

INVESTIGATION SENATOR SMOOT

President Smith Preferred to Disobey the Laws Than to Live in Monogamy.

"ALL PROMINENT CHURCH MEN ARE POLYGAMISTS."

The Number of Polygamists Is Decreasing Rapidly, and Was Only Two Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-one in 1890—President Smith Adheres Tenaciously to the Principle and Practice of Plural Marriage Affiliations as of Divine Command.

Washington, March 5.—President Smith continued his testimony:

The speech published in the Desert News was not delivered to more than a dozen people. If he had been consulted he would have been against its publication because of a desire to abstain from giving the public unnecessary offense.

He reiterated he personally believed in the doctrine of plural marriages as much today as ever, but did not believe in continuing the practice, as he had accepted the proclamation against it in good faith.

Has Violated the Law.

Chairman Burrows asked if he believed he had obeyed the law when he has five wives, and 11 children by them since the date of the manifesto.

"I have already said that in that respect I have not obeyed the law, preferring to disobey it rather than abandon my children and their mothers."

"The church, however, as a church has obeyed the law, but as an individual I have taken that chance," said President Smith.

Questioned as to the right of the first wife to consent or object to the taking of other wives by the husband Mr. Smith, after reading from the revelation which said that if a wife did not consent she should be destroyed by the Lord, declared her opinion had no weight at all on the subject.

All presidents of the church, all those prominent in business and professional circles in Utah, he said, had been men with plural wives.

Construing Scriptures.

Mr. Hoar, referring to the scriptural injunction that a bishop of the church should be sober and have one wife, was interrupted by the witness with the interjection, "at least." That injunction, Mr. Smith said, was made to the people of Judea, in the midst of a polygamous people. It was obligatory on a bishop to have one wife because it was recognized a bishop should be an experienced man.

Mr. Smith positively denied that any public teaching on the principle of polygamy had taken place since 1890, despite the assertions of the anti-Mormon press.

Today Attorney Taylor will read the complete revelation regarding polygamy by extracts from other standard works of the church.

Number of Polygamists.

Mr. Smith was examined by Worthington, counsel for the defense, and asked as to the number of polygamists in the Mormon church.

He said by a careful census in 1890 there were 2,451 polygamist families in the state belonging to the Mormon church. In October, 1899, the number was 1,543; by deaths, 750; removals, from the republic, 63; divorces, 95. In May, 1902, the original number was reduced 63 per cent, leaving only 897 still living, the great majority of whom are of advanced age. Since then many have died, and the indications are that the number will soon be reduced to zero.

No Burros Left.

One class of property which does not appear on the tax lists of Umatilla county, is the "Rocky Mountain mocking bird," or the common motley burro, which has played such a part in opening up the mountain trails of the West. Last year there were 29 jacks assessed in the county, and 11,871 mules and horses, but not one burro. Formerly the burro was in evidence in many localities in Eastern Oregon, but his swifter brother, the locomotive, has supplanted him.

Chile has formally recognized the Republic of Panama, after appropriating \$5,000,000 for the improvement of the Santiago harbor in anticipation of its increased use following the completion of the Panama canal.

TO STUDY IRRIGATION.

Washington Committee to Meet at North Yakima March 9.

Spokane, March 5.—The irrigation commission recently appointed by Governor McBride, has been summoned to meet in North Yakima next Wednesday, March 9. Charles P. Lund of Spokane, is a member of the commission.

The purpose of the formation of the commission is to investigate the irrigation needs of the state of Washington and draft a law which will cover the requirements.

At the last session of the state legislature one of the most difficult bills to frame was the irrigation law and it is now far from satisfactory either to the various irrigation enterprises of the state or to the national government, which desires to assist in irrigation matters in the different states.

The commission will attempt to draft a bill which will more adequately cover the situation than any of the laws now on the statute books of the state.

Launching of the Virginia.

Washington, March 5.—The launching of the battleship Virginia, which was originally scheduled to take place today at Newport News, has been postponed on request of the builders until early next month, when it will be christened by the daughter of Governor Montague, of Virginia. The Virginia is the first of the large battleships under construction to be made ready for launching.

CREMATED IN A RECTORY FIRE

ADJOINING CHURCH WAS ALSO DESTROYED.

Catholic Priest and Two Domestic Lose Their Lives and a Priest is Seriously Injured—Origin of the Fire Unknown—Mysterious Event.

