

FORTY DIVORCES DURING THE YEAR

That Many Were Issued in the District Court Here During This Past Twelve Months.

ONLY 28 IN THE YEAR 1907

The Business Seems to be Increasing and the Ratio of Unhappy Weddings is Appalling.

Since the passage of a recent law requiring the keeping of a record of divorce cases, it is possible now to turn to the book in the office of the clerk of the district court and see just how many divorces are granted each year, together with all of the particulars.

The new book, which was opened during the middle of 1906 contains space for the names of both parties, their ages, date of marriage, date of divorce, grounds for same, nationally, etc.

So far in 1908 there were forty divorce decrees issued in Keokuk. In 1907 there were but 28.

Of these forty divorces during this year, but six husbands had asked to be separated from their wives, while thirty-four wives had filed petitions.

The grounds for divorce were divided as follows: Cruel and inhuman treatment twenty, desertion twelve, drunkenness five, adultery three.

Two were colored while the balance were white.

As the book has just been started, only two pages of it are filled up but in a dozen or so years, this divorce record book will furnish a most interesting field for statisticians.

With 260 marriage licenses issued in Keokuk and forty divorces during the year, it begins to look as though the ratio of unhappy marriages was about one out of ever half dozen.

An Appalling Ratio.

A majority of the wedding licenses issued in Keokuk are for out of town people, but the divorces must go to residents of at least six months, so the ratio is even more startling when contemplated in this way and a little figuring might bring the awful result that one out of every four couples in Keokuk do not live happy ever after.

Whether this being leap year, had anything to do with the large number of divorces or not, is another statistical problem which is left to some one else to figure out.

Of these forty unhappy couples who separated in 1908, one of the women had been married twice before and seven of them had been married once before. Of the men, one had been married twice before.

The couple who had been married the longest were married in 1872 and divorced thirty-six years afterwards.

The nationalities given are as follows for the men: American 28, German 5, Irish 3 and one each Scotch, Scotch-Irish, English and African. For the women the nationalities are given: 32 Americans, 4 Germans, 2 Scotch Irish and one each Irish and African.

With only the full records of two years, but little comparison can be made of the divorce mill in Keokuk, but with 40 for this year and 28 last year, business seems to be increasing in that line.

the dance and the many young people present thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality extended by the host and hostess. The out-of-town guests present were the following: The Misses Mary and Eleanor McClure of New York, Miss Gene Scott and Miss Ida Callif of Carthage, Miss Truena Evers of Quincy, Messrs. W. B. Gramam and P. R. Stoltz of Ottumwa and Harold Fromme of Peoria.

A marriage license was issued this afternoon to A. Ray Smouse of Mount Pleasant and Miss Leona Bates of Keokuk.

Nauvoo Independent: The marriage of Miss Susan Wyles of this city and Mr. James E. Reeder of Clinton, Ind., was solemnized at high noon Thursday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evelyn Wyles. Rev. A. L. McArthur of Hamilton performed the ceremony in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends. It was a simple home wedding and there were no attendants. After the ceremony a fine collation was served. The bride was reared in this vicinity and resided here all her life, with the exception of a few years that the family resided in Keokuk. She is a lovable and accomplished young lady and enjoys the respect of a large circle of acquaintances. The groom is a member of a well known family of Indiana, and at present is a senior student of the medical department of Drake university of Des Moines, Iowa. The bride will reside with her parents here this winter while the groom completes his studies, after which they will seek a suitable location for a permanent home. Their many friends unite with us in extending congratulations and wishing them a happy future.

CITY NEWS.

—Gkate at the Roll-a-Way and be happy or an evening.

—N. A. King is sick at his home in Concert street and unable to come down town.

—Justice H. C. Landes still remains at home sick and was unable to come down to his office today.

—Earl Hemenover, who has been very sick for the past few weeks is expected to be out again in a few days.

—Enjoy a merry whirl at the Roll-a-Way this evening, the old as well as the young can partake of the amusement.

—A meeting of the federation committee will be held this evening at the Y. M. C. A. All the evangelical churches of the city will be represented.

—The District court was rather quiet today, court matters occupying its attention. The petit jury has been excused until Wednesday when an other jury case will likely be started.

—The Roll-a-Way is the greatest amusement feature Keokuk people have enjoyed and their patronage is certainly appreciated by the management.

