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He said he did not know the age of the last named.

Has Forty-Two Children.

Mr. Taylor questioned the witness in regard to the ages of several others of the children and Mr. Smith answered: "I am not in the habit of carrying birth records about with me."

Several questions were addressed to the witness in regard to the alleged marriage of Apollie Treadale to a plural wife since the manifesto of 1890. Attorney Vanot, for the defense, entered a protest on account of the manner in which the questions were put. Before he was allowed to leave the stand Chairman Burrows inquired:

"How many children have you now, Mr. Smith?"

"Forty-two," was the answer, "twenty-one boys and twenty-one girls, and I am proud of every one of them."

The witness was asked by Senator Burrows if Joseph Smith, Jr., the founder of the Mormon church, was a polygamist, and he answered affirmatively. He said that Mr. Smith was married to Eliza R. Snow in 1842 and to Maria Partridge in the '40s. His first wife was living with him when he married the second."

Senator Overman said he had a pamphlet saying that Joseph Smith was a polygamist. Turning to Mr. Smith, he asked:

"Is that what your church teaches?"

"No, sir," was the response. "What we teach is that Jesus Christ was descended through David and down to Abraham."

With that Mr. Smith left the stand, having been the only witness in the five days the hearing had progressed.

The prosecution then called Mrs. Clara Mabel Kennedy of Sevier county, Utah, to the stand, who testified to having been manifested in 1890. She said the ceremony had been performed by an apostle of the Mormon church. Mrs. Kennedy was born in Albany, N. Y., twenty-seven years ago. Her parents went to Utah when she was 2 years old. Her parents were Mormons.

She had been taught the propriety of plural marriages and in fact never had known any different life until after her marriage, at the age of 17, when she was married to James Francis Johnson, who already had one wife. Mrs. Kennedy said she met the first wife of Mr. Johnson at a social gathering about going into the family as a second wife. The first wife gave her consent to the arrangement.

Mrs. Kennedy said she lived with Mr. Johnson about five years, part of the time in the same house with the first wife. She said she had two children. Mr. Johnson, one of whom is now living.

Could Not Stand the Pressure. She separated from Mr. Johnson at the end of five years and about a year after that married Mr. Kennedy, by whom she has two children. Her present husband is well equipped with a fine farm and a good house, but she remains in the Mormon church.

"Why did you separate from your husband?" Senator Foraker asked.

"Well, I could not stand the pressure any longer," she replied. She was unable to give a description of Apollie Young.

Chairman Burrows adjourned the hearing until tomorrow with Mrs. Kennedy still on the stand.

IOWA MORMONS DENY TESTIMONY.

Members of Reorganized Church Protest Against Smith's Statements.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Chairman Burrows of the senate committee on privileges and elections has received from E. F. Shupe, president, and A. E. Tabor, secretary, of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a telegram denying the testimony of Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church, that Joseph Smith, Jr., was the originator of the doctrine of polygamy. Chairman Burrows has caused subpoenas to be issued for Messrs. Shupe and Tabor.

The telegram to Senator Burrows declares as untrue the statement of President Smith that revelations commanding polygamy were first given to Joseph Smith, Jr. It asserts that Brigham Young alone is responsible for that "pernicious doctrine" and that the polygamy religion was introduced first by Brigham Young in 1852, nearly nine years after the death of Joseph Smith, who never had but one wife." The telegram continues:

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Says Charge that He Withheld Facts is Preposterous.

REVIEWS THE CABINET RESIGNATIONS

Falls to See Reason for Discussing a Worn Out Subject and Turns Batteries on Lord Hamilton.

LONDON, March 7.—In the House of Commons tonight on a motion of adjournment for the purpose of giving the premier an opportunity to relate the circumstances surrounding the resignations from his cabinet last autumn, Mr. Balfour reviewed at length the entire situation prior to and after the crisis. He said he welcomed this opportunity, but failed to see a reason for taking up the time of the country in discussing a worn-out subject.

Referring to his pamphlet which was sent to the cabinet members in August the premier turned his batteries on Lord George Hamilton, formerly secretary for India, saying he had failed to deny the statements attributed to him until Mr. Balfour had publicly declared them to be "totally untrue." In September came the conclusion.

It was not within the region of practical politics to suggest a tax on food, the premier continued, and Joseph Chamberlain had reached a similar conclusion.

Concerning an allegation that he had kept any material facts from his colleagues the premier said he could not imagine a more preposterous statement or a more discredited one, were it true. Never had a more foolish or more baseless charge been made than that he had jockeyed his right honorable friends out of the cabinet by keeping Mr. Chamberlain's resignation secret. Mr. Chamberlain himself had announced his resignation.

He said he never knew what great men resigned ministers were until they resigned, and that he believed that there was no one on either side that should strain personal friendship.

In conclusion the premier paid a tribute to the duke of Devonshire.

RIVERS AGAIN AT FLOOD

Susquehanna, Monongahela and Allegheny Swollen by Continued Rains and May Surpass All Records.

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