

Tonight and Wednesday, occasional
fogs; cooler.

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MORMONS WED DEAD OR LIVING

Testimony of Ex-Leader Creates Sensation During Smoot Trial

Washington, Dec. 12.—At the Smoot trial this morning D. L. Wallis, a former Mormon, testified that he went to Salt Lake in 1892, and had three wives, but only one at a time. He admitted that he was four times married in the Temple to dead women, and was "sealed to his present wife for time and eternity." At other times he acted as a substitute for dead men who were married to living women, and had been through the temple at least 20 times, "taking the endowment" ceremony, which took two hours, and always preceded a marriage ceremony to either the living or dead. The witness told of the oaths used in the ceremony. He said that the candidate swore that he divulged the secrets he would consent to have "his throat cut from ear to ear, and his tongue torn from its roots." The second oath was that his breast be cut asunder, and his vitals torn, and the third that "his body be torn asunder and his bowels gushed out." Other oaths bound the participants to give all their substance to the church, and to observe chastity. On cross-examination witness said that he took the endowment vows as a sort of devil performance and a huge joke. He alleged that others also took them as a joke.

George H. Brimhall, of Provo, Utah, president of the Brigham Young University, testified as to the course of study at the institution, and admitted that he had two wives. "I married the

RUSSIAN ANARCHIST ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—The trial of M. Sazonoff, for the murder of M. Serebrennikov, the Russian minister of the interior, and M. Siderski, his accomplice, was opened today. Large crowds assembled, but were excluded from the building by the police.

Holiday Goods

Our assortment is now complete. Remember that the most desirable goods go first, so don't wait until the last week before Christmas to buy your presents.

Dolls, Games, Picture Books, Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Manicure Sets, Handkerchief Boxes, Glove Boxes, Jewel Cases, Photo Cases, Necktie Cases, Shaving Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Cushion Tops, Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Ribbons, Towels, Table Linens, Stamped Linens.

Everything suitable for the Holidays. If you prefer practical presents, give your friend a pair of shoes, a suit of clothes, a comfortable overcoat or one of those fine waterproof rain coats.

Give your boy a nobby little suit and make him happy. We have an excellent line of dry goods from which you can select a nice waist pattern or a dress pattern for your mother or sister. They may appreciate something practical more than any fancy present you could get for them.

Our usual extremely low prices apply to Holiday Goods

As well as to all other lines. Our profits are figured on the spot cash basis. That's why we undersell "Regular Stores."

THE NEW YORK RACKET

SALEM'S CHEAPEST ONE-PRICE CASH STORE.
E. T. BARNES, PROPRIETOR

STOCK EXCHANGE AGAIN IN FRENZIED CONDITION

New York, Dec. 13.—Excitement again reigned on the Stock Exchange, and there was a flood of selling orders. Values tumbled all along the line. Sugar, Pacific Mail, steel common, Pennsylvania and Union Pacific declined from one-half to two points. Amalgamated proved the strongest stock on the list, opening from an eighth to a point higher. This proved an influencing factor, and other stocks rallied early. The losses were regained, and the opinion prevails that the stampede caused by Lawson's advertisements are about over.

The failure of S. J. Callahan was announced on the Consolidated Exchange this morning.

OREGON GOOD ROADS CONVENTION MEETS

Addresses by Judge Scott, Mayor Waters Governor Chamberlain and Others

The annual convention of the Oregon Good Roads Association met this afternoon at the city hall, with a large number present. Delegates from many counties are in attendance, and the enthusiasm displayed for modern road building methods is in keeping with the spirit of the times.

Hon. John H. Scott, county judge of Marion county, and president of the association, called the meeting to order, and made a short talk. He reviewed the work accomplished during the past year, in building better highways, and advised concerted action on the part of county and city governments.

Mayor Frank W. Waters welcomed the delegates to Salem, saying:

Address of Welcome.

President Scott and Gentlemen of the Good Roads League:

The prominence given our city and Marion county by the selection of the head of your organization from among our citizens makes it a great pleasure to welcome the presence of this convention at Salem. That the head of our county government should have gained such prominence for this community is one of the best advertisements we could have had. The one thing most needed in this state and in all other states is better country roads and better city streets. How to get them is the one important question before this convention.

The bill introduced in congress for national aid to building public highways by Congressman Brownlow has stimulated great interest in this reform, and is a measure, in the passage of which the people of Oregon are deeply interested. It is useless to attempt, in a thinly settled state like Oregon, and without national aid, to construct the highly perfected automobile highways that may be possible in older and richer states like Illinois and New York. Neither do I believe that our farming counties should incur bonded indebtedness to build roads. When we get suitable legislation for national and state aid in road building, the people of the farming community will be found more than willing to perform their part. Therefore, I would recommend that this convention should not adjourn without urging the passage of the Brownlow bill.

This convention will be asked to consider proposed state legislation for a better system of road building. I do not know of a better guide for those in charge of drafting a bill to follow than the practical example of what has been accomplished in Marion county. The system of constructing broken rock roads has been the result of a three-fold co-operation—use of the district road tax money and the district supervisor, under county direction and supervision, and the county furnishing engineering and machinery and the broken rock for finishing the road, and the people living along the road to be improved furnishing the labor to put the broken rock in position on the roadbed. This plan appeals to the public spirit and the enterprise of those most benefited by the construction of the highway to their homes and property. It will be found a practical solution of the greatest obstacle to good roads—cost.

Under the Judge Scott plan it has been possible to get at least a good start towards road reform. I call it his plan, but in reality it has been made the Marion county plan, as he was re-elected on this issue after a fierce fight of opposition—and plan was endorsed by the people of one of the most intelligent farming communities of this state, and hence we can argue that it is suitable to the farming counties of Western Oregon. It is a good practical demonstration of what can be done without additional taxation under a plan of co-operation. When we get state and national aid, and the people have had more experience, much more will be accomplished.

