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COL. LXXVIII, NO. 133. WEATHER TODAY—Fair and warmer.

PRIEST AND BRIDE NOW IN HIDING

General Belief That Father J. A. Ryan, Who Wedded Ogden Girl, Is Insane.

NOT HIS FIRST OFFENSE AGAINST LAW OF CHURCH

Marriage Secret and Forced Girl Wife to Collect Money for His Support.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 23.—The bride and groom are in hiding, and although they have been seen on the streets by a number of persons and have conversed with others, they have managed to keep their whereabouts a secret. It is probable papers will be served upon the clergyman requiring that he appear in the county court and cause why he should not be adjudged insane. He is supposed to be with his bride at the home of her friends here. Friends of both the man and woman have cast them off and the Catholic church, of which the priest was an honored member, now repudiates him.

Not First Offense.

It is not his first offense against the law of the church, for he has before violated the law of Rome and although he has forgotten, it is not probable that this mercy will be vouchsafed him again.

The Catholic clergy of Denver believe that he is insane, and they are reported in this belief by eminent physicians.

The erratic actions of the man stamp him as one who is at least slightly deranged mentally. Father William Ryan, pastor of St. Leo's church, who married the priest, is the worst offender by the latter's violation of his duty as a priest. Months ago this priest, St. Leo's pastor, claimed an acquaintance with a beloved girl, and upon this asked the pastor of St. Leo's if he would give him a place in his church in Denver. He was refused, and finally, after a long struggle, he was allowed to come to Denver.

Was in Limelight.

At the moment he became assistant pastor of St. Leo's he sprang into the limelight. He first appeared in the notorious Martini case, in which he was champion for a child who he claimed he wished to rescue from his evil surroundings, he was charged with the Martini case, and about this time Father O'Ryan became a notice of the erratic actions of his assistant. He wrote long, complaining letters to St. Leo's pastor, claiming to have honoraries, and finally, after a long struggle, he was allowed to remain at St. Leo's one Sunday, he became so noted over the notoriety this brought about that he could scarcely be considered a priest.

Other than to dismiss him, Father O'Ryan to dismiss him.

When he left the church he gave the impression that he was going to Colorado Springs. He first appeared in Denver and was taken to the Mercy hospital. It was while there that Miss Mary became known as a friend.

After she was married, the priest managed to conceal this fact last night. The girl was a frequent visitor at the hospital, and after she left it, she and her priest husband remained in apartments at various rooms in the city.

Bill deceiving his Catholic acquaintances, he had his wife take up a collection for him among the parishioners of St. Leo's on the plea that he needed money.

In 1904, it is asserted, he ran away from Chicago with a married woman, who was followed and beaten by her husband.

MOTHER OF GIRL IS PROSTRATED BY NEWS.

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DRY FARM EXPERTS HOLDING CONGRESS

Meeting in Cheyenne Marked by Large Attendance; Routine Work of First Session.

PRESIDENT SENDS HIS HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

Questions of Great Interest to the Arid West Are Under Earnest Discussion.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 23.—With more than 600 delegates present, and with hundreds more to arrive on belated and snowbound trains, the third Transmissourian Dry Farming congress opened its sessions at the Capital Avenue theater here this morning. The sessions will continue three days, and it is confidently expected that during that time work of the utmost importance and benefit to the semi-arid regions of the country will be accomplished.

A blanket of snow more than a foot deep greeted the delegates arriving in Cheyenne, as nature's assurance that "dry farming" was partly a misnomer in Wyoming. The streets of Cheyenne are elaborately decorated in honor of the visitors, and a programme of entertainment for every evening of the three days' sessions has been arranged.

Today's programme included an address by Governor B. B. Brooks of Wyoming, president of the congress, and the reading of papers by state delegates on various phases and problems of dry farming. A number of state and national agronomists are on the programme for addresses during the congress.

Formal Proceedings.

F. C. Bowman of Boise, Idaho, chairman of the executive committee, called the congress to order. After an invocation by Rev. George C. Rafter of Cheyenne, Governor B. B. Brooks of Wyoming, president of the congress, delivered an address of welcome.

Short welcoming addresses were also made by Mayor P. S. Cook of Cheyenne and Thomas Hanev, president of the Cheyenne Industrial club. Samuel H. Lee, state agronomist of South Dakota, responded to the welcoming addresses in behalf of the delegates.

The afternoon session was taken up with calling the roll of the states represented and a number of short addresses delivered by delegates representing western states.

Points of Controversy.

The time and place of holding the next congress and the proposition to change the name of the congress are subjects of much animated discussion. Land agents and various companies and individuals are leading a movement to eliminate the words "dry farming," claiming that some other name would be better understood, and consequently more attractive to settlers in the arid west. There is a strong sentiment against the proposed change, however, except possibly to substitute "International" for "Transmissourian."

J. T. Burns, secretary of the congress, members of the congress, and that the present session will probably result in an increase of 500 more. The largest delegation thus far to arrive is from Billings, Mont., which is making a strong fight for the next congress.

It is also likely that the next congress will be held in the late summer or early fall on account of the change of bad weather in the present session, securing representative exhibits of dry farming crops when sessions are held at the time of year at present in vogue.

Afternoon Session.

Telegrams and letters from friends of the congress in various parts of the country were read at the afternoon session and were enthusiastically applauded. The messages were from President Roosevelt and Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain, and from the governors of a number of western states, including Governor Norris of Montana. The latter assured the congress of the interest taken in its work by the state of Montana, and invited the congress to hold its next session at Billings, Mont., which is attended to by both the Montana and Wyoming state legislatures had made appropriations for dry farming experiments.

Governor Shafer of Colorado made an informal address before the congress this afternoon. He spoke at considerable length on the recent passage of the Mondell 329-acre homestead bill of the Mondell bill would end the hesitancy on the part of the newcomer to take up semi-arid lands for homesteads. In closing he briefly recommended to the congress, and promised the congress it would be taken care of by the president's letter of congratulation follows:

Letter from President.—My Dear Governor Brooks—I wish to extend to you greetings and congratulations upon your third annual meeting. I am deeply interested in the progress of your work. An organization having for its purpose the development of the agricultural resources of the great semi-arid region of the United States should have the hearty support of all good citizens. I am in full sympathy with the efforts and appreciate the work which the pioneers among the mountains and the great plains have had to contend. Rest assured that I have as far as lies within my power everything that can be done to aid you will be done.

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