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A CURB ON THE DIVORCE PRACTICE BIBLICAL GROUNDS FOR SEPARATION

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 17.—If the proposition advanced by the ministerial alliance of this city, and received with favor by other ministers in various parts of the state, to initiate a law allowing divorce for biblical grounds only, should be acted upon favorably by the people of the state, Oklahoma could claim the distinction of ranking from one extreme of the pendulum to the other in the matter of divorce legislation. It has been only a few years since Oklahoma was the easiest place in the country, with the possible exception of the Dakotas, to get a divorce. The cream of society was composed of would-be divorcees, and business became too heavy for the district courts, so that even the probate courts were allowed for a time to grant divorces.

While of course all that has been done away with for several years past, the divorce situation in Oklahoma at the present time is worrying the social students who are paying especial attention to that problem and is far from satisfactory to the ministers of the state, who are leading the new reform movement. Investigation of the court records at Oklahoma City recently showed that in eight months' time 157 marriage licenses had been issued and 218 divorces granted, showing nearly half as many divorces as weddings. Incomplete returns made by Dr. J. C. Mahr, state health commissioner, under the vital statistics law passed by the first legislature, show almost as high a percentage of divorces.

Finances compiled by the United States government, after careful investigation, are said to show a higher percentage of divorces in Oklahoma at the present time than in any other state in the union. The first step in the campaign launched by the Guthrie ministers will be the holding of an open meeting on February 7, to discuss the divorce question, at which the proposition of initiating a new law, allowing divorce only on biblical grounds will be brought forward and discussed. If the sentiment at that meeting seems to be sufficiently favorable, a bill will probably be drafted at once and initiative petitions with copies of the bill sent to every minister in the state to circulate among the members of his congregation and others, who might be favorable to the restriction of the divorce evil.

The Rev. E. D. Cameron, state superintendent of public instruction, who is also pastor of the First Baptist church here, and a number of the ministerial alliance, is primarily responsible for the new campaign. In a recent address before the state teachers' association, he deprecated the prevalence of divorce in Oklahoma, and advocated the teaching of domestic science as a panacea, declaring that it would make a girl want to get married and stay married.

A large number of people of national prominence claimed their residence in Oklahoma, for a few months during the quick divorce period. Among them were Mrs. Jas. G. Blaine, Jr., who secured a separation from her husband in the district court in Oklahoma county; Gillian Blauvelt, the famous actress, who became a resident of Oklahoma City to secure a legal separation from her husband in the district court in Oklahoma county; and Countess Yznaga, grandmother of the present Duke of Manchester, remembered here as the most beautiful of all the members of the divorce colony, who is now living in retirement in the south.

Col. Nathaniel McKay, well known as a Washington hotel man and capitalist, was an Oklahoma divorcee, as was Mrs. Helen Church H. Cander, the novelist, who gathered the material for her book, "An Oklahoma Romance," during her thirty days residence in Guthrie. The list included at least one prominent English woman, who afterward married a member of the Coolidge family, of Boston, Mass., who divorced her husband to marry an English army officer; one of the exclusive Laniers of New Orleans, and a former mayor of Trenton, N. J., who became enamored with the wife of a foreman in one of his mills, and eloped with her to Oklahoma in his private car; J. Charles Beech, a legal writer of prominence in New York City, was of the few unsuccessful applicants. He stayed the required ninety days, but his wife got wind of his plans and filed a successful protest.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PASS SPECIAL LAW VALIDATING AND LEGALIZING BOND ISSUE.

Notice is hereby given that Honorable John R. Wayne, Representative of Carter County, Oklahoma, will introduce in the State Legislature of Oklahoma, at the coming special session as called by special proclamation of Governor C. N. Haskell, for its consideration and passage a bill, the substance of which will be as follows:

(1) To validate and legalize a special election held on the 23rd day of March, A. D., 1909, in the city of Ardmore, Oklahoma, in pursuance to an ordinance passed by the City Council, of the City of Ardmore on the 15th day of February, 1909, and validating and legalizing the bond issue, authorized at said election by the qualified taxpaying voters of said City, as follows:

(a.) \$35,000.00 worth of negotiable bonds of the City of Ardmore, Oklahoma, to raise means for the improvement of its street and alley crossings of said City, to be owned exclusively by said City, being of the denomination of \$1,000.00 each, and being 35 in number, and numbered from 1 to 35 both inclusive, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the 1st days of June and December, of each year, dated June 1st, 1909, and due 25 years from date thereof.

(b.) \$20,000.00 worth of negotiable bonds of the City of Ardmore, Oklahoma, to raise means for the improvement of the Fire Department of said City to be owned exclusively by said City, being 20 in number, and numbered from 1 to 20, both inclusive, and of the denomination of \$1,000.00 each, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the 1st days of June and December of each year, dated June 1st, 1909, and due 25 years from date thereof.

