

AN UNHAPPY MARRIAGE.

An Aged Minister Who Wedded a Woman Fifty Years His Junior.

HE WOOD HER BY MAIL.

Details of a Sensation Which Developed Yesterday—A Deed of Heroism—Flames in the Wall—Other Local.

A Minister's Marriage.

Yesterday afternoon Officer Whalen arrested Rev. Warren Cochran, an aged minister residing on Isaac street near Leavenworth. The charge in the warrant was preferred by his wife, who charges him and a woman, Mrs. Esina Allen, with having assaulted her.

To those unacquainted with the facts in this case the above paragraph means little or nothing. Behind it, however, there is a story of rare sensational interest, to give which in detail would require several columns of space.

Close students of local lore may remember that in May last a suit was commenced by Rev. Mr. Cochran for divorce from his wife, Kate Cochran. The matter was kept out of the public press and has consequently never been aired. A few weeks later Mrs. Cochran's attorneys filed a motion in the district court to compel the plaintiff to make more specific charges. The attorneys for the Rev. Cochran say they propose to do this with a vengeance.

A STRANGE STORY.

The story of the Rev. Mr. Cochran's last marriage and the few months of his wedded life is a strange one, though well nigh incredible, is borne out by facts in every instance. His side of the case is reproduced partly from the divorce petition and partly from his own statements.

Mr. Cochran is, or was, a Congregationalist minister and for years held a pastorate here. He removed here many years ago from Wisconsin, where, in his younger days, he had the reputation of being one of the most eloquent preachers in the state. He is now over eighty years of age and very feeble, though mentally as sound almost as in his younger days. Some years ago he retired from the pulpit, desiring to end his days quietly and removed from the cares of pastoral toil. His first wife was dead and his grown up children were all married.

HE FOUND A WIFE.

A few months ago, affairs being in this condition, Mr. Cochran determined to commit matrimony. He thought that if he could get a wife who would care for him and make the remainder of his days pleasant, he had better do so. He cast about, accordingly, for a partner. He was aided by a friend, who probably all unintentionally steered him upon a rock which has proved fatal to what little happiness he may have counted upon enjoying in his remaining days. The friend who was acquainted with a lady calling herself Mrs. Ruhl, living in North Bend, placed the Rev. Cochran in correspondence with her. Mrs. Ruhl was not loth to open such a correspondence, and in a very short time a

COURTESHIP BY MAIL.

spring up, which was made none the less ardent on Mr. Cochran's part by the fact that he was an octogenarian or that his love making had to be done at long range, with the aid of pen, paper and ink. The correspondence was not kept up four weeks before both parties agreed that the married estate would be mutually agreeable. They were accordingly united in matrimony, the ceremony taking place at the residence of the bride's brother in North Bend.

CRUELTY UNDEVELOPED.

Scarcely had Mr. Cochran lived with his wife a day before, as he claims, he found that he was badly deceived in his rosy lived expectations of what married life was to be. According to his story, she was not only a vulgar, low-bred woman, of brutal cruelty in her treatment of him, but a positively profane and obscene woman as well. Her language on many occasions, he claims, was simply disgusting in its vulgarity. Very often, it is alleged, Mrs. Cochran would break into the room where he was engaged in his devotions and break up his praying with a series of ribald songs and jests. Furthermore, it is alleged, the woman, who was younger than her spouse by half a century, was accustomed to treat him with shocking cruelty, taking advantage of her superior strength to accomplish her purpose. The aged husband bore all these tribulations for weeks without saying a word about them to his friends. Finally, however, he could stand it no longer, and commenced divorce proceedings in the district court. Hoping to keep the story of his married life from the public ears, his original petition contained no allegations in support of his claims, except those of cruelty. The attorneys for Mrs. Cochran have called for "more facts," and the attorneys have prepared an amendatory petition which outlines in detail the facts given above.

TRIED TO KILL HIM.

The trouble which caused the Rev. Mr. Cochran's arrest occurred yesterday. His version of the affair is that he was pursuing his devotions in his study, having locked the door to keep his wife out. She demanded entrance, which he refused. Enraged beyond measure, she took an axe and broke in the door. Then she made a rush at him with the uplifted axe, saying at the same time "I've a good mind to kill you, you old man." Mr. Cochran wrenched the axe from her, and met her assault as best he could. He did not handle her with soft gloves and the consequence was that she received injuries upon which she bases her complaint. Mr. Cochran sought his attorney yesterday with regard to the advisability of swearing out a warrant for his wife's arrest, but was instructed to allow her to be the aggressor.

WHO MRS. RUHL IS.

