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THE PLAIN MR. SMITH.

Admits His Practice of Polygamy in Defiance of Law

Washington, March 3.—Attorneys for the protestants in the Smoot investigation today stated that they intend to prove that the defendant is associated with a hierarchy which practices polygamy and connives at violations of the law and that his vote as a senator of the United States is subject to the wish and command of the Mormon church. President Joseph F. Smith confessed that he himself had continued to cohabit with his plural family since the manifesto of 1890 and that he realized fully that he was violating State laws. President Reed Smoot had to get the consent of his associate apostles in the church before he could become a candidate for senator.

The confession of president Smith was the sensation of the proceedings today before the senate committee on privileges and elections. Mr. Taylor of counsel for the protestants was directing his questions to ascertain how the church regarded polygamous cohabitation. Mr. Smith said it was realized that such cohabitation was contrary to the law and he went further to say that the manifesto had left him and others with plural families in the unfortunate situation of being compelled to defy the law or desert their families. For himself, he said, he had preferred to "take chances with the law," rather than disgrace himself and degrade his family by abandoning his wives and children they had borne him. He admitted that he had had children by all of his five wives since the manifesto and said he had acknowledged them openly without interference or disturbance from the people of Utah, whom he characterized as liberal and broadminded.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cts. Sold by Crawford Bros., J.F. Mackey & Co. and Funderburk Pharmacy., Druggists.

Flats for Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., March 2—Mr. W. Frank Dowd, of this city, will in the near future, build a \$20,000 system of city flats on East Morehead street and the Boulevard. The new flats will be three stories in height and will contain ten apartments. The apartments will face on both Morehead street and the Boulevard.

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Japanese Raise Money.

It is proposed by the Japanese of New York to raise \$5,000,000 to aid their home country in its war with Russia. The New York World says that while this suggestion will perhaps excite surprise because of the size of the gift contemplated, there is no doubt of their ability to finance their patriotism to the extent promised. The World adds: "The importance of Japanese business in the city is not generally realized. A quarter of a century ago the Japanese commercial houses of consequence in this country could be numbered on the fingers of one hand. They are now very numerous and almost uniformly prosperous. With the beginning of the new order of things in the island kingdom there set in a tide of immigration to the United States which last year reached the large number of 19,968. That is to say, more than half as many Japanese as Irish and very nearly half as many as came from Germany. Scotland sent only one-third as many, France one-fourth and Spain one-ninth. They brought with them intelligence and industry, an adaptability to occupation ranging from the kitchen to the counting room and a spirit of good citizenship by which the nation has been largely the gainer. The 'Yankees of the East' fit very quickly and well into the Yankeedom of the west."

More Riots.

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the Liver or Kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nerve and the greatest all around medicine for run down systems. It dispels Nervousness, Rheumatism and Neuralgia and expels Malaria germs. Only 50c, and satisfaction guaranteed by Crawford Bros., J.F. Mackey & Co. and Funderburk Pharmacy. Druggists

An Insane Ex Soldier Visits War Department.

Washington, March 3.—Armed with a 38 calibre revolver, Wm. J. O'Brien, alias Wm. Duffy, an insane discharged soldier today entered the war department and going to room 227 in the mail and record division, shot Robert J. Manning, a messenger, and Arthur Wiecker, a clerk. Miss Emma Saxton, another clerk, barely missed being shot through the head. The injury to Manning is on the right side just above the kidneys and is regarded as dangerous. Wiecker was shot in the left arm above the elbow. Before the maniac could fire a third time he was overpowered by James J. Dawson, a messenger. It required the combined strength of half a dozen men to finally subdue the man.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung Diseases. Guaranteed by Crawford Bros., J.F. Mackey & Co. and Funderburk Pharmacy, Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

Life in Kentucky

Man born in the wilds of Kentucky is of fued days and easy virtue, says the Mayesville, Ky., Ledger. He fisheth, fiddleth, cusseth and fighteth all the days of his life.

When he desireth to raise hell he planteth a neighbor and lo, he reapeth twenty-folds.

He raiseth even from the cradle to seek the scalp of his grand-sire's enemy and bringeth home in his carcass the ammunition of his neighbor's wife's cousin's uncle's father-in-law, who avengeth the deed.

Yea, verily, his life is uncertain and he knoweth not the hour when he may be jerked hence.

He goeth forth on a journey half shot and cometh back on a shutter, shot.

He riseth in the night to let the cat out and it takes nine doctors three days to pick the buckshot from his person.

He goeth forth in joy and gladness and cometh back in scraps and fragments.

He calleth his fellow-man a liar and getteth himself filled with scrap iron even to the fourth generation.

He emptieth a demijohn into himself and a shotgun into his enemy, and his enemy's son lieth in wait on election day, and lo, the coroner ploweth up a forty-acre field to bury that man.

Woe, woe, is Kentucky, for her eyes are red with bad whiskey and her soil is stained with the blood of damijits! Selah.

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Mrs. M.L. Adams, Fredonia, Ala. took Botanic Blood Balm which effectually cured an eating cancer of the nose and face. The sores healed up perfectly. Many doctors had given up her case as hopeless, hundreds of cases of cancer, eating sores, suppurating swellings, etc., have been cured by Blood Balm. Among others, Mrs. R. M. Guernsey, Warrior Stand, Ala. Her nose and lip were raw as beef, with offensive discharge from the eating sore. Doctors advised cutting but it failed. Blood Balm healed the sores, and Mrs. Guernsey is as well as ever. Botanic Blood Balm also cures eczema, itching humors, scabs and scales, bone pains, ulcers, offensive pimples, blood poison, carbuncles, scrofula, risings and bumps on the skin and all blood troubles. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle. Sample of Botanic Blood Balm free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta Ga. Describe trouble and special medical advice sent in sealed letter. It is certainly worth while investigating such a remarkable remedy, as Blood Balm cures the most awful, worst and most deep-seated blood diseases.

The largest grapevine in the world is growing in the Carpinteria valley, Cal., and is called La Para Grande. It was started from a cutting sixty one years ago by a young Spanish woman, Dona Ayala. It is eight feet four inches in circumference at its base, and one of the horizontal branches measures more than three feet in circumference. The trellis covers about a third of an acre, and sixty heavy posts support it. The vine produces as many as 5,000 bunches annually, at a conservative estimate, and in good years many clusters measures twelve to fifteen inches in length and weigh six to eight pounds. Its owner estimates that in 1895 the vine yielded ten tons of grapes.

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