Wichita Eagle

AN ANNIVERSARY GUIDE

BILL NYE DEVOTES A LETTER TO TIN AND OTHER WEDDINGS.

If You Are Certain of Getting Gifts Enough to Pay for the Grub and Other Things Distributed, Go Ahead—If You Are Not, Don't.

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"Anxious Inquirer," of West Postelwaite's Crossing, this state, writes to know authoritatively the several names and table of distances between the various wedding anniversaries known throughout this country, and also the stationery and etiquette of the elite which is customary. "Anxious Inquirer" also adds: "We live plainly here in a sort of hand-to-mouth fashion, but we are great hands for gayety, and my husband would just make you die a-laughing when he gets to cutting up. Wherever he goes he is the life of the party. I call him Little Sunbeam, though he is quite good size, and has to have a new gore put into his waistcoat every year. Whether it is a barn raising or a revival I care not, you will always find a group of surprised and delighted admirers hanging about my Little Sunbeam. We thought of having a tin wedding next season if we could get an idea of how to go at it, and quietly swap a few glad smiles and big red apples for milk pans and a new tin roof, mebbe, for the house. He is just as poplar as he can be that is, my husband is, and I am sure the folks would come from as far back as East Turner and Gangrene City. Please tell us all about it, old man, and thus please one who reads everything you write and treasures it for years. I inclose a piece of ribbon for you to write your autograph on in indelible ink for our grab bag. We have also wrote to Tallamadge and Mr. Sullivan to favor us in the same way. We asked Ingersoll, the lost and undone combustible of an irate God, to write a sentiment on a piece of silk for our quilt, and he wrote on it in indelible ink so's to spile the block it was wrote on:

"'Why in the name of that ill ventilated future state toward which I almost hope that you are hastening do you ask me to write my autograph on an old hat lining? R. G. INGERSOLL.'

"The silk had been, I admit, the lining to Little Sunbeam's hat that he was married in, but I declare I didn't think that a man with as few privileges as Ingersoll has had would ever drop on it."

Marriage anniversaries are ignored by some people, while others regard them with awe and admiration. It is well enough to observe them, especially if you feel that you are "poplar" with the masses, and can get a good return for each gob of cake that is ground into your ingrain carpet.

After you and Little Sunbeam had been successfully wedded for one year you were entitled to a cotton or safety pin wedding. You could avail yourselves of the anniversary to barter popcorn for muslin if you had so decided. I do not know that it pays. His Royal Altitoodleum the Prince of Wales told me last summer in a burst of confidence, as we strolled out to the barn after the marriage of his daughter, that his cotton wedding was really a loss to him. Folks, he said, that had means, and had credit at the store for all the sheeting and spreads and such stuff that they had a mind to buy, came to his house on that occasion, deposited in the royal archives a penny wipe or a cheese cloth portiere and then gorged themselves on the grub of the Guelphs till the cows came home, as he expressed it.

After two years comes the leather wedding, and in five years from the nuptials comes the wooden wedding. A clergyman friend of mine had a wooden wedding in all sincerity and honesty of purpose. Donations had taught him not to hope for anything more than kind expressions and some new samples of hair oil on his wall paper, but he loved his congregation, and liked to show as far as possible that even if he did feel a little more secure for the future than they did, he was not disposed to refer to it any more than necessary. He was a good man, and he earned his salary just as faithfully as he would if he had got it.

Well, he had a wooden wedding, and his wife reversed the skirt of her black dress and put in new waist and sleeves for the occasion, and cooked up a whole lot of wholesome victuals and bought some Chinese lanterns with the money her folks had rent her to buy other things

THE PRINCE OF WALES TOLD ME.

with, and she skipped around for days warbling such mirth provoking songs as "I Stood on the Bridge at Midnight," and other ballads that were too depressing to be wicked.

Days passed, and then at last came the evening tide and quite a number of people, who looked with a keen, searching glance at all the parsonage properties, as who should say we paid for this and we have a right to see what is being done with it. They put up their horses and came in. They shook hands with the pale pastor and presented him with a stepladder.

Quite a good address was made by Mr. Earnest Patterson, who did not feel able to give anything except the address, so they let him off with that. He went on to state how it was emblematical of the pastor's upward tendency, and closed with a fitting tribute to the pastor's good qualities and the general advantage of being born in the land of gospel lights and privileges as contrasted with heathen lands, where people do not read the papers, but persist in being born at points where it is inconvenient and expensive to send the Rev. Samuel Jones, of Georgia. He seemed to express a hope that he would ultimately meet the pastor in a land where parting would be no more, and where the elder would be required to give an account of his stewardship, also to have the above stepladder with him in good order, or explain why it was not in good order.

The people then played some games, ate what cake they did not feed to the children in the pastor's bed, broke a leg off a hair cloth lounge and propped it up

I HAVE A PRINTING PRESS.

with the encyclopedia, drove their teams over the cucumber vines and went home.

He died last year, just before time to celebrate his tin wedding. I have always believed that a porterhouse steak would have saved his life. His congregation submitted to the inevitable and got another hardier shrub to take his place. Possibly they got an orchid.

The tin wedding occurs at the tenth anniversary. At twelve years silk and linen are the general characteristics. At fifteen years comes the crystal, at twenty the china, at twenty-five the silver wedding, at thirty pearl, at forty ruby and at fifty the golden wedding. The seventy-fifth anniversary is called the diamond wedding, but very few succeed in getting that far hand in hand.

Your job printer will show you what style of invitation to issue, so that you will have no trouble in regard to that.