—A Keokuk minister who has been here for a number of years and is well known, is said to have received a call from an eastern church and is considering the advisability of accepting the same.

—The best way to spend an afternoon or an evening is at the Roll-a-Way—the finest rink for the finest people. Once around with the merry throng causes enthusiasm that is increased with every stride.

—Three young boys about the age of twelve years were relieved of an air rifle by Officer Warren Holiday Saturday afternoon, after being taken to the police station on complaint of a south side resident.

—The meeting yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. was well attended and was a most interesting one. Previous to the address which was given by Rev. E. B. Newcomb, the Congregational choir of fifteen voices repeated the music of that church on the previous Sabbath.

PERSONALS.

Miss Maude Gilley who is teaching school at Macomb, is home for a holiday visit and is accompanied by her niece Miss Eva Byerly.

Mrs. F. E. Staunus and daughter Etta of Quincy are visiting for a few days with relatives and friends in the city.

Lieutenant J. C. Townsend left Sunday afternoon for Baltimore, enroute to Norfolk, after spending Christmas with home folks.

Charles Dickey left this afternoon for Indianapolis, after a visit with his family in this city.

Ernest Brunat of Minneapolis is in the city for a few days' visit during the holidays.

W. J. Ingram spent a few days in St. Louis and returned to Keokuk today.

SEISMOGRAPH SHOWED QUAKE

Recorded a Disturbance About 4,800 Miles Distant From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—When the seismograph record in the weather bureau was examined today it showed an earthquake occurred last night at 11:31. The disturbance lasted more than an hour. Chief Moore says the origin of the quake appears to have been about 4,800 miles distant from Washington, corresponding to the distance from parts of Italy from which the cable reports were received this morning.



SCHEME TO UNITE 7,000,000 ACRES

B. F. Yoakum One Member of Syndicate According to Reports—Land Valued at \$75,000,000.

KINGSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 28.—The largest ranch consolidation scheme ever undertaken is being negotiated in this part of Texas. It involves the merging of sixteen of the largest ranches in Texas, embracing 7,000,000 acres of land, valued at upward of \$75,000,000, into one enormous tract.

Among the larger ranches upon which options to purchase have already been signed are three of Mrs. H. M. King, consisting of 1,380,000 acres; John B. Armstrong, 120,000 acres, and John Kennedy, 200,000 acres. The stretch of territory involved in the proposal deal borders the lower Gulf coast for 150 miles.

Railroad Crosses Land.

The identity of the men composing the big syndicate who have obtained these options has not been disclosed, but it is reported that J. J. Hill, who recently purchased the Colorado and Southern, including the latter Texas lines, is back of the transaction. The St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico railroad, in which Mr. Hill and associates are said to have acquired a controlling interest, splits this ranch territory in half.

It is said to be the plan of Mr. Hill or whoever may be back of the great land consolidation scheme, to divide the property into small farm tracts and colonize the same. B. F. Yoakum of New York, chairman of the Rock Island and Frisco executive committees, is president of the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico, and is said to be a member of the syndicate that has been formed to acquire and consolidate these Texas ranches.

How is Your Digestion.

Mrs. Mary Dowling of No. 228 8th Ave., San Francisco, recommends a remedy for stomach trouble. She says: "Gratitude for the wonderful effect of Electric Bitters in a case of acute indigestion, prompts this testimonial. I am fully convinced that for stomach and liver troubles Electric Bitters is the best remedy on the market today."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

JOHNSON-EFFRIES PURSE OF 50,000

Burns Says He Has Made Quarter Million Out of His Fistic Career and Will Retire.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 28.—Almost the sole topic of conversation here now is the Johnson-Burns fight and the probability of getting James J. Jeffries to come from retirement and fight the new champion for the laurels the Californian one had.

Whether it will be possible to arrange a battle to take place at Rushcutter's bay between Jeffries and Johnson is not known, but certainly every effort to do so will be made by Hugh McIntosh, the fight promoter, who announces that he will leave for the United States by way of England Jan. 2, and offer a purse of \$50,000 in an endeavor to entice Jeffries to come across the seas and meet Johnson.

That McIntosh can afford to offer an enormous purse for another championship "go" is shown by the fact that the receipts from the Johnson-Burns fight aggregated \$150,000. This amount it is believed here, is the greatest ever taken in for a single prize fight. Of this sum Burns received \$30,000 and Johnson \$7,500, including \$2,500 for his traveling and training expenses.

