

TO MANY WIVES.

A Printer Was Followed too Close by Brigham Young's Teachings.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 9.—One of Pinckerton's detectives has been in this city for ten days, looking up the history of George W. Silcox, a dashing Syracuse job printer, of twenty years ago, who seems to have had almost as many wives as Brigham Young. The detective had succeeded in finding one of Silcox's wives here.

Silcox is just now wanted in Philadelphia on the charge of living with Georgia Parker, who was married to Silcox about a year ago. This was his fourth matrimonial venture. The couple resided in Philadelphia, where they were arrested a month ago upon a charge made by Silcox's third wife, who resides in Brooklyn, and whose suit for absolute divorce is now pending.

Silcox gave bail to appear for examination in Philadelphia to-morrow. He skipped in the meantime and is supposed to have gone to Europe by way of Montreal. Silcox's parents were respected residents of Syracuse and young Silcox dressed according to the book and accumulated money with ease.

In 1870 he married Miss Clara Groff, daughter of John Groff of this city. In 1874 Silcox received an appointment as honorary committee commissioner to the Vienna exposition and went to Europe, leaving his wife in this city. His position proved a source of annoyance to her, in the whirl of European gaiety Silcox neglected his Syracuse wife, and an absolute divorce was granted her upon trial.

At the close of the Vienna fair Silcox decided to spend the rest of his life in Europe, and secured employment as an agent for agricultural implements, with headquarters at Bremen.

There he wooed and won an heiress to a large estate, who died about a year after the ceremony, leaving a child as a result of their union.

The mother had taken the precaution to leave all her property to the child. Silcox succeeded in securing a portion of this money.

His failure to return it to the proper custodians may now cause him some inconvenience.

Silcox returned to this country about six years ago and obtained the agency of a gas engine company, afterward known as the Korting Engine company. His fine air captivated another heiress, and he launched upon his third matrimonial venture at Key West, Fla. The couple went to live in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Silcox built a house there, in which they lived in luxury. Mrs. Silcox mingled in the best of society, and Silcox himself was a leading member of the Montk club. The summer season usually found Mr. and Mrs. Silcox at their cottage at Lake George. It would seem that Silcox had become tired of this easy manner of living and yearned for new fields to conquer, as during his wife's absence at Lake George last July he caused valuable baggage to be removed from his Brooklyn residence to a storage warehouse, and rented a house at Yonkers to which he transferred the bulk of his furniture.

All this was preparatory to an European trip, which he had pre-arranged without the knowledge of his wife. He laid siege to the heart of a young woman well known in Brooklyn society circles as Miss Georgia Parker. They went to Europe on the same vessel.

As they were ascending the gang-plank Silcox mailed a letter to his wife, at Lake George, notifying her that by the time she received his epistle he would be on the sea, never again to return to America. He had previously secured title to the Brooklyn property under the pretense that he was temporarily embarrassed, and needed a deed in order to establish his credit.

Mrs. Silcox returned to Brooklyn at once, after hearing of her husband's escape, and sought the advice of an attorney. Proceedings were instituted to set aside the deed and also for absolute divorce on the usual grounds.

Then Silcox united his hand and fortune with Miss Parker. The couple, after a brief tour of Europe, returned to New York and afterwards went to Baltimore. During all this time Silcox made a comfortable living as a representative of the engine concern.

In December last they established a residence at Newark, N. J., and fitted their home up in gorgeous style. The baggage and costly furniture taken from the former wife's residence in Brooklyn were transferred to Newark. The couple tired to Upsell's Station, a suburb of Philadelphia.

The divorce proceedings instituted by Mrs. Silcox No. 3 had not yet been determined. In May she learned of her husband's whereabouts and swore out warrants for the arrest of her husband and his alleged wife. Both were placed under \$1,000 bonds to appear for examination at Philadelphia to-day.

