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A UTAH WHEAT SPECULATOR FAILS

President Orson Smith of Cache Stake Goes to the Wall.

ESTIMATED LOSS $30,000

Following His Misfortune He Leaves for Parts Unknown, Presumably Alaska.

BIG SENSATION AT HIS HOME

Universal Regret Among Those Who Knew Him—No Dishonest Methods Disclosed So Far as Known.

Special per Deseret Telegraph.

LOGAN, MAY 15.—A tremendous sensation was created here yesterday by the announcement that President Orson Smith, who is also postmaster, had failed in business and was unable to meet and settle with his creditors and that he had left for Alaska.

In Logan and vicinity it has been the sole topic of conversation, and business men are on the streets today in groups discussing the matter. President Smith some years ago built a grain elevator here and since has engaged extensively in the handling of grain, storing large quantities of it on speculation. Last year Cache county produced an enormous crop and Mr. Smith obtained large quantities of grain from farmers throughout the county, agreeing in the spring to pay a price in advance of what wheat was then selling at. As he figured on a spring raise in grain, the stump that came

RUINED HIM

although from evidence obtainable here he made herculean efforts to keep his head above water, sacrificing himself and families in order to try and meet obligations. He had purchased about four hundred thousand bushels of grain, and two weeks ago today he left for Salt Lake to try and arrange for tiding over the crisis until a raise should come. No one here knew of his financial straits but even his own father, who is his assistant in the postoffice, and he, when the news came that Mr. Smith had departed for California on unusual business was felt. When he got to San Francisco, however, he found that in thousands of his grain there would be a loss of eight cents per bushel upon nearly the whole amount purchased. He thereupon notified friends here of his difficulty, stating that he felt his failure so severe that he

COULD NOT RETURN

and face creditors, but that he intended going away until he could make money enough to meet all obligations. There was no thought of repudiation in the letters, no regrets for the sacrifice he imposed on his families and assumed himself but only determination and the firm belief that his creditors will here patients. A letter was sent also to the members of the High Council in which he expressed his regret at having to leave the Stake temporarily in order to strengthen his financial difficulties.

His total liabilities will reach about thirty thousand dollars; all his property above exemption has been attached by creditors. The First National Bank of this city held a mortgage on real estate and elevator building and fixtures. In the elevator was a considerable quantity of grain belonging to the Bishops' storehouse here, and the Brigham Young College.

HAD RECENTLY SOLD

a considerable quantity, receiving part payment therefor. The College has attached considerable property, such as horses, wagons, implements, etc., to secure payment of balance, as the National bank claims to have chattel mortgage on all grain stored in elevator. The Bishop's storehouse had considerable over the nine hundred bushels of the Bishops' storehouse grain, so that was a special deposit there, not having been sold to Mr. Smith. At the postoffice Mr. Smith left everything in perfect shape. Postal Inspector Smith having been through the office but two days ago and pronounced it one of the best offices in the State. Mr. Smith is said by those who are in a position to know to have

GONE TO ALASKA.

He has mining property there, having staked a prospector some time ago, who located some claims that are believed to be valuable. The development of this property is possible, is believed to be Mr. Smith's object. In a letter he left attorney here he intimates that he will provide his health, happiness and everything else, rather than life in disgrace. The general of sympathy is expressed here for Mr. Smith and there is little or no adverse comment, so far as is the case of dishonesty attaching to any of his transactions and the things that cause strongest surprise here is that he did not return and

SEEK AID OF FRIENDS,

as there are many here who would have aided him gladly, a great many of the farmers throughout the county will see considerable loss, from $50 up to several hundred each and Bishop J. F. Wright of Hyrum is reported to be out three thousand dollars. It is said that the commission houses through which Mr. Smith had been operating have to a large extent responsible for his failure as they pushed him to the wall. But this could not be verified. Friends of Mr. Smith here, still, if it is reported, make an effort to have him return home.

