.

In referring to that ancient inhibition, which has no bearing upon the present age or the people of these times, Mr. Smith omitted an important and essential part of the case. The Book of Mormon declares that the Nephites of that early age should have but one wife. But this clause follows, that commandment which was carefully omitted by Mr. Smith: "For if I will, saith the Lord of Hosts, raise up a seed unto me, I will command my people, otherwise they shall hearken unto these things." The quotation of that clause would have taken away the entire ground of his position. The commandment that the Nephites should have but one wife, was for that people and at that time, with the intimation that a further and different commandment might be given at another time and to another people, and that the law declared was but temporary.

This is in harmony with the spirit of the gospel, which is, that God will from time to time reveal his will to men, and that as fast as they fit and prepare themselves to receive his word. It was the same in the days of the Saviour, who said to his disciples: "I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." Continuous and added revelation is one of the fundamental doctrines of the church established by Joseph Smith, the prophet. Therefore the notion that because plural marriage was not taught in the early years of the church it was not declared in later times is a fallacy, and contrary to the very order and porgress that are essential features of the gospel of our Redeemer.

Mr. Smith also stated that plural marriage is still authorized in Utah, which is a misrepresentation, pure and simple. It is not authorized by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, nor under its auspices. The church, some years ago decided to submit to the law of the land, after a long contest in the courts, when it was finally settled by the Supreme Court of the United States. The church has abided by that since. All this is the truth, and it will some day be known.

To Mr. Smith and his followers and all other men and women who are desirous of misrepresenting the truth, and who are surrounded by the vice, the sin, the sorrow, the poverty and wretchedness we see on every hand. To those who preach about intemperance, immorality and irreligion, we say: Don't waste your ammunition on game in the mountain region between the Rockies on the east and the Cascade Mountains on the west, when the woods all around you are full of it.

Let it again be said that this is not intended as an argument in favor of plural marriages. That is not the question. Therefore arguments as to the right or wrong of plural marriages are needless. A dead issue need not be exhumed. But the eternity of the marriage covenant by which a man and his wife may be sealed on earth to be one through all eternity, and shall be sealed in heaven, was taught by the prophet, Joseph Smith. Connected with this doctrine was the law of the holy priesthood, by which men holding it, under divine command, might receive more than one wife in that covenant, under given restrictions and regulations. This is established by evidence as perfect and complete as anything ever offered in a conclusive case before a court, and is accepted without the shadow of a doubt by the many thousands of intelligent persons who compose the church which he founded under divine inspiration, and which has never been disorganized or discontinued, but stands today as a monument to the genius and inspiration of one of the greatest prophets who ever lived on the face of the earth.

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"BLAME IT ON THE PAPERS."

Corrupt Politicians Sometimes Find Publicity Extremely Unpleasant.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

The politicians suspected of participation in corrupt or other illegal practices are pretty unanimous in laying the blame on the newspapers. They find that the publicity given to their acts is at times exceedingly unpleasant. When they do anything that they think praiseworthy they are careful that the news is "notated around," but it is quite otherwise when there is suspicion of improper conduct.

The newspapers are not faultless, but they are held to a severe responsibility. It is only occasionally that charges of corruption against public men originate with them. They simply give publicity to what others have discovered or believe they have discovered. It is usually when this publicity become very damaging that complaint is made of the newspapers, although their columns are generally open to inculpated persons to make any defense which they may have. But when they happen to have no defense at all they feel all the more indignant against the papers that have made their doings known.

The libel bill passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature and now in the hands of Governor Pennypacker had its origin in the inconvenience experienced by the unscrupulous politicians of the state in consequence of newspaper exposures of their corrupt practices and schemes to rob the people. There is no doubt about this. The libel law of the state affords ample protection against false and defamatory publications. The boodlers wanted a law to protect them against the mental suffering produced by publications made in the interests of the people.

The freedom of the press is essential to the freedom of the people. Abuse of this liberty is amply provided against, and indeed nearly all of our libel laws give the advantage to the plaintiffs. The licentiousness of unprincipled publications is not defended by any reputable newspaper. But the press is practically united, and the people should be, against such attempts to muzzle the newspapers as that made in Pennsylvania.

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