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HOME OF SENATORS WRATHY AT JOE

HE SAYS MORMON PRESIDENT SHOULD ANSWER FEDERAL LAW FOR PERJURY.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Members of the Committee on Privileges and Elections are amazed at the recent developments in Utah. All of them are of the opinion that the church is stepping itself and handicapping Senator Smoot in his fight to retain his seat.

One of the committee: "They are messing things up out here in Utah, I see. So President Smith thought the committee was going to lead him into a trap and for reason deliberately lied to us in testimony. This is a serious matter. President Smith was under oath when he was on the stand, and there is no law in this country which deals with perjury. I thought when he was giving that evidence he would be able to eat his words. It seems that

he has been smoked out. It's bad business all around. Perhaps the committee will have something to say further to Mr. Smith."

Another member of the committee said: "The excommunication of Frank Cannon without a hearing, or rather a chance to prove his case, the utterances of President Smith Sunday, and last, but not least, the project of the church to enter the life insurance field, all bear irrefutable evidence of the charges that have been made being sustained when the senate is ready to act. My prediction is the church will force the quick settlement of the Smoot case. It seems more defiant than ever. Why, he should be put in jail for perjury and all the evidence he gave thrown out with Senator Smoot. That's what."

White Bird Nearly Wiped Out.

A few days ago fire broke out at White Bird, the flourishing lower river town, and wiped out Freidenrich's general store, Cooper & Dixon saloon, prior hotel, butcher shop, postoffice, eating office, telephone office, Star hotel and a law office.

Gone to Mexico.

George Hartley left Thursday afternoon for Santa en Gracia, Mexico, where he goes in the interests of a mining syndicate.

Don't miss the pie eating contest at Brother Edward's show.

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF GERHARDT BEHRENS

FURTHER NEWS RECEIVED CONCERNING THE MISSING MAN AT SE- CESH MEADOWS.

The disappearance of Gerhardt Behrens from his cabin at Secesh Meadows as reported in Wednesday's Signal has created considerable of a stir, but no one seems to be able to account for it. Further details of the unfortunate incident are told as follows in a special from Meadows of 29th:

James Smith, mail carrier between Port and Warrens, came down yesterday to visit his family. He reports that Gerhardt Behrens, a well known prospector in the Warrens district, disappeared and that diligent search had failed to reveal any trace of the missing man up to the time of his departure. The last seen of Behrens was two weeks ago today, and when he was first called to the case of the appearance of the missing

man's pet cats at the cabin of his nearest neighbor in quest of food, which led to a visit to his cabin.

It is supposed that Behrens had gone from his cabin on some errand and that he was stricken down in some out of the way place. Recent snows have fallen to a depth of 18 inches, rendering the finding of the body very doubtful at the present time.

Behrens was 74 years of age, and had lived in the Warren district since the boom days of 20 years ago. His home for a number of years has been at Secesh Meadows, where he owned and worked a placer property. It is known that the missing man has a brother somewhere in the United States, but no one in this vicinity knows where he may be found.

New Cigar Factory.

Weiser has a new cigar factory, and it is under the management of F. B. Burlock, an experienced manufacturer, formerly of Burlock, of Walla Walla, where he was engaged in business for ten years. Mr. Burlock has moved his factory in the building recently occupied by Kootenai and is comfortably located in the new structure. He manufactures

three excellent brands—Puro Invinible, Puro Perfectos, Puro Caballeros—and is rapidly building up the business. Read his ad in another column.

Again On The Map.

Kootenai county is again on the map, the supreme court having decided that the measure designed to abolish it and create two counties out of its territory was unconstitutional.

Idaho Man Found Dead In Butte.

Butte, Mont., March 27.—With his body swollen to twice its natural size and his face distorted until the features were unrecognizable, William Erakine, believed to be a former resident of Idaho Falls, was found this morning in a room at the Brand house. The man had been dead for nearly 48 hours. No indications of suicide were found and the supposition is that death resulted from natural causes.

The deceased was 67 years old and a stationary engineer by trade. He has a wife living at Elk City, Idaho. A post mortem examination will be held tomorrow to determine the cause of death.

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

Mormons Purchase Jail.