ANOTHER REPORT.

Great Mental Distress for Sometime Past—Says He Himself Had Been Defrauded.

A profound sensation, painful in the extreme, was occasioned yesterday in Logan by the announcement that Orson Smith, president of the Cache Stake, had failed in his financial speculations and had gone to Alaska in an effort to retrieve his broken fortunes.

It is given out that Mr. Smith's indebtedness amounts to nearly $30,000, for payment of which he has very little in the way of assets.

SPECULATED IN WHEAT.

He has for the past few years been dealing heavily in wheat. On advice he bought which he bought at a decided price of 38 cents per bushel to the farmers of Cache valley, he has lost eight cents per bushel in the sale, and this is the immediate cause of the catastrophe. But it is known that he was involved in debt before he began to speculate in wheat. He checked a remarkable debator that the price of wheat would go very high, and refused to sell his heavy holdings even when a year ago wheat approached the dollar mark. He finally sold at 41 cents in San Francisco. He has been greatly perturbed in mind of late, and has walked the floor for nights at a time. One morning recently he stated to his family that parties whom he did not name had offered him $5,000 for ten thousand dollars and that he could barely bear the financial difficulties any longer. He left that day for San Francisco. Yesterday it was given out that he had written home resigning his position as president of the Stake, and stating that he was about to go to Alaska, where he has a mine with several men working in it, in the hope of retrieving his losses and repaying his creditors.

UNDERTOOK TOO MUCH.

Mr. Smith simply undertook too much work and broke down under it. He was the president of the Stake, an office requiring much time and attention. He was the postmaster at Logan, appointed by President McKinley last November. He was engaged in some Nevada mining operations in which he lost heavily. He was also the local agent for the Fraternal Union mutual society. He had large farming interests, and finally was a director in banks. Any one of these positions might well have been enough to occupy the attention and energy of a man. He was also a director of the Brigham Young College, and took an active part in politics. His last letter to Daniel Frost, Seattle, and says that he will be absent a long time. He has always been considered honest and pleasant, his private and postoffice business so have stood him.

A "PEACE" ROW AT LOGAN

Unauthorized Invitation of Dr. Iliff Causes the Trouble.

Special per Deseret Telegraph.

LOGAN, UTAH, MAY 15.—It has just come out that an unpleasant controversy is likely to arise over the peace meeting to be held here tonight in the Tabernacle. A committee consisting of Mesdames Lucy Cardon, M. B. Hendrickson and C. I. Goodwin had the matter of arranging the meeting in charge. Mrs. Goodwin was authorized by invite Rev. J. D. Wasson of Trinity M. E. church to speak. So authorized and supposing that Rev. T. C. Iliff would be here he was authorized by Mrs. Goodwin to invite him. He did so and the invitation was accepted. When Mrs. Hendrickson learned of this she announced that Mrs. Goodwin had no authority to make such addition to the program as it was already full and that in any event Dr. Iliff would not be allowed to speak because of his unfavorable attitude toward the "Mormon" people. This has aroused the non-"Mormon" element here and bitter feelings are brewing. When seen by the correspondent of the "News," Mrs. Hendrickson denied that Mrs. Goodwin is a member of the committee, but was merely an aid to it and had no other right than to perform tasks assigned. Rev. Wasson feels deeply insulted and will not take his part in the program this evening.

VOLUNTEER WELCOMED.

Receives a Royal Reception in His Home Town Today.

Special per Deseret Telegraph.

MT. PLEASANT, MAY 15.—Today will be a day long to be remembered; our boy, Alfred L. Robinson, returned from the war; all the school children and teachers from the district schools and Wasatch Academy, headed by the brass band, met him at the depot, and escorted him with their banners flying, and gave him a royal welcome. Mayor Erickson delivered the speech. The city entered in a body dressed in the stately and the citizens turned out en masse. There never was a more beautiful sight here than that of today, when we met the veteran with their flags, honoring the hero of the day. Returning from the station he proceeded to his father's home on Main street, salutes were fired by Captain Wilson.

