

DIVORCES FOR MANY PEOPLE.

NINETEEN UNHAPPY MEN AND WOMEN GIVEN FREEDOM.

Majority of the Applicants Women—Drunkness and Abuse the Chief Grounds for Separation—A Few Earthly Marriages.

The circuit court at Independence yesterday was devoted entirely to the hearing of uncontested divorce cases. It was an anxious crowd of men and women who were present and some of the tales told on the witness stand as to marital infidelity indicated that there were some marriages that were not made in heaven.

The majority of the applicants were women. No tears were shed on the witness stand. Most of the applicants told tales of abuse in a defendant way, and when the decree was granted seemed to feel relieved, as though a disagreeable burden had been lifted. The applicants were young and old and each seemed as much interested in the domestic woes of the others as in their own.

The majority of those who applied for divorce alleged drunkenness and desertion. The following is the list: Minnie Williams from Thomas Williams, vagrancy; Eleanor H. Jewell from Jesse Jewell, drunkenness and desertion; Laura Rice from W. W. Rice, felony; The defendant in jail at Trenton, Mo. Minnie Lawson from James E. Lawson, drunkenness; Mary Crowe from George Crowe, drunkenness.

Andava May Franzheim from August Franzheim, gambling, non-support and drunkenness; William Webb from Mattie G. Webb, adultery; Eva Luckey from Robert Luckey, abuse; Oswald Stringer was given a divorce from Mary Stringer. He testified that his wife left him unceremoniously, sent him away after finding out that he would not receive money by reason of a railroad accident.

Clara Benton got a divorce from George Benton for abuse; Moses Washington from Eliza Washington, desertion; Robert Ellis from Minerva Ellis, adultery; Amanda Hines from John Hines, drunkenness; Grace Downing from Emory Downing, abuse and vagrancy; Mulinda Speaker from Joseph Speaker, vagrancy; Essie Winn from Zemar Winn, non-support; Stella Hinkle from Robert Hinkle, gross negligences; Mamie Devine from James Devine, desertion; Sadie Clark from William F. Clark, abuse, with threats to kill.

Grant Bartram did not appear in Judge Gates' division of the circuit court yesterday to defend the suit of his wife, Mertha Bartram, for divorce. Bartram is in the workhouse for a term on account of pregnancy. He has been married two years and yesterday his wife testified that he had spent thirty dollars in the past year and a half. She was given a divorce.

RECALLS A RUSH FOR LAND.

Court of Appeals Passes Upon a Case That Grew Out of the Cherokee Strip's Opening.

One of the thousands of incidents that occurred at the opening of the Cherokee Strip for settlement on September 16, 1892, cropped up in an opinion handed down by the Kansas City court of appeals. Mrs. Rebecca Freeman and Mrs. Carrie Smith engaged L. N. Clark of Marshall, to drive them into the territory, locate land and get their registry numbers at the land office. Clark was to furnish a fast team of mules, a new wagon, a cowboy driver and later send in a new load of provisions. Instead he sold his interest in the matter to A. L. West, who was not a cowboy, who was a stranger and who appeared up on the day of the race with a wind-blown team of mules, a rattle-trap of a vehicle and an inspiring confidence in his own ability to find a good claim. In the heat of the race the mules were passed by everything that walked or crawled or crept along in the afternoon the wagon broke down. West unhitched the mules and, leaving the wagon and team, he and his companions tried to find his way back to Kansas. He got lost. Late the next afternoon, however, he and a new wagon and located the women on a claim. The land suited them all right, but they found that the contract had not been kept fully. West used and got judgment in the justice court, which was set aside by the circuit court and yesterday the court of appeals set aside the judgment of the justice court, holding that while the full contract had not been kept, the fact that West had located them on a claim, which suited them, was sufficient ground to hold the contract performed. The amount involved was \$75.

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"Simfonio" (Martucelo), M. A. Lenge's orchestra.

Invocation, Rev. W. P. Campbell.

"Polish Dance" (Scharwenka).

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