New York, March 5.—Rev. Father Earnest and two domestics, Mary and Margaret Brady, were burned to death, and Father Kearney Hennehan was injured in a fire which destroyed St. Patrick's church, adjoining the rectory, this morning, at Long Island City. The fire caught the church and spread to the rectory, and escape was cut off by the flames.

PARVENU SOCIETY PROGRAM.

Entertaining School Program at Pendleton Business College.

The Parvenu Society met yesterday afternoon and rendered the following program:

Solo—"Take Back the Heart," E. Ray Jones.

Recitation—"The Bachelor Sale," C. C. Conner.

Lecture—"The U. S. Geological Survey," H. A. Yates.

Duet—"The Bridge," Misses Mericle.

Paper—"The Parvenu Guide," Miss Vesta Dennis, editor.

Critic's Report—Professor Jones.

The society voted to have a paper published every two weeks and Miss Lola Sturdivant was selected as editor for the next number.

Hereafter the programs will be a competition between two factions of the society calling themselves the Japs and the Russians.

Next week there will be a lawsuit which will give students an opportunity to put to the test some knowledge gained in the commercial law class. Visitors are cordially welcomed.

Stock Doing Well.

Seymour Swauger, one of the prosperous stockmen of Meacham creek, near Wilbur, is in the city today, after supplies, and reports the stock in that vicinity doing very well.

The snow has not been very deep in that portion of the county the past winter, and everyone has some hay left. The grass is very slow in starting and the range was greatly overstocked last year, making the outside fees very short at present.

Thursday Afternoon Club.

The Thursday Afternoon Club will be entertained by Mrs. C. J. Smith on Saturday afternoon, March 12, instead of Thursday. It will be a social afternoon, no special subject having been selected for the meeting.

Colored View of the Exposition.

The O. R. & N. passenger department is distributing a colored panoramic view of the St. Louis Exposition, which is one of the most beautiful advertisements ever issued by that road.

SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY

Defendant Was Co-Partner of Machen and Lorenz in a Steal From Government.

INVESTIGATION BEING KILLED IN COMMITTEE.

All Proceedings to Inquire Into Capability of Members of Congress in Working Drafts on the Government Treasury Choked Off by a Partisan Committee—No More River and Harbor Surveys This Year—Heavy Increase in Army Expenses.

Washington, March 5.—Justice Pritchard this morning overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Samuel Groff, inventor of the patent letter box fastener, and sentenced him to two years in Moundville, W. Va., prison and a fine of \$10,000, same as the other co-defendants in the postoffice conspiracy trial. Groff was subsequently released on \$20,000 bonds pending appeal.

Smothering Investigation.

The house committee on postoffices, by a unanimous vote, has decided to report to the house the Hay resolution calling upon the postmaster-general for information bearing on the charges that members of congress have violated laws or regulations by renting buildings to the department, or by influencing the allowances of salary clerk hire, with recommendations from the postmaster-general on the subject, which have already been received, and which are really necessary to the inquiry.

No New Surveys This Year.

The river and harbor committee of the house this afternoon agreed to recommend no legislation for new surveys this year.

Army Expense Increasing.

Washington, March 5.—The house conference report on the diplomatic appropriation bill was agreed to.

Consideration of the battleship Indiana appropriation was resumed. Herman, republican of Oregon, spoke on the proposed exposition at Portland.

Senator Proctor reported the army appropriation bill. It carries \$77,500,000, an increase of \$2,500,000 above the amount asked for by the original house bill.

FRAUD IS CHARGED.

Heirs of Joseph Stubblefield Ask That the Dismissal of Their Case Be Set Aside.

Walla Walla, March 5.—The heirs of the late Joseph Stubblefield, who were yesterday thrown out of court by a decision of Judge Brents, now bring action to have the order dismissing their case set aside, and charge fraud, in the conduct of the case against them.

They seek to secure a division of the Stubblefield estate and to prevent the expenditure of any part of the estate in building the orphans' home.

Wade Cattle Sale.

The famous C. B. Wade herd of Short horns and Herefords, consisting of the prize-winners that now hold more premiums than any other herd of blooded cattle in the West, will be sold at public auction in this city on March 12, by W. T. Rigby. The herd is one of the best known collections of high-grade cattle ever brought together in Oregon and will be anxiously sought after by lovers of good cattle.

THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN

The city is in the hands of the visiting Knights of Pythias this afternoon and evening, every train during the day having added its quota to the large number of delegates who have gathered here. It is estimated that there are now at least 500 visiting Knights here and more are expected on the evening train.

OFFERED SHIPS TO PRIVATEER

American-Built Vessels Are Offered for the Russian Military Service.

