

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

The President Urges Action by Congress Toward Securing Uniform Divorce Laws.

New York Sun.
Washington, Jan. 30.—President Roosevelt added another chapter to-day to his utterances on marriage and divorce. This time it was in the form of an official message to Congress in the interest of securing uniform laws on the subject. The message was the outcome of the appeal made to him on Friday by a committee of the Protestant Episcopal church, headed by Bishop Doane of Albany. In the message the President said:
"I call attention of the Congress to the fact that no statistics have been collected by the Federal Government upon the subject of marriage and divorce since the year 1886, and that but few of the States have made provision for the collection of such statistics.
"The institution of marriage is, of course, at the very foundation of our social organization, and all influences that affect that institution are of vital concern to the people of the whole country. There is a widespread conviction that the divorce laws are dangerously lax in some of the States, resulting in a diminishing regard for the sanctity of the marriage relation.
"The hope is entertained that there may be enacted upon the subject of marriage and divorce uniform laws containing all possible safeguards for the security of the family. Intelligent and prudent action in that direction will be greatly promoted by securing reliable and trustworthy statistics on marriage and divorce. I deem the matter of sufficient general importance to recommend that the Director of the Census be authorized by appropriate legislation to collect and publish statistics pertaining to that subject, covering the period from 1886 to the present time."

Editor Carl Hamner of the Salisbury Sun was assaulted in his office Tuesday night by Mr. J. F. Sheehan, master mechanic of the Spencer shops of the Southern. The trouble resulted from an article in the Sun in reference to the Spencer shops.

KING CORN IS THE LEADER.

Monarch of the West Shows His Power for Good.

Portland Oregonian.
Corn is king by a good safe majority in this country, according to the final report of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture. Not only was the 1904 crop of such vast proportions that it has been exceeded but twice, but the high prices at which it was marketed made a new record for its aggregate value. The record corn crop of the country was produced in 1899, when the official returns credited a total of 2,666,440,000 bushels. In 1902 the government placed the figures at 2,523,648,000 bushels. Last year the Agricultural Department figures show a yield of 2,467,480,000 bushels, but on account of the increase in prices its market value was \$70,000,000 greater than the crop of 1902, which until that year had held the record for value.
The returns of the department on the 1904 wheat crop show a marketable value greater than for 1901, although the crop is nearly 200,000,000 bushels less than for that record year. In this respect there is far less cause for congratulation than there is over the excellent showing made by the corn crop. The dimensions of the yield of the coarser cereal were so far above the average that in supplying business for transportation companies, warehousemen, and numerous other industries dependent on the grain trade, much of the loss through a poor wheat crop was equalized. In the case of wheat the abnormally high price was not an unqualified blessing. While the gross returns which were divided among the farmers and speculators were several million dollars greater than ever before, a much smaller proportion of the population of the country was benefited by these prices than was the case with corn. The shortage made heavy inroads on the profits of some of the roads traversing the American wheat belt, and capital, thus suffering, passed the blow on to labor by laying off train crews and reducing operating expenses, so that dollar wheat this time was at the expense of the American people and not

due to any strength in the foreign markets, which in all previous seasons have been the prime factors in elevating prices. Despite the constantly increasing demand for corn as a food product, and an increase in the home consumption due to the short crop and high prices of wheat, the decline in corn and high prices of wheat, the decline in corn shipments was far from being so pronounced as that of wheat. American corn shippers are thus holding their foreign trade much better than wheat and flour exporters.

"FOUND"

Odd Notice in Prominent Southern Paper of Interest to Gastonia Residents.

One of the best known newspapers in the South is the "Guide" of Durham, N. C. Its publisher, J. P. Pitman, sends us the following clipping with request to publish:
"Found,—by the editor of the Guide, a bottle of Hyomei, the wonderful treatment that cures catarrh without stomach dosing. We can speak in highest praise of its remarkable power to cure and relieve catarrh of the head and throat. This mention is made not as an advertisement, but in the interest of those who suffer the torture of that terrible disease, catarrh.

In sending the clipping, Mr. Pittman wrote the following letter:

"I enclose a little piece from my paper, issued to-day. You will see from this that I desire to push the selling of Hyomei as far as possible. I am using it in my own family, and find that it gives the desired relief, so that I take pleasure in spreading far and near the knowledge of this sure relief for catarrh."
J. H. Kennedy & Co. in preparation for the catarrhal troubles of this season of the year, have ordered a large stock of Hyomei, and sell it under guarantee to refund the money if it does not relieve. The complete outfit costs but \$1, and extra bottles can be obtained for 50 cents. Ask them to show you the strong guarantee under which they sell it. This remarkable remedy mediates the air you breathe soothing and healing the mucous membrane of the air passages, and making a complete cure of the worst case of catarrh. J20-F3

At Tony, Caswell county, Monday, Mrs. Sarah A. Florence and her daughter, Miss Bettie Florence, were cremated in the burning of their home.