A FIRE AT RICHFIELD.

Heavy Loss for a Poor Man—Sentenced to Prison.

Special per Deseret Telegraph.

RICHFIELD, MAY 15.—Last night about 1 o'clock a fire broke out in the north part of town in the stacks and yards of Ira Hunsaker. It burned his stable and a pair of valuable horses, two sets of harness, a new wagon-bed and considerable building and farm implements valued in all at $700.

As Mr. Hunsaker is in very poor circumstances, it has totally deprived him of means of support. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was very fortunate, however, that it occurred when it did, rather than in the south part of town, for much more than the Hunsaker place the whole city would have been in danger, as there was a very strong south wind blowing at the time.

This morning at 10 o'clock, the time fixed for sentencing James Johnson of Glenwood, convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, the court room was crowded with spectators. After giving some Johnson a fatherly lecture and warning, the court imposed a fine of $100, in default of which he is to serve 12 days in the penitentiary. Johnson is 22 years old and the son of Powell and Melissa Johnson, formerly of Draper, Salt Lake county.

CAUSED NO EXCITEMENT.

So Fierce Crowded by Removal of Bodies at Mount Calvary.

It was reported that there was considerable excitement at the cemetery yesterday over the removal of bodies from the old to the new Catholic burying ground. Investigation later proved that there was little in base such a statement. All that there was to it was the fact that the removal was undertaken without the formality of having received a permit from the health department. Judge Morris, who has charge of a portion had been made to our morning report, immediately stopped the work until they could comply with the law.

GOMEZ CAN'T ACT FOR CUBAN ARMY

To Distribute Three Millions for Payment of Troops.

STRONG CABAL AGAINST HIM

Gen. Brooke Will Not be Trifled With—If Necessary, Will Forcibly Disarm Cuban Soldiers.

HAVANA, MAY 15, 9:00.—Gen. Maximo Gomez today informed Gen. Brooke that he could no longer act as representative of the Cuban army in the distribution of the $3,000,000 appropriated for the payment of the Cuban troops.

Gen. Gomez adds that he has arrived at this decision with great reluctance and the most friendly feeling towards Gen. Brooke personally and officially, but he felt he could no longer represent the Cuban army because a cabal composed of some of the subordinate officers, called to order and if possible defeat the plans for participating in the Cuban military assembly, led by Marcel Rodriguez, Manuel Sanguily, Juan Gualberto and other malcontents, had organized a majority of the officers against him, apparently on the high ground that might permit and possibly carry the payment in fact, Charles Chotts, accompanied by Tybano, A sister of Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Verdi, was there also with her little son, George. The child was playing in front of the house when Hausner, who lives that close to Huerta, appeared and began teasing the boy. Mr. Chotts ordered him to leave the child alone, and Hausner gave a revolver and threatened to shoot him.

There was a merry war for a few minutes and Gen. Hausner went into his house. As Fischer and his wife and friend Filano were starting for their home, Hausner reappeared and without a word opened fire. Two of his shots struck Fischer, one in the stomach and another in the arm. A third bullet struck Filano in the abdomen and inflicted a wound that will prove fatal.

Policeman Richard King was attracted by the shooting but when he reached the scene Hausner had retreated to his house, and with his revolver freshly charged, stood prepared to resist capture. A large crowd soon gathered around the house, and threats against Hausner were freely made. But the policemen, tired of partizing, burst open the door and before Hausner had a chance to load his gun he found it was wrenched from his hand.

SOLDIERS IN PORTO RICO.

No Disarmed Troops There for Which the Government is Responsible.

