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## POLYGAMY IN FACT EXIST

### An Explanation of W. E. Borah's Pledge

It appears from report that Mr. W. E. Borah, in a public address, pledged himself to prosecute any case of polygamy that might be found in this State, if Senator Dubois would furnish the case and the evidence. In response to this pledge and challenge, Mr. Charles Mostyn Owen, special agent of the United States Senate committee having in charge the Smoot investigation, has submitted a list of twenty polygamists, with names of plural wives and residence of families, making the charges under oath and agreeing to furnish competent witnesses to verify the information. The list submitted by Mr. Owen follows:

1. William Budge of Paris, Bear Lake county, Idaho, cohabiting with Lizzie Budge, Julia Budge and Ann Budge.
2. William C. Parkinson of Whitney, Oneida county, Idaho, cohabiting with Nellie Nash Parkinson of Hyrum, Cache county, Utah, and Lulu Benson, Oneida county, Idaho.
3. S. R. Parkinson of Preston, Oneida county, Idaho, cohabiting with Maria Parkinson, and her sister, Charlotte Smart.
4. J. U. Stucki of Paris, Bear Lake county, Idaho, a trustee of the Pocattello academy, a state institution, cohabiting with Margaret Stucki, Jane Stucki, and Clara

Spori, all of Paris, Bear Lake county, Idaho.

6. O. C. Ormsby of Rexburg, Fremont county, Idaho, cohabiting with Marilla Ormsby of Logan, Cache county, Utah, and Rebecca Langton of Rexburg, Idaho.

6. James Lowe of Franklin, Oneida county, Idaho, cohabiting with Eliza D. Lowe and Lizzie Kingsford.

7. Samuel Kunz of Bates, Fremont county, Idaho, cohabiting with Mrs. Samuel Kunz and Caroline Kunz.

8. E. Lorenzo Burgoyne of Montpelier, Bear Lake county, Idaho, cohabiting with Mrs. E. L. Burgoyne and Binnie Cedarlund, her sister.

9. Ira Call of Bancroft, Bannock county, Idaho, cohabiting with Mrs. Chet Call and Jane D. Call.

11. Mathias F. Cowley of Preston, Oneida county, Idaho, cohabiting with Abbie H. Cowley of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Luella Parkinson of Preston, Idaho.

12. William Daines of Preston, Oneida county, cohabiting with Lizzie H. Daines, and her sister, Chloe Hatch.

15. Gottfried Eschler, postmaster at Raymond, Tom's Fork, Bear Lake county, Idaho, cohabiting with Mrs. Rose Kunz Eschler and Rose Kunzler.

14. Samuel Humphreys of

Dingle, Bear Lake county, Idaho, cohabiting with Mrs. Sarah Humphreys, and her sister, Martha Clifton.

15. Robert Price of Paris, Bear Lake county, Idaho, cohabiting with Mrs. Susan Price, Chrissie Price and Mrs. Gray.

16. Walter Hoge of Paris, Bear Lake county, Idaho, cohabiting with Mrs. Walter Hoge and Sarah Hoge, all of Paris. Mr. Hoge is the present candidate on the Republican ticket for sheriff.

17. L. L. Hatch, late postmaster of Franklin, Oneida county, Idaho, cohabiting with Mrs. Anna S. Hatch and Sarah Doney.

18. Hyrum Ricks, formerly probate judge of Rexburg, Fremont county, Idaho, cohabiting with Mrs. Martha Ricks and Emily Ricks.

19. William Hymas of Liberty, Republican candidate for the legislature, Bear Lake county, Idaho, cohabiting with Mrs. William Hymas and Jane D. Hymas.

20. Joshua Hawks of Rexburg, Fremont county, Idaho, cohabiting with Mary A. Hawks of Franklin, Idaho, and Sarah Smart of Rexburg, Idaho.

We do not think there is any question of the accuracy of Mr. Owen's information. But among those mentioned there is probably no new case, and, we imagine, that Mr. Borah had reference to new cases, that is, polygamous marriages contracted subsequent to 1890.

