

The Smoot Trial

Washington, March 4--At the opening of the Smoot examination this morning President Smith again took the stand. He was questioned by Hoar as to whether women had ecclesiastical authority in the Mormon church. He said that while otherwise women were recognized with men, the priestly authority was denied them. They were not eligible to election to office as president or apostles, counselors or general officers of the church.

Upon acceptance or rejection of revelation, the vote of any woman member of the church was just as powerful as the vote of the witness himself.

Reading from a copy of the Salt Lake Desert News of June 23, 1903 reporting a speech made by Smith in which he said the principle of plural marriages was revealed from God and any one who denied the divine origin of that doctrine might as well deny other truths. Attorney Taylor asked as to the correctness of the report. Smith said it was correct, so far he could recall.

The speech was not delivered to more than a dozen people, and if he had been consulted he would have been against its publication, because of a desire to abstain from giving any publicity or offense.

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

Chairman Burrows asked if he had believed he had obeyed the law when he has five wives and has had eleven children since the date of the manifesto. "I have already said that in that respect I have not obeyed the law, but preferred to disobey rather than abandon the children and their mothers. The church, however, as a church, has obeyed the law; but I, as individual, have taken that chance.

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

business and professional circles in Utah, he said, had been men with plural wives.

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 an interjection. That interjection, Smith said, was made more to the people of Judea. In the midst of a polygamist at a bishop should be experienced (laughter).

Smith positively denied any public teaching of the principle of polygamy had taken place since 'ninety, despite the assertion of the anti-mormon press. (Recess).

This afternoon, Taylor will read the complete revelation regarding polygamy in standard works of the church.

Washington, March 5.—Smith resumed the stand this morning in the Smoot case, and was examined by Worthington, counsel for the defense.

Asked as to the number of polygamists, he said the Mormon church had by a careful census ascertained that there were 2451 polygamous families in the state belonging to the Mormon church.

In October, 1899 the numbers had been reduced to 1543, as follows: by deaths 750, removals 63, divorces 65.

In May 1902 the original number had been 63 per cent, leaving only 897 still living, the great majority of whom were of advanced age. Since then many have died and the indications are that the number will soon be reduced to zero.

Dubois took exception to these statistics on the ground that they were collected by the church itself. Smith however declared them to be correct.

Referring to Bailey's query of yesterday, as to whether Woodruff's manifesto proposing polygamy was a revelation or was merely produced because of the adoption of a law against the practice, he declared that he had been led to issue his manifesto through the guidance of the Lord.

Bailey pressed the point, saying that he did not think much of a church that does not get its doctrine until there is a statute. This led Smith into a long explanation of how the manifesto came to be issued.

In effect the statement was that the question was presented after the passage of the law, whether the members of the church should observe the constitutional law of the land or continue to practice the law of the church. The Lord then made a manifesto to woodruff that it was his duty to stop plural marriages. That revelation was accepted by the church.

Smith admitted that he could have educated and supported his children without having new wives but he chose not to do that, violating the laws of Utah. The church gave him those wives and it would be inconsistent if it compelled him to forsake them.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away" quoted Bailey.

"I don't understand it that way," replied Smith.

He admitted that he is defying the law of both state and church, and that there is nothing in the Woodruff manifesto indicating that it was a direct revelation from God.

INDIAN WAR VETERAN'S CLAIMS

Not Paid After Appropriation Is Exhausted

(Salem Journal)

The supreme court this afternoon handed down a number of decisions. Among them were the following.

J. R. Boyd, respondent, vs. F. I. Dunbar, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; Sears, Judge; reversed. Opinion by Justice Bean.

This was a suit to compel the secretary of the state to draw a warrant for \$129.50 for service of respondent, as an Indian War Veteran. The court recites the facts of the appropriation made for the payment of the veterans, claims, and stating that and holds that when the appropriation was exhausted the secretary had no authority to audit and pay claims of veterans, no matter how meritorious they were. The court says that where a law an appropriation is made for a specific purpose and there is no other warrant of law to pay the claims, no warrant can be issued after the appropriation is exhausted. The decision of the lower court is reversed.

Statistics of the London county council show that there are in the metropolis 719,331 women wage earners.

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(Salem Journal)

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Dated this 1st day of January, 1904.
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CALL FOR COUNTY CONVENTION AND PRIMARIES

At a meeting of the Republican Central Committee of Coos County, Oregon, held at Marshfield, Oregon, February 19, 1904, it was ordered that a Republican County Convention be called to meet at Coquille City, Oregon, on

Thursday the 7th day of April, 1904

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of choosing delegates to attend the Republican State Convention to be held at Portland, Oregon, on the 14th day of April, 1904, also the Republican convention for the First Congressional District for the State of Oregon, to be held at Salem Or., on the Thirtieth day of April 1904, and for the purpose of nominating candidates to fill Legislative, County and Precinct offices for Coos County, to be voted for at the June election 1904, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said convention.

In pursuance of this call all Republicans are requested to meet at their respective voting places in each precinct in Coos County, Oregon,

On Thursday the 31st day of March, 1904

at the hour of one o'clock p. m. and choose delegates to attend said County Convention which will consist of delegates apportioned from the respective precincts as follows:

Burdon	11
Burton Prairie	3
Coosdo	2
Coos City	3
Coos River	5
Coos River North	3
Coquille East	9
Coquille West	9
Deer Park	1
Dora	3
Empire	4
Ephantad	5
Fourmile	2
Lea	1
Marshfield North	12
Marshfield South	15
Missouri	3
Myrtle Point	16
North Bend	4
New Port	5
Norway	7
Parkersburg	4
Prosper	3
Riverton	4
Roland	2
South slough	2
Summer	3
Tenmile	3
Lake	3

The same being one delegate for each precinct at large, and one for each additional ten votes or fractional part thereof over five cast for the Hon. H. S. Peas at the last State Election. Since the last Election however, the following precincts have been created, North Bend and Lee, and Coquille has been divided into east and west Coquille, and these changes the committee have endeavored to adjust in an equitable manner.

Dated at Marshfield, Coos County, Oregon, the 19th day of February, A. D. 1904,

J. W. BENNETT, Chairman,
W. U. DOUGLAS, Secretary.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

Notice is hereby given, to all persons whom it may concern, that in pursuance of an order of the County Court for Coos County, State of Oregon, Letters of Administration were duly issued out of said Court to James W. Rooke, Sr. the undersigned, appointing him administrator of the estate of Helen M. Rooke, deceased, and authorizing him to act as such administrator.

Now, therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, duly verified, within six months from the date of this notice, to said administrator at the law office of McKnight and Seabrook, in the city of Marshfield, Coos County, Oregon.

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