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CUPID'S RECORD FOR THE MONTH

Interesting Statistics Show That He Had Big Lead Over Divorce Courts.

AVERAGE OF BRIDES ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE

Three Admit They Are Nearly Sixty and Three Grooms Made Same Confession.

In the book of official truth it is found that the average of all women married in the month of November is nearly 25 years, and that of the men 30 years. Besides the old family Bible and the individuals themselves, the marriage license record is the only authentic source from which this information can be obtained, and of the 135 women whose names appear therein closely below those of the men of their choice, none should feel grieved at the average, for had it not been for the half dozen women past 40 who jumped into the matrimonial sea in November the average would have been nearer "sweet sixteen," for many there, were who had to have their parents' consent.

Cupid, who did such a rushing business in November, gained a good lead over the divorce courts, who attempt to undo his work. The number of marriages shown by the book is 135, while the best the divorce court could do was 21 separations. The marriage license record averages 4 1/2 licenses each day, while only two thirds of a divorce was granted each day of the month. This shows conclusively that marriage is far more popular than divorce, although it stands beyond dispute, according to the records, that there is more money in divorce than in marriage, but this is probably for the reason that in getting married one doesn't have to list his property, while in the divorce court one does.

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18 years old, while the eldest, no doubt reluctantly—or it might have been entirely without her knowledge or consent—was scheduled at 18 years. The youngest grooms, for there were two of them, were each 20 years old, and the oldest admitted to 40 years.

Only three marriages were recorded where the brides were under 18 years of age. However, there were 20 brides under 20 years, 55 between 20 and 30 years, 18 between 30 and 40 years, two between 40 and 50 years, and three between 50 and 60 years.

The grooms' ages ranged a little higher. There were none under 20 years; 54 between 20 and 30 years, 40 between 30 and 40 years, seven between 40 and 50 years, one between 50 and 60 years, and three over 60 years.

There are some peculiarities in the marriage license book regarding ages. Four instances are recorded in which the bride was older than the groom, while in seven cases the ages were equal. In four instances the man was exactly twice as old as his bride, one case being 19 and 38 years. A couple almost equal in age were 55 and 56 years old.

Many there were who asked that the record of the issuing of the license be hidden away from the newspaper reporters; modestly forbade its publication. To these requests the county clerk could only say that all he could do would be to ask that he not be published, as the records were public, accordingly there are nine instances in which the gentle request, "Please don't publish," is written across the face of the affidavit.

The marriage record clerk remembers only one instance in the month of November where the bride appeared in person and alone to request the marriage license, and she asked how many reporters called for the records. When informed she handed to the clerk a sum of money which, if divided equally among the reporters would have given each 25 cents, with the instruction that he "give this to the boys and ask them to 'smoke' instead of publishing the fact."

The divorce courts keep very busy trying to undo the good work done by County Clerk Fields and Cupid. Out of the 21 divorces granted 11 were on the grounds of desertion and cruel and inhuman treatment. The remainder were for serious causes, ranging from imprisonment in the penitentiary to petty larceny.

NO LOVING CUP FOR USEFUL CITIZEN

The scheme of the Portland board of trade to have a popular voting contest and award a loving cup to the citizen who the voters say has done the most good for Portland, may be postponed until next year. F. E. Beach, who is chairman of the special committee appointed to arrange for the event, is in the east and as yet no plan has been perfected. The committee, which was appointed some months ago, looked into the proposition and thought well of it and selected a loving cup, but further action was delayed. The Lewis and Clark fair and other public enterprises have engaged so much of the attention of members of the committee that they have not been able to devote the time necessary to a successful prosecution of the loving cup election. The scheme had its origin in Baltimore, Md., where every year a loving cup is voted to the citizen who has been the most useful to the city during the preceding year.

"Don't be afraid of a little silence," said Uncle Eben. "De man dat talks without thinkin' runs a heap more risk dan de man dat thinks without talkin'." —Washington Star.

ROSENFELD'S FRIEND HAPPY AT CAR'S MISHAP

It was the cause of immense satisfaction to Mrs. Mary A. Woodcock that a car on the East Burnside and Pine street line ran off the track last night. She has been chucking about it all day and telling people.

Mrs. Woodcock is a resident of Portland and has gained considerable distinction and no little publicity by her efforts on behalf of the election of "Rosenfeld."

Yesterday afternoon she boarded a car at Union avenue and Burnside street. When the conductor went to collect her fare, she gave him a transfer slip that was good many months ago on the old Fifth street line. The conductor refused it. An argument followed that was decidedly interesting to the passengers who were compelled to listen.

It resulted in a vehement invitation to Mrs. Woodcock to leave the car and she finally complied and stationed herself squarely in the street. There she declared herself. She shook her umbrella at the conductor, her fist at the car and her tongue at the passengers.

MIDNIGHT MYSTERY MADE CLEAR AS DAY

Terrible Tale of Murder and Corpse in Basement of Mr. Burkie's Home.

SHOOTING AFFAIR THAT HAD DEFIED SOLUTION

With Myriads of Burglars in His Mind, East Side Resident Discovers a Cow.

At last the mystery of a midnight shooting, which occurred on Monday of this week in the vicinity of Benton street and the gulch on the east side, has been cleared up. The identity of the man who did the shooting, which baffled the efforts of the most prying neighbors, and the victim of the deadly assault are known. The man is a respected citizen, while the victim is passing as a beefsteak and soup bones over the counter of the local meat markets.

