



Uncle Sam—Here's a water cure no one's goin' to kick on.

A HONEYMOON LONG DELAYED

More Unusual Facts Connected With the Bennett-Graves Wedding.

The Parties Were Married in '99—Tried to Secure Divorce.

The marriage of Miss Irene Mayhew Graves to Harold William Bennett, which took place in Evanston at the home of the bride's parents last Wednesday, forms the final chapter in a romance as unusual as it is interesting. As a matter of fact, the bride of that occasion was already a wife. When in response to the minister's question she promised to "love, honor and cherish" the man who stood by her side, she but repeated a promise made three years before, a promise which she sought to have the courts nullify, but which remained in full force and effect, notwithstanding.

In short, the Evanston marriage but united two persons who were already man and wife. It was undertaken simply for the sake of appearances. The first marriage had been kept a secret. The young people hoped that it might remain so, and so, even though the court had refused them a divorce, they determined to be married all over again in the presence of their friends in order to avoid a scandal.

Love at First Sight. Early in 1899 Miss Irene Graves came to Minneapolis to visit friends. Here she met Harold W. Bennett, a graduate of the university and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. She herself was a college girl, and belonged to the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. A sudden attachment sprang between the young people. In fact, it was a case of love at first sight. Each felt that life without the other would be a blank.

On the evening of February 5, 1899, Miss Graves went to a party in St. Paul. During the evening she and Bennett slipped away for a short time, unobserved. When they returned, Miss Graves had become Mrs. Bennett. They agreed, however, to keep the fact secret, and not even to tell their closest friends and family. That night the young bride, then only twenty, remained with friends. In the morning her husband returned to Chicago where he was employed. Later she followed him and went to her home in Evanston, one of the fashionable suburbs of the Windy City. However, although husband and wife met frequently, they were never together. Not was there any change in their personal relations, which was as it had been before the marriage.

When one was away from the other they corresponded regularly and their letters were always kind and affectionate. This continued until finally Mr. Bennett wrote to his wife asking that she come to live with him. This letter brought matters to a crisis, and the girl, who by that time was seven months pregnant, went to do anything of the kind, took her parents into her confidence and told them of the secret marriage in St. Paul. They were very kind and sympathetic, but they had not been answered her was told that "Miss Graves" had gone abroad.

Tried to Secure Divorce. However, the young people loved each other, and although the wife regretted her hasty action, she was determined to keep her husband up. The situation was canvassed thoroughly. Finally, Charles E. Graves, the young woman's father, suggested a way out of the difficulty. He advised the young couple to secure a divorce quietly in Minneapolis, and then be married openly in Evanston. Mr. Bennett consented to the plan. He returned to his home here and on Dec. 31 of last year, filed papers in a suit for divorce from Irene M. Bennett at St. Cloud, Minn., on the technical ground of desertion.

In his complaint he alleged the fact of the secret marriage in St. Paul in 1899 and the subsequent agreement to keep the marriage secret. He then pleaded that he and his wife had never lived together and prayed for a decree in consequence. The case came up before Judge Harrison. Mrs. Bennett did not come here, but was represented by an attorney employed for her by her husband. She admitted everything charged in the complaint and even wrote a letter to her attorney which was introduced as an exhibit in the case and which reads as follows: "Mr. Bennett's testimony in regard to asking me to come to live with him was correct. I was quite sure then that I never could go and live with him as his wife and feel the same now. That very unfortunate affair took place away from home and was done on the impulse of the moment, which I have regretted ever since. I would not have you think I have been unduly influenced in this matter, for I am free to act as I choose. Mr. Bennett and I will be very grateful to Judge Harrison if he decides to dissolve this unfortunate and unhappy marriage, particularly as I am his wife only in name."

The letter is dated March 2 of the present year and was written while the divorce case was on trial here. It is signed "Irene M. Bennett." While it is not what might be expected in an epistle from a loving wife to her husband, it was written with an object in view—to aid her husband in securing the divorce—decided upon, and was worded accordingly.

