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SCHOOL ELECTION VALID.

The news columnes of The Times in yesterday's issue indicated that Governor Chamberlain's holiday policy was considered by some as likely to cast a doubt on the legality of the High School election, which occurs this evening. It is as well to say here and now and without equivvocation that the election today cannot and will not be in the least respect affected by the fact that this is what in many states is called a bank holiday. In the first place, when the election was set for today it was not a holiday at all. It only became so since it was designated as an election day. In the next place, it is not designed or intended by the law or by the Governor that the proclamation of the day as a holiday should disturb the regular political or commercial business of the state, and it would be against public policy and silly to so construe it.

There has been much twaddle about the holiday policy put in force. It has set a lot of bright young critics to work to find flaws. But in fact it merely does two things effectively: first, it stops the operation of the courts, except in the necessary administration of the police functions in maintaining order in the community. It is not probable that the law ever contemplated a succession of holidays covering several consecutive days, but it is possible that the executive cannot be charged with an abuse of his powers if the occasion justifies such unusual action. There is not a word or an authority to be found in the written or unwritten law which can justify the nonperformance of a ministerial act by any public officer on such a holiday as today. Contracts can be made, acknowledgments can be taken, deeds can be executed and recorded, business can be transacted, money may be borrowed or loaned, notes may be executed and accepted, but the presentation and protest of notes, drafts, bills of exchange and commercial paper of any kind must be deferred to and until the next day after the holiday or succession of holidays.

SO LET NO MAN OR WOMAN WHO BELIEVES IN A HIGH SCHOOL FOR MARSHFIELD HAVE ANY DOUBT AS TO THE VALIDITY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION, TO TAKE PLACE AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE TONIGHT. EVERY ONE WHO IS A TAXPAYER OR LIABLE TO PAY TAXES HAS A RIGHT TO VOTE IF A CITIZEN OF MARSHFIELD AND OF DISTRICT NO. 9.

Missouri - Arkansas

Romance In Old Age

Pine Bluff, Ark., Nov. 6.—Searing Marsh, aged 72, who came here from Bismarck, St. Francois county, Mo., to start a new business career in the undeveloped oil field at Grace, this county, met, wooed and won a worthy widow of that community the day of his arrival. The fact that he and the widow were wartime acquaintances was not discovered until they were past the uncertain stage.

Having been accepted by the fair widow, who is two years his junior, Mr. Marsh took up the business that brought him there and for three months devoted himself to oil prospects during the day and to courtship of evenings. Then Mrs. Margaret Nead named the day and they came to Pine Bluff a few days ago and were married at the First Methodist parsonage by Rev. T. Y. Ramsey.

When Mr. Marsh and Mrs. Nead arrived here, they asked where the marriage licenses were issued and on thir way to the county clerk's office in the courthouse their undisguised satisfaction with the world and each other betrayed them as a would-be-bridal couple and quite a crowd followed them. They did not give away to embarrassment, however, and Mr. Marsh did not lower his voice when he asked for the license.

"How old are you?" inquired Deputy Clerk Nichol, as he wrote the prospective bridegroom's name upon the certificate.

"I am not an old man, I am only 72," he replied.

"And you, Mrs. Nead?" courteously inquired the deputy.

"I am two years younger than my sweethear," she replied.

After securing the licenses the couple boarded a car for the home of Rev. Mr. Ramsey, where the ceremony was said. The pastor refused to admit a crowd of curious spectators, who gathered at the house.

"This is no sideshow," he said. "This couple, though advanced in years, has seen fit to seek the companionship of each other and live their remaining years in happiness and peace. It is the proper thing for them to do in their lonesomeness and I am delighted to be some help to them in their sensible move."

With this the crowd dispersed and Mr. Marsh and his happy bride left the parsonage and returned to the business district, where they spent several hours shopping before they departed for their home at Grace.

Mr. Marsh came to this country several months ago with a party of oil men from St. Francois county, Mo. He had sold his real estate business there to begin life anew. The members of the party decided to drill for oil on Mrs. Nead's plantation near Grace station.

Proposed, Accepted First Day.

The day Mr. Marsh arrived he was introduced to Mrs. Nead. She was a widow of many years, prepossessing for her age, neat appearing and industrious. She is highly educated and Mr. Marsh, being a man of unusual intellectuality, they were attracted to each other. During the day the couple discussed mutual friends and reviewed events with which both were familiar.

By nightfall Mr. Marsh had proposed to his new acquaintance and had been accepted. He then established his residence at the home of a neighbor, where he resided until yesterday, passing the evening in company with his "sweetheart." They came to Pine Bluff unaccompanied.

"I was in Pine Bluff once before," said Mr. Marsh. "That was 42 years ago. I was in the federal army then and, strange to say, lived at the same house with the woman who today became my wife, but who was at that time the wife of another.

"We are not old. That is a mistaken idea. A man is as old as he feels. We were both alone in the world and longed for companionship. Mrs. Nead has enough to live upon comfortably and I have a neat little sum that will insure us plenty for all time. That's all there is to it."

Comes to Investigate.

Dr. A. L. Houseworth, of Cashion, Okla., is looking over the Bay and shaking hands with his old Oklahoma friends. If Messrs. Warwick, Grimes, Kreitzer and Sweetman have been instrumental in inducing the doctor to come to the Bay, and as he is not disappointed in what he has seen thus far, the representations made to him must have been about fair.

KEROSENE FIRE; DEATH IN AGONY

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 6.—Marjorie Musson, aged 14, met a horrible death at North Vancouver last night. Her parents were visiting friends in Vancouver and she was left at home with her baby brother. At 1 o'clock yesterday she undertook to prepare a lunch, but could not make the fire burn. She poured kerosene on the fire from a can, with the result that the stove exploded and her dress caught fire. She died in terrible agony a few hours after the accident.

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