Mr. Cochran's attorneys claim that recent investigations show pretty clearly that "Mrs. Ruhl" was not Ruhl wife at all. Detectives have looked the matter up and find that in the east the two lived as husband and wife, but that he introduced her as his cousin. They were "fired" from several well known large hotels for improper relations. Finally Ruhl deserted her, and she found her way back to Nebraska, where she told her acquaintances that Ruhl was dead. On the other hand Mr. Cochran's attorneys claim he is now alive and married in the east. He will be produced if the case ever goes to trial.

A DEED OF HEROISM.

Accomplished at Spirit Lake by a Young Woman.

Hugo Schaefer, bookkeeper for Heimrod & Co., has just returned from Spirit Lake, where, on Monday last a gallant deed which resulted fatally, happened. The new lake steamer "Queen," in its second trip had been out from the shore but a short time, when a gust of wind blew into the water the hat of the little nine-year old daughter of Mr. Hutchinson, proprietor of the Orleans hotel. The child reached into the water to regain her hat and in so doing fell overboard. The captain called for somebody to save

the child, and immediately a young man named Hubert Schurf, took off his coat and jumped into the water and seized the child. By this time the little steamer was some distance away, but a yawl which was being towed at her stern was manned and sent to the rescue. When the latter had reached within a few feet of the child and Schurf, the latter was taken with cramps, and threw the child toward the men in the boat. He then sank and has not yet been found. Had he clung to her the child would have been dragged down by him. He seemed to realize the fact and instantly threw her toward the relief parties. Schurf was about nineteen years of age and from Davenport, Iowa. His sister and mother were within a short distance of the scene at the time. The mother's feelings over the death of the young man were exceedingly painful. Mr. George Patterson, of Omaha, and other Omahans were on the boat at the time. This young man's deed is commended universally as one of great heroism.

FLAMES IN THE WALL.

A Slight Blaze Yesterday Morning in Creighton Block.

Yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, the halls of Creighton block were filled with smoke and examination traced the volumes to a sleeping apartment on the top floor, occupied by Burdick and Taylor, two young men engaged in business in the city. Both of these had gone to their offices, and had locked their door. The latter had to be burst open. The flames were discovered in a small ante-room used for bathing purposes. The door was covered with linoleum and it is supposed that an ignited match dropped upon the latter and slowly caused it to break into flames. These climbed up on a bath towel which hung against the wall and reached to the floor. A part of the carpet, the towel, and a portion of the woodwork and rack was injured but at a nominal rate only.

Over Weight Baggage.

The public at large have no idea of the trouble the railway officials in the baggage department have with persons carrying over weight baggage. Not a train leaves but some one raises a grand row because they are not permitted to carry a small sized house with its contents free, when the general rule of all roads allows only 150 pounds of baggage to each ticket. Strange to say, the weaker or female sex are the strongest opponents of this rule, and the way some of them act and talk would surprise their best friends, who know them where social requirements make them appear as meek as cream on the milkmaid's jacket. Two engagements have been summarily broken off this week by the male intended accidentally overhearing the way his "future" was lecturing a baggage man. It should be remembered that 150 pounds and no more go, whether the trunk or valise or grip owner is a prince or a peasant, a man or a woman, for the baggage department recognizes no distinction of race, color, previous condition of servitude. It is a wonder all the railroad baggage men do not become crazy after a month's service. At any rate, total deafness would be a blessing to the man in charge.

A Big Month.

The following is a record of the arrests made by the police during the month of August:

House stealing.....	1
Passing forged checks.....	1
Selling mortgaged property.....	1
Assault with intent to kill.....	4
Grand larceny.....	1
Fugitives from justice.....	2
Obtaining money by false pretenses.....	1
Assault and battery.....	1
Threatening to kill.....	1
Concealing stolen mules.....	1
Cruelty to animals.....	2
Gaming on Sunday.....	1
Assaulting officer.....	1
Petty larceny.....	23
Drunk and disorderly.....	4
Peddling on Douglas and Farnam streets.....	8
Carrying concealed weapons.....	2
Drunk driving.....	2
Discharging firearms.....	2
Intoxication.....	133
Leaving team unhitched.....	165
Obstruction.....	1
Obstructing street.....	5
Disturbing the peace.....	110
Vagrants and suspicious persons.....	104
Committing nuisance.....	1
Keepers of gambling houses.....	11
Total.....	677

The Exposition Yesterday.

