

VENTURESOME MARRIAGES.

Venturesome youth and unwise age march through the marriage-license office and often later pass through the divorce court year after year. A recent issue of an Ohio paper contained one page of two stories—one telling of the marriage of an old man and a young woman, the other of the sad story developed in the divorce court where another old man and another young woman were seeking separation, each telling the shortcomings of the other. It seems to have been ordained by nature, somewhere in the remote past, that May and December could not be expected to march together always in perfect accord and complete harmony, says Ohio State Journal. In this, as in many other wise provisions of nature, there are ever the venturesome, the thoughtless, who feel a serene and smiling certainty that they can take the risk and never suffer. There are instances where joy seems ever to be their portion, but there are other instances of which little need be said. It seems certain youth is happiest when associated with youth, and that old age and even mature years unfit for harmonious association with the flush of youth. But, no matter how much proof may be accumulated, the venturesome will venture, the daring will dare, and the divorce courts will divorce.

There is this general misapprehension of the Russian problem: It is popularly supposed that the rest of the world is trying to break up the bolshevik government, whereas the fact is that the bolshevik government is doing its utmost by propaganda and force to break up all other governments. The free nations are willing that Russia should "enjoy" its red regime as long as it likes, but they object to the machinations of the reds beyond Russian boundaries. The free nations are acting defensively against Russia, not offensively, though there is manifestly much unwisdom in the kind of defensive actions they have taken.

The New York department of education has been studying federal census reports and finds that there are 382,039 residents of that state between the ages of twenty-one and fifty who are either illiterate or who cannot speak English. The names and addresses of these persons have been classified and with the lists as a guide the department is preparing to launch a statewide campaign to draw them into night schools, extension teaching and vocational classes so that they may learn to read and write English and better fit themselves to be citizens.

There are strong hints that the allies would like the United States to help along in the present imbroglio. There has never been any hesitation in calling on Uncle Sam when resources were in question, but neither is there any wild enthusiasm over here to mix more than is absolutely necessary for our own interests in European quarrels.

Girls and women are joining the Polish army as recruits, recalling the famous Russian battalion of death. Their patriotism is to be commended, although fighting is not the best feminine way of serving the country. Still it shows the spirit of Poland, yet struggling for its national existence.

A Russian bricklayer earning \$12 a day was debarred from citizenship because he was too busy making money to pay any attention to the Constitution. It would be well for the nation if that principle were somewhat extended.

The Germans, it appears, are returning the books taken from the library at Louvain, and we cherish a vague hope that this excellent example will inspire some of our personal book borrowing friends to little acts of restitution.

When potatoes selling at \$1.25 a bushel in Long Island bring \$4 a bushel in New York, the consumer is entitled to feel that he is not enjoying a reasonable benefit from a short haul.

They may laugh at you for laying in your supply of winter coal now, but your guffaw will have a rich, mellow roar to it next winter when their noses get blue.

Because some papers printed in English in Manila said that the Filipinos are not ready for self-government the Filipino printers went out on strike. To prove it?

Captain Amundsen plans a new dash to the pole, possibly to escape the political discussions are seen to be going on everywhere else.

The peanut crop this year is said to be 6,000,000,000 bushels larger than in 1919, but we suppose most of the surplus will be used up in politics.

Victims of the high cost of living will note with alarm that even the water in the Great Lakes is rising.

SUCCESS IN MARRIED LIFE

To insure it, says Court Official, Each Should Be a Partner, as in Business Enterprise.

A wide experience with husbands and wives has enabled Mrs. Julia L. McGuire of the Chicago court of domestic relations to formulate these principles which she gives in People's Magazine. "It can all be summed up in about the same way textbooks on business tell one to sum up the proposition of going into business partnership:

"1. Know your partner. Study him—or her—under trying circumstances as well as when things are going well.
"2. Be sure that you and your partner agree in your purposes and ambitions. Compare notes with each other and find out whether you have the same tastes and hopes for the future. Find out your prospective partner's idea of what to do in prosperity or adversity.
"3. Settle upon your working program for the future. Decide how you will apportion your working funds; face frankly the possibilities for trouble, and arrange in advance to meet them. Determine in advance the direction in which you will expend your establishment when you have savings to disburse.
"4. Institute an adequate system of cost accounting to see to it that your funds go for the purposes you have agreed upon. Get into the habit of being frank with each other, of clearing up misunderstandings instead of letting them rankle.
"5. Go to it—and stick to it—along these lines.
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LONG A FAMOUS PLAYHOUSE

Walnut Street Theater, in Philadelphia, to Be Torn Down, Dates From the Year 1809.

The oldest playhouse in America, which is to be replaced in part at least by a modern structure, is the Walnut street theater in Philadelphia, opened in 1809. It has never missed a season in these 111 years.

Edwin Forrest made his first regular appearance here at the age of fourteen, getting his first start through the influential backing of Col. John Swift, at one time mayor of Philadelphia. The play in which Forrest appeared was "Douglas," and in the cast were Whentley, Mrs. Williams, Joe Jefferson's grandmother, and Warren and Wood, managers of the theater and of the stock company. Warren and Wood considered themselves very unfortunate in the cast of novices they had to deal with and were greatly surprised when Forrest acquitted himself so well that the public expressed a desire for the play's repetition.

The English tragedian, Edmund Kean, appeared at the Walnut in 1821. During the 16 nights of his engagement the receipts ran as high as \$1,379, only once falling below \$650. In those days this was considered a prodigious sum in theatrical circles.

Beaver Money.
John Jacob Astor introduced the beaver skin as a medium of exchange, and it was not until beaver hats were replaced by the modern felt hat made from rabbit fur that beaver money went out of fashion.

For about 100 years the beaver skin had its fixed value by which the cost of any other article was determined. It is said that the process of making hats from rabbit pelts actually saved beaver from extinction in North America.

Most of the beaver was trapped by Indians, and ambitious white men exerted their wits in separating the red man from his treasures.

If an Indian thought he needed furs to keep warm, he was given a drink of something that made him feel that he wouldn't need an overcoat, after all.—Detroit News.

Make a Beginning.

Many people prosper on ideas that come from without. In a measure these are common property. The really great ventures that make outstanding men are those born within a man and therefore peculiarly his property. When appreciated and acted upon they give him the inside chance that others will covet when they see him beginning to climb. So instead of sitting around moping it's "up to you" to start something. Let your thinker sink deep down into your anatomy and mine the unused possibilities that are rusting out for want of use. And rest assured unexpected possibilities will open up just as soon as you start something.—Exchange.

Missouri Weather.

The frequent rains recently have made us appreciate what an old lady from Arkansas said about us once after a visit up here. When she made up her mind to go home she remarked: "Well, yer see, honey, it's this here-away: In Missouri when it starts to rain it never quits, and when it clouds up the sun never shines, and when it does get clear you never see a cloud again, and when it gets hot it never turns cool, and when it once gets cold it never warms up no more."—Clinton (Mo.) Democrat.

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