The detectives visited Silcox's mother here yesterday afternoon, and also Mrs. Silcox No. 1, who has assumed her maiden name, Miss Groff, and who is living with her relatives.

The detective carries a picture of a woman who is said to have accompanied Silcox on one of his trips across the ocean and who is supposed to be a girl formerly known in this city as Katie Dinsmore. Silcox's mother and his first wife both failed to recognize the picture.

An Impromptu Prize Fight.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 9.—After the Weir-Connor fight last night the club officers were settling up in the Iroquois hotel, when Tommy Warren requested that they keep out what Weir owed him, adding that he knew Weir would cheat him. This incensed the Spider, who sprang at Tommy and a fierce battle followed. The men were quickly separated, however, and told to behave under pain of expulsion. They subsided.

Bitter Political Talk.

LITTLE ROCK, July 9.—The republican state convention met here to-day and declined to place a republican ticket in the field and formally endorsed the union labor ticket, headed by Rev. N. B. Frazier for governor. The platform endorses the administration in power. It charges the democratic party with the murder of John N. Clayton and declares the democratic party a party of assassins.

The Worst in Many Years.

LEWISTOWN, Me., July 9.—Dispatches from Somerset, Oxford, Franklin and Waldo counties indicate that last evening's storm was one of the most disastrous that ever visited Maine. Great damage was done to property, but fortunately there were but few casualties.

Railway Men on Strike.

CINCINNATI, July 9.—The freight handlers' strike is still on but the Pan Handle, the Baltimore & Ohio, and the Louisville & Nashville, had full forces at work. On the latter road, however, the freight brakeman, conductors and engineers refused to work.

It Blows Hot and Cold.

MOUNT WASHINGTON, N. H., July 9.—The remarkably high temperature has been followed with cold weather. On Mount Washington the mercury has gone down this evening to 27 degrees and ice formed on all exposed places.

BUST IN OKLAHOMA.

Terrible Tale of Suffering From the Promised Land.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 9.—When the east-bound Rock Island train came from the Territory Monday morning there was on board the bodies of seven unfortunate men being shipped by express to relatives in the East. They were the bodies of seven men who only one year ago came from their homes in the East to the promised land of Oklahoma with bright and flattering prospects, but after a winter and spring of hardship have, under the intense heat, succumbed and are now returning to their last resting place.

On the train was seen an old lady, heart-broken for her boy, and in another car a young wife weeping for her husband, and in still another was seen two sisters returning with remains of their brother to their home in Iowa, there to deposit the remains beside those of the beloved father and mother, and so on through the entire train could be seen evidences of hardship and suffering. As the train pulled out for the east many a strong man was seen to draw his hands across his eyes and walk away.

On the same train going east was seen Hon. J. V. Admire, of the United States Land company at Kingfisher, and in answer to a question Mr. Admire said: "Sunday was one of the hottest days of the season, it being close and the heat intense. The thermometer stood at over 100. Worse than anything else, no rain has fallen for over 15 days. It is very dry. Vegetation is looking badly and if it keeps on much longer the prairies will burn by spontaneous combustion.

The people are getting discouraged at the outlook already, and if the crop, fall in this country this year the result will not only be an irreparable damage, but will be succeeded by a great deal of suffering. There is scarcely a locality in the United States where the poor people predominate so largely as they do in Oklahoma. I never talk about getting out of humor. If the administration and congress had intentionally started out for the purpose of annoying and vexing a people, most of whom had already suffered an ordinary lifetime of ills, they could not have succeeded better than they have. I used to have some respect for big people, but the longer I live the more I am convinced that branch of the human family contains the majority of fools. Oklahoma has been the happy hunting grounds of more and more politicians and dead-beats in general than any similar extent of country that was ever organized into a territory." Mr. Admire is disgusted, and he walked away.

Speaker Reed's Fan.

Washington Cor. Brooklyn Eagle.