He certainly could not have intended to absolutely deny the existence of polygamous families in Idaho, because the Mormons themselves do not deny that. Their contention is that polygamous marriages have not, since the issuance of the "manifesto," been contracted with the consent or knowledge of the church. Unless it can be shown that the solemnization of polygamous marriages has gone right along, either openly or secretly, since the promulgation of the "manifesto," and that the same are sanctioned, or connived at, by the church, there would seem to be no good purpose in resuscitating the old fight. The main question to be considered is, Have the Mormon people determined to discontinue the solemnization of polygamous marriages? If the Mormons can show, and we think they can, that plural marriage is an abandoned sacrament; that it is no longer administered by the church—if they can show that, it seems to us that it is as futile as cruel to disturb the relations established prior to the date when such abandonment was publicly and officially proclaimed. What is the use of rasping over those old sores? What moral purpose can thereby be served? Break up those old polygamous families; send the husbands to the penitentiary, scatter the wives and children, and what good is accomplished? Would that, in the slightest degree, purify the moral atmosphere? It is contended, though, and with reason, that the polygamous husbands should put away their plural wives, provide them with food and raiment, but cease to cohabit with them. That sounds all right, and we may all wish it were done, but consider—consider human nature as it is not as it might be. There is a man and three women who, for years, have lived together as a family. Neither the man nor the women wish the relationship disturbed. They believe that relationship to be sacred and holy. They believe it was established in pursuance of divine law and, in many instances, direct command. Now, taking this into consideration, and having due regard to natural weaknesses and passions, would you expect a man to drive two of those women away

—he would have to drive them—and thereafter refuse to treat them as wives? Do you think that if that man were passing the door of one of those outcasts and the air was chill and damp, and she should invite him in to rest and warm and refresh himself, that he would refuse her. And being in, and rested and warmed and refreshed, and she should put her arms about his neck, and looking up into his face say, "Samuel, kiss me. Do not leave me this night; for I love you with all my heart and soul. Do not leave me; for I need you, and I am so lonely without you. Look there at little Samuel—your very image: See, he too appeals. Come, Samuel, be with us this night." What do you think that man would do? What, Senator Dubois, would you do under such circumstances?

On the other hand, however, if it is shown that new polygamous marriages are being contracted, with the consent or knowledge of the Mormon church or the Mormon people, or that the church or the people wink at the offense, and shield the offenders—in other words, if it be shown that the promulgation of the manifesto of 1890 was a mere dishonest trick, conspired in by the Mormons, then, the anti-Mormon crusade should proceed with all possible vigor, and, if needs be, to the extermination of the Mormon church.

#### Lamme Aven

Report comes that Lamme is lamming Aven while Aven is constructively at home digging potatoes. Of course Aven is not at home. The printer made a typographical error on the cards. Aven is with Lamme working the county, while Lamme is constructively at home nursing a sick wife, which—a manifestation of tenderness awakens the sympathies of voters. But Lamme is not at home. He is out lamming Aven and Aven is lamming too. Lamme is offering to swap Aven at 50 per cent off C. O. D. That's the way it is reported, but maybe it is only a roorback. We don't know.

#### Reading Circle Notes

Twenty-four teachers attended the circle last Saturday in the High School Rooms in this city.

R. H. Colley of Franklin District led the discussion on Psychology; L. J. Magee read a paper on "The Teacher's Preparation" and "Tests of Pupils' Work;" Miss Fisher gave the reading "Papa was Stumped." Miss Egbert of Middleton talked on Recreation and amusements. Mrs. Bessie Williams led the discussion on "School-room decoration," a spirited general discussion followed on the points brot out by the leaders.

Trustees, patrons and friends of the various schools will find the topics discussed of general interest. The next meeting will be held in the Public School Assembly Hall, Nov. 19, 2:30 to 4 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Hays of Franklin were visitors at the Circle.

