

MARRIAGES GALORE.

That portion of the African race resident in Washington is in the grasp of a great moral reform. A tidal wave of wedlock is sweeping over it. There is a law called the Edmunds law. It was meant to mow the Mormons. But it has been put into recent active operation in the city of Washington, and thousands of the colored race were caught within its coils. A large portion of them have never thought of getting a marriage license or parading before a preacher at all.

The whole population of the District is declared by the police census to be about 270,000, of which 80,000 are of African blood. The books also declare that while colored persons take out only 6 per cent of the marriage licenses they furnish 40 per cent of the births.

The constabulary a month ago began to arrest all who were found living together without marriage. Colored circles became profoundly agitated.

Not more than twosome had been sent to the workhouse when former Representative Conn of Indiana, a millionaire, heard of the crusade.

"Why not cure these evils with a dose of marriage licenses?" asked Mr. Conn.

He negotiated for a few rooms of blank marriage licenses and started in. He fitted up a big room in his building and made a compact with the Rev. J. W. Norris of one of the local colored churches, by the terms of which the Rev. Mr. Norris was to report for duty at 3 o'clock in the afternoon during the six working days of the week and marry all comers.

The bureau has been running less than a week, and the craze to "come down town and be married" is paying upon the colored population. There have been 78 couples married during four days.

Most of them said they had not been married before; it cost too much. Some of the applicants for a free wedding were aged "uncles" and "aunties" who had lived together ever "since de wah."

"It am suittingly a grete privilege which," remarked the Rev. Mr. Norris, "de moral sagashusness of Mistah Conn nufol's to de pore darkened colored sinners of Wash'nton an vicin'ty." The Rev. Mr. Norris might have said more, but 3 o'clock rung out; game was called and he had to go to bat. His \$5 and his duty called.

Things had simmered to a system in this business of marriage at wholesale. The preliminary canter, as it were, consisted of a fashion of wedding march when one after another each couple paraded before the preacher's desk and replied to such queries as the law prescribes. They did this readily.

The first couple to score was John Jones and Delia Merriman. John's age gauged him this precedence. He was wrinkled and bent, with wool as white as cotton.

"Evah since Gin'ral Grant reviewed his troops at de close ob de wah," observed John to me, "me and my ole Delia has been a-livin' together. But I'm gettin' ole, an me an Delia allowed de day befo' yist'day dat ef we hadn't lived married de least wuz we'd die married."

After the Rev. Mr. Norris had asked the questions he addressed the multitude briefly. It was a labor saving oration. He said:

"Now ef you all folks will stan about me in a semmysuckle I can marry seben couple at a clutter an shorten de time."

Seven couples arranged themselves in an arc in front of the Rev. Mr. Norris. When the seven couples were arranged the Rev. Mr. Norris cleared his throat, opened his book and remarked:

"Stan facin' each other an jine yo' right han's." They did it as if the movement had been rehearsed. There they stood, these 14 black candidates for a better life and a higher plane of morals, looking for all the world as if they expected the next order would be "Grand right and left."

But it wasn't. The Rev. Mr. Norris married the whole outfit in less than a minute. Of those who were wedded that day all had been in need of the ceremony from 4 to 30 years. At least 50 children were rendered legitimate by that day's charity of Mr. Conn.

A colored belle approached timidly and said she and a young man named Hill wanted to be made man and wife. "What is he?" remarked the Rev. Mr. Norris. "P'int de trifter out, an I'll marry you."

"Mistah Hill ain't heah," she murmured, hanging her head. "But if it rains we will be down tomorrow at 3 o'clock."

"What's de rain got to do wid it?" demanded the Rev. Mr. Norris suspiciously.

"Why, Henry's a bricklayer," replied the bride to be. "Ef it's sunshiny he'll be at work an we'll have to put it off. But ef it rains we'll come tomorrow at 3."

"Delays is dangerous, honey," said the Rev. Mr. Norris. "Yo' bettah come tomorrow."

Mr. Conn is doing a great and serious work. He stood looking on while the Rev. Mr. Norris tied the knots, and his face wore a smile of pleasure.—New York Herald.

The One Thing Lacking.

There seems to be everything but Indians at Jackson's Hole.—Washington Post.

LABOR NEWS.

Laborers on the Galveston jetties are on a strike.

Pennsylvania bituminous miners are divided on the question of striking.

Operators in the vicinity of Perry, Ill., have granted a 10 cent advance, and work in the mines will be resumed immediately.

NEWS OF LEGAL NATURE.

The supreme court of Montana has quashed the new anti-gambling law.

It has been agreed that there shall be an early hearing of the appeal in the famous Stanford case.

Pharmacists are preparing for the trial of the alcohol tariff case before the district supreme court.

Preparations are being made to take the Ames case before the supreme court, no matter which way the appellate court decides it.

SPORTING NEWS.

Policemen raided the Morris Park race track.

Cyclist Johnson made a paced mile at Louisville in 1:44 1-5, bringing down the record.

Justice Leatherman released Corbett, deciding there is no law in Arkansas to prevent prize fighting or boxing contests.

In the free-for-all pace at Louisville Frank Agan defeated Robert J. Gentry and Joe Patchen, capturing three out of five heats. The best time was 2:05 3/4.

The Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight has been declared off by the Florida Athletic club, and arrangements are in progress for a mill between Corbett and Maher.

UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.

Fire did \$200,000 damage at Fairchild, Wis.

Four business blocks at Creede, Colo., were destroyed by fire.

A ferryboat was capsized near Cairo, Egypt. Fifty people were drowned.

The mining village of Stockton, Pa., has been practically destroyed by fire.

Fire, supposed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed 240 houses in Algiers, La.

Fire in the Atlanta Exposition midway destroyed the Old Plantation exhibit.

A storm wrecked a fishing smack near Ancona, Italy. Twelve men were drowned.

John W. Mackay, Jr., was killed in Paris by being thrown from his horse against a tree.

CRIMINAL NEWS.

Four men are reported lynched in California.

It is believed that A. K. Ward of Memphis negotiated \$300,000 of forged paper.

Belva Lockwood was held for the grand jury for criminally libeling Lawyer White.

W. H. O'Neill, cashier of the Northern Pacific freight office at St. Paul, is short \$1,400 in his accounts.

Hans Hanson and Thomas St. Clair, who murdered a second mate at sea, were hanged at San Quentin, Cal.

Louis A. Gourlain, a wealthy New Orleans lottery magnate, was indicted for grand larceny, embezzlement and fraud.

J. R. Barnett, who robbed the Adams Express company of \$16,000 at Terre Haute, together with Farden, was caught at New Orleans.

The negro who assassinated Mrs. Fannie Hartfield in Perry county, Mississippi, says that her husband caused him to commit the crime.

Major Davidson of Berkeley Springs, W. Va., aged 83, an ex-state senator and for 50 years prominent in politics, suicided by shooting.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Ex-Senator Van Wyck of Nebraska died in Washington.

President Cleveland and family are again installed in the White House.

It is not generally believed at Washington that Brazil has recognized Cuba.

Attorney General Harmon is preparing to push the Long pension case to an early conclusion.

Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright has issued a report giving statistics upon strikes.

The navy department has ordered the Marblehead to the Syrian coast to protect the missionaries.

Senator Sherman's forthcoming book has already started many bitter personal quarrels in Washington.

Telegrams to the navy department announce the success of the trial of the new battle-ship Indiana.

New York exporters have protested to Secretary Morton against the enforcement of his latest meat inspection order.

The annual report of the adjutant general shows that more native Americans are enlisting in the army than formerly.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Miller's annual report will not contain any recommendation to increase the tax upon beer.

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THE NEWS OF A WEEK

JUSTICE LEATHERMAN RELEASES CORBETT FROM CUSTODY.

Deciding There is No Law Against Prize Fighting in Arkansas—Head of Oliver Cromwell Said to Be in Possession of an English Family—Charges Against Postmaster Hering—Davis on the Monroe Doctrine.

Texas has 355 pensioners of its war independence.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll favors annexation of Canada, Cuba and Hawaii.

Antonio Terry says that he and Sibyl Sanderson will be married within a month.

The Duke of Marlborough was arrested for fast riding on a bike in Central Park.

The national convention of liquor dealers re-elected J. W. Howard of St. Louis, treasurer.

The Waters-Pierce Oil company may be prosecuted in Texas for violating the anti-trust laws.

Mrs. Yznaga secured her South Dakota divorce and will wed Count Zichy and go to Hungary.

A race of motorcycles or horseless carriages from Chicago to Waukegan and return will be run on Nov. 2.

Invitations to the wedding of Miss Vanderbilt and the Duke of Marlborough on Nov. 6 have been issued.

Secretary Carlisle has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the annual dinner of the New York board of trade, Nov. 18.

Mrs. Waller, wife of the ex-consul, defends the action of Ambassador Eastis, who, she says, is doing all he can in her husband's case.

Governor Altgeld pardoned 113 girls from the Evanston Industrial school because of the adverse report on the institution by a committee.

The Loyal Legion's grand commandery of the United States met in biennial session and elected General John Gibbon commander over General Miles.

In an interview Senator Davis said we ought to apply the Monroe doctrine in Venezuela, or abandon its use as a scarecrow that had ceased to frighten.

Mr. Van Alen, who was nominated for minister to Italy by Mr. Cleveland, but didn't get the place, figures in a Rhode Island scandal, the wife of Colonel S. P. Colt being the lady in the case.

Charges of insubordination and conduct unbecoming a postmaster have been filed against Postmaster Wash Hering of Chicago.

Postal receipts from 30 cities for the first quarter of this year show an increase of 10 per cent over the same period of last year.

The war department is trying to get \$16,000 worth of wrecking material from the Pacific Mail Steamship company, who borrowed it and failed to return it.

No reply has been received from England to the United States' note on the Venezuelan question, and it is believed she is waiting cooperation of some of the other powers who have American dependencies.

A Year Clock.

Queen Victoria has one clock which the indolent must envy her, especially the man Matthew Mears, about whom the verses of the eight day clock were written. The timepiece of royalty is a fine example of Louis Seize work by the celebrated Lepaute of Paris. The case is embellished with ormolu mounts. The movement, which is in perfect order, requires winding but once a year.

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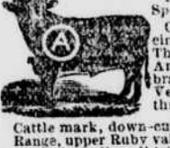


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