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FRANCE DESIRES MORE WEDDINGS

New Regulations Are Likely to Cause Hardship for the Bachelors.

Paris, July 22.—In official circles the prospect of instant compulsory marriage, if Prof. Lannelongue's drastic bill to increase the birth rate becomes a law, has caused some excitement and alarm. Benedicta naturally, chortle, for in future every fresh arrival in the family may mean promotion for papa. But all "functionaries" are by no means married men. In fact, the bachelors are probably in the majority, while spinsters certainly are in the hosts of telegraph and telephone. Hitherto chiefs of all government offices have, as a rule, shown an unmistakable bias in favor of bachelors among the male clerks. The idea generally was that a functionary without home encumbrances was more zealous in the discharge of his public duties. He would not mind working overtime, having only to run out and dine at a restaurant, whereas his married colleague was afraid of keeping madame waiting and spoiling the dinner.

Now all this is to be changed. It will be rather hard on some. A bachelor, having severely starved his natural human ambition to be the father of a family in order to get on in the "administration," will have some cause for complaint if the tables are turned now that perhaps, he has reached an age at which it is no longer so easy to find a mate as it might have been. What might-have-beens, indeed, will not the unfortunate bachelor functionary sigh over?

"I was in love in April 1889. I loved again, yet more deeply, in June 1897. I was madly in love in September, 1902. Each time I crushed my heart. I stifled my passion; nay, perchance I broke other hearts, all to get on in this office, and now Durand, who married when he was sixth assistant deputy under clerk of the third class in your circumlocution department, and Dupont, who actually married the girl whom I was in love with in June, 1897, or April, 1889—I forget which at the present moment—are to be promoted over me because they forsook their public duties and became fathers. Justice, where are thou?"

As for the ladies of the posts, telegraphs and telephones, a few years ago there was actually a question whether marriage would not be forbidden them by regulation. Luckily, no inhuman veto never was applied, or the postmaster who applied it would hear something from Prof. Lannelongue. But in practice the marriage of telephone girls is most certainly not encouraged, and it is difficult to imagine that it could be. The most efficient telephonist is not likely to be the lady who has most babies at home whom she would prefer to mind, and, as a matter of fact, ought to be minding, instead of connecting wires for impatient people to exchange usually. He talk over them. A regulation, at all events, exists, and is rigorously enforced, forbidding any female government permission. Men clerks can marry without leave of the authorities at present. Soon they may have to marry to comply with the regulations.

In his bill, which Prof. Lannelongue has introduced in the senate, he aims at reducing the tendency toward free

A THOUSAND A YEAR MORE ADDED TO MR. BRITT'S PAY



JAMES J. BRITT.

J. J. Britt, who has for some time held the position of counsel to the third assistant postmaster general, has been favored with more of the honors in which he has represented the government, including the important Street and Smith and Frank Towney cases, each involving \$100,000. Mr. Britt's new commission was executed this morning before a notary, and his increased compensation will date from July 4. Mr. Britt's appointment was brought about largely through the friendly activity of Mr. Downum, the Republican national committee man, whose good offices have always been used for his advancement.

He proposes, in the first place, that additional duties should be imposed on all his laborers over twenty-five years of age, provided that an obligation shall be placed on all civil servants to marry before they reach the age of twenty-five, and thence, that advantages shall be given to all servants at the state who have at least three children. Finally, he proposes that the article of the civil code providing for the equal or nearly equal division of property between all the children of a family shall be abolished and that the father of the family shall be free to leave his fortune to his descendants in such manner as he thinks fit. As there are 500,000 public functionaries in France, the professor is confident that compulsory marriage

Record of Nineteen Years Broken by M. W. Sheppard



MELVIN W. SHEPPARD.

New York, July 21.—In the wake of the recent succession of record breaking athletic performances for odd distances and track events came an accomplishment for a genuine standard championship distance which in the last 3 years had withstood all efforts of the fleetest runners on both sides of the Atlantic to achieve. At Celtic Park, at the games of the Clan-Na-Gael of Brooklyn and Queens, the record for 1000 yards fell before the prowess of Melvin W. Sheppard, the middle distance title holder of the Irish American Athletic club. The champion covered the distance in 1m. 12-2-5, which time breaks the record by three-fifths of a second of his old figure, 1m. 15s., were set by the famous "Lion" Meyers, at Travers Island on October 3, 1891. The performance is one of the greatest achievements of Sheppard's eventful athletic career, for his 1000 yard record has been the goal which the best men have striven for in vain. "Charlie" Kilpatrick, whose record for 880 yards stood for almost a score of years, went out time and again for the mark, but never with success, and on one occasion almost to his death from over exertion. Sheppard also had attempted frequently to lower the figure and his ultimate success now stamps him as the best runner in a decade.

THE APPALACHIANS TAKE BOTH GAMES

First Goes by Score of 6 to 2; Second, 2 to 0—Asheville Failed to Hit.

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What is the matter with the Asheville team? Knoxville took the first game yesterday by the score of 7 to 2; and walked away with the second for good measure by the score of 2 to 0. This makes three straight games that Asheville has lost to Knoxville and something must be wrong somewhere. For one thing, Knoxville is playing clean, fast ball and Asheville does not seem to be able to place hits. In both games yesterday almost every ball went into the hands of one of the Appalachians' fielders and there it remained.