Speaker Reed, in his yellow shoes, black silk hose, purple sash, Madras shirt and gray serge suit, tries hard to maintain his imperturbability these scorching hot days and succeeds about as well as anyone else. His elevated seat is the warmest part of the house, because there are no openings in the wall near him and no currents of air. But he manages to create something of an artificial hurricane near him with a small fan that has recently been presented to him. It is one of the cheap affairs that cost less than a penny and are coming into general use for advertising purposes. This particular one of the speaker's bears a big black "C. B. & Q." on one side, and came to him presumably from the grateful corporation. But its other side is what interests its owner and everyone else who sees it. It has a fine specimen of native Chinese caricature upon it in brilliant colors. A hideous monster of colossal proportions and swaggery demeanor, clothed only in a conventional sash, is holding up and apart at arms' length two miserable little men, who seem to have been fighting somebody, possibly themselves, possibly their captor. Amusement and anger are depicted upon the features of the giant, and his prisoners evidently feel wholly at his mercy. The picture, in the opinion of the speaker, is intended to represent the national house of representatives and it affords him no end of enjoyment. He frequently contemplates it during the sessions over which he presides and it seems to put him in exceedingly good humor. He does not find fault with the heathen artist for making him so ugly, because the fellow he represented the heathen and the belligerents held in either hand of the giant as insignificant and perfectly controllable. These are thought to typify the two political parties and their relative position in absolute control is what brings the satisfaction to the heart of the speaker.

THEY DIDN'T STRIKE.

They Simply Became Angry and Quit Work.

Special Correspondence of the Standard.

BUTTE, July 9.—The musicians at the Comique have sent the following card to this office.

To the Editor of the Standard:

The *Later Mountain* has got it wrong when it claims that the musicians at the Theater Comique went on a strike. They did not strike but quit work because they would not see Mr. Davis misuse upon their leader, constant Mich, gentleman and musician. After sending to St. Louis for him to fill the position of leader, knowing his value beforehand, for some reason or other they proposed letting him out and re-engaging a leader with whom respectable musicians would not work, and we think Mr. Davis ought to know so to his sorrow. The *Later Mountain* struck it right when it said "Mr. Davis had a force of 'fiddlers' in the seats that filled the bill to a nicety without rehearsal." We believe it. They were "fiddlers" nobody can deny it. Very respectfully, Musicians (formerly) of Theater Comique, Butte, Mont.

BEARDED LIKE A PARD.

Mr. Miles Returns From an Extensive Trip in the Far North.

By the Standard's Special Wire.

BUTTE, July 9.—F. R. Miles, the gentleman who has been spending several months exploring the wilds to the northeast of here, returned yesterday, tanned like a cowboy and fat as a young bear. His last excursion was into the borean regions of the far north where it snowed almost continually.

When asked how far north he had been he replied, "Clear up to the pole." To the further questions as to what he saw there he answered: "Old Boreas reading the STANDARD and a real estate agent laying out a townsite." As Frank was evidently very much fatigued from his long journey the reporter in the goodness of his heart refrained from asking further questions.

Amount Won from Los Angeles.

WASHINGTON PARK, July 9.—Maiden 2-year-olds, five furlongs—Patalena won, Blackberry second, Miss Barnes third. Time, 1:33 1/2.

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Three-year-olds, one mile—Oklahoma won, Mary J. second, Happiness third. Time, 1:44 1/2.

Great Western handicap, all ages, a mile and a half—Amount won, Los Angeles second, Woodcraft third. Time, 2:28.

Three-year-olds and upwards, a mile and a furlong—Algarrow won, Cecil B. second, Byrnes third. Time, 1:55.

Three-year-olds and upwards, mile heats—First—Longshot won, Quotation second, Brandolette third. Time, 1:43.

Second heat—Brandolette won, Longshot second, others distanced. Time, 1:44.

Third heat—Brandolette won, Longshot second. Time, 1:45.

TWAS BADLY NEEDED.

