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THROW OUT MORMONISM

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Senator Dubois Reiterates Charges of New Polygamy—Question Must be Settled Before State Has Political Liberty.

"The Mormon question overshadows all others," said Senator Dubois to a Capital News correspondent last week. "And so far as the Democratic party is concerned, everything else will be subordinated to that. I have been over the state somewhat, and am in touch with the sentiment of the State Democracy. I have had a fair opportunity to judge the political conditions in Idaho for the past twenty years, and in all my experience I have never seen a party so united, so harmonious and aggressive as is the Democracy of Idaho today. This is because of the determination to make an American State out of Idaho, and to take the domination of our politics out of the hands of the Mormon hierarchy.

ASPIRANT'S FIRST QUESTION.

"Wherever you hear, in conversation, the chances of any Republican leader to become a United States senator, governor or congressman discussed, and the question immediately arises, 'Are the Mormons for him?' and if the answer is that 'they are not,' it is accepted as a settled fact that he has no chances. Every Republican politician who aspires to a high office relies on this support. No one in Idaho can be elected a United States senator, governor or congressman who opposes the practices or even criticizes the practices of the Mormon hierarchy.

"The question which confronts the people of Idaho, who are not aspiring to high office, is whether or not they intend to make a second Utah of Idaho, and subject the state to the absolute domination of this commercial and political organization, which uses the name of religion as a cloak to its unlawful practices.

TRIAL OF A POLYGAMIST.

"In the last campaign the Democrats demanded legislation against unlawful cohabitation and insisted that the polygamist Mormons should be tried by a jury of American citizens. Without legislative enactments providing for a change of venue, or the exclusion of Mormons from the jury in the trial of a polygamist, and enactments against the crime of unlawful cohabitation, it is impossible to convict polygamists.

"During the early days, under the Edmunds act, both in Utah and Idaho, out of the thousands of convictions had, there were not a holy dozen for polygamy. There were a few convictions for adultery. There never was a conviction in either territory, except when the marshal had an open venire, and summoned as jurymen men who were well known as non-Mormons. It was impossible to convict no matter how clear the evidence, if there were Mormons on the jury. It would be equally impossible to convict now, with Mormons on the jury. No one knows this better than the Mormons and their allies, the leaders of the Republican party in Idaho.

"During the last campaign, the Republican organization, through its leaders, sent the statement out broadcast that the Mormon issue was a bugaboo, gotten up for the sole purpose of returning Fred T. Dubois to the United States senate. They proclaimed loudly that it was a political trick, and they would not discuss it. Before the campaign was over, however, they did not discuss anything else, scarcely. Their speakers, from Governor Gooding down the line, assured the Republicans that if there were any evils they would correct them. They promised the people that they would enact legislation which would put a stop to polygamous living, and warned their Republican followers not to trust the Democrats, but to rely on them.

LAWS THAT FAILED.

"When the legislature met, Governor Gooding and Chairman Brady used their great power openly to secure the election of Elder Frank Hunt, the recognized leader of the Mormons in the legislature, as speaker, which officer appoints all the committees. This election of a Mormon speaker served notice, at the start, that no legislation would be passed of which the Mormons did not approve. Bills were introduced, of course, by Republicans, providing for a change of venue and the punishment of the crime of unlawful cohabitation, but they received scant

courtesy at the hands of the Mormons and their allies, the Republicans. The Republican leaders and the Mormons will have to face their promises of the last campaign, and their record in the legislature. They passed some laws under which you might convict a Gentile who is living with more than one woman. It is utterly impossible, however, under the existing laws in Idaho, to convict a Mormon who is living in polygamous relation.

"Let me illustrate this with the case of President Budge of the Bear Lake stake, the head of the Mormon church, and the leader of the Mormon wing of the Republican party in Idaho: President Budge not only wrote an open letter to the people of Idaho, which was published in most of our papers, in which he stated that he was a polygamist, but he testified, under oath, before the senate committee on privileges and elections, that he was living with three wives, and that they had borne him children since the Woodruff manifesto. It would be absurd to attempt, even, to convict President Budge under our laws. To begin with, Jesse R. S. Budge, prosecuting attorney of Bear Lake county where President Budge lives is his son. Alfred Budge, who is judge of the district in which Bear Lake county is situated, is another son. If some who desired to prosecute should run these gauntlets, the grand and trial jurors in the case would be composed of Mormons. The entire sympathy of the community would be with President Budge. Four-fifths of the people of Bear Lake county are Mormons, and you cannot find a Mormon anywhere who would convict another Mormon of polygamy. They all believe in and endorse the doctrine as being divine, although all Mormons do not practice it.

