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### ROOSEVELT AND DIVORCE.

Some papers whose views are as narrow on most all other subjects as on the patriotic course of President Roosevelt in his official acts are now diligently engaged in criticising his special message to congress on the divorce question, a question that is agitating not only great religious denominations but also the people in general of the nation, and truly none have set forth the matter more clearly than he, when he says:

"I call the attention of the Congress to the fact that no statistics have been collected by the Federal Government upon the subjects of marriage and divorce since the year 1886, and that but few of the States have provisions for the collection of such statistics.

"The institution of marriage is of course at the very foundation of our social organization, and all influences that affect that institution are of vital concern to the people of the whole country. There is a widespread conviction that the divorce laws are dangerously lax and indifferently administered in some of the States, resulting in diminishing regard for the sanctity of the marriage relation.

"The hope is entertained that cooperation among the several States can be secured to the end that there may be enacted upon the subject of marriage and divorce uniform laws containing all possible safeguards for the security of the family. Intelligent and prudent action in that direction will be greatly promoted by securing reliable and trustworthy statistics upon marriage and divorce.

"I deem the matter of sufficient general importance to recommend that the Director of the Census be authorized by appropriate legislation to collect and publish statistics pertaining to that subject covering the period from 1886 to the present time."

Certainly there is nothing that affects the welfare of the nation so much as its social fabric and marriage is that fabric woven, and as congress is designed to look after the interests of the people as a whole that body's duty is to give its attention to this phase of American life. To act advisedly on this question it is essential that all such information should be gathered as will give congress a clear insight into prevalent conditions.

As suggested by Mr. Roosevelt the fundamental principle of a research of the question is the matter of gathering statistics and no branch of the government is so well equipped as the census bureau for the purpose. With full details and particulars, such as that department gathers about other features of the country and its people, congress will be readily enabled to pass legislation of a curative nature.

Besides, in answer to his critics on this question, it is now observed that some of the leading religious lights of the country are urging the state legislatures to ask congress to take a hand. Of course, one of the objects here is to get a unanimity of sentiment on the question so that there may be overcome the conflict of legislation that now prevails among the many states, and with

that done the problem will be easy of solution with the aid of the federal government, or by that government altogether.

Possibly no message was more timely than that of the President on divorce and certainly none of greater importance. The press and pulpit generally should urge congress to carry out the suggestions made therein and to do all else that will tend to speedily correct this evil, which appears to be getting a strong grasp on the nation.

### THAT ARMORY.

It is a matter that is subject to much criticism, when it comes to an outlay of \$75,000 or more for what purports to be an armory in Parkersburg, but, which in reality, some say, will be a big ball room for the social set of that city. This is only a part of the cost. The state will have to pay care-takers, buy light and heat and pay for insurance every year to come.

It is a matter of grave doubt as to whether the state needs such a building. It might be well enough for West Virginia to have a big storage house, but certainly there is no advantage in general to the soldiery of the state to have one big headquarters, which it can never reach, except on special occasion. What good would an armory out at Parkersburg do to Clarksburg soldiery?

Also in this connection the establishment of an armory at Parkersburg as proposed would be a sure bid for the state encampment every year and Parkersburg would be made military headquarters for the state, when, in fact, such headquarters should be at or near the seat of government. There are other places in the state entitled to just as much consideration, such as Clarksburg, Wheeling, Parkersburg, Fairmont, Grafton, Martinsburg, Charleston and Huntington. Also in this connection why should there not be established smaller buildings all over the state where there are military organizations? Why have a monument at Parkersburg, a palace, we might say, and a kennel in Clarksburg?

It is true the military organization of this state is entitled to much more consideration than has heretofore been given it, and it certainly would be in the interest of that organization to provide more adequately for the companies at their respective homes, rather than have one central place, to which they will have to go gadding to be a sharer in the benefit.

Again, if Parkersburg is to have such an armory, Clarksburg and other places are certainly entitled to one a piece. Of recent date Clarksburg and some other places had to furnish the soldiery, when occasion required. Parkersburg was not required to go to the call of the state, nor was that place asked to risk the lives of its young men. Why then is Parkersburg entitled to all this consideration?

