

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE SHOW DECLINES IN COUNTY FOR YEAR

Marrriages in Jackson county decreased 6.5 per cent in 1931 from 1930, with 430 marriage licenses issued in 1930 and 470 in 1931, according to statistics compiled by the bureau of the census, in Washington, D. C. The record for divorces shows that in the county last year, decrees decreased 10.5 per cent. For the state of Oregon, the bulletin shows, marriages decreased last year 4 per cent over records of the preceding annual compilation, while divorces decreased 4.5 per cent. In Jackson county, one marriage was annulled in 1930, and another in 1931. An increase in divorces is noted in Douglas county, as there were 33 divorces in comparison with 218 marriages in 1931, and the same number of divorces in 1930 for 262 marriage licenses issued. Thirty-three divorces were recorded in Josephine county during 1931, and 349 marriage licenses. For 1930, there were 37 divorces, and 362 marriages. In the southern Oregon district, Klamath county reported more divorces in comparison with the number of licenses. There were 335 marriages in 1931, and 119 divorces, with 374 licenses in 1930, and 148 divorce decrees. According to the bureau of census, which received its information from the state board of health, there were 2417 divorces granted in the state, as compared with 2625 in 1930. Twenty-seven marriages were annulled in the state last year, compared with 25 the preceding year.

GRAPE INDUSTRY FACING RUIN BY DRY LAW POLICY

agricultural problem, and who did not at the time he presented to him at the time he wrote his decision, means from the grape industry standpoint nothing less than morally outlaw the vast vineyard to industry of the state of California. "Growers were not parties to the Ukiah case. No agricultural co-operative was involved and there was no way for the co-operative organizations of grape growers to intervene in the Ukiah proceeding, involving as it did, criminal charges. Judge Otis wrote a thesis on the general subject without having the growers' or the agricultural marketing facts before him, and I regret that the department of justice has broadcast throughout the United States copies of his opinion, and has adopted in its orders to field agents the extreme and extraneous comments' of the judge's dictum on questions not fully before him. Decision Comes Late "If this changed governmental attitude represents the proper interpretation of the law, such a provision should have been taken from the beginning and not after millions of dollars have been expended in new acreage; with the proper belief that the industry was morally as well as practically lawful. Manifestly, neither the grower nor consumer can ever be assured of their respective legal rights governing the sale of grape juice and its home manufacture into 'non-intoxicating fruit juices' under Section 29 if the law is indefinite as to permit different and wholly contrary interpretation of it whenever a new public official assumes office." The Judge Otis decision to which Conn referred was given at Kansas City last October. It was handed on Section 29, Article 2 of the national prohibition act, reading: "The penalties provided in this chapter against the manufacture of liquor without a permit shall not apply to a person manufacturing non-intoxicating elder and fruit juices exclusively for use in his home but such elder and fruit juices shall not be sold or delivered except to persons having permits to manufacture vinegar."

Evans Volstead Plan In lieu of the Volstead act Conn urges advocacy of a "national liquor plan" to be enacted by congress after the eighteenth amendment has been repealed or modified. He offered his plan as a part of a "long time program of rehabilitation of the grape industry. It would permit the restricted manufacture of wines for use in homes and hotels under limited conditions. Sales to domestic trade would be by coupon by bonded stores operating under operators' permits, issued by the United States treasury department. For domestic consumption "in such states whose laws are not incompatible therewith" beverages would be of only such alcoholic strength as can be produced by natural fermentation. This would include the addition of fortifying material or foreign substance to increase the "kick." Quantity restrictions now applicable to physicians' prescriptions for medicinal whiskey, wine, brandy and rum would be eliminated. Would Generate Revenue Unlimited fermentation or distillation of surplus agricultural crops and the operations of the resultant products to foreign countries would be permitted. Conn estimated his plan would provide \$500,000,000 of tax receipts annually. Under present conditions, he declared, approximately 150,000,000 gallons of wine is sold in the nation yearly compared to 22,500,000 gallons prior to enactment of prohibition. He likewise asserted a contributing cause of the present depressed price of fresh grapes is due to a failure of federal and state government to suppress racketeering at larger markets.

Society and Clubs Edited by Eva Nealon

Frances Ferry Named President of C. R. General Joseph Lane society, children of the American Revolution, were guests of Miss Betty Vilim on Saturday for a covered dish luncheon.

The following officers were elected for the new year: President, Frances Ferry; secretary, Barbara Holt; treasurer, Betty Vilim; historian, Jean Ollings; color bearer, Lila Henderson. The subject of Oregon wild flowers proved one of the most interesting and profitable meetings the society has ever held. Mrs. Ethel Willetts identified over 30 kinds of flowers which the members had brought, telling of the habits and usefulness of each and closed by urging her audience to consider it a sacred heritage to preserve and conserve the beautiful wild flowers of Oregon. Elizabeth Perry won the Oregon bouquet of tulips as a prize for correctly identifying the greatest number of species.

Ruth D'Albini told of some of the outstanding work done by the nine societies in the state, as reported at the convention. Eight societies have given programs before the D. A. R., and have been entertained by the mother chapter. The Sons of the American Revolution are planning to give a scholarship to some member of a C. A. R. Details are being worked out through the new state director, Mrs. John Hall. Local members expressed regret when informed that Mrs. E. S. Gannett was no longer state director, and are anxious to meet the new director, Mrs. Hall. Copies of the Declaration of Independence and the constitution were given to each one present, being a gift from Mrs. P. S. Gannett.