"I use President Budge simply as an illustration. A subpoena was issued by the senate committee for S. S. Newton. He was found by the deputy marshal of Utah at Sugar City, Fremont county, Idaho, living openly with his plural wife, who had a young baby. This wife was a young woman whom he had married about four or five years ago.

"One of the apostles, Matthias F. Cowley of Preston, has gone into new polygamy and has been avoiding a subpoena issued by the senate committee. One of his wives is a sister of George C. Parkinson of Preston, and George C. Parkinson is the president of the Oneida stake and one of the appointees of Governor Gooding.

"There are numerous cases of new polygamy in Idaho among the younger Mormons, many of whom are active in politics and ardent supporters of the present leaders of the Republican party.

"There is not only no effort being made to suppress these polygamous practices, but the Republican administration seems anxious to demonstrate in every possible way its absolute superviency of the Mormon power.

"Nearly every department of the state administration is filled with Mormon attaches some of whom are polygamists. There is always at least one Mormon on the board of regents of the state University, who always occupies high ecclesiastical positions in the church, and sometimes they are polygamists. George C. Parkinson, the president of the stake, is on the board of regents at the present time.

"While the Mormons comprise about one-fourth of our population, there has never been a Mormon boy or girl enrolled as a student at the University. They would not permit their children to be surrounded by the loyal American influences of the university.

AS TO THE SUGAR BOUNTY.

"The Mormon influence was strong enough to enact legislation which provided for the payment of a bounty on beet sugar. This bounty of a cent a pound, and a half a cent a pound, on the sugar, and which would have amounted to at least \$100,000 would have been paid directly to Joseph F. Smith, the president of the Mormon church, had it not been for the determined fights and exposures made by the Democrats during the last campaign.

"In some states a bounty has been paid to the raisers of beets, and the money taken from the people was thus paid back in a measure in this way to the people. But in Idaho, the bounty was to be paid on the manufactured sugar and the sugar factories in Idaho, those now in operation and those contemplated, are owned by the Mormon hierarchy and the sugar trust who are in partnership. Joseph F. Smith, the poly-

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LIEUTENANT U. S. GRANT 3D.

Lieutenant Grant, who is one of the military attaches at the White House, is a son of Brigadier General Frederick Dent Grant and a grandson of General U. S. Grant. He is a graduate of West Point and as a student stood very high in his class. He is called U. S. Grant 3d because his uncle, U. S. Grant 2d, is still living.

TOM THUMB'S WEDDING.

Pleasant Entertainment Given by the Little People of Presbyterian Church.

One of the popular entertainments of the season was given at the opera house on Friday evening. The Presbyterian ladies had prepared costumes and Tom Thumb's wedding was reproduced. The bride and groom and parents and attendants and minister were all from the little folks. The wedding march was quite solemnly carried out and the ceremony and the reception followed with proper decorum. There was also a waltz drill by thirty girls and a pleasing program of instrumental and vocal music and recitations and popular readings. The citizens patronized the enterprise very liberally and a goodly sum was secured for the cause of the church, which was received with thanks.

STOLEN GOODS ON THE NEGROES.

Sheriff Doust Has Case Against Alleged Holdups.

Rathdrum, Idaho, Nov. 15.—Sheriff Doust today took the captured property of two negroes, A. D. Justin and Fred Creighton, who were captured at Ellensburg and accused of holdup and robbery in a saloon September 13. The property was identified by the men who were robbed. This identification of stolen property is considered very conclusive and conviction is expected.

Interesting Meetings.

During the past week there were meetings held at the Presbyterian church in which the motto was character. On Monday evening Prof. Barton of the city schools presided and gave an inspiring address concerning the work of preparing the future citizens of the country. Miss Ursula Williams presented in a very pleasing manner the methods by which the teacher seeks to lead out the better possibilities of youth. Prof. Caulfield of the high school called attention to the value of an ideal which is high and pure.

On Tuesday night Dr. Burnett opened the meeting with an address which emphasized the importance of virtue and honor. And the general discussion which followed the matter of a reading room and the agencies which would give a place for social recreation was mentioned.