Thus far "Bill" Squires, the local heavy weight who thrice has been vanquished by Burns, is the only man who has issued a deft to Johnson, and the big Texan has signified his willingness to meet Squires for \$10,000 a side. It is unlikely, however, in view of the impression Johnson has made here as a fighter, that Squires will be able to find a backer.

Burns adheres to the decision he made prior to meeting Johnson—that would be his last fight, despite the result. He says he has made during his fighting career \$200,000 and that this is enough to keep him from wanting.

A Personal Appeal. If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and lung trouble, you never could be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and Tar costs you no more and has a record of forty years of cures. Wilkinson & Co., and J. F. Kiedaisch & Son.

BODY OF WELL DRESSED WOMAN

Found Floating in Lake Michigan and Police Believe It to be a Murder.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 28.—What the police believe to be an atrocious murder was uncovered this afternoon when the body of a fashionably dressed woman was found floating in Lake Michigan off the north shore. Despite the fact that two checks for \$20 and \$29 were found on the body the police think the girl a victim of foul play. The checks made out to Mamie R. Dunn, signed by the cashier and paying teller of the American Trust and Savings bank is the only clue.

Working on New Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Members of the ways and means committee returned to Washington and held a meeting today, resuming work on the new tariff bill.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margret Hedges will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, at the Collier residence, 326 Fulton street. Friends invited to services. Interment in Des Moines.

BITTER TARIFF FIGHT IS SEEN

No General Business will be Transacted Should Speaker Cannon Follow Precedent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Leaders in both houses of congress are anticipating a long session next summer, following the convening of the extraordinary session of the Sixty-first congress, and the impending struggle over the tariff bill. According to unofficial advices received in Washington, Mr. Taft has made it known that he will summon congress to meet on Monday, March 15.

The Sixtieth congress expires by limitation March 4, upon which day the new administration is to be inaugurated. By selecting the date less than a fortnight distant from his induction into office, Mr. Taft gives notice that no time is to be lost in getting at the business promised during the campaign.

Tariff Bill Comes Early.

The length of this extraordinary session is problematical, but the leaders of the two houses are rather inclined to the opinion that the summer will be more than half gone before adjournment. The preliminary work now being done by the committee on ways and means assures early consideration of a tariff bill in the house. Debates in that body can be restricted, and as the bill is to be introduced from the committee immediately upon convening, the consideration of the proposed measure will begin without delay.

At the special session at which the Dingley bill was considered and passed Speaker Reed kept the house under absolute control by appointing only the committee on ways and means and such other minor committees as were necessary to the operation of the house, such as accounts, mileage, etc. In this way no other business than that decreed—the tariff bill—was considered.

Of course, bills can be introduced, but if Speaker Cannon follows the precedent set by Mr. Reed there will be no committees to which to refer them, and no general business can be transacted by the house.

To Senate Early in April.

Leaders already are talking about putting the new tariff bill through the house and getting it into the hands of the senate early in April. When the Dingley bill was sent to the senate the house contented itself with meeting only to adjourn for three days, thereby focusing public attention on the senate and placing the responsibility for protracted session and undue delay in enacting tariff legislation upon that body.

Even after the proposed measure passes the senate the end will not be more than merely in sight. There are bound to be serious differences between the two houses, all of which will take time to reconcile. The Dingley bill was in conference committee nearly a month, and there is every indication that the struggle between the two houses in the coming tariff fight will be quite as bitter as it was when the last legislation of this sort was enacted.

DIED IN AUTO OF HEART DISEASE

Former Officer of the Forton Trust Company is Found Dead in His Automobile.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—While riding alone in his automobile near Spring Valley, N. Y., Hiram B. Berry of Warwick, a wealthy manufacturer and formerly an officer of the Morton Trust company of this city, died of heart disease. He was found dead on the seat of the machine, which had run into a ditch when his hand fell from the steering wheel.

The fatality occurred as the car was climbing a steep grade. It is believed that Mr. Berry, who was subject to heart trouble, had overexerted himself working the car up to top speed before reaching the hill, and was stricken half way up it.

Tidal Wave Followed Earthquake.