D. A. R. District Meeting Held in Ashland, May 3 Mrs. John W. Richardson, state representative of the Daughters of the American Revolution has called a district meeting, May 3 at Ashland. This will be a no-hostess luncheon meeting at 12:30, served by Alpha club in the dining room of Masonic Temple. Medford, Ashland, Klamath Falls and Roseburg are included in the southern Oregon district. Mrs. Richardson of Portland is the first state vice-president. Mrs. Mark Weatherford of Albany and the state registrar, Mrs. B. G. Harding of Medford will be present, as well as the state chairman of southern Oregon, two of these live in Medford, Mrs. W. W. P. Holt, state chairman of radio and Mrs. B. G. Harding, state chairman of genealogical research.

Reunions for the luncheon will be made with the report of Gray I. Ke chapter, Mrs. Joseph O. Greer, by members and those eligible to membership. Pythian Sisters Card Party Wednesday. Wednesday evening the Pythian Sisters will sponsor another card party in the K. P. hall, Bridge and 500 will be played and prizes awarded. The party will be in charge of Mrs. Carl Fichtner and the public is invited to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Nikolaus Leave for Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nikolaus left yesterday by motor for Cleveland, Ohio, where they will make their home. They are making the trip via the southern route and will stop for a time in Los Angeles.

Pythian Sisters Party Tomorrow The home of Mrs. Emma Jeschke, 228 North Central avenue, will be the scene tomorrow evening of the meeting of the Pythian Sisters club. Mrs. Hayes Returns Home Mrs. James C. Hayes, who has been in Portland for the past two weeks visiting, returned to Medford by train this morning. Missionary Society To Meet, Daily Home The Missionary society of the First Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Etie Daily, 228 South Ivy street, Tuesday, April 26, at 2:30 o'clock. An interesting program is being planned with a special "surprise." The social committee is composed of Mrs. P. H. Daily, Mrs. A. B. Mead and Mrs. John Lewis.

Stewards Entertain at Dinner for House Guests Complimenting their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boekel and daughter, Mrs. Barbara, of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Steward entertained at dinner Sunday evening. Covered were placed for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schefel, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Durmo and members of the Steward family. Following dinner, motion pictures of the Panama Canal region, taken by the Boekels on their recent tour, during which they met Mrs. Steward, were shown and enjoyed by the guests. Mr. Boekel is a prominent attorney in the bay city and stopped here with his family en route to Seattle, where he plans to spend two weeks. They continued north today. Presbyterian Bible Class Installs Officers The Women's Bible class of the First Presbyterian church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the church parlors for installation of new officers. The devotionals will be led by Mrs. Howard.

Hansens Honored at Dinner and Bridge A pleasant event of the past week was the dinner party given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hansen on the anniversary of their wedding. Dinner was followed by bridge. Ladies Aid Society To Have Home Coming Entertainment for the regular "Home Coming" of the Ladies Aid society of the First M. E. church tomorrow afternoon will be in charge of the Mary-Martha circle. Mrs. Drummond Has House Guest Dr. and Mrs. C. I. Drummond entertained at their home, 526 South Central, last week, Mrs. Adaline Stanich of Tacoma, Wash.

Bible Class Meets at "Y" Tuesday At "Y" Tuesday in the city who would like to spend an hour in Bible study and some are invited to attend the Bible class for men and women at the Y. W. C. A. building Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. J. W. Hobler will be soloist for the evening and the lesson will be from Exodus 13th chapter. Mrs. E. N. Warner is the instructor.

TEST LABORATORY COMPLETED SOON The laboratory at the federal experimental orchard south of town will be ready for occupancy this week, and it is expected that R. I. Stuart & Sons, who have the contract for the building, will have the residence ready for occupancy next week. The contractors have been delayed. Prof. W. W. Allison, in charge of the orchard work, and Arch Woyke, in charge of the irrigation surveys, have about completed preliminary work for this year's tests. Professor Allison is taking notes and conducting experiments on fruit buds and blossoms and other phases of pear culture. Work has dug a number of test holes for study of drainage problems.

WARM RAINS AID WATER SUPPLIES Warm rains with light falls of snow and hail prevailed over the hill areas of Jackson county Saturday and Sunday. The Rogue river and other streams were running full and muddy, and water was gushing down from the hillsides. The winter's fall of snow was thawed and irrigation reservoirs further enriched. Last year at this time plans were made for the use of irrigation water in May and the drought was in effect. Wells of the county have been replenished by the winter of rain and moisture, and old springs have been revived and new ones born.

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Atlanta Editor Named Senator ATLANTA, Ga., April 25.—(AP)—Major John S. Cohen, 62, president and editor of the Atlanta Journal, was appointed United States senator today by Governor Richard B. Russell, Jr., to succeed the late William J. Harris. He will serve until the general election in November.

Butte Falls School Case on This Week Three local attorneys, Porter Neff, E. E. Kelly and Edward C. Kelly, left this morning for Salem, where they will try several cases in the supreme court. The most interesting to southern Oregon is the Butte Falls school case. The local attorneys represent the district, which lost the decision in the lower courts, regarding the payment of two sets of teachers, claimed hired for the year by the outgoing and incoming school boards. The attorneys will be in Salem until Thursday.

Argue Motions for New Trial of Reed's Case Arguments on a motion for a new trial for Albert W. Reed, Denver, serving a life term in state prison for conviction of complicity in the slaying of Victor Knott, Ashland policeman, last November, were started in circuit court this morning before Circuit Judge H. D. Norton. The short time remaining in which to file an appeal to the state supreme court, and a new trial motion to dispose of all the trial matters at once, resulted in the speedy action. Judge Norton expects to give a decision within the week on both the Reed and the Fehi libel suit cases. Following the hearing of the arguments the court will devote the next month to preparing opinions and rulings that have been accumulating on his desk for the past two months during the jury term.

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