Desertion Charges Fail. Judge Harrison, however, was not satisfied. He held there could have been no desertion until after Mrs. Bennett had been requested by her husband to live with him; and he added that there was no corroborative evidence on that point. Mrs. Bennett was informed of this time to her husband. With unimportant omissions, the letter was as follows: "Dear Hal—I've just read your letter and it seems as if my heart has stopped beating entirely. I don't know what to do. Papa's tone is not what might be expected in an epistle from a loving wife to her husband, it was written with an object in view—to aid her husband in securing the divorce—decided upon, and was worded accordingly."

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MEAT TRUST

Attorney General Knox's Assistant Talks a Little in Chicago.

Chicago, April 26.—Mr. Day, assistant of Attorney General Knox, and who arrived here to-day in connection with the proceedings against the beef trust, says: "I want to correct a misconception of my position in this case. I am here to convey to him certain instructions of his superiors in Washington as to the outline of the bills. I have also brought additional evidence which I secured in New York. This will be used by him to supplement his proof of the existence of a meat trust. I do not think the bills will be drawn hurriedly, for they must stand the severest scrutiny of some of the best corporate lawyers. For this reason care must be taken to withstand the assaults of a demagogue. The attorney general has approved of the program secured by Mr. Beltha and myself, and unless he were certain that we had strong evidence to support the applications for injunction under the Sherman anti-trust law he would not have ordered the prosecution started."

As soon as the bills are ready for filing notice will be sent to the defendants. Thirty to fifty days will be allowed to file answers or demurrers.

HEINZE COMBINE

Montana Properties Are Thrown Together With \$50,000,000 Capital.

New York Sun Special Service. New York, April 26.—The Heinze Copper properties in Montana have formed a combination with \$50,000,000 capital, of which \$25,000,000 will be preferred stock and \$25,000,000 common stock. Mr. Heinze says that the new company was formed on the same general plan as the Amalgamated Copper company. The preferred stock will be entitled to 8 per cent dividend and it is expected that the company will pay an equal dividend on the common shares.

LA CROSSE EXCITED

Min. Farmer Said to Have Marketed Hogs Which Had Cholera.

Special to The Journal. La Crosse, Wis., April 26.—A. H. Brumhill, state veterinarian of Minnesota, is in La Crosse, Minn., to investigate charges made by neighbors of James Farrell, a prominent wealthy farmer of Pine Creek valley, to the effect that he had butchered thirty hogs affected with cholera and sold them on the La Crosse market. Much excitement prevails here, and the La Crosse board of health is investigating.

BRONSON HOWARD ILL

Playwright Will Be Brought Home From South of France.

New York, April 26.—Bronson Howard, the dramatist, whose greatest success was "Shenandoah," is in the hospital at Cannes in the south of France that little hope of recovery is entertained by his friends. Mrs. Howard has decided to bring him back to New York in the hope that the return to familiar scenes will be beneficial.

HEIZER AND SAMMIS

St. Louis City and Le Mars Men Expected to Lund.

Special to The Journal. St. Louis City, Iowa, April 26.—Indications from Washington are that E. P. Heizer may succeed himself as postmaster at St. Louis and that J. J. Sammis of Le Mars, will be chosen district attorney for the northern district.

PEARL WORTH \$2,500

Claim Fisherman of Lynxville Discovers a Prize.

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EDDY IS HOME ONCE MORE

May Not Stand for Congress, But Has Not Yet Decided.

Must See His Friends First—500 Immigrants for Ontario.

Special to The Journal. Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., April 26.—Congressman Frank M. Eddy, of the seventh Minnesota district, who has been in Europe for months, arrived here Thursday.

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JOPLIN'S TORNADO

Three Persons Dead and Five Others Fatally Hurt.

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Twenty residences in Joplin were wrecked and several others at the suburbs of Moonshine hill and Villa Heights were demolished. The aggregate loss in buildings wrecked and mines flooded was \$100,000.

SHOCKED ON THE SLY

Only Science Discovered That Baltimore Had an Earthquake.