On Wednesday evening the viewpoint was that of the law and Mr. Dunn of the United States land office gave a talk on the importance of absolute truth and honesty, illustrating from incidents that had come under his own observation. Col. Budlong and Mr. Burgan also spoke, the first calling attention to the importance of starting right if one would be fruitful, the other to the fact that a small per cent of evil and vicious persons would attract more at mention than the great majority of upright and good citizens. All the meeting praised true manhood.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET.

Reception to the Public School Teachers by Citizens—An Entertaining Program.

The sentiment that there should be a closer acquaintance between the parents and the teachers was crystallized into definite action Friday evening, November 9, largely by the efforts of Rev. T. A. Daughters of the Episcopal church and J. P. Barker, pastor of the Methodist church, when the corps of teachers was tendered a reception by over one hundred prominent citizens of the town and the following program rendered: E. N. Dunn, presiding: Music, "America" by school, "The School Teacher of the 40's." Col. Budlong humorously entertained the assembled teachers and parents with an interesting description of his personal experience with the teacher of the 40's and his vivid recollection of the methods used by them to make him a "good boy." Attorney F. L. Burgan's handling of the subject "How the Public Schools Made a Good Lawyer" brought out the idea that the province of the public schools is to lay the foundation for all professions, in fact to prepare a foundation upon which the superstructure of speciality may safely be built. "Public schools" said he, "in themselves do not make lawyers, neither are lawyers made without the public school. It is the happy combination of public school work and special training that makes the good lawyer."

Editor O. B. Moon of the Journal, spoke entertainingly of the "Relation of the press to the public schools" and brought out the fact that the three great means of education today are the schools, the pulpit and the press.

Rev. J. P. Barker forcibly pictured the responsibility of the teacher, the importance of parents joining forces with the teacher in the education of the children visiting the schools and becoming acquainted with the teachers. "The building of Christian Character is of prime importance, the foundation of which must be laid in youth," said Rev. Barker. "We now require assistance of our teachers in moral training as well as the training of the minds of our children."

An intermission was called by Chairman Dunn for the purpose of providing an opportunity for the people to meet the teachers. This opportunity was improved and a general introduction took place, a half hour being spent in this manner after which the program was resumed.

Miss Etta M. Barton of Spokane, rendering a solo, Clarence White, a member of the school board, responded to the question "How to Assist a Public School Officer," and pointed out how assistance was rendered by cooperation of parents with the teachers in school work.

On the subject of Patriotism, W. A. Andrews, a member of the school board, said in substance: "Patriotism means love of country and should be

taught in the public schools mellowed with one's individual rights. There was a time within the memory of those present when the divine right of kings was the authority by which government of the people was experienced, and severe punishment followed criticism of that government. That claim is now laughed at. Instead the true source of the right to govern is recognized by the people."

In "Distribution of Responsibility by the Education of the Child," Supt. Barton called attention to the necessity of parents and teachers working together; parents visiting the school frequently and consulting with the teachers in relation to the physical, intellectual and moral welfare of their children.

Misses Jessie McDonald and Irene Ingram rendered solos with Miss Bessie Dunn accompanist.

The meeting certainly resulted in a better understanding between parents and teachers, and should be followed at regular periods by other meetings of the same character, that all might intelligently work together for the education of our children.

PROTEST AGAINST NEW GRADE.

Property Owners on Sherman Street Raise Objection.

At a special meeting of the village council held last Wednesday evening, at which time President Collins, W. A. Andrew, Charles Young and S. A. Varnum were present, the following protest was read:

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, November 13, 1905.

To the Chairman and board of trustees of the village of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

We, the undersigned, residents and property owners on Sherman street between Eighth and Twelfth streets hereby protest against the grading of Sherman street between Eighth and Twelfth streets, according to the profile of said street now on file in the clerk's office, believing that a much better grade can be established, which would be less damage to the property along the street, and we respectfully request that we may be allowed to appear and show cause why said profile should not be accepted.

The above petition was signed by nearly all property owners between Eighth and Twelfth streets, 18 in number.

Moved by Mr. Andrew that the protest be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Mr. Young and carried.

Mr. Todd, the engineer was present and explained the profile. Several of the protestants were present and explained the reason of their protest. Moved by Mr. Andrew that the petitioners who had asked for a change in the grade, between Eighth and Twelfth streets, be requested to submit a new profile, with a petition praying for its adoption, said petition to be signed by all the property owners between Eighth and Twelfth streets, seconded by Mr. Varnum and carried.

