

CURRENT EVENTS.

Edmunds Law Prosecutions.

On Feb. 15 at Ogden Winthrop Farley of Ogden was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 and costs amounting to \$50.50 on a plea of guilty of unlawful cohabitation. Imprisonment was omitted on account of his poor health.

On Feb. 16 Henry Rampton of Bountiful was sentenced by Judge Sandford to ninety days' imprisonment and a fine of \$100, on a plea of guilty of unlawful cohabitation.

On Feb. 17 Jens Mortensen of Brigham City was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and the payment of costs, on the same charge.

In the First District Court Feb. 14, Wm. Rounds was sentenced to four months in the penitentiary and to pay costs of prosecution. His offense was living with his wives.

Wm. C. Brown pleaded guilty to polygamy, and is to be sentenced on May 8.

On Feb. 19 Martin Garn was sentenced by Judge Sandford to four months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$200, on a charge of unlawful cohabitation.

At Provo, Feb. 18, P. C. Christensen was arraigned on a charge of unlawful cohabitation, to which he pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for ninety days and to pay costs. He was also arraigned on a charge of adultery, and pleaded not guilty. This case was continued for the term.

In the Third District Court, on Feb. 20, P. F. Goss, who pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful cohabitation, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$75, and be imprisoned 85 days.

In the Third District Court Feb. 23, the following business was transacted:

George Manwaring was arraigned on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. A correction was made in the names of his wives, and he entered a plea of guilty. Sentence was set for Friday, March 1.

Soren Jacobsen, of East Bountiful, was called next. He had pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with unlawful cohabitation, and came forward for sentence. To Judge Sandford's inquiry, "What have you to say why sentence should not now be pronounced against you?" Mr. Jacobsen replied, "Nothing at all, sir." He was then sentenced to be imprisoned for 85 days, and to pay a fine of \$75, no costs being imposed.

Warren F. Reynolds, of South Cotton, received sentence on the first count of a "segregated" indictment, for unlawful cohabitation. He was 66 years of age, and was born in New York; when he imparted this information in reply to a question by Judge Sandford, the latter looked intently at him for a moment, and then proceeded. Mr. Reynolds presented a physician's certificate that he was suffering from neuralgia of the heart. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and be imprisoned for 50 days.

David Saunders, of Farmington, Davis County, was called for sentence on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. Mr. Peters stated to the court that Mr. Saunders had escaped from the marshal while the latter was bringing him from Montana, thus entailing \$50 extra costs for his arrest. In reply to questions by the court, Mr. Saunders stated that he had a family of fifteen children to provide for; his mother was a widow; his father had been a soldier in the rebellion, and had fought four years in the Union army, receiving an honorable discharge at the close of the war. The court remarked, "If I could know you would go and live as other men do, within the law—that you would turn over a new leaf—the punishment would be very light." Mr. Saunders could make no promise, and was fined \$150 and sentenced to imprisonment for 100 days.

Preston Lewis, of Big Cottonwood, also received sentence on a conviction of unlawful cohabitation. He was ordered to be confined in the penitentiary 100 days, and to pay \$100 fine.

On Feb. 18 Paul Cardon of Logan was before Commissioner Goodwin on the charge of unlawful cohabitation. Mrs. Susanuah Cardon, and John and Lucy Cardon, were examined as witnesses, and there being no evidence to hold Mr. Cardon, the case was dismissed.

On the evening of Feb. 20 Deputy Whetstone arrested Jens P. Jensen, of Logan, on the charge of unlawful cohabitation. The examination took place next morning, when Mr. Jensen pleaded guilty and was bound over in the sum of \$1000 to await the action of the grand jury.

Bishop Daynes of Hyde Park, learning that there was a complaint filed against him in the commissioner's court on the charge of unlawful cohabitation, surrendered himself to the officers on Feb. 20. Next day his examination was held in Commissioner Goodwin's court and there being no evidence against him he was acquitted.

At Ogden, on Feb. 26, the following business was transacted:

Matthews F. Bell was arraigned on a charge of unlawful cohabitation to which he pleaded guilty. Sentence was set for Feb. 27th.

Thomas Palmer was arraigned on a charge of unlawful cohabitation, on an indictment found Jan. 23d, 1889, to which he pleaded guilty. It was represented to the court that defendant's first wife had died a few weeks ago and he had since then remarried the second. Upon this showing the court suspended sentence.

At Provo on Feb. 26 the following was done:

United States vs. H. W. Sander-son; plea, guilty of unlawful cohabitation; sentence set for March 4.

United States vs. Axel Tulgreen; arraigned for unlawful cohabitation; plea, not guilty.

United States vs. Mads Jensen; unlawful cohabitation; plea, guilty; sentence set for March 4.

United States vs. Joseph Reynolds; plea, guilty to unlawful cohabitation, and sentence set for March 4.

United States vs. Henry Mower, unlawful cohabitation; plea, not guilty.

United States vs. Sarah J. Sander-son; fornication; plea, not guilty.

United States vs. Emma Sanders; fornication; plea not guilty.

United States vs. Aug. Swenson; postponed until March 4.

Grand jury came into court and presented forty-three indictments in United States cases and four in Territorial cases, ignoring accusations against Benj. Dana et al., John Miller, George Ostler and L. L. Brown.

At Ogden on February 27th, Peter Anderson, of Morgan County, convicted by his plea of guilty of unlawful cohabitation, was called for sentence. He stated he was 53 years of age; had two wives; married the second four years ago; had one child by her; was a farmer; owned about thirty or forty acres of land.

The court sentenced him to six months' imprisonment and the payment of costs.

M. F. Bell, of Richmond, Cache County, who, on Tuesday, pleaded guilty to the charge of unlawful cohabitation, was arraigned for sentence. He stated that he was 60 years of age; had two wives; married the first 37 years ago and the second 14 years ago; had five children by the latter; the youngest child by her was two years old; he was a farmer in a small way; had but little property.

He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and to pay the costs of the court.

Mr. Bell's family are in destitute circumstances. His children are all girls but the youngest, and there is no one to care for them while he is gone. The care of a crippled daughter, 34 years of age, falls heavily on the family during his absence.

Thomas Jessop, of Millville, was before the commissioner on Feb. 19 on the charge of unlawful cohabitation, but he has been busy railroading for several years past and evidence went to show that he had kept the law.

A Number of Acquittals.

In the Third District Court on February 13, Francis Cundick, of West Jordan, was placed on trial on an indictment for unlawful cohabitation. The witnesses were Sarah A. Cundick, Emily J. Barnes Cundick and John H. Barnes. The evidence was that in September, 1885, the defendant and his plural wife separated. Mr. Peters endeavored to obtain a conviction, but failed, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty after being out but a few minutes.

Joseph C. Perry, of Brighton, came next, on a similar charge. Mr. Peters concluded that he did not have evidence enough to convict, and on his motion the indictment was dismissed. Mr. Perry has already served one term for living with two wives.

Rasmus Nielson was called for trial for unlawful cohabitation. He