

HOME LIFE OF SENATOR SMOOT

San Francisco Call Publishes
Favorable Review of Utah's
Domestic Relations.

THE SIX LITTLE CHILDREN.

The Call Writer Finds Them Attractive, Refined and Well Educated
In a Typical Mormon Home.

From the tone of many articles on Mormon themes that are beginning to appear in a large proportion of the secular papers of America, it would seem that the day when any Mormon slander will be featured by city editors, or played up with lurid pictures by Sunday supplement editors, is on the decline. In its stead the fairer view is gaining headway, and the disposition to judge more honestly is growing with the opportunity to see life in Mormon life more clearly and more deeply.

In a recent Sunday Call from San Francisco is a well written and friendly review of Senator Smoot's personal life, and of his family surroundings. The article may prove of interest to Utah readers as illustrating the change in style of attack when Mormon themes are now desired as "copy" for Sunday editions. The call article follows:

WHAT THE CALL SAYS.

There is probably no happier woman in all the land than Mrs. Reed Smoot, wife of the senator from Utah, who has been vindicated by a vote of 42 to 28. The charge against Senator Smoot was that as an apostle of the Mormon Church his oath to the church was in conflict with his oath to the flag. But the charge was not proven.

There has never been more than one Mrs. Reed Smoot. She is a woman of refinement, a great reader and a talented musician. When Mr. Smoot was elected to the United States senate she went with him to Washington. They stayed at the Raleigh hotel. The social circles are peculiar. They require that a newly arrived wife of a representative or senator or cabinet officer shall make the first calls on others of the official set. She had learned through the newspapers that the women of the official set were not friendly, and so she did not take the chance of a rebuff by making any calls. The women of the official set did not call upon her, and the snub was pronounced and emphatic. It was unjust, unkind and unreasonable. Mrs. Smoot, hurt to the quick, packed her trunk and went back to her western home, to stay

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there, as she put it, "until my husband is vindicated."

Senator Smoot is a self-made man, but the best part of Senator Smoot is his family. He has six children, ruddy cheeked, husky and healthy looking to delight one's eye. They are typical Americans.

There is a flavor of home and sincerity about this Senator Smoot which is very wholesome. He and Mrs. Smoot are as full of sentiment toward each other as though they had been married this season. What is still more interesting about the senator is his keen interest in everything that affects his children. He will play hide and seek with the boys, and paper dolls with the little girls, no matter how busy he may be.

AN INDUSTRIOUS LIFE.

The senator does not drink, smoke or chew, and more than all that, he does not swear. He is a God-fearing man. Now that the senator is sure of his seat, Mrs. Smoot will return to Washington, bringing the children with her, and in the early autumn this western banker will have an establishment of his own in the fashionable northwest section of the city. Mrs. Smoot is well fitted to take her place in the senatorial circles of Washington. She is a woman of impressive good sense and good breeding. Her father was a native of the state of New York and her mother of Connecticut.

Mrs. Smoot was educated in what is now called the University of Utah. She was then Miss Alpha M. Eldredge, the girl sweetheart of Reed Smoot, a student at the same institution. As soon as their college course was finished they married, some 29 years ago. Smoot was a poor man then; today he is rich,

prosperous and influential.

Mrs. Smoot's greatest attractions are her very bright, intelligent eyes and her gentle voice. She dresses well and in the prevailing fashions, but always modestly, and while her clothes indicate the woman of means and taste her money is not thrown on herself in great splashes. She is the typical woman of the west, frank and cordial and kindly. Here is the personality that is certain to win in Washington society where originality of character and a certain amount of independence of thought are a rarity. She will have no trouble socially when she returns to Washington, and it is only fair to assume, now that the fight is over, that even Mrs. Dubois, wife of the senator from Idaho, and Mrs. J. J. Cannon, wife of the senator from Michigan, the two men who led the fight against Smoot, will call upon her.

THE SMOOT CHILDREN.

