

ARE ON INCREASE

53 Per Cent of Divorces Started in Five Years.

MONEY CAUSES TROUBLE

Women Assert Promised Homes Do Not Materialize and That Abuse Often Follows.

Statistics show that hasty marriages—trial marriages some term them—are increasing instead of decreasing in number in Multnomah county. Divorce court records tell the story. The divorce docket tells the story of the hasty marriages...

Half in Five-Year Class. Expressed in percentages the figures for the period give food for study. Eleven per cent of the divorce filings involved 1922 marriages...

Portland and Vancouver marriages were the lowest. Only 26 of the 26 divorce suits growing out of weddings of the past five years. For this period Vancouver leads Portland with 28 divorces, compared with Portland's 23 per cent.

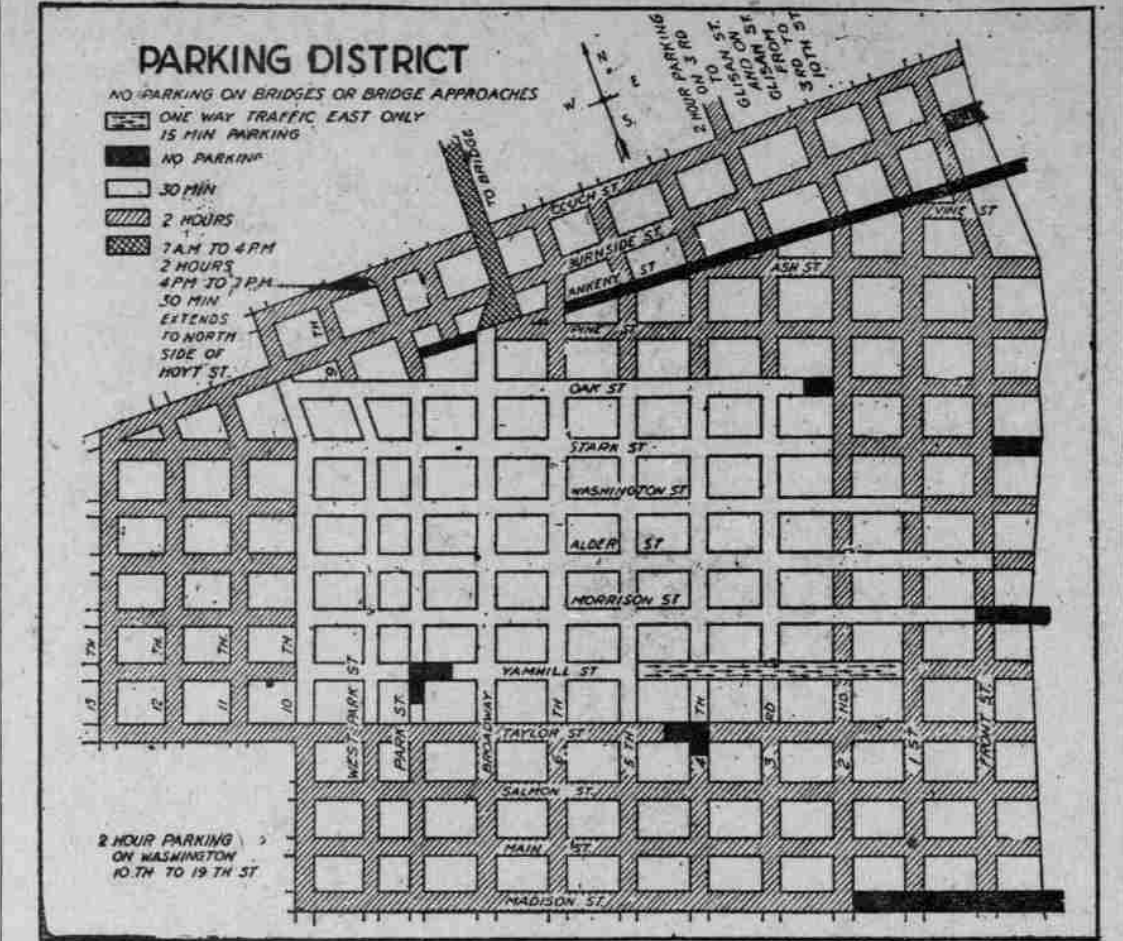
66 Actions Are Filed. Distribution of divorce actions covered by the check, with reference to the county, are as follows: 1922, 7; 1921, 10; 1920, 6; 1919, 8; 1918, 7; 1917, 8; 1916-1915, 22—Total 66.

Variety of complaints are set forth in the actions of plaintiffs newly wed. Probably 50 per cent of the hasty divorces grow from hasty marriages, many of which are made by couples who are not yet sufficiently acquainted to know each other's habits and characters.

Operation Annoys One. A wife, married only in September, wants a divorce because her husband has become cross with her, intimates that he is sorry he married her and has repeatedly said that she had better go back to her mother.

New Officials to Be Guests. Governor-elect Pierce and Representative-elect Watkins will be guests of honor at a dinner and reception to be given by the Jackson club on Tuesday evening at the Chamber of Commerce Monday, January 8, at 6 P. M.

