

ONLY ONE WIFE

Senator Smoot Denies He is a Polygamist

MAKES REPLY TO CHARGES

Oath Church Requires of Him Not Above Constitution.

APOSTLES ARE NOT SUPREME

There is No Such Thing as a Self-Perpetuating Body of Fifteen Men—Part of Mormons in Politics.

ANSWER OF SMOOT. POLYGAMY—He was married in 1884 to Alpha May Eldredge. She is still his wife, and the mother of all his children. He has never had another wife and has never cohabited with any other woman.

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son therein, inculcate or encourage a belief in or practice of polygamy or cohabitation; and this respondent denies that he is guilty of polygamous cohabitation or that he is a polygamist, or that he has ever been a polygamist, or that he has ever practiced polygamous cohabitation.

Has Never Violated Law. This respondent further denies that he has ever countenanced or connived at any violation of any law, either of the State of Utah or of the United States, or that he has ever protected or honored any person or persons who may have violated the law of the land.

On the contrary, this respondent alleges that he honors and respects and obeys all of the laws of the State of Utah and of the United States, and has never been guilty of any offense against either.

Respondent further alleges that since the manifesto of President Wilford Woodruff was issued in 1850, neither a belief in nor a practice of polygamy or polygamous cohabitation has either been taught or encouraged.

Mr. Smoot admits that the first presidency of the Mormon Church is vested with supreme authority in all things spiritual, and in all things temporal so far as temporal things pertain to the church. He denies that the first presidency, or twelve apostles, are supreme in the exercise of the alleged mandates.

He says the only accepted standard works of the church are the Bible, rarely the King James' version; the Book of Mormon, the Pearl of Great Price, and the Doctrine and Covenants, together with the manifesto of President Wilford Woodruff, dated 1850.

So far as quotations are made from any of the foregoing, and correctly quoted, the respondent makes no complaint, but he denies the construction placed on them by the protestants.

Church in Politics. It is admitted that the Mormon Church made a rule in regard to its leading officials taking part in politics, but denies that this rule is fully or correctly set forth in the protest.

In reference to the disposition of Thatcher from the 12 apostles, and his defeat by the church in the Legislature, the respondent denies that the defeat was due to his opposition to the rule of the church.

He admits that remarks were made by George Q. Cannon, Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, John Henry Smith, Brigham Young and Joseph Smith on the subject of such a deposition, but denies that such remarks are correctly quoted in the protest.

Mr. Smoot alleges that since the manifesto of President Woodruff, in 1850, the practice of polygamous cohabitation by those who were polygamists theretofore had been abandoned by many, but continued by some for a time, and where continued on the sole responsibility of such persons, and subject to the penalties of the law.

WEATHER MAN OFTEN HITS IT Percentage of Errors in Forecasts is Only 17 Per Cent. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Professor Willis Moore, Chief of the United States Weather Bureau, was heard today by the House committee on agriculture, regarding the estimates for appropriations for the Weather Bureau service.

Professor Moore asked for an increase of \$40,000 for salaries. Half of this amount is to be used to man eight proposed new weather bureau stations, and half for labor in printing and distributing a greater number of weather maps.

Professor Moore said there was but 17 per cent of errors in the weather forecasts, and he added there would be no improvement in this service, which he regarded as good, until additional scientific knowledge was obtained.

Thirty thousand dollars was also asked for flood forecasts. Among proposed new stations planned for are Honolulu and Sitka, Alaska. The total estimate for the Weather Bureau amounts in round numbers to \$1,600,000.

Diatribe Will Appeal to Senate. OMAHA, Jan. 9.—United States Senator Dietrich, who was yesterday acquitted of charges preferred against him in indictments returned by the recent Grand Jury, spent considerable time today with his counsel, General Cowin.

He stated that he anticipated asking the Senate to make an investigation of the charges made in the indictments, and request a committee be appointed for that purpose.

Canal Treaty Amendments Up. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Panama canal treaty still under consideration when the Senate committee on foreign relations adjourned today. Six articles of the agreement remain to be considered. Today's session was devoted to the discussion of suggested amendments.

CANADA ASKED TO JOIN. Hay Moves for International Salmon Hatchery on Fraser. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Secretary of State Hay has determined to ask the Canadian government to join in a conference looking to the establishment of international hatcheries on the Fraser River, in British Columbia, for the propagation of salmon.

The conference, if agreed upon, probably will be participated in by the United States Fish Commissioner, the Fish Commission of the United Kingdom, and officials in charge of the Department of Fisheries and Marine for the Dominion of Canada.

The plan suggested has been urged for more than a year by Senator Foster, of Washington, who has called the attention of the State Department to the fact that, unless some heroic course is taken, the salmon supply will be exhausted. Millions of dollars are invested in salmon canning establishments in the United States and Canada, which are supplied almost entirely by the spawn from the Fraser River.

The methods employed by both the United States and Canadian canning companies have been the subject of disputes between the two governments.

Gift for Albany College. ALBANY, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—President W. H. Lee has announced that Rev. J. G. Rogers, of Buffalo, N. Y., has just donated to Albany College two lots of land just back of the college campus, and located in a valuable position for future college buildings.

