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WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight showers; cooler Wednesday. Probably fair.

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## MORMONISM AND SOME PROBLEMS

### Mrs. Smith Succeeded on the Stand by Mrs. Kennedy and Chas. Merrill.

#### LITTLE DICTATION TO MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

#### But Few Public Elective Officers in Utah Have Been Mormons—Evidence Given by a Plural Wife—Merrill Belongs to a Fairly Numerous Family, Having Seventeen Brothers, Twenty Sisters and a Hundred Nieces and Nephews.

Washington, March 8.—President Smith, on the stand this morning, devoted much time to explaining how the church is governed, showing that not, as an apostate, had nothing to do with its judicial affairs. That acts of officials are submitted to the members, who exercise their liberty when it comes to acts of ratification, frequently reverencing them. Even revelations have been amended by a majority of the church and amended revelations have thus become laws of the church. Smoot had never discussed with his (Smith's) relations with his plural wives, nor had he ever protested against them. The list of elective officers of Utah was submitted to show how few had been Mormons, and how little public attention there was exercised by the church.

#### Frank Cannon as a Mormon.

In regard to Frank J. Cannon, elected to the senate, President Smith said: "He is classed as a Mormon, but is a poor one."

#### Woman on the Stand.

When the examination of President Smith was concluded in the Smoot hearing Mrs. Clara Mabel Kennedy was called to the witness stand. She testified that she was married nine years ago in Mexico to James Francis Johnson, who had a wife living at the time.

She did not inform the man who married her that Johnson was already married. So far as she knew the celebrant might have believed he was marrying Johnson to his first wife. She had heard that Apostle Sadale objected to her plural marriage and had refused to marry her, notwithstanding intercession by her mother, who informed him that all that had been done away with.

She said she knew no reason for a journey of 75 miles from Diaz to Juarez, Mexico, to be married as a plural wife to Johnson. She did not know whether any effort had been made to have the marriage performed at Diaz.

#### Charles Merrill Testifies.

Charles Merrill, son of the apostate, testified he was the son of his father's third plural wife, and himself a polygamist. His first marriage was in 1887, to a wife who died in 1889. In 1891 he married Chloe Hendricks, by whom he had five children; in 1888 he married Anna Stoddard, by whom he had four children, and was living with her when he married Chloe Hendricks, whom he called his legal wife.

Merrill said he now has two wives, and is cohabiting with both. He denied the woman he married in 1888 in his legal wife, explaining that when he married in 1888 he had a wife living, and that he understood that under the laws that marriage was not legal. Therefore, his marriage in 1891, after the death of his first wife in 1888, made the last marriage legal. Questioned concerning the marriage ceremony in 1888, the witness declared he could not remember how it was performed. He could not recall it, but when closely examined Hoar he admitted he knew the binary wedding service.

The witness lived with both wives, and had separate homes in Richland, Utah.

At the time of second marriage his father was with his mother. His father was on "the underground," and he, he was in hiding because of his father's activities.

#### Entire Family Suicides.

Berlin, March 8.—Lieutenant Beseko, retired, his wife, daughter and two sons, all living in a fashionable villa at Wilhelmstrasse, were found dead from poison today. An unsatisfactory state of family affairs is believed to have driven the entire family to suicide. Beseko was noted for his uncompromising warfare on the sale of liquor to the soldiers.

the prosecutions going on for polygamy. So far as he knew his father did not know he had a wife already, when he was married by him to the woman he calls his legal wife.

His father had six wives. He had 20 brothers and 17 sisters, and he did not know how many nephews and nieces, but probably a hundred.

His three brothers married plural wives, and two sisters married into polygamous families. His father lives with his first wife and comes home to his mother once a month. "Father is a very busy man," he added.

#### Another Polygamist Testifies.

Francis Lyman, member of the first presidency and a prospective successor to Smith, showed the same defiant spirit as his superior. He confessed he had three plural wives and declared his intention to keep the two living in disobedience of the laws of the country, of the church "and of God," as Hoar put it. He is not only living in polygamous cohabitation, but expects to continue so.

## FLOOD-SWEPT EAST.

### Beautiful Wyoming Valley Inundated and 700 Families Homeless.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 8.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Pennsylvania's huge steel bridge at Sellen Grove was swept away by the ice gorged floods. The Wyoming valley lowlands on the Susquehanna river for 40 miles below the city are flooded and 700 families are temporarily homeless.