WASHINGTON, MAY 15.—It is stated at the war department that there are no discharged troops in Porto Rico for which the government is responsible in any way. When Secretary Alger was in Porto Rico a large number of men who had enlisted in the regular army for the war with Spain, asked to be discharged, saying that they had returned to the United States to the government to receive travel pay in money. It was adopted that these men would settle in the island and go to work to improve the conditions. It is supposed the money that was held in abeyance, amounting to two or three hundred dollars each, has been expended, and there are now without means of subsistence, simultaneously attacking the whole American force.

"The heat and rains are causing many casualties in the American army. All the hospitals are crowded with sick and wounded. Four hundred of the Cincinnati regiment have been imprisoned by Gen. Gale for insubordination in refusing to fight. The regular troops quartered in Manila and other towns are quiet. The volunteers are absent and always at the front with scanty rations. The discontent between the Americans and Europeans is general."

ENGINEERS FOR MANILA.

Eighty Lease Wilson's Point Under Command of Lieut. Lefferson.

NEW YORK, MAY 15.—Eighty United States engineers from the barracks at Fort Totten, Wilson's Point, started for the Philippine islands today under the command of Lieut. Charles E. Lefferson of the Twenty-first U. S. Infantry, which is now at Manila. The engineers are volunteers and came from companies B and D of the Wilson's Point corps. The men will travel to San Francisco by rail and are due to sail on the transport Sherman on May 22nd. They expect to be in Manila in seven weeks. They go to fill up the ranks of company A which left Wilson's Point over a year ago.

THE NASHVILLE'S RETURN.

The Gunboat Leaves St. Louis on Her Way Back to New Orleans.

ST. LOUIS, MAY 15.—The gunboat Nashville, on her arrival here today from Cuba, with Admiral Sampson on board, started on her return trip today. When the little war vessel steaded down the stream from the harbor hundreds of people assembled to bid a farewell. During her stay here many thousands of persons who had read of the exploits of the renowned vessel took a last look at the Nashville.

GEN. VICTORIA IN LONDON.

His Movements with an Enthusiastic Reception on the Way to Kensington Palace.

LONDON, MAY 15.—Queen Victoria arrived in London today from Windsor, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of York, and her aide, and drove to Kensington palace the party occupying a number of open four-horse landaus with postillions in blue and white and red coats and buckskin breeches, to a detachment of the Horse guards. Thousands of enthusiastic people gathered on the route to the palace, where her majesty visited the old apartments which she occupied as a young girl, which have been renovated preparatory to opening the palace to the public.

On the arrival of her majesty at Paddington railroad station she passed on the platform a stocky Irish porter named "Tim," which relieves contributions for the widows and orphans fund of the railroad. The queen had "Tim" brought to her by the conductor of the train, and after putting the porter on the head she dropped a piece of gold into the metal box hanging about the dog's neck.

Mrs. Choate, wife of the United States ambassador, will be present at the queen's drawing room tomorrow in addition to Mrs. Alfred Harris, her sister and Mrs. Jeandreau of Philadelphia and Miss Sara Kent of Chicago, Miss Mary Hubbard of New York.

In the diplomatic circle Mrs. Choate will present Miss Choate and Miss Elizabeth Choate, a niece of Mrs. Choate, and Mrs. and Miss Letchcach, the wife and daughter of the United States minister to Switzerland, J. C. A. Letchcach.

OPPOSE BRITISH OCCUPATION.

Native Hostility to English Occupation of Kow Loon Suddenly Reserved.

HONGKONG, MAY 15.—The native opposition to the occupation by British forces of the new territory of Kow Loon opposite Hongkong has suddenly been reserved. A-cot 80 men of the Hongkong regiment with machine guns are leaving here today and tonight while the Indian regiment has ordered to be in readiness for any emergency. The British second-class gunboat Swift and three other gunboats are expected to join our under sealed orders. Those warships have 500 men on board. The torpedo boat destroyer Lightning is also detached and Chinese troops have been sent there.

TO GO OUT OF COMMISSION.

The Annapolis and Yorktown Too Small for Training Ships.