FOSTER'S DAYS END

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Passes Away.

SERVED OHIO AS GOVERNOR

In Addition to Being Prominent in Politics, He Established an Envyable Record as a Capitalist and Business Man.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 9.—Ex-Governor Charles Foster, who was Secretary of the Treasury under President Harrison, died at the residence of General Ketter here today, from the effects of cerebral hemorrhage. He was 75 years old, and is survived by his wife and a daughter.

He was a director in several important lines of the business. He at once assumed the management of the establishment. Its transactions were even then extensive, but by his energy and enterprise, young Foster developed the firm to a remarkable degree, gained great wealth and won the reputation of a most shrewd and successful merchant.

He was probably the richest man in Northwestern Ohio. He was a man of many activities and his interests were wide and diversified. He was a manufacturer on a large scale. His railroad holdings were very heavy and he was a director in several important lines in the State of Ohio and beyond its limits.

The banking house of Foster & Co. is one of the soundest in the West. Mr. Foster was the president of the Northwestern Ohio Natural Gas Company, and his real estate possessions alone made him a very rich man.

He was born in Seneca County, O., April 12, 1828. The town, which is called after him, was laid out about 1822, and a rival town, about a mile to the north of it, which was called Riodon in 1823 the two were consolidated and named Potosi, in honor of the elder Foster. Mr. Foster was married in 1844 to Annie, daughter of Judge Olmstead, of Fremont, O. Two daughters were the result of the union.

Mr. Foster was well known in Washington before he became Secretary of the Treasury. He was a member of four Congresses, the 42d, 43d, 44th and 45th. He was twice Governor of Ohio. His first election was in 1879 and he was re-elected in 1881.

Mr. Foster was one of the few men in the country made an Indian by adoption. In June, 1886, while Mr. Foster was at the Rosebud Agency, at Sioux Falls, S. D., he was adopted by the Sioux by unanimous vote of the Chiefs, admitted him to the membership of the tribe. The ceremony was amusing. A delegation of 10 Chiefs, led by General Arnold, teacher of an Indian school on the reservation, upon Mr. Foster, who was then serving on the Indian Commission. Mrs. Arnold carried an elaborate feather-tail dress, an article of finery worn only by great Chiefs. Mr. Foster was seated in the private office of the Agency. Mrs. Arnold made the presentation speech first in English and then in Indian. At the conclusion of the address Mrs. Arnold handed to Mr. Foster, who accepted it with the remark that an Ohio man was never known to decline anything. As Foster received the present General Crook took Chief Swift Bear aside and asked him to give Governor Foster an Indian name. Swift Bear quickly turned to his brother-in-law and told them that in future Governor Foster would be known as "Young-Man-Prud-of-His-Tail." This was interpreted by Mrs. Arnold and caused great merriment among the Commissioners and the white spectators.

Former Dean of Yale Law School. NEW HAVEN, Jan. 9.—Francis Wayland, LL. D., formerly dean of the Yale Law School, and professor of English constitutional law in the university, died today of acute bronchitis.

CAN'T STIR AMERICA

Reyes Realizes His Mission Is a Failure.

WILL SOON QUIT CAPITAL

Colombian Envoy is Hoping Against Hope That His Request for Transmittal of Correspondence to the Senate Will Be Granted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Convinced of the determination of the United States not to retrace a step on the isthmus, and of the consequent failure of his mission, General Reyes dispatched to Washington a special envoy, in readiness to leave Washington, he informed the Associated Press at noon today that he would leave for Baltimore at 4 o'clock to consult a specialist, and that his return was uncertain. He did not take that train, however, and at a late hour tonight was at his hotel.

General Reyes tonight said he was yet hoping for an answer to his last request that the correspondence be sent to the Senate, and he could not say definitely when he would leave Washington. He added that the new lines proposed by the United States would be built, and that he would officially take leave of the President and other officials with whom he has come in contact.

In a long cablegram which General Reyes dispatched to General Marroquín he has reviewed the negotiations at Washington and informed the Bogota government that after doing everything in his power to save something from the wreck he has failed. General Reyes expects, in view of the high feeling prevailing in Colombia, that it will be very difficult to restrain his people longer.

General Reyes can suggest no means by which the Colombian and Panama governments can settle their differences. He thinks it possible that the dispatch of a special envoy to Bogota from this Government might result satisfactorily, and he suggested today that Minister Bowen at Caracas, who speaks Spanish fluently, and whose influence in South America has been increased by his work for Venezuela, or Mr. Buchanan, might be able to bring about a solution of the Colombia-Panama trouble, if either were sent to Bogota at this time.

New York to Become Flagship.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The armored cruiser New York has arrived at Panama, and will become the flagship of Admiral Glass, commanding the Pacific squadron. The training squadron, Rear-Admiral Wise commanding, has left Pensacola for Guantanamo, where it will rendezvous.

No Decision Before February.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 9.—The decision in the Venezuelan claims will not be announced, but ready before the end of February.

Recognizes Japan in Corea.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that a memorial diplomatic note given the authoritative statement that Russia has formally recognized the privileged situation of Japan in Corea.

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