CATANIA, Sicily, Dec. 28.—A tidal wave accompanying today's earthquake caused a heavy loss to shipping interests here. Many vessels were injured. Most of the serious damage was sustained by the Swedish steamer Asta, the Austrian steamer Budawo, and the Italian steamer Orseola.

Seize a British Steamer.

HONGKONG, Dec. 28.—The British authorities today are starting an investigation of the capture of the British steamer Taion by two Chinese cruisers near Kum Chuka. Several months ago the Taion ran down a Chinese junk and it is supposed the seizure grew out of this incident.

Misouri Meat Inspectors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Thomas Mulvey, Andrew Pickett and Joseph C. Eddy, all of Kansas City, and Joseph L. Chamberlain, of St. Joseph, Mo., have been appointed meat inspectors in connection with the bureau of animal industry.

Kentucky Farmer Suicides.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 28.—Roy Rogers, age 29, son of a prominent farmer killed himself today. His father was whipped by nigger riders during the summer and the son brooded over the affair and it is believed to have caused the deed.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Furnished by Bennett & Co., Commission Merchants and Members of the Chicago Board of Trade—W. W. Gwin, Local Representative, 312 Johnson Street.

OPEN. HIGH. LOW. CLOSE.

WHEAT— Dec. . . . 103 1/2 103 1/2 102 3/4 103 May . . . 107 1/2 107 1/2 106 1/2 106 1/2 July . . . 98 1/2 98 1/2 98 1/2 98 1/2

CORN— Dec. . . . 57 57 57 57 May . . . 61 61 60 61 July . . . 61 61 61 61

OATS— Dec. . . . 49 1/2 49 1/2 49 1/2 49 1/2 May . . . 52 52 51 1/2 51 1/2 July . . . 46 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28.—Wheat closed 1/4 @ 1/2c higher; corn 1/2 @ 3/4d higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Hog receipts, 30,000; market closed 20 @ 25 higher than Thursday; top, \$6.15. Cattle receipts, 19,000; market closed 10c higher than Thursday.

Chicago Car Lots. (Four days.) Wheat, 34; graded No. 2, 7; corn, 7.70; graded No. 2, 5; oats, 311, graded No. 2, 25.

MINNEAPOLIS, Wheat, 88.5. DULUTH, Wheat, 265. Estimated Receipts for Tomorrow. Wheat, 19; corn, 466; oats, 183; hogs, 28,000.

Chicago Live Stock. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 28.—Cattle, 19,600, 10 @ 15c higher; beefs, \$5.40 @ 7.70; stockers, \$2.50 @ 4.90. Hogs—32,000; 10 @ 15c higher; light \$5.10 @ 5.90; heavy, \$5.80 @ 6.15; pigs, \$4.00 @ 5.00.

Sheep—23,000; 10c higher; natives, \$7.75 @ 5.00; lambs, \$4.60 @ 7.75.

Kansas City, Live Stock. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—Cattle, 8,000, strong; steers, \$4.60 @ 7.25; stockers, \$3.00 @ 5.25; hogs, 8,000, 5 @ 1c higher; bulk, \$5.50 @ 5.95; sheep, 5,000, steady; muttons, \$4.25 @ 5.10; lambs, \$6.00 @ 7.50.

New York Produce. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Dressed poultry, 16 @ 24c; chickens, 12 @ 15c; live poultry, moderate.

Butter, creamery, extra 32 1/2 @ 33c; state dairy tubs, finest, 29 @ 30c. Eggs—nearly white, fancy 40c; fresh firsts, 32c.

Cheese, full cream, specials, 14 1/2 @ 15c; skims, specials, 11 1/2c.

New York Stocks. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The demand for stock continued brisk enough during the first hour to carry a large number of issues up to the new high range for the year, including the St. Paul, New York Central and the Great Northern were preferred. Copper shares followed in line with the rest of the market. In the Government's, three registered an advance of five-eighths. Other bonds were strong.

There were some further gains over mid-day prices made during the afternoon, Pennsylvania, Union Pacific and Atchison being about the strongest features.

