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A BOLD, BAD BURGLAR CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Was Busy Cracking Felthouse Bros' Safe When the Officers "Pinched" Him.

Yesterday morning about two o'clock a burglar was taken in the act of cracking Felthouse Bros. safe. Small, the cab driver, telephoned from his home to night watchman Nevins that he had just seen a man pry up a window on the north side of the Felthouse store and enter. Small lives across the street from that side of the store. Nevins came to the store a little later and saw a man standing in the side door. Nevins asked what he was doing and he replied "I work here and am sleeping here," then he went inside and barred the door. Nevins was almost ready to be deceived by the man's composure and assurance, but Small came up and reported that he had seen the man go through the window. Nevins then went to the door and demanded admission but could get no reply. In the mean time the burglar crawled silently into the rear cellar with the purpose of escaping by the rear window in the alley, which he might have done, as Nevins knew nothing of this. But, unfortunately for Mr. Burglar, he struck a match in the cellar to examine his surroundings and a faint flicker, passing through a crack in the boards which cover the rear window, caught the eye of other parties and revealed his intentions and whereabouts. When Nevins came around to that point the unknown called from the interior, "I will sur-

render if you will agree not to hit me." The officer assented, and the cracksman made his way to the side door and opened it and was taken to jail. A heavy sledge was found inside and he had, battered the combination of the safe, so that his job will have to be continued to get it open.

Can Not Seek Office.

Lewiston, Ida., March 31.—The secretary of the interior has handed down an important decision in a homestead contest, in which it is held that a homesteader has no right to seek a political nomination, which office will prevent him from maintaining his residence on his homestead.

The case in question is that of Giles Hayward against E. D. Briggs. Mr. Briggs is county surveyor and took up a homestead in the Winchester district. Hayward contested, setting up that Briggs had not maintained his residence on the homestead, and showing that he was county surveyor of Nez Perce county and as such made his home in Lewiston.

The local land office decided for Briggs as did also the commissioners of the general land office, but the decision of the secretary of the interior reverses both former decisions and finds in favor of Hayward.

According to the decision of the secretary a public official, if he took up a homestead after he was elected to office, would have a good excuse for not making his residence upon the property while his term lasted, but that he would have no right to seek a re-nomination to have that excuse for another period of years.

Special Rates.

Conference, Salt Lake City, April 6-7-8-9-1905. For the above occasion the following rate is authorized for the sale of round trip tickets to Salt Lake City, from Weiser, Idaho, \$22.15, tickets limited to continuous passage. Good returning until April 15th. J. W. Laphis, Agent, O. S. L. Ry. Weiser, Idaho, March 20th, 1905.

A MISSING WITNESS HAS BEEN FOUND

A Polygamous Wife Who Evaded U. S. Marshal is in Hawaii Polygamous Settlement.

Honolulu, March 21, via San Francisco, [April 1—Utah can best answer the query as to whether one of the wives of an apostle of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is in hiding at Laie sugar plantation, Island of Oahu, Hawaiian Islands. Laie is 75 miles from Honolulu. The Pacific Commercial Advertiser of March 19 printed a story to this effect, saying: "There are likely to be developments down at the Mormon plantation at Laie, because the United States government has been informed that polygamy is being practiced there, and orders have been sent to the United States District Attorney from Washington to find out whether there is any basis for the statement."

"Incidentally, there is a report that a polygamous wife of an apostle who was wanted badly at the time the senate of the United States was investigating the charges against Reed Smoot, could be found not a thousand miles from the waving cane fields of Laie if anybody interested should be down there with a search warrant and a pair of keen eyes.

"The statement is likewise made not on the authority of Mr. Breckons, but on unquestionable authority, for all that the United States district attorney has already begun his inquiry in a quiet way and that there will very probably be most interesting developments in the very near future.

"The charge at present is merely that the law against polygamy is being violated by the Mormons down at Laie, and if the law is being disregarded the might of the federal government is to be directed to the breaking up of the nest of violators. It goes without saying, moreover, that the United States will be successful because, while the Mormons can do a great many things without much question in Utah, where they have a state government in which the church influence is supreme, they cannot do those same things in this territory, nor in any territory where the federal law is all the law there is for offenders of their class, and where the law is enforced without fear or favor.

"The profits from the plantation at Laie, it is understood, pay all the expenses of running the straightout Mormon church in these islands, and yield a considerable profit over to be sent home to President Smith for the service of the saints in Utah."

Commercial Club Meeting.

The Weiser Commercial club held another enthusiastic meeting Thursday evening.

