

BUSINESS END OF MARRIAGE

Tennessee Parson Gleefully Chases Elopers and Their Coin.

PLANTS SHOP NEAR STATE BORDER

Operations of a Green Green that Has Aroused Much Indignation Among Brothers of the Cloth.

The recent action of the ministerial association of Bristol, Tenn., in planning its members—more than twenty in number—to refuse hereafter to marry eloping couples on Tennessee soil contrary to the law of the state from which either or both of the contracting parties come, and memorializing the Tennessee legislature to put a stop to the hundreds of "hasty and indecent" marriages performed annually at the Bristol place by statutory ministers, will have the effect, if the ministers are successful in their efforts, of depriving one minister of an unusual livelihood and depriving the world of another of its few Green Greens.

The resolution is aimed particularly at the Rev. Alfred Harrison Burroughs, known over four states in particular and throughout the United States in general as "Marrying Green," who has himself united more than 4,000 couples who have come to him from commonwealths where the law prohibits the marriage of persons under 21 years of age without parental consent. Mr. Burroughs has devoted himself to this occupation for twenty years, having resigned active duties in the Baptist ministry in order to engage in it. His Green Green has long since attained wide renown.

The Elopers' Hotel. Mr. Burroughs is proprietor of one of the oldest hotels in the world. It was designed and erected expressly for the convenience of eloping couples. Every room in it is a bridal chamber. It is situated squarely upon the dividing line between Virginia and Tennessee. To strategic location of the house, one-half of which is in one state and the other half in a neighboring state, is apparent at once in the execution of the purpose for which it was built. Scarcely a day passes that Mr. Burroughs is not called upon to entertain a number of eloping couples.

Mr. Burroughs has performed marriage ceremonies under almost every conceivable circumstance—one time in a carriage racing through the streets at night, with an irate mother in full pursuit; and on another occasion with the couple standing in the middle of a moving street car, the tracks of which lie in different states. He has been the friend of lovers and ladies long enough to marry the children of the couple who first came to him. He believes he holds the world's record for the number of couples united in marriage by a single individual.

Establishing the Business. Mr. Burroughs many years ago conceived the scheme of taking advantage of the location of Bristol for matrimonial purposes. The hotel became a necessity in order that he might better take care of the ever-increasing number of his guests. The house was built upon plans drawn by Mr. Burroughs himself. He had already been devoting himself exclusively to this business for a number of years. Couples who did not run away in the strictest sense now come to Bristol to be married in order to spend a few days at the matrimonial hotel.

Mr. Burroughs' business is made possible by the stringent matrimonial laws of Virginia and West Virginia. Fully 90 per cent of the couples who come to him are married here. The laws of Virginia and West Virginia require that applicants for marriage licenses shall be 21 years old, unless they have the written consent of parents or guardians. While the laws of these states were the basis for the establishment of the Green Green, the marriage contract at Bristol is made in the presence of the minister and the witnesses, and each of Brule's companions picked off a bandit as the three troopers climbed over the rocks into the highway. Seeing the blue coats of the troopers, the other bandits fled, leaving behind the bodies of "the man with the golden tooth" and his followers.

The bandits were followed by other troopers and captured, and turned over to the Wyoming authorities, but soon afterward escaped, locking the warden of the penitentiary behind the bars and stealing all the guns and ammunition. After following the trail several days, Madsen and his companions came upon the outlaw camp early one morning. They outnumbered the troopers, but McAdams broke into the camp with a whoop and an order for all the outlaws to hold up their hands. Immediately Madsen followed him through the underbrush and shortly after him came St. Clair the Indian.

Believing an entire company of troopers was after them the outlaws quickly surrendered and were all handcuffed by McAdams before they were aware that their pursuers were so few in number. The outlaw leader was then very angry and taunted St. Clair in particular, offering to fight him. St. Clair then drew his revolver and threw down his weapons and begged Madsen to loosen the leader in order that they might fight it out with their fists. But Madsen would not hear of it and the bandits were soon behind prison bars again. All of them were afterward sentenced to serve long terms in the penitentiary.—New York Tribune.

All Judges Were Once Boys. Here is a true story told by John McDonnell of the Western School Journal: "The principal in the school in the town of ... afternoon detected a boy cutting the letter of his name in the desk in front of him. As the boy was caught, the principal immediately rushed to the spot, angrily put forth his hand intending to grasp the boy by the collar, when he and also beheld close by the newly formed letters were the initials of the principal's own name written upon the desk when he was a pupil in the same school."

We often wonder whether or not in the administration of justice the judge ever thinks of the incident in the "Hiss school"?

TOPICS FOR THE DAY OF REST

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Services for Union Labor Men Sunday Evening at the North Presbyterian Church—Notes of Other Churches.

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On this particular day Sergeant Brule, a companion of Madsen in the Fifth Cavalry, was ordered out with two men to guard Eagle Pass. They were sheltered behind some bushes, and when the coach arrived, the leader of the bandits discovered the bandit gang on the other side. The troopers were only three against eight or ten of the bandits, and Brule determined to await the arrival of the first stage and see what would happen.

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and Ohio. Rev. T. J. Collier, Rector; Third Sunday in Lent, March 19—Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45. Morning prayer, with sermon at 11. Evening prayer, with sermon; this service on Sunday evening will be given by the Rev. A. G. White, rector of St. Martin's, South Omaha.

Christ the King, Twenty-eighth and Parker, Rev. E. T. Otto, Pastor—Services at 8 a. m. in which Rev. L. Mueller of Fremont will preach. Lenten sermon at 11:30. Sunday school at 11:30. Bible class on Tuesday at 8.

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BATTLESHIPS AT NORFOLK Eleven Vessels of Admiral Schroeder's Fleet Return from Cuban Waters. NORFOLK, Va., March 18.—Eleven battleships of the First, Third and Fourth divisions of the Atlantic fleet, commanded by Rear Admiral Scaton Schroeder, passed in the Virginia capes at 1 o'clock this afternoon from Guantanamo, Cuba, and anchored in Hampton Roads.

Army Orders. (From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, March 18.—Special Telegrams.—Army orders: Major Harry B. Chamberlain, quartermaster, is relieved from his present duty at Seattle and will proceed to San Francisco for duty temporarily as quartermaster of the transport "Albatross" relieving Captain James D. Tiford, who will proceed to this city for instruction. William T. Patton, Thirteenth Infantry, is relieved from treatment at the general hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, and will return to his proper station.

Stebbins Holds His Old Place as Stellar Speller of Omaha Fearlessly facing a fierce fire of four and five syllabled words, Reed Zimmerman, a slender lad of 13 years, 114 North Thirty-fifth street, stood with white whiskered wise men and militant looking women at the spelling bee at the Y. M. C. A. Friday night, until only six out of sixty-four remained. He fell at last on the word mangelwurzel.

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SUIT AGAINST WABASH ROAD Railway Company Charged with Violating Sixteen-Hour Law—Thirty-Five Instances Alleged. KANSAS CITY, March 18.—Information was filed in the United States district court here yesterday, charging the Wabash Railroad company with violating the sixteen-hour law.