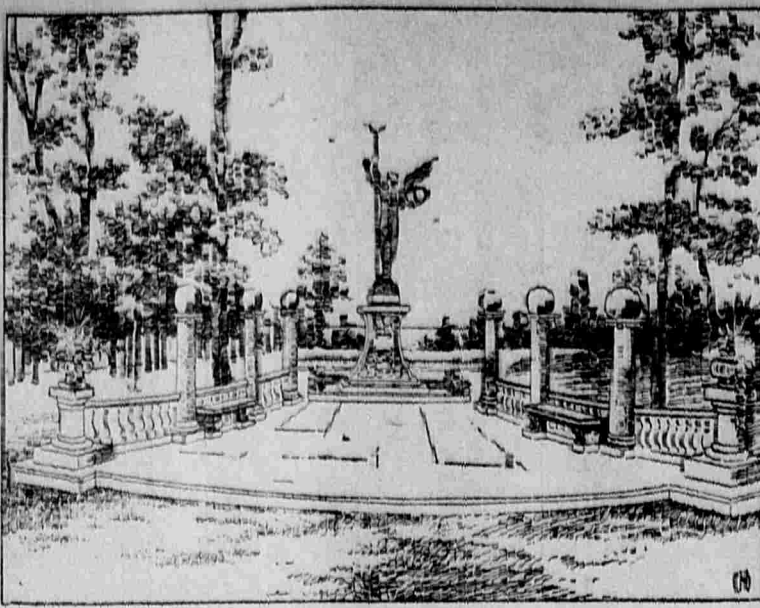
It is very interesting group gathered about the Smoot hearthstone. Of the six children Harold, the eldest, 15 years old, is now preparing himself for a career as an electrical engineer. (Chloe, 16, is apparently destined to be a fine pianist; the next, Harlow Eldredge, now 13, has a brain far beyond his years. He has few boy friends, but many men friends. He likes his elders. He told his father one day, in his quiet, serious way of talking: "You can't learn anything, dad," he said, "by seeing things, but you can by listening. I try to listen and remember." Then there is Anna K., 11 years, who is just simply dying "to be a great actress" in the Mrs. Leslie Carlon. She has studied elocution since she could almost first lip the lovable word mama. And then there is little Bella, the pet of the family, and Ernest, the baby, just 3 years old, as fat and chubby as a piglet in hunting season.

Recently when the senator was out home at Provo, Utah, they were entertaining a few friends at dinner. Miss Cobb was playing a Chopin polonaise. Anna K. was in her room studying her first Shakespeare verses, inspired by a performance of "The Merchant of Venice," which she had just seen, when suddenly the lights went out all over the house. The guests were alarmed but the family sat quite still. Mrs. Smoot explaining in her quiet way that it was only Harold making some more experiments and he had probably let the fuse burn out. The little rascal is as full of pranks as a girl graduate is of sentiment. When candles had been lighted, he turned on the electricity. His father allows him to make all the experiments he wants, exacting only one promise from him, that he won't burn down the house.

On the question of polygamy as practiced by some members of the Mormon Church, both the senator and Mrs. Smoot are bitterly opposed. Being reminded that the bitter fight that had been waged against the senator was really against the Mormon Church and not personal, Mrs. Smoot responded, with considerable feeling: "Our religion teaches only what is good. There is nothing bad in it. It is in the teachings of the Church that all the Mormons learn to be good fathers and mothers, good citizens and statesmen. If everybody would look into Mormonism deeply enough to thoroughly understand our religion and us, they would learn much good of us."

Harlow Eldredge, by the way, who is known at home as "Brownie," is the brainy one of the family. His memory is altogether out of the ordi-

MONUMENT TO COMMEMORATE PERRY'S VICTORY.