As regards refreshments you must use your own taste, and conform somewhat to the customs of the place in which you live. Some just pass around the victuals say about 9 or 10 o'clock, and let her go at that. A good idea is to avoid so far as possible going into perishable grub. Get things that will keep, and then serve after you have run your eye swiftly over the gifts. A friend of mine got all ready once to feed his guests with the fat of the land, but after seeing the layout he sliced a watermelon and went to bed, leaving word in an audible voice for the butler to turn off the gas as soon as the guests went home.

It was a crystal wedding, and he told me that eight of the guests clubbed together and bought him a glass marble with a little mud turtle in it. At first he thought that he would seek relief in the false joys of rum, but later on he yielded to better counsels and bought a present for one of these friends who was about to have a tin wedding. It was a thing to use in tearing off checks, and he made it himself out of an unsoldered oyster can. He also got the entire list of guests to unite with him in the expense. This did much to break up the custom of exchanging cookies for carved furniture, and prune sauce and a glowing welcome for a set of solid silver or cut glass.

The Prince of Wales told me that if he had his life to live over again he wouldn't go in for any of these things. In fact he had a tin wedding against his better judgment, he said, rather than have any trouble with his mother. She favored it and thought it would pay, but it didn't. He says that the way board is now it takes a good many long handled dippers to pay for one of these blowouts.

I have written the indelible autograph on the piece of silk sent me, "Anxious Inquirer," and return it to you along with the odor of benzine which accompanied it here when I received it. Use it wisely, and may it enhance the grab bag to such an extent that in future years when your sons shall write home from the penitentiary and give their autobiography they may point to this autograph and this grab bag, and say that it was then and there that they first learned the joys of gambling and of getting by chance what they might not by purchase.

Should your printer be unable to supply you with the appropriate stationery for your anniversary I will be glad to do your work and furnish you with what you need. I have a neat little printing press, which I secured by getting a new subscriber and thirty-five cents for a paper which desired to extend its circulation so that it could do a good deal more good than it had ever been able to do before. It is a good little press, but is really better, I find, as a cider press than for printing. It is too earnest and too desirous of making a deep impression, I think. It would be a good machine to prepare reading matter for the blind, because it can be read better on the back than on the front, and easier by touch than by sight. I had intended to touch briefly upon the great solemnity of the marriage relations and the horrors of married life, but I find that I have not the time or space for it.

However, I may say in conclusion, that marriage, if not carried to excess, is a wise provision and a sacred obligation. Marry your opposite so far as possible, especially as regards sex. You will never regret it. If possible marry above your own station. Both of you should do this. It is sure to advance your race. Do not marry a foreigner unless highly indorsed by those in whom you have perfect confidence, or unless you want to very much indeed.

Do not encourage long engagements. It is better to get weary of each other at your leisure after marriage than to fly around and do so beforehand. Courtship, however, is a most delightful industry, and should not be rashly broken in upon by marriage. Some people seem to be admirably fitted for suitors, but fail in other occupations. This is very unfortunate indeed. No suitor can be sure of a permanent situation. The supply greatly exceeds the demand, but good husbands and wives are none too plenty.

If the United States government would establish a standard of excellence for suitable husbands under 30, and able, amiable and sensible wives under the same age, and award a medal to each and a purse annually instead of oiling the thorax and patting the back of capital we would never have cause to regret it. Wedding anniversaries containing popcorn and presents of course are within the scope, jurisdiction and prerogative of those who are interested, and may be encouraged or frowned upon as best suits those who may or may not be willing to place themselves in a position where the positive electrode of pie and angel food may be applied in such a way as to connect with the electrode of pin cushions and congratulations.

You can suit yourself, "Anxious Inquirer," but as you gaze fondly on the tin caster which marks your silver wedding, and dig the jam out of your hair on the morning after your anniversary, please do not shake your mucilaginous locks at me and say I did it, for I did not.

Bill Nye

Special Trains to the Fair.

Commencing Thursday, October 2 and continuing October 3 and 4, the Wichita & Western road will run special trains to the great Southwestern fair at Wichita.

Train will leave Cullison each day at 6 a. m. and returning depart from Douglas avenue passenger station at 7 p. m. Excursion rate, one fare for the round trip on points on the Wichita & Western railroad. d 111-11t

Cheap Rates to the St. Louis Fair via the Great Rock Island Route.

For the above the great Rock Island route will sell tickets to St. Louis, Mo., at one fare for the round trip. Tickets sold Oct. 4 to 10, inclusive; good for return Oct. 13. Trains leave Wichita at 9 a. m. and 9:55 p. m. Inquire at City Ticket office, 100 East Douglas avenue, corner Main street.
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New Pullman sleeping car service Missouri Pacific railway Wichita to St. Louis without change via the "Pleasant Hill route. d58 tf

Colorado short line, Missouri Pacific railway, through car service to Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver, Missouri Pacific railway. d58 tf

Kansas City and Chicago leaves Wichita 7:45 a. m., arrives at Kansas City 5 o'clock p. m., Chicago next morning at 8 o'clock.

Colorado express leaves Wichita at 5:15 p. m., arriving at Pueblo for breakfast and Denver for dinner. Chair cars and Pullman sleeping cars through to Denver, via the Missouri Pacific railway. 107 tf

Night express for Kansas City, St. Louis and the east leaves Wichita at 9:40 p. m. Chair cars and Pullman sleepers on this train. Missouri Pacific railway. 107 tf

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Emigration to the West.

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Inquire of W. D. Murdock, local agent Santa Fe Route; short line to all points on earth. d108-1t

Removal.

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Has it ever occured to you that the Santa Fe route has a very fast train to Chicago and the east—leaving Wichita at 12:40 noon, arriving in Chicago the next morning, making all eastern connections. It is a fact. d50-tf

Catechism.

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See announcement in this issue of special train service on Wichita & Western railroad October 2, 3 and 4. d111-4tt

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