RUSSIAN VOLUNTEERS TWELVE PER CENT JEWS.

Russian Naval Officers Tell the Story of How They Were Outwitted and Outfought at Port Arthur—Battle Ended With Blowing Up of Retvisan and Czarovitch—Siege of Vladivostok Is Expected, and All Non-Combatants Are Ordered Away.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—Novoe Vremya asserts that American ship-owners have offered to fit out a large number of fast steamships to act as privateers in the Russian service.

A smallpox epidemic is raging in the trans-Baikal district. It is feared the scourge will spread to the troops.

The number of Jews being sent to the front by the government is entirely disproportionate to the percentage of the Hebrew population. It is estimated that fully 12 per cent of the reinforcements to the ranks are Jews. Hence 30,000 are now proceeding to the scene of operations against Japan. The proofs of loyalty are however not sufficient to suppress the popular anti-semitism, and fears are entertained that a massacre of Jews will occur Easter holiday.

How it All Happened.

An officer of the Russian cruiser Pallada, describing the first Japanese attack on Port Arthur, writes a denial of the story that the Russian officers were ashore, and asserts the Japanese used false lights.

At 11 that night a practice drill to repel torpedo attack was executed, and at midnight the four Russian torpedo boats that simulated the enemy, had turned back towards Dainy and the crews of the fleet had retired. The captain of the Pallada had descended from the bridge, where he had been for a last look-out, when ships' lights, white above, (a Russian signal), were observed. The captain supposed they were Russian boats returning, until he noticed the different style of attack, and the crews were then called to quarters, and guns loaded with grape opened fire.

A terrific explosion under the Pallada submerged the cruiser's deck, but did not stop her firing. Maneuvering measures were taken close to the beach. Soon after torpedoes were exploded under the Retvisan and Czarovitch and this ended the attack.

Admiral Marasoff Arrived.

St. Petersburg, March 5.—Admiral Marasoff arrived over the trans-Baikal direct, after a fortnight's trip or five days longer than usual.

Deadline Around Vladivostok.

The commandant at Vladivostok has proclaimed a warning to all inhabitants inside the 17-mile radius to leave immediately, taking all personal effects except food stores and cattle.

A Pleasant Affair.

The evening of February 27 Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cook entertained a small, selected party of friends at their home at 301 Johnson street. That date was the eighth anniversary of their marriage. Games, social converse and a very appetizing collation made a long evening pass very quickly. The occasion was a happy diversion for all the guests.

HEINZE STARTS A PAPER.

Will Be Better Prepared to Fight the Clark Interests.

Butte, Mont., March 5.—F. Augustus Heinze has started an evening newspaper here the Butte Evening News. It is to succeed his weekly political paper, the Reveille. Heinze claims that his Reveille has been the only "unmuzzled" paper in the state, the rest being under the control of the Standard Oil and the Amalgamated Company.

The evening News is the final fulfillment of the young trust-fighter's many declarations during the past two years, that he would start an opposition paper, wherein to set forth unblinded reports of the court and political news. Heinze says that even the Associated Press correspondents in Montana are "influenced by petroleum," and the reports sent out are garbled to suit the purposes of his enemies.

AGED MOUNTAINEER MISSING.

Prominent Pioneer of Walla Walla Has Not Been Seen for Some Weeks.

Walla Walla, March 5.—John Montague, an aged mountaineer living in the mountains near this city, is thought to have perished in the snow, as his cabin is empty and no signs of him can be found in his usual haunts.

He is over 70 years of age and has been absent for 10 days. He was formerly in the liquor business here, and has lived on his mountain ranch for many years, living almost a hermit life. Searching parties will be organized at once.

HEINZE LOST AN IMPORTANT CASE

HE MUST ANSWER FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Had Appealed to the United States Court From Decision of the Montana Courts—Had Interfered With Mining Surveys Whic. Obtruded on His Property.

San Francisco, March 5.—F. Augustus Heinze has lost his battle against the Butte-Boston Mining Co.

A decision was handed down by the United States circuit court of appeals today upholding the circuit court of Montana in the decision recently made. Heinze had appealed from the decision to a higher court.

The Montana judge found Heinze guilty of contempt in having interfered with the surveying of certain mines, the judge having directed that the officials of the mining company be allowed to survey their mines, which would necessitate inspecting the mine belonging to Heinze.

Heinze will now have to appear before the judge in Montana and receive punishment for contempt.

EXPERIENCED LAUNDRYMAN.

Will Have Charge of the New Plant on Cottonwood Street.