MAP OF DOWNTOWN PARKING DISTRICT AS PREPARED BY POLICE BUREAU FOR ITS COMING CAMPAIGN.



Forty thousand circulars bearing the above map are being sent to automobile owners in Portland so that none will be able to plead ignorance when 40 traffic officers get into swing, starting January 2.

POLICE TACKLE PROBLEM

DRIVE TO EDUCATE MOTORISTS OPENS TUESDAY. Forty-one Traffic Officers Are Assigned to Duty Downtown to Enforce Regulations. Tuesday will see 41 traffic officers operating in the downtown districts parking rules and regulations.

Motorcycle officers will be pulled into the downtown district on occasions during the month to nab offenders who cut corners and break other rules of operation. At the end of a month there will be no improvement in the bureau will continue its campaign.

TREES OBSTRUCT ROADS

Reed Students, on Coast Hike, See Hovec Wrought by Gale. Travel over the highways linking the Oregon coast has been impaired by fallen trees and other obstructions.

EX-OFFICERS GET LIMIT

Former Policemen Fined \$500 Each for Bootlegging. Two former policemen who quit the law-enforcing business to go in for bootlegging on the big scale appeared before Federal Judge Bean yesterday and were promptly fined \$500 each.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR WILL HOLD COMMANDERS' BALL TOMORROW.

Oregon commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, has issued invitations for a commanders' ball to be held at the Multnomah hotel tomorrow. This is to be an annual event and will give all the knights an opportunity of meeting their new officers.

CHINA REVEALED HOME ECONOMICS

Alva B. Milam Tells of Her Inquiry in Orient.

PEOPLE SHOW INTEREST

Methodist Movement to Elevate Standards of Living Proves Absorbing in Development.

An interesting paper outlining her work in preparing a report to be submitted to the Yen Ching college, a branch of Peking university, in Peking, China, was received from Miss Alva B. Milam.

Chinese Are Interested. "Yesterday I spoke to a group of 420 boys who seemed quite as interested as the girls in the school.

CITY REFORMS FAVORED

PENDLETON MAYOR URGES NEW GOVERNMENT. Smaller Council and Municipal Manager Are Advocated After Two Years in Office.

Poverty Is Overwhelming. "I am also impressed with the overwhelming poverty existing in the cities and towns of Oregon.

Home Life Data Gathered. "In all the schools, Young Women's Christian associations and women's organizations, questionnaires concerning home life are being filled out for me.

COLLEGE SAVES FARMERS MONEY.

PULLMAN, Wash., Dec. 30.—More than \$2,500,000 was saved to farmers in the state of Washington during the past year by the extension department of Washington State college.

JANUARY CLASS OF FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT PLAY.



That McKenzie Gertrude Olsen

SCHOOL TO GIVE PLAY

FRANKLIN IS TO PRESENT 'THE SCHOOLMISTRESS.'

Entertainment to Be Given in Auditorium of Lincoln High on Next Friday Night. The January, 1923, class of the Franklin high school will present the old English play, 'The Schoolmistress' by...

TIRE COSTS TO ADVANCE

HIGHER PRICES ABOUT JANUARY 2 LIKELY. Rumor Current on Automobile Row, Though Not Confirmed. Is Counted Dependable.

Local officials of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber company said yesterday, although just what the new prices will be was not yet known.

CARRIERS TO GET REST

No Mail to Be Delivered, Today and Tomorrow in City. There will be no mail delivery service whatever, either window or carrier, today or tomorrow, according to the postmaster.

SPOKANE WEDDINGS LESS

Marriage Slumps During Year, but Divorce Decrees Climb. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 30.—Divorce decrees granted this year exceeded those of last year, but marriage licenses continue to slump.

STUDENTS GROW BANANAS.

In one school where I visited this morning I saw bananas growing in the school garden. The Chinese women use for their school gardens are being planted now.

LIQUOR SUSPECT BOUND OVER.

Despite a contention that he had been trapped and coerced into a violation of the law by prohibition agents, O. V. Fields, 524 East Fifth street, was held to await grand jury action by United States Commissioner Frazer yesterday on a charge of possessing and transporting liquor.

COURT PROCEDURE TERMED WASTEFUL

Judge Gatens Asserts Technicalities Silly Nonsense.

MUCH TIME IS CONSUMED

Jurist, Retiring After 14 Years on Bench, Favors Abolition of Present Trial System.

In a farewell interview yesterday W. N. Gatens, retiring as circuit judge after having been on the bench 14 years, severely criticized present day court procedure as wasteful of time and concerned entirely too much with technicalities instead of actual merits of the cases.

My experience is that half the time of the court is taken up in a battle of wits between lawyers as to whether he is following the right procedure. I understand that in one appellate court of this country 35 per cent of all cases before it were reversed upon questions of procedure.

CLUB TO GIVE SMOKER

Hillsboro Organization Outlines Activities for 1923. HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The trustees and executive committee of the Hillsboro club met Thursday night and reviewed the condition of the club and outlined a program for 1923 activities.

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