NEW YORK, MAY 15.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

After mature deliberation by Secretary Long, the gunboats Annapolis and Yorktown are to be placed out of commission and laid up in ordinary as unsafe instead of training ships. Experience has demonstrated that these vessels are too small for the training service and their place will be taken in this service by the Minneapolis on the Atlantic, Philadelphia, the Hartford and Pensacola in Pacific waters.

Soldiers from Cuba.

NEW YORK, MAY 15.—The United States transport Kilpatrick, Capt. Chas. F. Euler, United States quartermaster in charge, arrived today from Havana. May 7th, via Nuevitas, May 10th, she embarked 500 soldiers of the Eighth cavalry, who, having served their term of enlistment, will be discharged at this port. The Kilpatrick was inspected at Quarantine and proceeded to a pier in Brooklyn. The transport will undergo extensive repairs at this port.

PRIZE MONEY CASE DECISION.

Supreme Court Orders the French Steamer Olinda Rodriguez Released.

WASHINGTON, MAY 15.—The United States Supreme Court today decided the prize money case of the French steamer Olinda Rodriguez, the first of the naval prize money cases growing out of the Spanish war carried to that court. The decision was announced by Chief Justice Fuller and directed that the vessel, which was captured off San Juan, Porto Rico, on the 17th of July last, and has been held since by the government, shall be released to her owners on the ground that it was not proven that the steamer's officers intended to carry the blockade of San Juan.

The court held incidentally that the blockade of San Juan was effective.

NO VICTORY OVER AMERICANS.

Contract for Steel Guard Rails Goes to England, Home Mills Too Busy.

LONDON, MAY 15.—The cable dispatches announcing that Dock Kerr and company of London have joined an other for 500 miles of steel guard rails to be used on the new Boston Elevated road have been treated here by the newspapers as a British victory over and as a reply to the granting to a Philadelphia firm of the contract to erect a bridge over Niagara money in to the South. The Reporter here of the Associated Press saw Mr. Kerr, the senior partner of the firm today. He said:

"It is no victory at all. These contracts from New York, Boston and Philadelphia were given to us without solicitation and simply because the American mills are overcrowded. A few years ago we could have had all this branch of the business and they held it until the American mills took up the work."

ELECTRIC FLASHES.

The United States transport steamer Valencia arrived at San Francisco today from the Philippines.

Peter C. Grossup, judge in the United States circuit court of Northern Illinois, died dangerously ill at the home of his parents in Ashland, Ill.

The accounts of the surveyor has declared a 5 per cent dividend in favor of the creditors of the Consolidated National bank, of San Diego, Cal.

Secretary Gage has returned to Washington from a two months' vacation spent at Hot Springs, Va. He has fully recovered his usual health and vigor.

A member of the administration who is in a position to know the views of the President said today that the President would not recommend an extra session of Congress today called.

Governor Roosevelt has decided to call an extra session of the state legislature to consider the bill passed at the late session for taxing corporations franchises. The special session will convene on May 22.

J. R. Hanna, who was a candidate for mayor of Cleveland, O., on the Union Reform ticket at the spring election, and widely known as owner of his namesake steamship and ship building business, is dead, aged 73 years.

A special to the Chicago Record from Anderson, Ind., says: of the 10,000,000 tin plate made in the United States, 6,000,000 were made in this city, and the combined capital of the concerns engaged in the business here amounts to $12,000,000. The Ball Brothers have a capital of $1,000,000, and the Anderson Tin Plate company, $2,000,000. The Ball Brothers are the largest manufacturers of fruit jars in the world, and have a capital of $1,000,000. The Anderson Tin Plate company is a combination of the Anderson, Elwood, Alexandria, Frankton, Pendleton, Lapel, Chesterfield, Daleville, Muncie, Yorktown, Gas City, Marion, Hartford City, Upland, Fairmount, Gas City, Matthews, Jonesboro, Gas