In the exposition building yesterday morning the scene of activity described Wednesday was repeated. N. B. Fairbank's display was being put in position and promises to be a most elaborate one. Indeed, it will be changed from day to day. Samuel Burns was getting his into shape and half a hundred others were also busy around their stands. The art gallery is not yet arranged in detail, but even at the present it comprises gems which, in the exhibitions at Chicago, were not excelled. Julius Meyer will have a magnificent display of Indian curiosities, with a real, live, simon-pure Indian chief, Hoopola from the Omaha agency to mount guard, over and illustrate their uses. Joseph Garneau is putting in his display of the products of his factory and they already present an attractive appearance. Policemen are now stationed at the doors who have instructions to allow no exhibit leave the building and allow every exhibit to enter. The exposition will positively open Saturday night. Every exhibitor must be in place by that time.

Sol Smith Russell.

In his new comedy "Pa" it is said Sol Smith Russell keeps his audience in a constant state of laughter. The new play takes immensely wherever he has appeared this season, and a rich treat is in store for Omaha theater-goers at Boyd's opera house this evening and tomorrow night. The comedy is a breezy and a pure, clean, wholesome fun permeating the play, and rippling through every line and bit of business in it, that is delightfully refreshing. Sol Smith Russell will introduce a fine lot of new songs and specialties and the stage settings are said to be very elaborate and novel.

Land Tickets and Ticket Agents.

M. H. Judd, the agent of the Union Pacific land office in both Council Bluffs and Omaha, was seen by a reporter for the Bee yesterday morning. He says that hereafter land tickets may be procured only at the railroad ticket offices at the points mentioned, instead of, as heretofore, at the land offices on either side. The road has not much land left now, but land railroad tickets are sold to whoever gives evidence that he is in search of some to buy. If he doesn't buy from the road, he buys from some other person, and the road is indirectly benefitted thereby. The change mentioned imposes considerable more work upon the ticket men.

The Postoffice in August.

The sale of stamps in the postoffice during the month of August amounted to \$9,794.04. The sale of stamped envelopes during the same time reached the sum of \$1,884.75. Since the introduction of the letter sheet envelopes, scarcely more than four days ago, 4,900 of the same have been sold.

LOCAL LACONICS.

Brief Interviews Gathered on the Streets.

County Commissioner Timme—"We have three more county bridges to build this year, and shall have them completed very soon. That will make a total of ten bridges built in this county this year."

General Crook—"The department of the Platte is ahead of all other departments, I believe, in point of marksmanship, as shown by the recent rifle contest. Our marksmen have achieved a high average."

Colonel Burnham—"I expect to leave in a day or so for my new post of duty in San Francisco. Yes, of course I shall leave to leave Omaha. I shall say who my successor will be. When I was in Washington the matter had not been decided."

B. R. Thompson—"Our business agent Union Pacific—"Our business is very large, showing a big increase over that of last year. What this increase is due to, I am sure that I can say, unless it is that the general growth of this western country."

A. R. Fenton.

"I returned yesterday from a trip to St. Paul and Minneapolis. I took in the exposition while in the latter city, and I can assure you it was a big thing. Both the cities are having a boom on a very similar scale to that which Omaha is enjoying."

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Charlton-Perkins.

At the residence of the bride's parents near Exeter, Neb., yesterday morning, September 2, Mr. Alex G. Charlton was united in marriage to Mrs. Lizzie Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. Charlton are both well known in Omaha. Mr. Charlton being the popular assistant cashier in McCague brother bank, and Mrs. Charlton having been for several years a teacher in the Cass street school. Both also are active workers in the Omaha city mission school on Tenth street.

The happy couple passed through here last evening on their way to California, returning to Omaha about October 1st, when they will take up their residence at 1913 California street.

J. L. Wilkie, manufacturer of paper boxes, 108 S. 14th street, Omaha.

Machinery and Help.

Secretary Wheeler says that there is now an amount of farm machinery being carted to the grounds of the Omaha fair and being set in position as rapidly as possible. The work has increased so much lately that there is even now strong felt want for a greater force of assistants. Mr. Wheeler has received a number of communications from Iowa, asking information concerning the fair for the benefit of large parties who propose to attend it.

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merly of Omaha. Mr. O'Connor is an old and respected citizen of this city, having been employed for twenty years by the Union Pacific Railway company, first in Omaha and at the transfer since has been in operation. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor will visit their birthplaces, Waterford and Tipperary.

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Police Court.

Judge Stenberg's police business yesterday morning was unimportant. Five drunks were arraigned, three of whom—Pat Kearney, John O'Keefe and John Hansen—were committed.

Joe Thomas, a little colored thief, was sentenced to five days in jail for stealing a cup. He confessed his guilt.

An Italian named Joe Lombardo was fined \$5 and costs for throwing garbage in front of another man's house.

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