Prospects That Butte Will Soon Have a Good Water System.

By the Standard's Special Wire.

BUTTE, July 9.—An important meeting of the directors of the Silver Bow Water company was held this afternoon, at which action was taken which is likely to result in great good to Butte. Arrangements were made for obtaining an entirely new water supply for the city. Just what the system is has not been given out, but it is understood that the system will be similar to the well system which supplies Brooklyn. It is estimated that the expense of putting this system in operation will be about \$250,000, and accordingly the directors voted to increase the capital stock from \$60,000 to \$250,000. The new work will begin as soon as the necessary preliminaries can be completed.

IT IS NO GUY, SIR.

Further Particulars About the Geyser Eruption at Yellowstone Park.

ST. PAUL, July 9.—General Passenger Agent Fee of the Northern Pacific railroad received a message from Manager Waters, of the Yellowstone National park, regarding the bursting out of the New Crater Geyser yesterday. It quieted down somewhat last night. At 6:30 this morning there was a solid column of steam forced up constantly to the height of from 150 to 175 feet and about 75 feet in diameter. The roaring has subsided considerably.

The location is exactly identical with the New Crater Geyser. The old hole is enlarged to a width of about eight feet from the old one, which is about eight by twelve feet. Very little water is, however, coming out of it. All the pine trees in the neighborhood are covered with a thick sediment. Present appearances seem to indicate the geyser will go down soon.

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In Due and Ancient Form.

From the Amsterdam (N. Y.) Democrat.

I heard a pretty good story about a certain ignorant justice who does business up in Fulton county. The justice was elected over an able but unpopular lawyer, and his first case was that of a prisoner charged with violating the fishery law. The complaint and warrant were defective, and this the defendant's lawyer took exception to in a masterly argument, winding up by moving the prisoner's discharge. "Is that motion second?" asked the justice. "It is," replied the prisoner. "Gentlemen," continued the justice. "It has been regular moved and seconded the prisoner be discharged. All those in favor of the motion say 'aye.'" "Aye," said the prisoner and his counsel. "Opposed, no." Silence followed, and after a short pause the scales-holder said: "The motion is carried, and the prisoner is discharged," whereupon, to the surprise and amusement of all, court was declared adjourned.

From Force of Habit.

From the Texas Sittings.

Woman to drug-store clerk: "Have you an article called a 2-cent postage stamp on sale?"

Drug Clerk (mechanically): "We sometimes keep it, but I think we are out of it just now. There is very little demand for it. Quite inferior, I assure you. Now, we make an article of our own that—oh, it was a postage stamp you want. Certainly; here is one. Have it charged?"

Enormous Destruction of Crops.

VIENNA, July 9.—A great storm in Galicia lasting 48 hours devastated the crops over an area of 2,000 square miles.

For Selling Mythical Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, July 9.—George W. Rumble and James W. Waldron, who were doing a flourishing business in mining stocks under the name of the "Pacific Mining Exchange," were arrested to-day on the charge that they were selling stock in mythical Western mines. They were held in \$500 bail each at the Tombs.

Salisbury on the Run.

LONDON, July 9.—The Standard says it believes the cabinet yesterday decided to abandon the scheme for carrying forward bills from one session to another and the titles and Irish land purchase bills and to adjourn at the end of July.

Colored Catholic's Congress.

CINCINNATI, July 9.—The national convention of colored Catholics called by permission of the proper ecclesiastical authorities, to confer upon the needs of a colored Catholic congress, met here to-day.

A Town Burned.

ELMIRA, N. Y., July 9.—The little town of Roseville, across the state line in Tioga county, Penn., was totally wiped out by fire yesterday. Twenty-three buildings in all were burned.

Mild Rioting.

LONDON, July 9.—The policemen's union decided to strike in the morning unless the "blacklegs" are dismissed. There was a mild renewal of rioting in Bow street to-night.

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