

WEDDING BELLS NET VANCOUVER \$27,000

2639 Couples Married This Year; \$13,000 Collected.

GARRETT STILL MARRYING

County Auditor Indicates He Will Welcome All Pairs and Ignore Ministers' Protest.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—In less than two years couples married in this county, most of them in Vancouver, have contributed approximately \$27,000 in fees to various ministers, judges and justices of the peace. But the lion's share went to a few ministers and judges and justices of the peace.

There is now strife among the ministers who would, if they could, prevent Rev. J. L. Garrett, also county auditor, from accepting marriage fees while he is being paid by the county. Mr. Garrett was summoned before the Vancouver Ministerial association today. He was asked to state whether he would continue to marry couples, or would hold off and permit others to gather in the fees.

All Couples Welcome. Though Mr. Garrett is a member of the association he refused to answer, and it is believed from his attitude that he will marry all couples who ask him.

Mr. Garrett was county assessor for two years before being elected auditor and at that time took little interest in couples coming to Vancouver and married only a few. Since being elected auditor he has married a large number, and when asked to explain his attitude, said that this is a different administration and that in the future he would act as he pleased.

At least two of the county commissioners, probably the third, do not object to Mr. Garrett's performing marriage ceremonies. He usually marries the couples in the commissioners' offices and sometimes the commissioners act as witnesses.

Rev. C. F. Bennett is county superintendent of schools, and since January 1, this year, he has married seven couples.

\$13,000 Paid in Fees. To date this year, 2639 couples have been married in the county, most of them in Vancouver. This represents about \$13,000 that has been divided among those performing marriage ceremonies.

A check was made today to show how many each minister, judge and justice of the peace had married to date this year. The list of returns are in. The check showed that Cedric Miller, Vancouver justice of the peace, has married 625 couples; E. J. O'Connell, 42; W. H. Wilson (Minnehaha), 5; Judge R. H. Back of the superior court of Clark county, 265; outside ministers or judges, 56; A. D. Skaggs, retired elder of the Christian church, 166; Rev. C. C. Curtis, and wife, also a minister, Christian, 194; Rev. A. H. Thompson, 147; his successor, Rev. George W. Frame, 21; Rev. Roy Parcel of Washougal, 3; United Brethren, Rev. J. D. Niswender, 172; Rev. J. L. Garrett (county auditor), 62; Rev. F. W. Bassard, English Lutheran, 184; Rev. Luther Deck, his successor, 23; Rev. L. K. Grimes, Presbyterian, 55; Rev. Charles E. Baskerville, his successor, 5; Rev. C. F. Bennett, county superintendent, 7; Rev. John Swens, the Rev. Mr. Delaney and the Rev. O'Donnell, Catholic priests, 56; Rev. Judd, Rev. F. E. Dark and Rev. W. H. Swartz, Baptist ministers, 59; Rev. Charles W. Holmes, Episcopal, 8; Rev. W. L. Zabel, Congregationalist, 12; scattering throughout the county, 51. During 1919, 2787 couples were married in this county and to date 2638 licenses have been issued, with two holidays yet to come, so Vancouver is going fairly well in holding her popularity as a Gretna Green.

COUPLE WOULD SAVE BOY

Aged Parents of Isom White to Appeal to Governor.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Isom White's aged mother and 86-year-old father will journey to Olympia with a committee next Tuesday and ask Governor Hart to commute the death sentence of their 19-year-old son to life imprisonment.

As a result of a campaign to gain executive clemency for the condemned boy before Christmas, Dr. M. A. Matthews today volunteered to go with the committee and call upon the governor personally in young White's behalf.

Senator Smith of Everett, author of the new state hanging law, who was the lad's lawyer at the trial a year ago, said he would be glad to serve on the committee and to arrange for the transportation of White's aged parents to Olympia Tuesday.

SEVERE WEATHER LACKING

Ashland Reports Mild Temperature With Heavy Rainfall.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Ashland and this section of the valley so far has not had any real winter. An unusual amount of rain has fallen and plenty of snow on the high hills that surround the city on three sides, but in the city and valley there has been no snow and no freezing weather. High winds have prevailed during the past week, usually accompanied by rain.

Last year at this time there was 18 inches of snow on the ground here and the thermometer went way down toward zero, freezing up nearly all the water pipes in the city. Four feet of snow is reported along the Pacific highway in the Sierran mountains.

MINES KILL 1500 IN YEAR

Reports on Coal Accidents Issued by United States Bureau.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—More than 1500 men lost their lives as the result of coal mine accidents during the first nine months of 1920, according to a report of the United States bureau of mines, received by the National Safety council here today.

The number, however, was a decrease of 186 from the record of the corresponding months of 1919.