Eight bridges were swept away in the towns Westmore, Catamissa and Firwood, which are all inundated. The loss will reach hundreds of thousands.

## HOLT EMPLOYEES STRIKE.

### Big Combined Harvester Plant at Stockton is Tied Up.

Stockton, Cal., March 8.—All but four of the 150 employees of the Holt Harvester Works of this city, struck this morning.

The big plant is completely tied up. There is a probability that other local industries will be drawn into the trouble.

The Holt works are closely picketed by strikers in an orderly manner.

## Great Builder's Strike.

New York, March 8.—Six thousand building laborers struck today against a 10-hour day without an increase of wages.

## MISSISSIPPI HEAD-ON SMASH

### FOUR RAILROAD MEN LOST THEIR LIVES.

### Result of a Collision on a Joint Track—Several Fatally Injured and Others Badly Hurt—Stated That No Passengers Were Killed—Mails and Cars Were Burned.

Birmingham, Ala., March 8.—The southbound limited express, Queen Crescent, from Cincinnati, running at 60 miles, collided head-on at 6 this morning with a northbound Southern Railway freight on a joint track of two roads near Kewakee, Miss.

The known dead are Engineer Larkin and Fireman Bank of the limited, and Mail Clerks Riggs and Nicholson. Missing, Baggage-master Hinds and the mail weigher, name unknown. Fatally injured, Engineer Casey and fireman of the freight, and Express Messenger Hinds badly hurt.

The mail coach and entire freight was burned, and mail clerks cremated. The officials assert no passengers were killed. A big force of surgeons is on the scene.

## REBEL VICTORY.

### Albanians Win First Blood in the Spring Uprising.

Berlin, March 8.—The Morgenpost reports that Albanian rebels have annihilated a Turkish battalion of 500 at Dlanokovo, in Central Albania.

### Terrific Rain at Dixie.

Walla Walla, March 8.—A terrific rainstorm, bordering on a cloudburst, visited the vicinity of Dixie about 6 o'clock last night, and for a time a reign of terror prevailed among the inhabitants of the lowlands along Dry creek. Reports of the storm reached this city an hour or two later but they came in fragmentary form, and no definite idea of conditions could be ascertained.

## Lineman Electrocuted.

San Bernardino, Cal., March 8.—Walter Cooper, a lineman, was electrocuted at Redlands this morning. He fell dead at the feet of his wife. A wire struck him while at work.

## Chicago Grain.

Chicago, March 8.—May wheat opened 94½, closed 91½. Old July opened 91½, closed 89½. New opened 89½, closed 88. July corn opened 52½, closed 51½.

## KOREANS RESIST RUSSIANS ALONG THE YALU FRONTIER

### Thievery and Outrages Upon the Inhabitants Have Aroused the Natives to Resistance—Frequent Skirmishes.

#### Russian Authorities at St. Petersburg Declare That Mediation is Not Thought of by Russia, Who is Planning for Great Land Victories—General Policy of Extortion From the Jews to Carry on the War—Chinese and Japanese Non-Combatants Massacred in the Vladivostok District—Another Attempt to Blockade Port Arthur.

Seoul, March 8.—Small bands of Russians cross the Yalu every day, foraging and sweeping the country in every direction. At Wison Chosen their outrages aroused the Koreans, who ambushed and repulsed a strong party of cossacks. Both suffered heavy losses.

## War and Declaration of War.

Washington, March 8.—The Japanese minister this afternoon made an additional statement in answer to the Russian charge of violation of international law, admitting the Japanese troops landed in Korea before war was declared, but not before a state of war actually existed. The imperial government declares the charge that Japan has declared control over Korea is without foundation.

## Action by the Finns.

Stockholm, Sweden, March 8.—A big meeting of Finns here last night registered a vigorous protest against the act of the Finnish senate in sending a message of sympathy to the czar. Two Russian agents were present and recorded the names of those present.

## After Japanese Spies.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—A message from Vladivostok says the Russian authorities have posted notices calling on the Chinese to denounce the disguised Japanese among them to the authorities.

The Noveo Vrayma today refers to the satisfaction felt over the improved feeling toward Russia in America.

