

BLOODHOUNDS ON THEIR TRAIL

The Parson's Pretty Daughter Ran Away With Good-Looking Mr. Smith.

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TALEQUAH, I. T., Jan. 17.—In the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ark., thirty-five miles northeast of this place, lives and labors Rev. Mr. Hall, a minister of the Gospel and the father of one of the prettiest girls in the district, by name Minnie. William Smith is a farm hand who is, or was, employed by a neighbor of the preacher's.

Smith, being above the average for good looks, succeeded in getting into the good graces of the minister's daughter. The old minister had been informed of the very close connection existing between the two, but he said never a word. Last Sunday the old man, on returning from Sabbath school service, found his daughter and Mr. Smith together. Moreover, Mr. Smith had one arm around Miss Hall's waist. This sight aroused the Rev. Mr. Hall's temper to an uncontrollable pitch, and he proceeded to do up Mr. Smith in one round, the young lover coming out of the fight with swollen eyes and a sprained wrist.

He was immediately dismissed, but this seemed to have no effect on the strong attachment between the two lovers. On the following night, by means of a ladder placed at the window of the girl's bed room, she escaped, and, accompanied by her lover, hid herself to the beautiful prairies of the Indian Territory, taking with her one of the best horses on the farm, together with \$100 in cash.

On awakening this morning and finding his daughter missing the reverend gentleman, with one other man, commenced pursuit with bloodhounds, leaving this place at 12 o'clock last night and proceeding on to Bradd's Station early this morning. Since leaving here it has been learned that the young couple preceded the pursuing party some hours and succeeded in getting married and making their escape by the Valley Railroad.