Carthage, Ill., March 28.—Because of historical associations the members of the Mormon church have purchased for \$4,000 the old jail where the first prophet and the founder of the faith met a tragic death at the hands of a mob. The old structure was not worth over \$15,000. It is proposed to establish a mission church in the building. In this connection announcement that the Mormons are coming back to Illinois after the lapse of half a century and are to establish three new churches has caused comment.

Don't Fail To Attend.

On next Tuesday evening, April 14, at 8:30 o'clock at the Odd Fellows' hall, Kalos Circle No. 154 will entertain the public with an address by Mr. Diamond of San Francisco. Subject "Palmistry." Refreshments will be served. Everyone invited to attend. Admission 10 cents. 62

KILLED HIS WIFE IN FIT OF JEALOUSY

FORMER WEISERITE SHOTS HIS WIFE AT NYSSA--COMPLETE STORY OF THE TRAGEDY.

Nyssa, Ore., March 28.—H. Megordon, a prominent rancher living near Nyssa, shot and killed his wife at 6:30 o'clock this evening in a fit of jealous rage. He at once came to Nyssa, was taken into custody and is now in the village lock-up.

The Megordon family, consisting of the parents and six children, was highly respected.

For a long time Megordon has been addicted to fits of intense jealousy, which have been so marked as to make him conspicuous, though in the popular mind no suspicion has ever attached to Mrs. Megordon. His frame of mind had led to many scenes between the couple and the relations had latterly become so strained that it had, it is said, been mutually agreed that the divorce court should be invoked as the only remedy.

Megordon was on the streets of Nyssa this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock and seemed in a normal mood, chatting pleasantly with friends upon different topics. A little later he returned to his home and according to the account of the tragedy given by the children, at once began to quarrel with his wife. In the course of the altercation the second son, Robert, aged 15, interfered in his mother's behalf. Megordon drew a gun and shot at, but missed, the boy, who at once took flight. Meanwhile Mrs. Megordon had left the house and started for a neighbor's. When the boy disappeared Megordon turned again to the woman, pursued her, and on overtaking her shot at her three or four times at close range. One shot took effect in her side, and it would appear proved fatal instantly.

When Mrs. Megordon fell Megordon turned the gun on himself and inflicted a wound that is pronounced so trifling that his serious intention in firing it is one of the questions the coroner's jury will probably be asked to consider. He came back to Nyssa at once and asked surgical attention.

When those first at the side of the stricken woman arrived she was dead where she had fallen.

The local authorities have taken care of the case thus far, but the county authorities have been notified.

The Megordons are quite well known in this city and valley where they resided for about two years on a tract of land purchased from M. J. Dickerson on the flat west of town. The family was quite well thought of, especially Mrs. Megordon and the children.

Further details of the shocking tragedy are told in the Thursday Signal statement as follows:

don, the farmer living near this place who shot and killed his wife yesterday evening, was taken to Vale today for examination after the coroner's jury had returned a verdict of murder.

It seems that domestic relations of Mr. and Mrs. Megordon had been far from tranquil for some time. Although 21 years had passed since they were wedded the lapse of time had not served to soften the ties. On the contrary the couple quarreled more as time passed.

A few days ago Megordon placed an advertisement in the Nyssa Progress preliminary to application for a divorce. Mrs. Megordon learned of his action and posted off to the newspaper office. When the advertisement was shown her she smashed the type until the printed copies were unintelligible.

Tuesday morning Megordon got up at 2 o'clock and went to Vale. When he returned he upbraided his wife for not having prepared his breakfast for him before he left. Mrs. Megordon said she would have gotten the meal for him if he had called her, but he had not done so. At that Megordon called her a liar. Their son, aged 15 then interfered. He picked up a 22-calibre rifle and struck his father over the head with such force that the gunstock was broken. Megordon then went to a trunk and secured a revolver, a five shooter, and started after the boy, who was already on the run. The father fired three shots at the fleeing youngster.

Megordon then turned his attention to his wife. Holding her in his arms he sent a bullet into her breast and she dropped dead at his feet. Megordon then started for this place to have the wound in his head treated. The boy returned to the spot where his mother had fallen and, with the aid of a younger sister, placed the body in a wheelbarrow and took it to the home of their nearest neighbor.

In the light of all the facts the statement made by Megordon that he attempted to commit suicide is treated derisively.