### GREATER SALEM.

Salem has been in the public eye ever since the great conflagration happened that threatened to wipe that place off the face of the earth. Owing to the bitter internal dissensions there, the state at a distance has not gathered a very favorable impression of Salem, but within the last few weeks the drilling of oil wells on the state property there has arrested close attention to the proposed city, and the newspapers are awakening to the fact that Salem is a rising city, with prospects of real greatness, if the handicap is taken off. Fogysm and selfishness have long undertaken to dominate the place and have materially retarded its development, as the result of which Salem is not the commanding city that would have been there, if these limitations had been lifted years ago. Among the state papers that have become fully acquainted with the situation is the Parkersburg News, which is now lined up with the progressive element at Salem and ably urges the passage of the bill by the legislature as follows:

"With every recurring session of the legislature Salem comes forward with a request that she be granted a charter. Her requests have in the past been refused owing to the strenuous protest that has gone up from within her own confines. A Salem charter bill is now pending and this time it has better promise of success than at any time in the past. Every delegate from Harrison county is in favor of the bill, and the lobby against it shows signs of losing some of its pristine strength. By all means give Salem her charter. That place is no long-

er a village, but a thriving municipality which is rapidly going forward in ways which will some day make her one of the best cities in West Virginia. The cry is made that the instrument now before the solons is in the interests of the liquor men. We do not believe that is true in its entirety. If saloons are permitted within the corporate limits it could not possibly be more disastrous to the community's morals than the legion of speakeasies which now make it a hell hole. If the charter will do away with this evil then many faults could be forgiven it. There can be no doubt that Salem is at present handicapped and she is deserving of anything which will hasten her progress."

The Town of Adamston, under its new administration proposes to look after the interests of the people of that place. The first thing the new administration did was to cut down the current expenses by reducing the salaries of the officers and its mayr openly and emphatically declared that his policy should be what would be to the best interests of the town. Now, the administration proposes to grant a franchise for a gas company there. The town has gas but it believes in competition. It is announced that rates under the new company will be reasonable and lower than are now being charged. Be that as it may the competition created by the operation of another gas company there will naturally bring the prices down.

### MORPHET-STEVENSON COMPANY TONIGHT

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### UNION REVIVAL AT WILSONBURG

The Baptists and United Brethren are holding a union revival at Wilsonburg. Evangelist Blake is assisting in the meetings and doing most of the preaching. Rev. S. A. Shanabarger is representing the United Brethren in the pulpit. Rev. W. J. Newton, the Baptist pastor, is prevented from attending owing to illness.

### SPECIAL ADDRESS FRIDAY.

Revival meetings continue this week at the First Baptist church. Rev. R. B. McDanel will preach tonight on "Resting in a False Refuge". On Friday afternoon at four o'clock there will be a special address for boys and girls and young people, and Mr. McDanel will give a special address on "A Clean Heart."

### BARLEY LANG BURIED.

The funeral and burial of Barley Lang occurred Thursday. Interment was made in the Paris burial ground near Bridgeport. He died Wednesday morning at the home of his father, Jabez Lang, near Oral, from consumption. His age was about 17 years. The father of the deceased is a first cousin of ex-Sheriff Lloyd L. Lang, and the latter attended the funeral.

### COUNTY CLERK HOLDEN RESUMES HIS DUTIES

Charles F. Holden has resumed his duties as county clerk after having spent several weeks in Florida. His health is slightly improved and it is the hope of his many friends that the trip may have done him much good.

### OCCUPIES NEW STATION.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad took occupation of its new depot building at Wilsonburg Wednesday. The building is a substantial commodious structure for the place and contains freight, express, waiting, telegraph and office rooms.

### COMPANY K RETURNS.

Company K returned last night from Fairmont on the flyer, where they attended the funeral of the late General Clarence L. Smith. The train from Fairmont on the flyer, where the company as far as Shinnston,

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