The cow belonging to Peter Rosella, who has a hut in the gulch, broke from her pen Monday night, climbed the hill to the resident section, ran through a back yard, under a clothes line and

she screamed. "I hope it jumps the tracks and breaks itself to pieces and puts all of you out of business. The idea of putting me off the car—who helped to elect Rosenfeld and went to the convention!" She said many other things, but the car went ahead and the passengers could not stay to listen. It proceeded to Eighth street and Stark streets by way of Pine street, and turned for its return trip. Running rapidly along Tenth street, just before reaching Pine street, the car lurched violently. It jumped clear from the tracks. Passengers received a severe jolting, but none was injured seriously. The car was delayed until late last night, and wrecking crews were sent to its assistance.

As the crews were working to put the car back on the track Mrs. Woodcock passed. She quickly saw it was the car from which she had been urgently ordered to alight, and her eyes gleamed with delight as she realized that her imprecations and hopes had been fulfilled.

"I told you so," she said. "You will put people off your old cars who helped to elect Rosenfeld, will you?"

hooked a sheaf of her horns. She then dashed wildly around the neighborhood, and finally tumbled down the outer basement stairs of G. W. Burkie's residence. The crash and her howlings frightened the household, and the neighbors gathered to the window. Burkie, who was engaged in deadly warfare on the lower floor, burst his worst imagination at the sight of the cow in the crib, and, half asleep, he rushed to the door, demanding to know which one was the howling creature.

His wife finally made him understand that the noise wasn't made by the twins, but by the murderer, and with this thought he went downstairs. After a careful search he failed to discover any "foul crime," and had just come to the conclusion that the twins had been responsible for the uproar when the cow in the basement started to "false the roof." Grabbing his revolver, a candle and a match, the master of the household courageously sought the candle in his mouth, intrepidly and bravely pointed the lighted match at the cellar door. His wife moaned and wept, and piteously begged him not to rashly expose himself to the murderers, and with this thought, but above all things he was not to awaken the twins. Cautiously but bravely he descended the cellar stairs; when half way down he pointed the revolver at the darkest corner and banged away three times. He was aroused from his fighting position by his wife grabbing the collar of his night shirt, and demanding to know if he wanted to waken the twins. "Through the gloom he caught sight of the giggling white sheet on the head of the cow. His knees beat each other madly and his heart fought a fierce battle with his tongue for possession of his mouth. Then the cow made another effort to arise, and gave the startled man an intimation of the character of his army or murderers. Steadying his voice, he called upstairs: "Oh, Mary, it's o-o-only a-a-a-c-c-cow." The unfortunate animal in falling down the stairway had broken a leg, which prevented her from rising, and was the cause of her sale to the butcher for beefsteaks and soup joints.

BOARD OF TRADE ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting and election of the Portland board of trade was held yesterday afternoon. The election resulted as follows: President, G. W. Allen; first vice president, Wallis Nash; second vice president, Paul W. Custer; treasurer, E. Lee Paget. The executive committee for the ensuing year is composed of Seneca Smith, F. E. Beach, J. H. Fisk, A. A. Muck, Thomas Guinness, H. S. Pague, C. W. Nottingham, I. B. Hammond, Paul de Haas and W. A. Lee. The president is an ex-officio member of the executive committee, and a notice was posted yesterday for an amendment to the by-laws to make the vice presidents and the treasurer also ex-officio members of the committee.

Secretary Lee's report showed the board to be in good condition financially, and actively pursuing the work of promoting the best interests of Portland and the state. During the year an indebtedness of \$100 had been paid; there is a surplus in the treasury. Immigration work has been steadily carried on, and a lecturer is kept at work

in the middle states, telling the people of Oregon's resources and demonstrating the wisdom of Horace Greely's advice to the young men of his day. A large amount of Oregon literature is sent out by the secretary every week, and from this good results are constantly seen.

The board will have its usual yearly banquet some time in January, and a committee, composed of G. W. Allen, B. S. Pague, E. Lee Paget and J. D. Lee was appointed to arrange for the event. The retiring president will read his annual report at that time.

Stop for Collins Hot Springs.

A covered platform has been erected by the O. R. & N. immediately opposite Collins Hot Springs for the accommodation of passengers who desire to visit this resort. The Spokane Flyer, trains 3 and 4, stop at this point, on flag, to take on or let off passengers. A commodious launch meets and carries all passengers and baggage across the river to the hotel.

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LABORERS UNEARTH THE VIKINGS GOLDEN CHAINS

(General Special Service.) Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 2.—Two laborers while digging in a ditch near Skofde, in southern Sweden, unearthed several gold chains weighing in excess of 16 pounds and dating from the year 800 A. D. The metal value of the find is 18,000 kroner (\$4,800). The government has offered the finders 20,000 kroner (\$5,000), as it wants to include the chains in the government museum.

Winter Rates to Yaquina Bay.

The Southern Pacific Co. will sell on Wednesday and Saturdays of each week, until March 31, 1905, low rate round trip tickets to Yaquina, limited to 16 days from date of sale. The sale of these excursion tickets during the winter months is a new departure and has been brought about through the desire of our local sportsmen to enjoy the exceptionally fine hunting and fishing privileges of that section.

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