CLASS TEAMS DEBATE

Seniors and Sophomores Beat Juniors and Freshmen.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Debate teams representing the senior and sophomore classes were victorious today.

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Federal Assistance of \$100,000 Favored by Highway Officials.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Federal aid to the extent of \$100,000 a year for the construction of roads in the various states on a 50-50 basis was given the endorsement of the American Association of State Highway Officials, according to a telegram received here today by Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer.

The proposed government appropriation would run for a period of five years, and the money for road construction would be matched dollar for dollar with the states contemplating these improvements. The Oregon delegation at the convention left Washington last night for their homes.

Rebekahs Hold Celebration. CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Rebekahs from all parts of southwest Washington last night attended a home-coming celebration staged by Ivy Rebekah lodge No. 21.

A Christmas program was a feature of the evening. A collection was taken to buy Christmas presents for two children recently adopted by the Centralia lodge.

Coast Artillery to Be Recruited.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—George Acre, chosen as county attorney at the late election, has been commissioned captain of coast artillery to recruit a company in this county.

37 Take Teachers' Examinations.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Thirty-seven applicants are taking the state teachers' examination in Albany this week. The examination is in charge of Mrs. Ida Maxwell Cummings, county school superintendent, and will be concluded Saturday.

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Kidnaping Case Against Woman Will Be Dropped if Man Appears to Be Sentenced.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 16.—An agreement has been reached between prosecutor Askren and attorney for Miss Betty Brainerd whereby George T. Stagg is to surrender and the case against Miss Brainerd dropped, it was announced by John S. Strickland, captain of detectives today.

Captain Strickland said that the understanding was that Stagg, who with Miss Brainerd is charged with kidnaping Bobby Stagg in September, will appear in Tacoma before next Tuesday, plead guilty to kidnaping and receive his sentence. The trial of Miss Brainerd, set for next Tuesday, will then be dropped, Strickland declared.

The minimum sentence for kidnaping in this state is ten years in the penitentiary.

Stagg Reported in Canada. Stagg is now in Canada, Strickland said. He predicted he could soon be captured.

"I strongly disapprove the compromise that has been effected," he said. "Miss Brainerd is just as guilty as Stagg in my estimation."

Captain Strickland went to New York City and brought Miss Brainerd to Tacoma after her arrest there. In further explanation of his action in the case, Prosecutor Askren said that he was "following the practice long established by men in similar official positions throughout the country—namely, to release the accomplice to get the principal in a crime."

Brainerd Case Goes On. He added that he was going ahead in the preparation of the Brainerd trial as though no such agreement had been made, and that if Stagg, the child's father, has not pleaded guilty before the Brainerd case was called, he will proceed with her trial.

Attorney Henderson said: "I have been carrying on negotiations with friends of Stagg back in New York for some days and they have promised to have Stagg here Monday evening. He will surrender himself and plead guilty, and according to the understanding I have had with Mr. Askren, Miss Brainerd's case will then be dismissed."

Case May Be Dropped. Prosecuting Attorney Askren, according to Strickland, said: "Henderson and I have arranged it. Henderson proposed to me that if he delivered Stagg would I release Miss Brainerd? I told that if Stagg were produced and pleaded guilty I would agree, under those circumstances, to drop the case against the woman, asking for a dismissal in court of the action against her."

For two hours the prosecutor and the captain of Miss Brainerd argued the question, according to the latter, who staunchly stood out for the trial of Miss Brainerd before a Pierce county jury, declaring, he said, that: "We cannot afford to drop this case against her, for if such a deal is put through it would reflect adversely on us."

Askren called me to his office at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning," said Captain Strickland. "He told me that Henderson had made the proposition to produce Stagg provided Miss Brainerd was released."

Case Declared Aligned. "I opposed it, arguing two hours," went on Captain Strickland. "I reminded him that he had always said that it was an airtight case against the woman and I begged him to agree to such a plan as I thought that we would have Stagg in custody sooner or later. I declared that the woman was more to blame than Stagg, because he was the father and she had no particular interest in the child. I declared that, although influential friends and money were behind her, she was not entitled to any consideration from the hands of prosecution."

It was after the long argument between the two men, said the detective captain, that the prosecuting attorney declared: "I insist that my judgment is right in this matter and, besides the proposition was put through several days ago. Furthermore I am not asking your opinion on the matter, I am simply notifying you what has been done."

Eastern Star Elects Officers.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star Tuesday night elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. W. B. Heath, worthy matron; J. H. Hazlett, worthy patron; Mrs. E. O. Blanchard, associate matron; Mrs. Harold Herschner, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Fuller, secretary; Mrs. V. R. Abraham, conductress; and Mrs. E. L. Scobee, associated conductress. The installation will be held Tuesday evening, January 11.

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