The community is deeply shocked by the tragedy. Mrs. Megordon was universally respected and her untimely death is taken as a personal loss by a host of people.

DISTRICT COURT CLOSES UP BUSINESS

SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS--REPORT OF JURY OF INVESTIGATION WILL AP- PEAR IN WEDNESDAY SIGNAL.

The March term of the district court has adjourned and Judge Smith and attorneys in attendance have taken their departure. The report of the jury appointed by the court to investigate the conditions of the county buildings and affairs generally, recommends some sweeping changes. The report will appear in full in next Wednesday's Signal. Following is a synopsis of court proceedings:

State of Idaho vs. Ira Baird, et al., defendant failing to appear bond of \$1000 forfeited.

John Morrison vs. Rogers & Boylan, judgment for plaintiff.

Gilbert H. Tracy vs. Pittsburg-Idaho Mining Co., taken under advisement.

Bales & Jones vs. C. A. Campbell, damage suit, decided in favor of defendant.

Nancy A. Jones vs. T. H. Jones, divorce granted and plaintiff awarded custody of minor child.

J. C. Carroll vs. H. J. Blair, continued for term.

Geo. W. Keeney vs. Willoughby Adams, cause submitted and taken under advisement.

R. E. Lockwood vs. Pittsburg-Idaho Mining Co., judgement entered in favor of plaintiff for sum of \$2,540.67.

Maria Ohms vs. Otto Ohms, divorce granted, and plaintiff permitted to resume maiden name Maria Glascock.

W. H. Purcell vs. Rankin General Milling Co., continued for term.

Morris Sommer vs. Geo. F. Smith, judgement entered.

Geo. L. Phillips vs. Ben Allen et al., defendant given ten days and plaintiff given five days to file brief.

W. H. Wilkerson vs. Mart Hannon, appeal dismissed.

O. R. Bryant vs. Wilkerson & Harkins et al., defendants given 30 days to file answer.

James Eaton vs. City of Weiser, continued for term.

R. M. Barbour vs. J. C. Rogers, judgment entered in favor of plaintiff.

Will R. King vs. Jasper Griffith et al., continued for the term.

First National Bank of Caldwell vs. Pacific & Idaho Northern Ry. Co., continued for term.

A. M. Curl vs. Harriet E. Curl et al., continued for term.

HAS ANYONE SEEN THOSE ENGINEERS?

NORTHERN PAPERS TALK OF SURVEYING CROWD WHOM NONE AT THIS END HAS SEEN.

Among a great deal of interesting news of the coming railway warfare and rush to Camas Prairie, the Lewiston Tribune says:

"J. A. Morrison, a mining man, has reached Grangeville from the Salmon river country, and reports that he camped one night with a party of fourteen O. R. & N. surveyors who are working out of Weiser toward northern Idaho. Mr. Morrison could secure no information from them other than that they were working to the north. It is believed the O. R. & N. is taking the preliminary steps in construction of a north and south

road and that the survey will be tied on to a line run from the north. It is very probable the party working out of Weiser is in charge of Engineer Emory Oliver, who has been daily expected to enter the field at Lewiston."

Not a soul from Gof to Weiser has ever whispered of having seen or heard of an engineering party working out from this end. If such party were in the field their operations would be known. Some time since a government survey party went into the Salmon river country and it may have become exaggerated into a railway party.

Two New Counties Knocked Out.

Lewiston, March 28.—Justice Allison has rendered an opinion concurred in by Justice Sullivan, that the act of the legislature creating the counties of Lewis and Clark is unconstitutional and void.

The court holds that the legislature had power to create Lewis county with Sandpoint as the county seat, provided it had left the remainder of the county as Kootenai county with Rathdrum as the county seat. But the legislature exceeded its authority in removing the county seat from Rathdrum to Clear Lake and changing the name from Kootenai to Clark.

Chief Justice Stockinger dissented, maintaining the legislature has power

to divide a county into two counties and establish a county seat for each.

Kicked By A Horse.

A few days ago Hubert, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bradshaw, who reside on Mann Creek, was severely kicked in the head by a horse. A big gash was cut in the forehead and it was at first thought the left eye was knocked out. The little fellow was leading a horse and was walking behind another horse being led by his brother when the animal kicked him with the above result. At last accounts he is feeling quite well.

Fishing tackle at Gander's. 4