## Estimate Russian Troops.

Tokio, March 8.—It is estimated that Russians have 12,000 troops at Harbin; 20,000 at Takushan at the mouth of the Yalu; 35,000 inland, 40 miles west of the Yalu; 55,000 at Fung Wang, 50 miles north of the mouth of the Yalu. Their outposts have retired from the west bank of the Yalu.

It is said here the Russians have dismantled their injured battleships at Port Arthur and taken the guns ashore.

The Japanese cabinet meets tomorrow to consider financial legislation.

## TRIBUNE ATTEMPTS TO GRAFT THE COUNTY NEARLY 400 PER CENT

In the year 1901, Umatilla county paid the East Oregonian \$161.25, for printing the delinquent tax list; in the year 1902, the county paid this paper \$57.30, for the same printing.

In 1903, the bill of the Tribune was \$366.60, for printing the delinquent tax list; in 1904, the Tribune's bill is \$616.20, for this service, a total of \$764.25 more than the bill for the two former years.

In 1901, the East Oregonian printed over 250 inches of delinquent tax list, which cost the taxpayers but \$161.25; in 1904 the Tribune pads out the list to amount to 237 inches, which costs the county \$616.20, or almost 400 per cent more than the largest bill of the East Oregonian, when the matter printed, even as padded out by the Tribune, amounted to 13 inches less than the amount printed by the East Oregonian.

The taxpayers can read these figures. They need no explanation. The records of the county show what they are.

Yesterday, Otto Didion, the printer who set the delinquent list for the Tribune, swore before the county court, that he was instructed by Mr. Dodd, editor of the Tribune, to spell out all the descriptions in the list, contrary to all custom, or common business honesty.

That fixes the responsibility for the padded condition of the delinquent tax list. Morgan Schrack, an able and experienced printer, of more than 20 years' service in the best offices in the United States, swore that the tax list printed by the Tribune in 11

asked the provincial governors to reduce their seed allowances and public works estimates.

## Did Not Bombard.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—Vladivostok advices says the Japanese fleet merely maneuvered Monday, and that there was no bombardment as reported at Paris. The impression here is that Japan wants to regain possession of the Saghalien island, ceded to Russia, which is important to the food supply of Northern Japan, on account of the fisheries.

The czar denied the petition of 40,000 Buriat tribesmen of the trans-Baikal section not to be placed under Russian administration.

Admiral Stark's wife has arrived from Port Arthur and indignantly denies the admiral and officers were ashore the night of the first attack, attending a ball in her honor.

## Bad State of Affairs.

Berlin, March 8.—The Tageblatt reports that Dr. Kynert, chief of the Russian ambulance corps, dispatched to Manchuria, was obliged to disband and dismiss his men on arrival at Harbin, owing to drunkenness.

Another report states that 5,000 refugees from Port Arthur, Vladivostok and other Manchurian towns were shunted on sidings for days to enable transport trains to pass east, and suffering terribly from cold and lack of food.

The Frankfurter Zeitung asserts that Russian Minister of the Interior Pichev has instructed local authorities to extort money from the Jews in support of field hospitals.

## Mediation is Absurd.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—A prominent official being interviewed on the report that Russia wished mediation, said such a project is preposterous. Russia will continue the war until some brilliant successes are obtained by Russia on land to retrieve the reverses on the sea. Efforts will now be concentrated on the army for sweeping victories on land. This is considered imperative in order to save the caste of the nation before the world.

## Ito to Korea.

Tokio, March 8.—Marquis Ito is going to Korea March 15 on a special mission for the emperor, the purport of which is not made known.

## Y. M. C. A. MAY COME HERE

### STATE SECRETARY WILL LOOK OVER GROUND.

### Men's Resort Will Probably Be Enlarged Into Regular Y. M. C. A. Organization—if the State Secretary finds Conditions Favorable, a New Hall Will Be Built and Equipped at Once.

E. G. Estabrooks, superintendent of the Men's Resort, received a letter from H. W. Stone, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Oregon, this morning, stating that he would visit Pendleton on Thursday, March 10, for the purpose of conferring with the business men and young men of this city, with a view to ascertaining public sentiment on the organization of a branch of the Y. M. C. A. here.

If he finds conditions favorable for such a move, the Men's Resort will be used as a foundation for the Y. M. C. A. organization, a new building will be immediately erected, and a strong branch of this estimable organization started here.