Baltimore, April 26.—The earthquake which caused such destruction in Central America last Friday extended as far north as Baltimore. At the Johns Hopkins university observatory the film has been taken off the seismograph and it was found to indicate the heaviest earth disturbance recorded since the machine was put in operation. Dr. Harry Reid said: "The first measurable shock reached Baltimore about 9:30 o'clock last Friday night. For about four minutes the disturbance was slight, then it suddenly became stronger. The whole disturbance was apparent two and a half hours. The shocks were not strong enough to be generally perceptible."

NEW FLOUR COMPANY

One With \$5,000,000 Capital Incorporated in Jersey.

Special to The Journal. New York, April 26.—Articles of incorporation were filed at Trenton to-day for the United States Flour Milling company, with capital of \$5,000,000. It is expected the plans of the company will be made public in a few days.

READING VS. DRINKING GLASSES. Beverages. "The glasses that I use hurt my eyes and cause me trouble." "The glasses that I use affect my eyes till I see double."

LEAVING CUBA

American Troops Evacuate One Town and Depart for Nebraska.

Bayamo, Cuba, April 26.—An important conference has been held between President-elect Palma and several generals who participated in the late insurrection. The meeting was held at the request of the president-elect to obtain the views of former Cuban soldiers on the question of pay for their services. A question will be one of considerable importance. The result of the consultation was entirely satisfactory to all the conferees. The president-elect is opposed to paying the army immediately. His proposition is to give first attention to the agriculture of the islands. By fostering this industry, he argues, will be obtained the wages of the army. The constitution of Cuba and the Platt amendment provide that the budget and interest of the insular debt must first be taken care of from a loan that would be negotiated.

General Palma said that it must first be determined who is really entitled to be paid, which means an overhauling of the rolls. The amount now asked is about \$80,000,000, which is considered far too much. It is believed that \$15,000,000 will suffice to settle all legitimate claims. The president-elect proposes to have the government take care of those who were crippled in war or were invalids as a result of the war. Provision will be made for the widows. The question of pensions will not be favorably received.

The body of General Palma's mother, buried by him thirty-two years ago near the Cauto river, has just been removed to this city and will be reinterred here Saturday.

At Mazonillo the American flag was hoisted down on Thursday and the Cuban flag hoisted in its stead. The American post was abandoned, all troops embarked on the steamship Segurana by way of Newport. News for Fort Robinson, Neb., and immediately after the Cuban flag was hoisted by the captain of the rural guards.

MEEKER HAS A GINGH

ON VAN SANT BUTTER MEDAL

Fridner of Strout and Lund of Forest City Are Candidates for the Honor.

Meeker county will get the Van Sant medal, which is to be presented to the Minnesota butter-maker having the highest average score for the twelve educational contests. The twelfth and last monthly scoring is now being conducted by the state dairy and food department, and it will decide the ownership of the medal.

John Fridner of Strout and W. Lund of Forest City are the leading contestants, and it is considered certain that one of them will be the winner, the other taking second place. Their butter has been given a high grade at each of the eleven previous contests. Fridner has taken first place twice, second place twice and once was third. Lund has been first once, second once, and third four times.

Seventy-five tubs are entered for the contest this month, and the judges will announce the result Monday or Tuesday.

MISCHIEVOUS STUDENTS

Forty Suspensions Follow Ladies' Basket Ball Game.

Baldwin, Kan., April 26.—Forty students of Baker university here have been suspended for breaking into the gymnasium Thursday at a basket ball game between the two ladies' teams of the college. The officials say the offenders can be reinstated only on petition to the faculty.

HERO OF THE MERRIMAC TO WED

Special to The Journal. Des Moines, Iowa, April 26.—The wedding of Osborn Delgman, of Stuart, Iowa, one of the heroes of the Merrimac, has been set for May 14. He will be married to Miss Maud Huntoon, a leading young society lady of Stuart. Their attachment is a romantic one and dates from the return of Delgman four years ago. Miss Huntoon was one of the leaders of the club that welcomed the young man back to Stuart, when he was greeted in the manner that helped to make Hobson famous.