

Gathering of the Smith Clan.
Spokane, April 19.—Today was indeed a red letter day in the history of the Smith Clan of the Northwest. The city was full of Smiths and fully three thousand men and women of that name were gathered at the State Armory to attend the wedding of John Smith and Mary Smith, both of this city. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. Robert A. Smith, pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian church, and best man, ushers and bridesmaids all answered

to the name of Smith. There were Smiths from Spokane and all parts of the state of Washington, Smiths from Idaho, Smiths from Utah, northern California, Oregon, Montana, Colorado, the Dakotas and the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta. The Spokane Smiths of whom there are about two thousand, had originated the idea of making the wedding day of John and Mary Smith the occasion for a great gathering of the Smith Clan of the Northwest and funds were liberally contributed to

entertain the visiting Smiths with genuine western hospitality. "Philadelphia Tom" Smith, 73 years old, and a descendant of Delaware Indian stock, was appointed master of ceremonies and led the bridal procession.
There is to be no politics of moment in the important states of New York, Ohio and Indiana in 1911. There will thus be a breathing spell of nearly a year before the national conventions of 1912.

FOREST POLICY HITS HOME

CHELAN COUNTY BUILDS 100 MILES OF ROAD IN WENATCHEE RESERVE—83 PER CENT OF COUNTY ON RESERVE.

"I am enthusiastically in favor of conservation in the other fellow's state," said the blind (?) senator from Oklahoma in the halls of congress Saturday.

The decision reached by a large majority in the house, headed by Morse of Wisconsin, that the attitude of the western states in wanting 35 per cent of the returns of the forest reserves given to the states that they were in was unjust and that the government was better entitled to the money for general purposes than the state was for purposes of roads and schools, has caused a storm of protest locally.

Chelan county has so much land in the reserve that the statement of Congressman Morse to the effect that there are no roads and schools within the reserves attracted general attention.

A World representative sought for an authority on the county's condition and found Wm. Haywards, who is as well acquainted with everything pertaining to the timber interests as any man can be.

Has Roads and Schools in Reserve.

Mr. Haywards said: "I will not enter into a discussion of whether 25, 30 or 35 per cent should be paid from the national resources of the state, but when Mr. Morse thinks that we have neither wagon roads or schools within the bounds of the forest reserves I think he had better come here and learn facts. According to the government map of the Wenatchee national forest reserve the boundaries of the reserve include 83 per cent of this county, and there is also part of another reserve in the county. This map shows that there are 1597 sections in the reserve and 276 out of it. The same map shows 160 miles of principal roads supported and constructed by county funds, all within the reserve.

Some of the Roads.

The Red Mountain, all in Chelan county and within the reserve, is 40 miles long and built by the county. The Eagle Creek road is eight miles long and serves a heavy settlement. The Entiat, heavily settled, too, is 18 miles long. There are 7 miles of road from Woodspur to Merritt; 20 miles of road from Peshastin to Swakane, and 25 of the Cle Elum road. The Kelochees road is 15 miles; the Tenaway is 10, and six miles more from the Columbia up the Swakane. Besides these there are other roads too numerous to mention, representing miles and miles of development work paid for by this county, and the congressman says there are no roads in the forest reserves. These roads lead to ranches worth as high as \$2,000 an acre.

Many Valuable Ranches in Reserves.

"I can tell you of many valuable ranches within the reserves and these ranches call for the best of roads and many schools. One ranch of general reputation is the Sullivan place, three miles from Cashmere. Thirty-one acres of that ranch bring an annual cash rental of \$2,500. There are 180 acres more of that same ranch set out to young orchard and bringing in cash rental also.

Schools in Reserve.

"Regarding schools in the reserve I am not so familiar, but I know of many schools scattered around, either within the reserve or just on the edges of it and drawing the children from the valuable places inside the limits. There is the Chiwaukum school, Peshastin, Blewett, Entiat, Ferris (two at Ferris), two or three at Cashmere, Telma, Merritt, and more than I can think of now.

Bridges.

"Ask the congressman about a county bridge being built across the foot of Lake Wenatchee and in the forest reserve. This county's forest reserve is full of roads and schools."

According to the announcement of John G. Capers, the republican national committeeman from South Carolina, the republicans of his state will put up candidates this year in all of the seven congressional districts.

Reports from the First congressional district of Minnesota indicate that Representative James A. Tawney, the only Minnesota congressman who did not turn insurgent when the tariff bill was pending, is to have a hard fight for re-election this year.

Organized labor in Chicago is opposing the renomination of Congressman James A. McDermott of the Fourth Illinois district, notwithstanding the fact that Representative McDermott is a union man. John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, has announced his candidacy for Mr. McDermott's seat.

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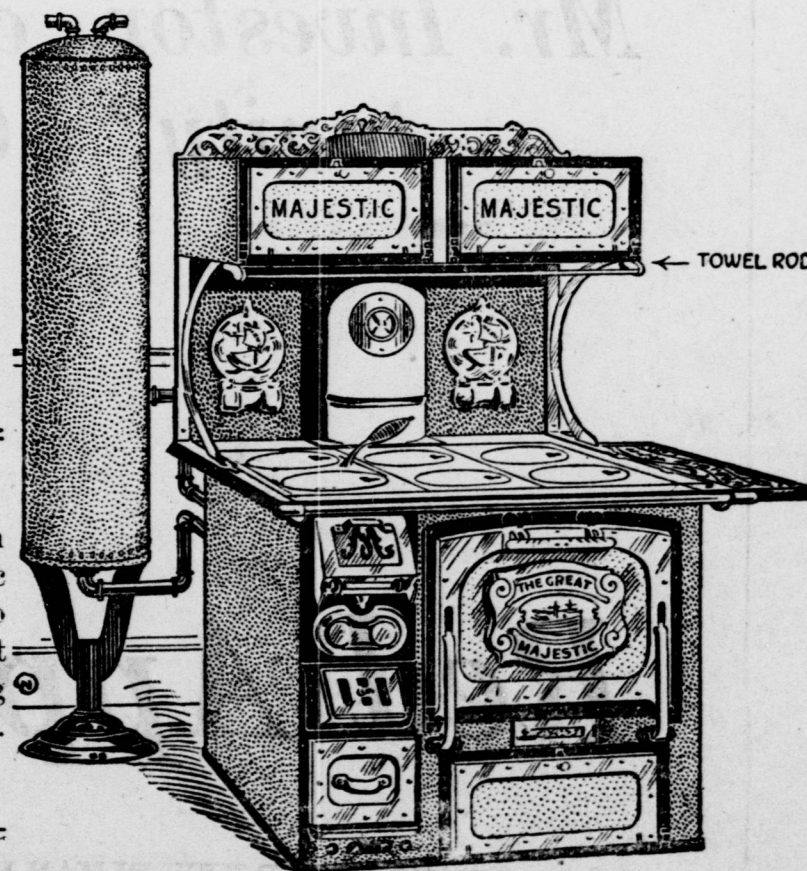
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