Joseph Hoch has engaged an experienced laundryman from Michigan, by the name of Durkee, to take charge of his plant in this city. The new manager is a man who has grown up in the laundry business, and who will be able to take entire charge of the work and make it a success. He will reach this city about a week from today.

FORMERLY OF PENDLETON.

Fred Johnson, Now of Baker City, Attending the Convention.

Fred Johnson of Baker City, is visiting friends and attending the convention. Mr. Johnson was for a long time a resident of Pendleton, and is well known here. He is now in the assessor's office at Baker City, having resigned some time ago from the deputy wardenship of the penitentiary.

Mr. Johnson reports from a foot to 15 inches of snow on the ground at Baker, and more ready to fall. The streets seem to have no bottom this winter, but mix mud and snow together until the highways are almost impassable.

Immigrants into Canada.

United States Consul Leo Bergholz, of Three Rivers, Canada, reports that, according to official returns, the immigrants arriving in Canada from January 1 to October 1, 1903, totaled 114,744. Of this number, 34,712 were from the United States, 33,562 from England, 7,598 from Scotland, 2,330 from Ireland, 4,081 from Russia, 2,904 from Italy, 2,419 from Sweden, 2,020 from Hungary and 8,177 from Galicia.

Edward Engesser, of Buffalo, N. Y., lately returned to Germany and was arrested, tried and imprisoned for deserting from the German army in 1870. He had been continuously in America for 33 years.

ANOTHER BANK IN PENDLETON

New Institution Will Open Its Doors in the Judd Building, Under Ten-Year Lease.

BACKING PRINCIPALLY FROM LEWISTON CAPITAL.

Will Be Incorporated Under the National Banking Law With a Capital of Fifty Thousand Dollars—Pendleton Capitalists Will Also Put Money Into the Investment—Decisive Steps Were Taken Last Night—No Time Will Be Lost Getting Ready for Business.

The long-drawn-out dream of another bank for Pendleton is about to be realized, and in a short time a new fiscal institution will open its doors to the public in the Judd building.

R. C. Beach and W. L. Thompson, both of Lewiston, have been here for several days, and have been looking over the ground. Last night the gentlemen met with several business men and it was decided to incorporate a new bank, with a capital of \$50,000. It will be incorporated under the national banking law, and will be backed by Lewiston capitalists and by a number of local men of means.

The Judd building has been leased for a term of 10 years, and the institution will be opened therein as soon as the room can be prepared for the reception of a business of that kind. All arrangements have not been made definitely for the management of the bank, but enough of the people of Lewiston and Pendleton have subscribed to make it a surety and it is now only a matter of time until the place will be opened.

It has been rumored for some time that a bank would go into the Judd building, but nothing definite could be learned. It was also said that a wholesale liquor store would be put in the room, but this would not be allowed by the owner, H. C. Judd, of Connecticut. He had many offers at good rental figures from saloon men and others in business of a related character, but refused to consider them, saying that he would hold the building vacant for years before he would allow anything other than a legitimate business to be put in the room.

Messrs. Beach and Thompson will return in a week or so from Lewiston, when the final arrangements will be made for the opening of the bank.

BOYS' MILITARY BAND.

W. D. Fletcher Starts Out With a Promising List.

W. D. Fletcher, who has been busy for the past month with the preliminary arrangements for the organization of a boys' military band, has now secured a large list of subscribers to the band fund, and will begin active work on the formation of the band.

He will take a class of 16 young men, furnish them with instruments, and give a series of free band concerts in the city during the seasons of 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907.

The band will be organized under strict regulations to be prescribed by a set of by-laws, and as Mr. Fletcher is one of the oldest bandmasters in the state, Pendleton is fortunate in securing his services to lead this band.

He has a list of prominent young men in view and will carefully select the members in order to insure a permanent band of the best and most promising young musicians in the city.

Real Estate Transfers.

George W. Craigen and wife have sold to Thomas Narkaus for \$1,350, about 200 acres of land just to the east of Gibbon, in section 5 of township 3, north of range 36.

William T. Shaw and wife have sold to Ruby E. Marlett for \$1,000, 40 acres of land in section 26, township 6, north of range 34, being in the vicinity of the Hudson Bay ranch.

Action for Divorce.

The divorce case of Delia Parrish vs. Bruce Parrish was argued before Judge Ellis today and taken under advisement. The plaintiff alleges cruelty on the part of the defendant.

The largest colonge of money during one month in the history of the United States, was at the San Francisco mint during February. The output amounted to \$21,796,000.