The teachers present were Misses White, Schenck, Cook, Keirnan, Prescott, B. Cook, Ward, Clemens, Hart, Fisher, Greene, Patton, Maginnis, Egbert, Fink, Mrs. Kerby, Mrs. Bessie Williams, Mrs. H. Miller, Messrs. Christopher, Colley, Magee, Haraderr, Watson and Armacost.

The Board of Trustees of the Caldwell schools recently added two sets of the Reading Circle books to the library.

Misses Riekenberg, Beatty, Harrison and other members of the circle absent from this meeting were present at the September meeting.

CARRIE A. MAGINNIS.

With the complete expose of Senator Dubois' Mormon fiasco the Democrats of this state are left absolutely without an issue.—Wardner News.

## NEXT GOVERNOR ADDRESSES US

### An Able Presentation of the Issues of Campaign

To report the Republican meeting held here last Friday in the usual way, as a matter of news, would be stale and unprofitable. It was an ordinary political gathering wherein close attention was paid to the speakers, and considerable enthusiasm was exhibited by those who felt that things were coming their way. The others grew glummer and glummer with the progress of the meeting. Col. Allen Miller made an edifying, interesting and entertaining talk, as, of course, he always does. Mr. Gooding, Republican candidate for Governor, also made a good, plain talk, full of hard facts and common sense. But the thing to study in the light of that meeting is the personality of the candidate for the office of chief executive of this State. What kind of an impression did he make upon us as individual voters? Did he impress us as a man of force, purpose and integrity, or as weak, purposeless and dishonest. The writer believes that Mr. Gooding left the impression that he is a straightforward, forceful and masterful man. We believe that he is exactly that kind of a man, and will, therefore, make a first-rate executive officer. The suspicion against Mr. Gooding is that he is not sincere in the position he has taken on the two-mile limit law, and the promotion of a public funds

depository act. We believe that it is Mr. Gooding's honest purpose to enforce the two-mile limit law to the just and adequate protection of the settlers, and, we believe, he will do all in his power to promote the enactment of a law that will secure to the people of the State the interest accruing on idle public funds. We must confess, though, that Mr. Gooding criticised the law enacted by the last legislature, without a proper comprehension of its purpose. He appears to have imbibed the notion that the act contemplated loaning the permanent funds of the State to banks. It contemplated nothing of the kind. Everybody knows that there are at all times large cash balances in the State treasury, not available for purposes of investment. This cash the State treasurer may manipulate to his own gain, and he does it. The object of the Depository law enacted last winter was to secure the interest on these cash balances to the taxpayers instead of to the State treasurer. When Mr. Gooding talked of loaning these funds to farmers and school districts, he got off wrong. But, he will right himself and, we make no question, stand for a just and adequate measure. We are convinced that, if elected, Mr. Gooding will fill the office of governor with ability and integrity. What more could be asked?

#### Happily Married.

Sunday at the home of the bride's parents and in the presence of a few friends and relatives, Miss Lydia Keller and Mr. F. L. McNitt were married. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Keller of this city. She is highly esteemed and very popular in her large circle of acquaintances. Mr. McNitt came to Caldwell about a year ago. He is one of our most highly respected young men and a member of the Caldwell brass band which is commendation enough for any young man. The happy couple will make their future home in Caldwell. THE TRIBUNE joins with a host of friends in extending congratulations and in wishing Mr. and Mrs. McNitt a long and happy life.

#### New Business Venture.

M. G. Rockwell, after carefully looking over the field, has decided to locate permanently in Caldwell. He has opened a Ladies' and Gentlemen's Furnishing Store in the Saratoga hotel building. Mr. Rockwell comes from Colorado where he had been in business for a number of years. He is a pleasant gentleman to meet, a public spirited and energetic business man. His complete line has not arrived yet. It is his intention to carry a complete line of the best merchandise. He says that he is very favorably impressed with Caldwell and her people, believing the town has a good future before it.

