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"FATHER A VERY BUSY MAN" APOSTLE'S SON TELLS ON DAD

ONLY HAD TWO WIVES HIMSELF

He Had Twenty Brothers and Seventeen Sisters, and, Has a Hundred Nephews and Neices

Charming Frankness of the Polygamists in Testifying Against Themselves One of the Peculiar Features of the Trial

Washington, March 8.—Charles Merrill, son of the apostle, testified he was the son of his father's third plural wife, and was himself a polygamist. He was first married 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 had two wives, and was cohabiting with both. He denied that the woman he married in 1888 was 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 now legal. Therefore, his marriage in 1891, after the death of his first wife in 1889, made the first marriage legal. Questioned concerning the marriage ceremony in 1888, witness declared he couldn't remember how it was performed. Could not repeat it, but, being closely exam-

ined by Hoar, admitted he knew the ordinary wedding service. Witness lived with both wives, who had separate homes in Richmond, Utah. At the time of his second marriage his home was with his mother, his father was on the underground, that is in hiding because of persecutions going on for polygamy. So far as he knew, his father didn't 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. Didn't know how many nephews and nieces, probably 100. Three brothers were married to plural wives and two sisters were married into polygamous families. His father lives with his first wife, but comes to the home of his mother once a month. "Father is a very busy man," he added.

She didn't 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.

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Our New Dry Goods Dep't

Is a
Great Success

Our sales for January this year show an increase of more than 40 per cent over the same month of last year. February shows an increase of more than 55 per cent over the same month last year.

Each new department added helps to reduce the expense of every other department in the store.

Our great volume of business enables us to buy at the lowest quantity prices. Our spot cash plan of business, together with economical business management, enables us to undersell any regular store.

New Spring Dress Goods, New Embroideries, New Laces, New Dress Trimmings.

A big factory shipment of Velvet Grip Hose Supporters just in. They're the best. See our prices.

New Shoes, New Clothing

Full lines of everything in new spring styles. You'll see some of the new lines in our show windows.

The New York Racket

E. T. BARNES, Prop.

Is the Place for Cash Buyers to Trade.

We would be compelled to increase our profits from 10 to 15 per cent if we did business in the "regular way."

SIXTY MILES AN HOUR HEAD-END COLLISION

Queen and Crescent Express Hits a Freight Train in Alabama---Train Crews Killed

Birmingham, Ala., March 8.—The southbound limited express on the Queen and Crescent, from Cincinnati, running 60 miles an hour, collided head-on, at 6 o'clock this morning, with a northbound Southern Railway freight on a joint track of the two roads, near Kewakee, Mississippi. The known dead are Engineer Larkin, Fireman Bank, of the limited, Mail Clerks Riggs and Nicholson. Missing, Baggage Master Hinds and a mail weigher, name unknown. Fatally injured, Engineer Casey and the fireman of the freight, Express Messenger Hinds was badly hurt. The mail clerks were cremated. The officials assert that no passengers were killed. A big force of surgeons are on the scene.

FIRE STILL FOLLOWS

The Western Salvage Wrecking Company Burns

Rich Costumes and Hangings of Bluebeard Company Saved From Iroquois Fire Go

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

Do Not Want Mediation.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—A prominent official, interviewed on the report that Russia wished mediation, said the project was preposterous. She would continue the war until brilliant success had been obtained by Russia to retrieve her reverses at sea. Efforts will now be concentrated on the army for a sweeping victory on land. This is considered imperative, in order to save the caste of the nation before the world.

Affairs All Right Now.

Berlin, March 8.—Lieut. Beske, retired, wife, daughter and two sons, all living in a fashionable villa on Wilhelmstrasse, were found dead from poison today. The unsatisfactory state of the family affairs it is believed drove the family to suicide.

FLOOD SWEPT TOWNS

Pennsylvania Having Her Turn Under Water

Towns Inundated, Bridges Swept Away and Seven Hundred Families Homeless

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 8.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Pennsylvania's huge steel bridge at Seline Grove was swept away by the ice gorged floods. The Wyoming valley and lowlands of the Susquehanna river, for 40 miles below the city, are flooded, and 700 families are temporarily homeless, eight bridges are swept away, and the towns of Westmor, Catamissa and Firwood are inundated. The losses will reach into the thousands.

Seattle Goes Republican.

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

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, March 8.—May wheat 94½¢@91½¢. Old July, 91½¢@89¢. New 89¢@88¢. July corn, 52¼¢@51¼¢.

RENA NELSON OF PIERRE, ATE POISONED CANDY

Mailed From Boone, Iowa--and Mrs. Sherman Dye of That Place Is Charged With Murder

Des Moines, Ia., March 8.—As a result of the death at Pierre, South Dakota, last night of Miss Rena Nelson, who ate the 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, but withheld his decision, pending a legal opinion. Dye is standing by his wife, and is at the jail.

RUSSIA DOES NOT WANT MEDIATION

Official Says All Efforts Will Be Concentrated on Army--Russia Must Win to Preserve Caste

Vladivostock Squadron Got Out Easily but Now Can Neither Get Back Nor to Port Arthur--Relies for Safety on Fleetness

St. Petersburg, March 8.—The safety of the Russian Vladivostock squadron it is believed can be preserved by its speed, in avoiding an encounter with the Japanese. The senate has voted to swell the war fund contribution 1,000,000 marks. Minister of the Interior Plehve has asked the provincial governors to reduce allowances in the public works estimates.

WANT SAGHALIEN ISLAND.

Japan Would Like to Gain It on Account of Its Fisheries.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—Vladivostock advices say 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 Saghalien island, ceded to Russia, which is important to the food supply of Northern Japan, on account of its fisheries. The czar denied the petition of 40,000 Buriat tribesmen of the trans-Baikal section, not to be placed under the Russian administration. Admiral Stark's wife, who has arrived from Port Arthur, indignantly denies the admiral and his officers were ashore the night of the first attack, attending a ball in her honor.

Massacred Non-Combatants.

Rome, March 8.—The Agenzia Libera reports a number of Chinese and Japanese massacred in the Vladivostock.

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Jos. Meyers & Sons
SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
THE "WHITE CORNER" (TRADE MARK)
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TOMORROW ONLY

Our 166th Wednesday sale begins at 7:30 tomorrow morning and promises to be one of our biggest successes. Wednesday has come to be recognized as Myers' bargain day and hundreds of conservative people avail themselves of thus supplying their needs at these sales.



New Arrivals

We are just in receipt of a large supply of the best and prettiest sweaters ever exhibited in this city. All plain colors are represented as well as the combinations, such as black and purple, white and green, green and red, black and white, green and pink, etc., etc. All are of the finest wool, honey comb weave and are certainly beauties.

\$4.00

New Suits and Skirts

The latest tailored effects in homespuns, chevots, etamines, venetians, etc., portraying all the newest ideas in correct styles for spring wear.

\$15 to \$30

also a large line of Walking Skirts in all the leading colors, weaves and fabrics.

Wednesday Only

Mercerized black satin petticoats, with five rows of ruffling at bottom. Some stores ask \$1.50 for no better. Our price

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