

THE DIVORCE SNARL.

Senator Kyle Lays Out an Unusually Important Piece of Work.

It is no Less Than an Amendment to the United States Constitution.

He Would Make Marriage and Divorce Laws of the Country Uniform.

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Special to the Globe. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 7.—Senator Kyle, of South Dakota, has gone back to Washington with a measure in his pocket which will exert more comment than anything introduced in congress in many sessions.

It is a joint resolution asking for an amendment to the constitution of the United States giving to congress the power to regulate the laws of regarding marriage and divorce.

The matter attracted the attention of the new senator during the summer, when he visited Sioux Falls and got an inside view of the "Divorce Colony," the abuses which grew out of it and the laws which made such abuses possible.

The senator looked into the situation in Sioux Falls and in other places in South Dakota. He found in Sioux Falls some 200 inhabitants of other states who had come to secure a divorce, and who were willing to commit perjury and practice fraud in order to secure their desired result.

He found his state heretofore all over the country as a asylum for the unhappy married, and he then began to study the subject. The result of his investigation will be the introduction of the resolution referred to above.

Referring to the matrimonial tangle of the several states, Senator Kyle said: "The practical result of conflicting laws is that divorces granted in one state are valid there, but invalid elsewhere. For example, in South Carolina a divorce granted by the courts of that state is valid there, but in New York, the result being, under the New York decisions, that a man or a woman may legally have two wives or husbands, thus practically establishing a system of polygamy in the largest state in the union."

"In other states the courts held valid a divorce granted to a person who was a citizen of another state, by a state in which he has a citizen's rights, but hold invalid a divorce granted in a state where simply a residence and not an actual citizenship is acquired. In some states the courts have held that the domicile of a wife is that of her husband, and that a divorce granted to the wife in another state, not making her domicile her bona fide residence, is of no legal force in Illinois. I am personally acquainted with a case where a citizen of the kingdom of Wurtemberg came to Illinois, married, resided there for thirty years and accumulated property. He returned to Wurtemberg and his wife in Illinois. He had always maintained a citizen of Wurtemberg and a citizen of the king. Reaching his old home, he secured a divorce from his wife under an old law that no citizen of Wurtemberg could marry in a foreign state without the consent of the king. After his death the widow went to litigation for the property. The supreme court of Wurtemberg held the property to the second wife, holding the first marriage invalid, and the supreme court of the United States sustained the decision."

Senator Kyle calls attention to other matters in point. He says: "In New York and in South Dakota, where a divorce is granted for adultery, the guilty party cannot remarry, but he can slip across the line to another state, where a divorce is granted, and in both cases the states recognize the marriage as good. In some states it is held that a man setting up his country where a divorce is granted, but where personal service cannot be made, the plaintiff can marry in the state where he obtained the divorce, and the marriage is valid, but he can be prosecuted for bigamy or adultery in the state where he formerly resided."

WITH A JOKE ON HIS LIPS. Oscar Johnson Killed by John Blazer at Brice.

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BOSTON, Jan. 7.—The annual banquet of the Boston merchants' association, the Vendome this evening was the event of the year in club circles. The absence of Secretary Blaine, who was expected to be present, detracted from its general interest, but the 250 members who were present, heard some of the most noteworthy speeches of the year. With the creation of a postal savings bank it will be a great city, a better service should be appointed. We want cheaper ocean postage. Here the rates are low, but the service is poor. See to it that the postoffice is divorced from politics. Ocean postage should be cheapened, justice done to employes, and service made the best and most perfect in the world.

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