A number of Caldwell people have asked why Mr. J. P. Johnson is taking such an active interest in the success of the Democratic ticket. We invariably answered that he must be doing it because he is a staunch Democrat. Now comes the rumor that in case A. C. Lillard is elected Mr. Johnson is to be his

deputy. Mr. Johnson can make a hard fight and will undoubtedly do so. It is to his interest to show a number recalcitrant Caldwell Democrats that he can win without their assistance. We don't believe that he can do it but he will make a noble effort.

And so North Idaho has at last found a legitimate issue upon which to urge the separation from South Idaho. They say that Dubois lives in South Idaho. Well, if North Idaho will just induce the Senator to move to Lewiston we don't know but what the desire for separation might be made mutual.—Parma Herald (Dem.)

#### REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET

STATE SENATOR  
W. M. WAYMAN,  
REPRESENTATIVES  
G. T. HAMILL,  
A. A. RICHARDS,  
D. W. AINEY,  
SHERIFF  
J. C. NICHOLS,  
ASSESSOR  
J. W. WATKINS,  
COUNTY ATTORNEY  
O. M. VAN DUYN,  
FOR TREASURER  
SUMNER W. DEE,  
PROBATE JUDGE  
M. I. CHURCH,  
SUPT. OF SCHOOLS  
MISS CORA B. BEAN,  
CORONER  
DR. W. F. LODER.  
SURVEYOR  
WILLIAM NOOT,  
COMMISSIONERS FIRST DISTRICT,  
D. P. DODD,  
SECOND DISTRICT  
F. E. FISK,  
THIRD DISTRICT,  
J. F. T. BAYSE,

#### Judge M. I. Church

The estimation in which Judge M. I. Church, who was re-nominated by the Republican convention, is held at Nampa is illustrated by the following from the Nampa Herald: "No candidate on the Republican county ticket is more deserving of favorable consideration by the voters than M. I. Church, who has filled the office of probate judge for two years with such satisfaction to the public that he has been nominated for re-election. Mr. Church is a self-made man, having worked his way through Fremont College,

Nebraska, from which he graduated in 1897 with the degree of bachelor of science. He has been a resident of Canyon county for seven years and is well known to the people of Nampa, where he filled the position of school principal six years ago. He then served two years as school principal at Caldwell and later was connected with the First National Bank and also with the implement business at that place. In all occupations and all positions he has exhibited ability of a high order.

"The duties of probate judge require a knowledge of the law and of court procedure, which is possessed by Judge Church. He has made a splendid record and during the two years not a single one of his decisions has been reversed by the district court. Only 9 per cent of the cases were appealed, and each was settled before the appeal was heard.

"All estates must be administered through the probate court and property interests of great importance are frequently involved. It is to the interest of the public that a man should be retained in this office who possesses a thorough knowledge of the technicalities of procedure and who has rendered satisfactory service. Voters will make no mistake in casting their ballots for Judge Church."

Miss Ella Horn entertained about 20 friends at cards Thursday. All had a most enjoyable evening.

The U. T. C. met at the Mrs. Van Wyngarden Thursday afternoon. Among those present were Mrs. C. B. Steunenberg of Portland, Mrs. Lucus of Grant's Pass, Oregon, and Mrs. Spofford of Boise.

J. A. Lankford, representing the Banker's Reserve Life, was in the city yesterday.

#### REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET

FOR PRESIDENT  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT  
FOR VICE PRESIDENT  
CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS  
FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS  
F. J. HAGENBARTH  
H. W. LIEFER  
E. W. OLIVER  
FOR CONGRESSMAN  
BURTON L. FRENCH  
FOR JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT  
I. N. SULLIVAN  
FOR GOVERNOR  
FRANK R. GOODING  
FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
B. L. STEEVES  
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE  
WILL H. GIBSON  
FOR TREASURER  
H. N. COFFIN  
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL  
J. J. GUHEEN  
FOR AUDITOR  
ROBERT BRAGAW  
FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
MISS MARY SCOTT  
FOR MINE INSPECTOR  
ROBERT BELL