Stocks. Atchison 99 1/2 American Smelting 83 1/2 Amalgamated Copper 83 1/2 Anaconda Copper 49 1/2 Baltimore and Ohio 110 1/2 B. R. T. 69 1/2 Canadian Pacific 177 1/2 C. and O. 58 1/2 Erie 34 1/2 Illinois Central 147 Louisville and Nashville 123 1/2 Missouri Pacific 67 1/2 New York Central 124 Northern Pacific 142 1/2 National Lead 73 1/2 Pennsylvania Railway 131 Rock Island 25 St. Paul 62 1/2 Reading 141 1/2 St. Paul 149 1/2 Southern Pacific 121 1/2 Sugar 132 Texas Pacific 86 1/2 United States Steel 54 1/2 Do preferred 113 Union Pacific 183 1/2 Wabash 19 1/2 Do preferred 48 1/2

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UP AGAINST A HARD SITUATION

Sheriff Crawley and His Two Deputies Have a Hard Problem to Solve.

STEARNS, Ky., Dec. 28.—Sheriff Crawley of Whitley county, and two deputies arrived here today to take charge of one of the most desperate situations the Kentucky authorities ever experienced. Garnett Riply and the Adjutant General of the state, here to command a small army of soldiers since Christmas, turned the men over to await the sheriff's orders. The sheriff announced he would organize a posse of deputies and soldiers to capture Berry Simpson, George Stanley and Ruben West who are reported to be heavily armed and hiding in the hills. West was received here today that word was captured after firing the hotel. The sheriff is confronted with a peculiar situation in this county. Seven officers the last few years, who have killed desperadoes while trying to arrest them, have been indicted for murder and tried and found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary, while no outlaw was convicted who killed an officer. "Sending troops here is our only salvation," the sheriff said today. "We now feel safe to proceed

ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 28.—West

Grubb, the negro arrested last night on a charge of attempting to wreck the Washington, Chattanooga Limited on the Norfolk Western railroad, today confessed to the police. He admitted having made three unsuccessful attempts near Wytheville in order to "get even" with a section foreman against whom he has a grudge.

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WANT COLUMN

WANTED. WANTED—50 men to learn barber trade and take positions waiting our graduates. Few weeks completes. Constant practice furnished, scholarship include tools, instructions, demonstrations, examinations and diplomas. Write for catalogue, Moler Barber College, St. Louis, Mo. tf.

WANTED—Railroads are again calling for hundreds of trained men to fill positions as firemen, brakemen, electric railway motormen and conductors. Uncle Sam also wants more competent men for railway mail clerks, carriers and P. O. clerks. Our practical courses by mail will fit you in a short time for any of these good paying positions. Write today for free catalogue and say for what position you want to qualify. The Wenthel Ry. Corres. School, Freeport, Ill., Dept. 358. tf.

FOR RENT. FOR RENT—Dwelling with gas, bath and barn. Also farm near Keokuk. Inquire 727 Morgan street. tf.

FOR RENT—Eight room house, \$15 Concert. Apply 722 Franklin street. tf.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE OR FOR RENT—House and lot 811 South Sixteenth street. J. S. Ferguson, 1601 Carroll. tf.

FOR SALE—Main street property, ranging in price from \$5,000 to \$24,000. See J. C. Paradise Realty Co. 26-2

FOR SALE—Several north side residences in First ward—all high grade propositions. See J. C. Paradise Realty Co., 22 North Sixth street. 26-2t

FOR SALE—Several high grade and desirable residences on the south side; high ground; close to Main street. See J. C. Paradise Realty Co. 26-2t

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Fine, highly improved, Lee county farm, 752 acres; 1-4 mile from good town, school and church. Stocks of merchandise considered. The price is right to make money on this farm. See J. C. Paradise Realty Co., Gate City building, Sixth street. 26-2t

FOR SALE—20 acres on Hick road—almost within city limits. Improvements: 7 room dwelling, grainery, barn, chicken house, smoke house, hundreds of fruit trees and grape vines, etc. Somebody take this quickly. It's a bargain. Price \$3,000. See J. C. Paradise Realty Co. 26-2t

FOR SALE—At anti-water power prices—(1) Two cottages and barn, on one lot, Nineteenth and Timea, \$1,050. (2) Two cottages, full lot, 415-418 Palean, \$1,700. (3) Two cottages, nice north side corner lot, on best residence street in city. Thirtieth and Orleans, \$2,400. All three of these offers are bargains, and will pay handsomely on investment. See J. C. Paradise Realty Co., 22 North Sixth street. 26-2t

LOST. LOST—A black fur muff on Main street between Fourth and Twelfth street. Finder return to this office. It

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