(2) To empower the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Ardmore to issue and sell said bonds of said City of Ardmore, as authorized by the qualified taxpaying voters of said City, at said special election held on the 23rd day of March, 1909, and declaring an emergency.

JOHN R. WAYNE,
Representative of Carter County.
W. F. GILMER,
Representative of Carter County.
HARRY K. ALLEN,
Senator 18th Senatorial District.
JAMES A. COTNER,
Mayor of the City of Ardmore.
wk 12-19-2-2

The girl who marries for money may discover that a rich lover sometimes makes a mighty poor husband.

Notice of Sale of Lands Under Execution.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a writ of execution issued out of the Clerk's Office of the District Court in and for Carter County, State of Oklahoma, on the first day of August, 1908, in an action wherein Morris Saas was plaintiff and L. H. Dillard was defendant, commanding me to levy upon property belonging to said defendant, L. H. Dillard, sufficient to satisfy a judgment rendered in said action in favor of Morris Saas against said L. H. Dillard for the sum of \$238.00, with \$13.80 costs, clerk's fees \$3.00, with interest thereon from the date of judgment,

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Deposits, Individual, Nov. 27, \$119,937.52
Deposits, Individual, Feb. 5, \$152,150.20
Deposits, Individual, April 28, \$162,035.63
Deposits, Individual, June 23, \$190,356.05
Total Deposits, September 1, \$216,263.44
Total Deposits, Nov. 16, \$304,567.47

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The first day of August, 1908; I have levied upon certain lands and tenements belonging to said L. H. Dillard, not exempt from sale under execution, for want of goods and chattels of the said L. H. Dillard, to-wit:

The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section twenty-one; and the south half of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section twenty-two; all in Township four, south, Range two west; Carter County, Oklahoma, formerly the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.

And have duly caused said lands and tenements to be appraised according to law, at \$10.00 per acre; now, therefore, notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the commands of said writ, I will offer for

sale and sell for cash to the highest bidder, said lands and tenements, or so much thereof as will satisfy the said judgment and costs, on the 15th day of February, 1910, at 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Ardmore, in said County and State.

Witness my hand this 17th day of January, 1910.
J. H. AKERS,
Sheriff of Carter County.
By W. E. LANDRUM, Deputy.
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WOULD SELL SURFACE ONLY TO ACTUAL SETTLERS—TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 16.—The following resolutions were adopted by the Oklahoma School Officers' association when it adjourned its annual session here Friday:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Public School Officers' association of the state of Oklahoma, pray that congress pass a law permitting the sale of the surface only of the segregated lands of the state to actual settlers

in quantities of 160 acres, on long time at low rates of interest, that these lands may be used for homes and to assist in local taxation for the support of local schools and counties.

"We are in favor of the complete divestment of policies from all the schools of the state;

"That the legislature should provide under proper restrictions for the payment of members of school boards and boards of education for their time necessary for their duties and necessary expenses attending such meetings as School Officers' association.

"That a temporary certificate shall not be issued until the applicant has taken a written or oral examination in the subjects of reading, spelling, grammar and arithmetic and shall have earned a grade of not less than 75 per cent in each subject.

"That the subjects of spelling, reading, grammar and arithmetic be made more prominent in our schools and that all teachers be required to make a grade of not less than 75 per cent in these subjects for their grade; 80 per cent for a second

grade, and 90 per cent on a first grade certificate on these branches. "That students be required to make a grade of not less than 75 per cent in the subjects of spelling, reading, grammar and arithmetic to pass the common school examination for the common school diploma.

"That the teaching of methods of instruction be emphasized in our county normal institutes and that special attention be given grading of teachers in this important subject.

"That a change be made in the constitution of the state permitting a general tax levy for the support of the common schools of the state sufficient to allow each school district of the state to maintain six months school, the said levy to be appropriated in such a manner as other public school funds and to be used in the payment of teachers' salaries only.

"That we favor a change in the constitution of the state permitting a general tax levy for the support of the common schools of the state sufficient to allow each school district of the state to maintain six months school, the said levy to be appropriated in such a manner as other public school funds and to be used in the payment of teachers' salaries only.

"That we favor a change in the present law of paying out of the funds of the various school districts. That a return to the plan of payment by the county treasurers or a township treasurer.

"That we wish to congratulate the people of the state upon the splendid condition of the schools of the state as made by the school people representing the various schools of the state.

"We desire to offer our thanks to President Gil and Secretary Humphrey for their impartial and judicious methods of making this meeting a success. To State Superintendent E. D. Cameron and his office here for courtesies and pleasant welcome; to City Superintendent Calvert and the teachers of the Guthrie schools; for the nice lunch and entertainment; to the board of education for the interest displayed in attendance and dismissing their schools; for the entire press of the city for an impartial report of the proceedings of our meetings.

"We also wish to thank the Federation of Women's clubs for their presence and by the interest displayed in the cause of education and advice on the matter of school sanitation—a very important matter our legislature should not overlook."

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