It appearing from the profile of the western part of Sherman street that raise of nearly two feet as contemplated at the intersection of Fifth street and it appearing that it would damage adjoining property, it was moved by Mr. Andrew that "it was the opinion of the board of trustees that the grade of Sherman street at the intersection of Fifth street be not changed from the old grade heretofore established. The motion was seconded by Mr. Varnum and carried.

RECOVERED RIFLE.

George Murray and Harry Hayden in the Toils.

Thursday afternoon Asa Switzer swore out a warrant charging George Murray, aged 25 and Harry Hayden, aged 20, with stealing a rifle. When arrested Murray accused Hayden of stealing the gun and conducted City Marshal McGovern and Switzer to a point in the woods back of Blackwell's park on the fort grounds where the rifle was found cached under a pile of boughs. Hayden is in jail. Murray is out on bonds. The accused men have been working for Switzer for some time papering and painting a new house in Springwater ad liton, where the theft occurred.

Hearing of the case will come before Justice Chamberlin today at 10 o'clock.

Charged With Arson.

George White, Frank Lamb and James Mead, of Clarkfork, are confined in the county jail at Rathdrum, charged with setting fire to the Palace saloon at the former town some few weeks ago.

GOODING TAKES BACK TRACK

"BIG FOUR" RELINQUISH LAND

Accept in Lieu of Former Holdings Proportionate Share—Small Sheep Owners Given Chance to Feed Their Flocks.

At St. Anthony last week, Governor Gooding met with something like 50 sheepowners of the county, when a heart to heart talk ensued regarding the much talked of Fremont county land lease which resulted in four firms gaining control of a vast amount of territory to the detriment of small flockmasters residing contiguous to the leased lands.

The meeting lasted several hours, the result being an amicable adjustment of affairs.

The big four relinquish their lease to the lands and in lieu of the same they take their proportionate share of the range. Other flock masters will take the remaining land in proportion to the number of head of sheep they had at the time the lease was made, immediately after the land was secured to the state.

This arrangement appears to give satisfaction all around.

CORBIN ROAD TUNNEL WORK.

To be Completed by the First of January.

The Bonners Ferry Herald says that Dahlberg & Johnson, the railroad contractors who have the contracts of the first two tunnels on the Corbin road will complete the same by the first of January. These tunnels are 325 and 273 feet in length respectively.

Twohy Bros. who have the contract for the third and fourth tunnels are not so nearly well along with their work. Tunnel No. 3 will be 600 feet in length and they have only a little over 200 feet of the same completed, while they have only commenced to work on tunnel No. 4; which is 300 feet in length.

D. C. Corbin and his general superintendent Rodgers, were in Bonners Ferry last week and made a trip over the entire line from that place to the International boundary. Mr. Corbin is insisting that the grading be completed by the first of the year so that rails may be laid into Bonners Ferry as soon after the first of the year as possible.

After the Bootleggers.

Sheriff Doust is getting after the "bootleggers" who are playing their nefarious vocation along the Corbin right of way in the vicinity of Bonners Ferry. He made a trip to the Ferry last week and took a fellow into custody who was selling whiskey along the right of way from a pack. The bootlegger had \$300 in bills on him and the sheriff took the whole wad as bond for his appearance in court. It is claimed the man arrested has also been selling liquor to minors and he will stand charged with that infringement of the law after the disposal of the present case against him. This is the second arrest for bootlegging along the right of way of the new road recently and the sheriff intends to keep after the illicit liquor operators until he has broken up the practice. He has appointed a deputy whose duty is to look after the bootleggers in that section.

DEATH OF BART WISHARD.

Old Resident of Kootenai County Passes Away at Rathdrum.

Bart Wishard, one of the oldest pioneer residents of Kootenai county, who suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home in Rathdrum, last Tuesday, died yesterday noon surrounded by friends and relatives. Deceased was about 60 years of age and had resided in this city for many years previous to his removal to Rathdrum, where he was engaged in the hotel business, and was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at Rathdrum under the auspices of the Kootenai Lodge No. 7. K. of P., of which order he was a member of high standing.

Wife of Ex-Attorney General Dead Mrs. John A. Bagely, wife of ex-Attorney General Bagely, of Idaho, died at her home in Montpelier last Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Death resulted from blood poisoning. Deceased was 39 years of age and leaves a husband and six children.