The monument shown in the cut is now being erected in Victory park, Put-in-Bay Island, in Lake Erie, and overlooks the portion of the lake on which Commodore Perry won his great victory Sept. 10, 1813. The pedestal, nine feet in height, is surmounted by a colossal figure of Victory. The statue is of copper bronze, and the approach to the monument will be of peristyle design. The unveiling will take place in August and will be made an occasion of appropriate festivity.

ary. He was a twin. The other and larger one of the pair died in infancy. Harold weighed about two pounds at his first weighing and was so frail and delicate that the doctors gave up all hope of saving his life. There were three eminent physicians that passed upon his case, and then Mr. Smoot took hold. He discharged them all and a trained nurse, too, saying, "the boy shall live, and I will nurse him myself." Harold was about a year old then, and ever since he has been the special care of his father, who has had the satisfaction of rearing a fine, robust, healthy boy, who looks today as though he had never had a moment's illness. The Smoot family will undoubtedly cut quite a social figure in the merry whirl of next season's festivities.

MARVELOUS GROWTH OF POPULATION IN SIX YEARS.

Washington, March 28.—There are now nearly 8,000,000 more people in continental United States than there were six years ago. This estimate is based upon figures compiled by the census bureau in a special report issued today. According to its estimates, the population of continental United States in 1906 was \$2,941,510, this being an increase over 1900 of 7,946,935. The population of the United States inclusive of Alaska and the insular possessions in 1906 was \$2,182,240. The growth in population in continental United States from 1900 to 1906 was 1,367,915.

The five leading cities and their estimated population in 1906 are as follows:

New York, 4,113,045.

Chicago, 2,049,182.

Philadelphia, 1,441,735.

St. Louis, 649,320.

Boston, 602,278.

The report presents the population returns for 1905 of the 14 states making an interdecennial enumeration, together with the estimate of population of these states for 1904 and 1906 and of the remaining states and territories for 1904, 1905 and 1906.

The states taking a census in 1905 are Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming. In Michigan the census is taken in the years ending with a "4." The population returns for these states was \$2,623,877, an increase since 1900 of 1,901,572, or 7.8 per cent. For the remaining states and territories the population for 1905 as determined by the method of estimating adopted by the bureau of the census was \$2,283,059, an increase over 1900 of 4,374,910, or 8.4 per cent.

The population of the 14 states making an enumeration, if estimated in the same manner, would be \$2,204,762, a difference of only 0.2 per cent from the actual returns.

The population of continental United States in 1905, as obtained by adding to the returns of the states which took a census in that year the estimated population of the remaining states and territories is \$2,576,192, an increase over 1900 of 4,579,620, or 8.7 per cent.

The rapid growth of urban population is noteworthy. The total estimated population of incorporated places having 5,000 or more inhabitants, exclusive of San Francisco and Los Angeles, is \$2,466,624 for 1906, an increase over 1900 of 3,312,188, or 15.9 per cent, while the estimated population of the United States exclusive of these cities

showed an increase of 4,480,000, or only 8.8 per cent. The 88 cities with an estimated population of 50,000 or more in 1906, had a total estimated population of 19,771,167, an increase of 2,766,863, or 16.3 per cent, over that reported at the twelfth census.

DE FOULKE SAYS THAT HE INTENDED TO KILL SCHIFF.

New York, March 23.—Lawrence de Foulke, the former valet of Mortimer L. Schiff, who broke into Mr. Schiff's home, stole 300 worth of jewelry and assaulted Mr. Schiff on the night of March 3, was up for sentence before Judge Rosalesky yesterday. De Foulke, who says his right name is Folke-Engelbrandt, had pleaded

guilty in the first degree. He admitted writing letters to Mrs. Schiff and said to her: "I went there to kill Mr. Schiff. I hit him in the room until he came home and when he appeared I hit him on the head with a blue pin." He was remanded to the Tombs to be sentenced at a later date. The judge is waiting to hear from Sweden, the native place of the prisoner, who, it is said, has served a term for burglary in that country. If this should prove true, it will be likely to go hard with the prisoner, who could be imprisoned for life for burglary in the first degree.

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