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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Dear Smoot of the alkaline harem! Behold the trail out of the wood! I send you this friendly alarm—Her's hoping you'll do as you should! Set grass-widows off with a pension; send children to government schools; Polygamy? It's the invention of fool!

At any rate, this is the current opinion in Washington. There is considerable excitement at the Capitol. The Mormon drama is on. Reed Smoot, Senator, sits serenely in the center of the stage. Joseph F. Smith late Patriarch and Apostle and now and now first president of the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," and nephew of that Joseph Smith who found the "Urim and Thummim"—the stone spectacles, on a hillside in western New York—is the chief defender of the Mormon Senator. It will be remembered that two years ago President Roosevelt wrote to Republican leaders in Utah and asked them not to send Smoot to Washington—a strange and unwarrantable interference with the political affairs of a State. They sent him, notwithstanding, and here he is on trial for his right to his seat, the contention of the Gentile women and other "reformers" who oppose him being that he was elected by the church and not by the State.

Seventeen witnesses have been brought here from Utah by government subpoena, and four who could not be found are being hunted up. These present receive seven cents a mile for traveling expenses and \$3 a day for board—a nice sum all told. One of the men brought is Critchlow, a lawyer, who, in addition to pay as a witness, has a good retaining fee as an attorney in the case! Smoot's examination is held in an antique committee room, with a ceiling of grain ed arches and foliations, wall ed with books and documents, and a broad mahogany table running down the middle. At one end of the table sits President Smith, the head of the church and star witness, who was an apostle before rising to his present dignity—gray hair, gray eyes, gray beard, flowing down both sides of his chin, a tall, vigorous and emphatic man with urbane manners and benevolent face. Around him are his lawyers and behind him Senator Smoot with a conspicuous black mustache and dark brown hair nicely brushed back from a square forehead. At the other end of the table sit Senator Burrows, Chairman, and Senators Hoar, Beveridge, Bailey, Dubois, Depew, Proctor, Foraker and McComas. The first four asked the witness a good many questions yesterday. But he was chiefly prodded by the prosecuting lawyer, Taylor, late Congressman from Ohio, an alert, cadaverous, hatch-

et-faced man, assisted by ex Senator John G. Carlisle, for the prosecution.

Mr. Smith said in answer to questions that the President of the Mormon church and all high officials are chosen by revelation from God and endowed with the authority of the holy precedent. As to church doctrine, he could speak from inspired knowledge, but in regard to business affairs he spoke from his best information and was subject to error. Being asked if Mr. Smoot, like himself, receives revelations direct from God, the witness answered affirmatively. He explained that there was much tolerance and latitude allowed; a member might disbelieve and repudiate a revelation, but if he lived a correct life he need not be considered outside of the pail of the church. Very few Mormons had more than one wife. He had often heard prominent Mormons condemn plural marriages. Senator Bailey objected to investigation of the Mormon religion as such, holding that the government had nothing to do with a man's beliefs.

Utah people affirm that Mr. Smith is the father of forty-two children, and he frankly and unhesitatingly told the committee that he had five wives and eleven children by them since the publication of the government manifesto forbidding polygamy. When asked why he violated the law, he said that rather than to desert his wives and abandon his children he was "ready to suffer any punishment that might be inflicted upon him."

Senator Hoar asked him if he had married any women since the publication of the manifesto, and he promptly and frankly replied that he had not, and earnestly affirmed, bringing his hand vigorously down upon the table, that no married Mormon had taken an additional wife since the publication of that prohibition. This declaration he repeated and reaffirmed. In order, he said, that there should be no further doubt about it. Polygamy had not increased, he declared, since the Woodruff manifesto. But Mormons had refused to be so unmanly as to desert their innocent families simply for the purpose of escaping punishment.