Under the Marion county plan the county furnishes the road machinery, such as graders, special plows, dynamite, heavy double scrapers and installs rock crushers and heavy steam rollers. It is necessary for the county to own its own rock pits or quarries to work to the best advantage, and the county can even sell large quantities of crushed rock to cities and towns when they begin to improve their streets, and thus make this a source of revenue. The city of Salem would have bought large quantities of broken rock to put on the streets the past year, if it had been available.

The governor of this state has furnished the legislators an illustration of what can be done with convict labor, by constructing a very good piece of highway from the city limits to the state reform school. This was done without in any manner competing with the employment of citizens. Instead of keeping a large number of these men in idleness at a state institution at public expense, they were put to work improving our highways, and thereby lessening the public taxation in proportion to the amount of work performed by them. In fact the employment of convicts gives employment to free labor in connection with road building, to help with teams, to guard and oversee the convicts, and thus adds to the employment fund, instead of lessening it. It is to be hoped that this convention will be given an opportunity of seeing these practical proofs of progressive road construction in Marion county, and near this city. We can say that we have been engaged for the past 40 years in building a foundation for what we hope to convert into paved streets. I had hoped to welcome you to our capital with some permanent improvements begun, but a great reform like this necessarily travels slowly, but none the less surely. We feel that we are making progress in city and country, and under these circumstances we welcome you to our community, and extend you the utmost freedom of the city.

Judge Scott said in reply:

"Mr. Mayor: Upon behalf of the Oregon State Good Roads Association, I thank you for the kind words of welcome you have just uttered. It is quite essential that we have extended to us, occasionally, such kind expressions to cheer us onward and upward in our endeavors to accomplish something, along the line of highway improvement. Many of us have traveled all day long, over very bad roads, at our own expense, with but one purpose in view, and that is to try to do something that will cause better public highways throughout our country. I assure you, sir, that the hearty welcome just extended to us by you will cause a greater zeal and energy to awaken within us, and cause us to do greater and better work than we could otherwise have done. We shall accept your very kind hospitality in the same good spirit that you have extended it, and shall exert our every energy to make this convention one of the best of its kind that has ever been held in the Pacific Northwest. Again, I

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SENSATIONAL SCENES IN HUNGARIAN CONGRESS

Vienna, Dec. 13.—Sensational scenes occurred at the opening of the Hungarian chamber today. The opposition determined to prevent the sitting, and entered in overwhelming numbers. They seized Premier Tieza's famous guard of 40, flung them out, then attacked the president of the tribune. The tribune was smashed and the ministers' seats heaped together as though in readiness for a bonfire. The mob gathered outside of the chambers waiting to stone the government supporters, but troops were called out, and the rioters dispersed.

WINDY CITY DRAPED IN DENSE FOG

Chicago, Dec. 13.—From early morning until noon Chicago was enveloped in a fog so dense that the light did not penetrate it, making progress very difficult for pedestrians, and seriously interfering with street car traffic. The Humboldt Park elevated train jumped the track in the fog, and narrowly escaped being precipitated to the ground. A panic ensued among the passengers. The North Side cable system was tied up for two hours, as the result of jamming the cable in the slot.

RURAL CARRIERS DROPPED FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Washington, Dec. 13.—Postmaster General Wynne today dismissed Frank Cunningham, president of the Rural Mail Carriers' Association, of Omaha, and James Keller, of Cleveland, holding the same position. Both are charged with political activity.

WOULD CONFUSE WITNESS

New York, Dec. 13.—Nan Patterson appeared in excellent spirits when she entered court this morning. She smiled frequently, and talked much with her father and counsel. It is learned today that counsel for the defense last week sent a man resembling J. Morgan Smith, brother-in-law of the defendant, together with a woman to the pawn shop of Hymar Stern to purchase a revolver. It is reported that the intention is to confuse Stern in the identification of Smith, should he be produced as a witness.

Dr. Lederle, formerly health commissioner, was this morning given one of the pieces of skin from Young's finger, in order to make a chemical examination of the spots. The defense will select a chemist to make an examination of another exhibit.

ROBBERS SCARED AWAY

Hotchkiss, Colo., Dec. 13.—The First National Bank was entered by robbers last night and valuable papers and cash in five safety deposit boxes were stolen. Before the robbers could break into the bank vault they were frightened away.

Steamer Capsized.

Gartmouth, Scotland, Dec. 13.—The steamer Nar from Glasgow capsized in a gale on Moray Firth. The crew of 18 were drowned.

Music Rolls.

Come and see (even if you do not buy) the nice line of music rolls and bags at Geo. C. Will's. Open evening until Christmas.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Wheat, \$1.08 1/2 @ 1.09 1/2; corn, 44%; oats, 30%.

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THE "WHITE CORNER" (TRADE MARK)

Great Half Price Sale

Ladies' Suits, Skirts, Waists, Jackets, and Children's Dresses.

Every garment of this season's showing and are strictly up-to-date in style. Not an accumulation of old and shop worn goods, but bright new, up-to-date goods.

Be here early to get the best selections

\$15.00 Tailored Suits	\$ 7.50
\$20.00 Tailored Suits	10.00
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And so on throughout the price range.

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For tomorrow's sale we offer a line of

Pictures

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After all it is quality that determines the value of an overcoat. If the quality is lacking, style can't supply it. Nothing can take its place, or even act as a fair substitute. Our clothing made its first bid for public favor on the basis of quality and we have never had occasion to regret it. You can get the same quality now.

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