The umpire has certainly come in for his share of "stealing." Barnett, who is an ex-Knoxville player, has undoubtedly made some poor decisions. It is hard to believe that he did so with "malice aforethought." He is incompetent and this incompetency comes perhaps from bad eye-sight—he has to wear glasses. The umpire was escorted from the field yesterday in charge of Patrolman Frank Jordan. During the progress of the second game, after he had called what some thought to be a ball, a strike, one of the excited fans did a flying tackle stunt from the side lines, made at the umpire and was only prevented from doing that gentleman some bodily injury by the prompt work of Mr. Jordan and Third Base man Holt. For the peace of mind of all concerned, the league officials should certainly see that the Asheville-Knoxville games are umpired by a man who was not a former member of the Knoxville team. There was complaint that the umpire allowed Martin's run to count in the first game and that the third base hit by Barnett claims he did not see Martin do it. Asheville is undoubtedly doing too much causing of the umpire and not enough real hard playing.

First Game. The first game was Knoxville's before anyone almost could bat an eye. Donnahoe got a hit, but retired at second on Myers infield drive; Baker got a two bagger and Myers came home and upon Martin's infield grounder Baker scored. In the first Asheville made a hit, a hit by Springs, one by Thrasher followed by McKenzie who struck out, but got his base as the catcher let the ball pass thus allowing Springs to score. Holt grounded infield and Thrasher was caught at home while Bullock ended matters by hitting to second base. In the second Knoxville added another. Silvers was hit by pitched ball, Lusk grounded to pitcher and thrown out at first. Cullop and Donnahoe hit and Silvers scored. Myers retired the side after. Donnahoe was caught at second. Then it was that Crouch who had been trying to pitch with a sore finger was relieved by Brown, but even this did not stop the Appalachians making runs. Singles by Silvers and Lusk, a two bagger by Donnahoe and error by McKenzie were responsible for two runs in the fourth. In the fifth it was that Martin got a hit, Crockett sacrificed, Barber got a hit and then it was claimed that Martin in coming home "cut" third base by at least ten feet. The protest became great at this point and the umpire was frequently queried at. This ended the scoring for Knoxville. Asheville rallied in the seventh when Drumm, batting for Brown was hit by pitched ball, later thrown out at second on Springs drive to shortstop, Woodward sacrificed, Thrasher singled as did McKenzie and Springs scored. Holt ended the agony by fanning.

The feature of this game was the batting of Thrasher who got four hits out of four chances. Donnahoe led for Knoxville getting two singles and a double. Second Game. The second game was more like real baseball and Brown became harder to find and kept the Appalachians bewildered until the sixth inning when he gave Silvers a base on balls. Baker fanned but Martin singled and Crockett hit a two bagger to the outer garden and Myers scored. Martin completed the circuit on Barber's single while Silvers flew out to first base, after Crockett had been thrown out at home plate. With two men on base in the seventh and two men out Baker stopped further scoring by fanning. In the first inning for Asheville Woodward knocked a beautiful one to left field and Donnahoe, Knoxville's fast left fielder jumped into the air and caught it with his naked hand. Things looked a little favorable to the Mountaineers for a brief space in the third, Subroe got a hit but was thrown out at second on Mabry's grounder. Brown got a hit to right field and Mabry was caught at "third" and Springs sent a fly to Donnahoe's hands; Asheville got a hit in the fifth, sixth and seventh but could not land a man over home plate.

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Summary: Two base hits: Donnahoe and Baker; sacrifice hits: Woodward, Crockett and Lusk; hit by pitcher: Springs and Silvers; stolen bases: Springs, Mabry, Holt, Crockett, Silvers (2), Lusk, Cullop and Baker; struck out: by Brown 2, by Cullop 3; bases on balls: off Brown 0, off Cullop 4, hit: off Crouch 2; off Brown 7; time of game 1:40; umpire, Barnett.

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BUSINESS MEN OF ASHEVILLE



W. E. KINDLEY. Photograph by Ray.

Rev. Minor J. Peters to be Ordained at Anniversary Services at Trinity Church Tomorrow.

Rev. Minor Julius Peters will be ordained to the priesthood tomorrow morning at the anniversary ceremonies of the consecration of Trinity church. Rev. Mr. Peters has for some time been assistant pastor of the church. The ceremony of the ordination will be conducted by the Rt. Rev. J. M. Horner, bishop of Asheville, and the candidate will be presented for ordination by Rev. Alfred H. Stubbs. The candidate will then be examined, and this will be followed by silent prayer, singing of the "Lord's Prayer" and the laying on of hands by the bishop and priest. The service will be closed by the recital of the Nicene creed, singing of the offertory, communion, and recessional hymns. Rev. Mr. Peters will preach in the evening at the 8 o'clock service.

Not in the Business. "What's my daughter studying now?" inquired the sugar magnate. "She's practicing the scales," replied the music teacher. "Have her stop it. I have no intention of taking her into the practical details of my business."—Washington Star.

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