The Men's Resort has made an excellent record, during its existence in this city, and if the young people show a willingness to enlarge this organization into a regular Y. M. C. A., the state committee of that organization will take charge of the matter and make immediate preparations for building a Y. M. C. A. building, to be equipped with large auditorium, reading rooms, gymnasium, bath rooms and other features of the regular Y. M. C. A.

## WRECKING COMPANY FIRE.

### Valuable Theatrical Properties Burned in Chicago.

Chicago, March 8.—In a fire which gutted the Western Salvage Wrecking Co.'s building this morning, causing a loss of \$125,000, were destroyed costly costumes and hangings of the "Bluebeard" Company, which was playing in the ill-fated Iroquois at the time of the great disaster.

## Canadian Grand Trunk.

London, March 8.—The Grand Trunk shareholders today ratified the agreement with the Canadian government for the construction of a trunk line to the Pacific.

## German Financier Suicides.

Berlin, March 8.—Hugo Brendal, a prominent banker suicided today. He had failed yesterday, due to the dishonesty of a trusted employe.

## REPORT INVOLVES 150 CONGRESSMEN

### Not a Question of Who Are Grafters But of Who Are Not, if Any.

#### REPORT DEALS ONLY WITH POSTOFFICE SWINDLES.

#### Bristow Apparently Involves Himself in an Excessive Rental Allowance at Erie, Kansas—Several Senators Are Also Implicated—One Hundred Sixty-One Cases of Graft Located Directly Traceable to Congressional Recommendations.

Washington, March 8.—The long expected report of Mr. Bristow on the relation of members of congress with the postoffice department in connection with leasing premises to the department, the procurement of additional clerk hire in various postoffices throughout the country, and of increasing rentals, was made public this afternoon. It names more than 150 members of congress whose requests were granted by the late superintendent of salaries and allowances division, Beavers, all in excess of the amounts to which the officers are entitled under the rule of the department.

Only three cases of rental of premises by members of the house are noted: Genesee, N. Y. (Wadsworth); Lawrence, Kas. (Howersock); Winsted, Conn. (Lilly). In commenting, Bristow says that in none of the above cases does it appear the government paid excessive rental.

The remainder of the documents deal with increases in allowance, and subject of rents. One hundred and sixty-one cases are cited of excess allowance for rental, on recommendation of congressmen.

Bristow himself is named in connection with the Erie, Kansas, allowance. The Utah senator, Kearns, is mentioned, and the Wyoming senator, Warren.

## ATE POISONED CANDY.

### Des Moines Woman Charged With Murder by Mail.

Des Moines, March 8.—As a result of the death, at Pierre, South Dakota, last night of Miss Rena Nelson, who ate alleged poisoned candy, mailed from Boone, Iowa, Mrs. Sherman Dye stands charged with murder.

Governor Cummins today listened to arguments for the extradition of Mrs. Dye, and withheld his decision pending a legal opinion. Dye is standing by his wife at the jail.

## ELECTION IN SEATTLE.

### Trained Nurses Start From Seattle to Care for Mikado's Wounded.

Seattle, March 8.—A heavy vote is being polled in the city election today, and the indications are that the republicans will make a clean sweep. Dr. Anita McGee and corps of trained nurses, en route to Japan to nurse the mikado's wounded, are due to arrive here tonight, and will leave for the Orient on the Iyo Maru tomorrow.

## COUNTY CONVENTION.

### Prohibitionists Will Meet at Milton March 10.

On Thursday next, the prohibition county convention will be held at Milton in the afternoon. Delegates from all over the county will be present, and it is the expectation of those at the head of the party to be able to put a ticket in the field which will prove a strong one in June.

Thursday evening chairman Stewart of the national prohibition party will deliver a lecture in Milton on the temperance question. Mr. Stewart is the only prohibition member in the Illinois legislature, having been elected from one of the toughest wards in Chicago, which shows his ability as a campaigner.

## Parricide Suspected.

San Francisco, March 8.—Joseph Bettegenbach, the millionaire packer, was mysteriously shot in his office Monday night and died this morning without regaining consciousness. It is believed his young son, Albert, 15 years of age, who is still in custody, fired the fatal shot, the supposed motive being the refusal of his father to give him more money.