President Smith's testimony was a veritable sensation, and the women among the auditors, two of them from Utah, leaned forward with breathless interest. Tho' frank and earnest, it should be added that the witness was not vehement or defiant. His demeanor was that of a courteous gentleman willing to give information on a much misunderstood subject. His dignity was impressive. When called upon to name his wives and number his children and question about his divorced wife, he did not refuse, but showed much sensitiveness and protested, saying that it was very embarrassing and most trying to have his family privacy and

domestic affairs intruded on and it was especially hard to be required to give information concerning the wives and children of his associates, the officials of the church. "For," he said, standing upright, and using an emphatic gesture, "if there is anything on earth that I detest and loathe it is a spy and an informer." One of the lawyers said, "A Mormon maxim, I believe, is 'Mind your own business.'" The witness nodded assent and said "Yes that's it." He proceeded to add that the church had nothing to do with the election of Senator Smoot or any civil officer and the most they had done was to orally to give him "leave of absence" to come to Washington if he was elected. They would have extended the same courtesy to any other applicant. It became more obvious day by day that it is not Senator Smoot but Mormonism on trial. The question seems to be whether a member of the Utah hierarchy can possibly be a member of Congress. But does it not appear to the ordinary American that the admission of Utah territory to the union had settled that question.

Mr. Smith's Utah wives telegraph their enthusiastic approval of his course and his testimony.

### MORE RIOTS.

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Miss Pearl Clarke arrived in Lenoir last Saturday and Mrs. S. M. Clarke arrived yesterday. They have returned from Statesville where they closed their boarding house owing to the condition of Mr. Clarke's health. Mr. S. M. Clarke has gone on a visit to his brother, Dr. Boone Clarke at Gulf Port, Miss.—Lenoir News.

### THE NAME WITCH HAZEL,

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### Divorce While You Wait.

News and Observer.

Divorce proceedings in N. C. are too often conducted like a slot machine—you drop a nickel in the slot and out comes what you want. There is little formality in the trial, little investigation, the hearing is only from the party applying for the divorce and the whole procedure is often travesty upon justice. In a certain county in North Carolina in December this winter saw a divorce granted inside of five minutes. The judge seemed to have no power to stop the mill, the Legislature having let down the bars to such an extent as to make it easier in some cases to get a divorce in North Carolina than in South Dakota. The Greensboro Record has this editorial paragraph showing how divorces are ground out while you wait:

"Superior Court has a divorce for desert every afternoon. When the time for adjournment approaches some attorney racks in a case, the jury is sworn, the woman or man—mostly a woman—tells her tale of woe, the bands are broken inside of five minutes and court takes a recess until next morning. Such is law, though desert of this kind no doubt leaves a bad taste in the mouth."

The Record is right in saying that such things "leave a bad taste in the mouth." They are a reproach to the State, a disgrace to our civilization and threaten the safety of our homes. Is there not virtue enough in North Carolina to elect Legislators who will repeal the bad laws and not at every session let the gap down a little lower? This is a matter that calls for the concerted action of ministers and all others who believe that the safety of society depends on the preservation of the home.

### DO YOU WANT STRENGTH?

If you want to increase your strength you must add to and not take from the physical. In other words, the food that you eat must be digested, assimilated and appropriated by the nerves, blood and tissue before before being expelled from the intestines. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure adds to the physical. It gives strength to and builds up strength in the human system. It is pleasant to the taste and palatable and the only combination of digestants that will digest the food and enable the system to appropriate all of its health and strength-giving qualities. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

This is from the Clarkton Express: "It's rather a queer time of the year for strawberries but in this delightful climate of ours we raise them any time. Miss Empie Brown of Western Prong sent us a nice box of them yesterday." Our friend of Express should consider himself very fortunate while living in a land like this. Especially should he appreciate the ladies who send him nice boxes of strawberries at this "queer time of year." The Journal's time may come some day for such luxuries but just now old field peas and hog jowl are the finest dishes we enjoy. Hard to beat.—Duplin Journal.

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The early Republican convention is notice to poll tax fellows that they can just step up to the candidate and get their receipt. Be sure and call on him before the first of May. All you have to do is just to tell him you intend to vote for him provided you can get your receipt; he'll fix the rest. Isn't it a pretty arrangement though? Everybody will be in favor of the Republican candidate till he gets his poll tax paid.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

### COLDS CAUSE PNEUMONIA.

One of the most remarkable cases of cold, deep seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

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