Ed Barton reported the results of the visit of the committee to the State Wagon Road Commission in the interest of the Big Creek road. Mr. Barton said there was no question but that the commission would furnish one half of the \$30,000 the road will cost. It would be the first road taken up by the commission.

The chair appointed E. M. Barton, E. H. Gale and G. N. Ashby as a committee to canvass the county for average for sugar beet raising.

A committee of five was appointed for advertising with authority to meet with the immigration commissioner.

The secretary was instructed to make up unpaid dues.

Did you see the latest in dental work? Did you see the latest in dental work? Did you see the latest in dental work?

SOME LATE CASES OF UTAH POLYGAMY

Pitiful Story of a Young English Girl Made a Victim of Her Faith.

The Salt Lake Tribune says:

A pitiful case of injured innocence and an attempt to force a young English girl into polygamous relations has been brought to light in this city within the past few days. The story as it came from the lips of the girl herself is revolting in its nature and, as she said, she was willing to relate her tale in the hope that it would be a warning to other girls who might ignorantly be led into the shame which has come to her.

"Two years ago last summer," she said, "my sister sent me the money to come from England to Salt Lake. I had joined the Mormon church about six months before and she wanted me to come here. On the very day that I reached Salt Lake, both my sister and my brother-in-law began to use their influence to get me to go into polygamy with my sister's husband. I was an innocent English girl, knowing not half as much of the things that girls should know, and which many an American girl know at the age of ten and twelve years.

"The very night I came to town my sister and brother-in-law took me to the theater, and he devoted himself to me more like a sweetheart than a brother-in-law. He kept up his attentions day after day, and every day both of them kept urging me to go into polygamy. They had never had any children, and my brother-in-law told my sister that he had a revelation that if he could have a child by me, she would later become a mother, and would secure the celestial glory for which all good Saints long.

"There was but one thing in the way of their desires, and that was they were not quite sure whether or not polygamous marriage could be performed. Whenever any of the good Saints came to the house, they were taken into confidence and told of the wishes of my sister and brother-in-law. Somehow the two had talked to me so much about it that I thought it must be right, and so was not unwilling to take the step.

"Some of the Saints who were asked about the matter said that polygamous marriages were no longer performed, while others said that my brother-in-law could take me through the Temple right here in Salt Lake. My sister even urged my brother to take me to some other state and marry me, but he said if he did, he would have to leave me there, and he didn't want to do that. All the time, strange as it may seem, my sister was the one who most wanted the marriage. But that, you know, was because the Mormons have a belief that they will not receive glory in the kingdom unless they have children in this world.

"This went on for several months, my sister and brother-in-law both objecting to my going out with any one else, my brother-in-law all the time paying attentions to me. I am speaking the truth when I tell you that I was as innocent of the creation of life as a babe and it was little more than four months before I became a mother that I realized that I had sinned.

"When I could no longer speak for a living, I stayed with my sister, and from then on the real trouble began. I was mistreated by both myself and my husband, and also my lady in waiting. I was never allowed to see my mother or my friends.

leave their home and go into a small frame house, which they rented for me. At first my brother-in-law paid the rent and gave me a few dollars a month to live on. Then he stopped paying the rent, gave me only about \$1.25 a week, and then even this small amount was refused.

ANOTHER POLYGAMOUS BISHOP.

"While I know all about Bishop Haskell S. Jolly and his polygamous marriages," said George S. Crosby last evening at the Kenyon hotel, "I will say nothing. You are simply looking for information, and would use what I told you to injure Senator Reed Smoot, a man whom I respect and honor."

According to the information furnished by a resident of Salt Lake, Bishop Jolly was married to Miss Nellie Harrison, at that time a school teacher at Mt. Carmel, Utah, in 1897. The ceremony was performed in Mexico, and later developments brought out the fact that until the day of her marriage Miss Harrison had been engaged to Hod Brown, a cow-puncher. After their return things began to get warm for the bishop and his wife, and he moved to Lovell, Wyo. Now, it is said, he is living openly with her.

Jessie W. Crosby, father of George S., mentioned above, is a polygamist. He is a resident of the Big Horn country in Wyoming, and but for the efforts of C. M. Owen of this city would have been elected a Presidential elector last fall on the Republican ticket. A few moments conversation with the son would convince any one that he does not believe in polygamy, and were he to state openly the things that he hints at, it would be to denounce a great many of the present day evils which the church winks at and does not attempt to control, even if it does not encourage.

The Chicago Lady Entertainers at the opera house April 10. Outlook Club has secured them.

THE IRON DYKE SALE WAS MADE TUESDAY

Other Matters Will Have to be Settled Before Title Can be Given.

The sheriff's sale of the Iron Dyke properties advertised for an event of this afternoon, drew quite a crowd of curious spectators to the court house at 2 o'clock, says Tuesday's Baker City Herald.

Deputy Sheriff Snow read the official advertisement and after its length had been drawn out, called for bidders "One hundred thousand dollars," spoke Attorney John L. Rand, and further hawking by the auctioneer was unnecessary as everybody seemed to be shy of the necessary wherewith to elevate the bid.

Under the bid, the property passed in so far as the present step is concerned, to the plaintiffs in an action of local historic lore.

Attorney Rozenwig, who was present asked that all the bill of costs be at once prepared and presented in order that the same might be liquidated.

On the surface the intention of the purchasers is to begin at once preparations to do something with the property. There are, however, other matters pending in the courts of this state and Pennsylvania, which will have to be adjusted before full title can be vested. One of these in particular point is the action of Mrs. Florence B. Shatto, who is suing for a quarter interest in the property and appurtenances.

BIG CREEK ROUTE WILL BE INSPECTED

MEMBERS OF STATE ROAD COMMISSION WILL LEAVE WEISER APRIL 15 TO GO OVER IT.

At the meeting this week of the state road commission in Boise it was decided that two trips of inspection shall be made at once. The first will be of the road it is desired built from Emmett to Marsh, which would afford a nearer route from Emmett to present connection with the Thurston Mountain road. Commissioners Lewis and Wheeler started on the first trip Wednesday.

It was decided that the same commissioners should leave Weiser on April 15 and proceed to Warren for the purpose of inspecting the route of proposed road into the Big creek section. The two commissioners will make a number of preliminaries which they will be joined by Governor Wooding at Warren on April 24. The

three will then complete the work of inspection.

It is possible if this road is accepted the survey by Engineer Luck will be adopted by the commissioners in order to expedite the work of construction and at the same time save several hundred dollars.

All the routes of roads asked for have now been charted on the commission's map and a tabulated statement has been prepared showing each proposed line, with the distance, estimated cost and other data. The total estimated cost of the roads asked for is \$221,500; the state's proportion is \$110,750.

The total appropriation for road purposes is \$50,000, so it will be seen that the commission's discriminative powers will be taxed.

Mormonism is Spreading.

Washington, April 9.—At the tenth anniversary today of the International Women's Bureau, Mrs. Margaret Dye, a well known reformer of the city, declared that Mormonism was rapidly spreading and she

went and one in Harlan, N. Y.

She commended Senator Burrows as being the first member of his senate to take a decided stand against Mormonism.

Don't let the monkey by get the tail of you. Get the tail of him by putting in monkey before he falls.

HUNDREDS OF ACRES OF RICH DEPOSITS.

LOCATED ON GROUSE CREEK NEAR RESORT--WILL BE WORKED EXTENSIVELY THIS YEAR.

One of the biggest placer properties in the whole west, is to be found on Grouse creek, not far from Resort. It is the Gott Mining company's property of 840 acres, says the Grangeville Standard. The company received its name from the initials of the four original incorporators. They have done about \$22,000 worth of work during the past year, and are preparing to double that amount in development this year. One of their plans is to make a 11-mile canal to carry the waters of Secesh creek to their gravel beds. They will have four miles of this big ditch, which is eight feet wide on the bottom, done by the first of July. They already have four giants ready to use. Their gravel beds show an average of about 12 feet in depth, and exhaustive tests give an average gold yield of 51 cents. Each giant is expected to handle 500 cubic yards of gravel daily. The company will employ from 100 to 150 men during the summer. J. J. Toler, one of the company, is in the city this week, on playing men to go in there to work and is naturally for the share development of the property.

Secesh. William Allen and Claude Wain have a 300-foot tunnel on their property on the south side of War Eagle mountain. They report a three-foot ledge of \$20 ore. The Florida company had a dozen men at work all last season, and eight men this winter, on their property on the north side of the same mountain. They claim to have 40 feet of \$12 ore. Messrs. Kelly & Patterson, of Warren, have some extremely promising claims in the same locality. The placer deposits of that section are a little, if anything, short of marvelous. The Gott company has 840 acres, and the Grouse Creek company has as much, all of which is known to carry high values. There is still other good placer ground, also. Placer gold is found in patches up as high as 5,000 feet, as if the whole country had once been a vast gravel bed. It is the theory of experts, one of whom is Mr. Toler, that all this must have come from glacial action on War Eagle mountain, which must one day have been the seat of a gigantic continental ice sheet, the solid rock and the melting ice of it. The rich ledge found on the mountain seem to show that it was a possible source of the yellow metal.