A Matter of Health

There is a quality in Royal Baking Powder which makes the food more digestible and wholesome. This peculiarity of Royal has been noted by physicians, and they accordingly endorse and recommend it.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Let Well Enough Alone.

Richmond News-Leader.

It is learned that the resolution introduced in the South Carolina legislature to memorialize congress for the repeal of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, in order to get rid of the penalizing clause thereof failed to pass. That should have been its fate. Both the penalizing clauses of the fourteenth amendment and the fifteenth amendment are for all practical purposes as dead as herring. It is generally conceded by constitutional lawyers that the fifteenth amendment killed the obnoxious feature of its predecessor, and that the former cannot be enforced, because it cannot be established that anywhere the right of citizens to vote has been denied on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. As one authority puts it, by its prohibition the fifteenth amendment renders disfranchisement on the account stated legally impossible, and, therefore, never to be legally recognized, and that in itself renders the reduction of representation clause of the fourteenth amendment inoperative; and, moreover, enforcement of that clause would an-

niel the fifteenth amendment. Apart from this, however, the current of public sentiment North is running steadily and strongly against any legislation designed to give life to the fourteenth amendment, and we believe the day is coming when both amendments will be repealed in response to a demand from that quarter—when that section will eat crow as to the matter. Southern movements for repeal will only delay the dawn of that day by intensifying a certain Northern sentimental championship of the amendments. So far as the South is concerned it is a case of let well enough alone.

The Right Way.

Cleveland Star.

Gaston county is considering the proposition of voting \$300,000 worth of bonds for road improvement. This is the right way to proceed, and Gaston county will get rich by such expenditures and the masses of the people will reap the largest benefit.

Dr. John R. McLelland, a prominent physician of Mooresville, died at his home there Monday night.

Shirt Waist Goods

If we did not have so many other things to tell about we could write an entire advertisement on our shirt waist goods alone, and then scarcely make a beginning in describing their beauty and variety. This season will be the greatest season ever known for shirt-waist goods for street wear, and we have amply prepared for it. Our new spring goods are already crowding in upon us in great profusion. They are actually here and we show you the absolutely newest things.

White Goods. 1c to 30c
Suitsings for Shirt Waists—special. . . 15c

While we are specially strong on wash fabrics for early spring waists, do not fail to note that we have also a great line of

Ribbons.

including every kind and quality from 1c yd. up. Our ten and fifteen cent sellers are fascinating numbers. All colors.

Real Linen Laces.

Lovers of real linen lace will be charmed with our line of real linen torchon laces at 2c and 5c a yard. Very beautiful—very thread linen.

Our line of Table Linens and Bed Linens was never more complete than now.

JAS. F. YEAGER

EYE TROUBLES!



If persistent should never be neglected. You may need glasses or you may not; in any event a talk with Torrence-Morris Co., the Opticians, will put you right, and if glasses are necessary they will see that you are properly fitted.

Torrence-Morris Co.

JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS.

Expert Watch Repairing.

Artistic Repairing.

WOMEN HORSE THIEVES.

Two of Them, With Their Hands, Confess to Stealing Twenty Animals.
New York Sun.

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 30.—The police of this city have made an important capture in the arrest of Mrs. John Myers of Newark, N. J., and Mrs. William Hock of Ellenville, N. Y., who have confessed to the theft of twenty horses in New York State during the past

year. They operated in many places between Poughkeepsie and Round Brook, N. J.

Mares were found in their possession showing the situation of harness in various parts of New Jersey. The quartet drove about from town to town and posed as farmers looking for property to buy. Hock and his wife were taken to Brewster, N. Y., to-day, Myers was turned over to a sheriff of Poughkeepsie, and Mrs. Myers must stand trial in Springfield.

BIG DOMESTIC and WHITE GOODS SALE

THOMSON COMPANY'S

Commences Monday, February 6th, and Lasts One Week Only

A word to the wise is sufficient, as everybody well knows when Thomson makes a cut it means something. So this sale means money saving to everyone that attends. We have the values to offer so don't fail to be on hand. It is just like buying gold dollars for 90c.

Listen to a few shots from our batteries!

- 3000 yds. Torchon and Val Laces, one-half to two ins. wide. 1c
A world beater. They go on sale at yard
- Another big lot of the Job Embroideries at about half price. 2000
yards in the lot. They will soon be picked up.
- 2000 yards 40-in. wide Unbleached Domestic, 6 yd. to 1b.; a fine
weave, 76x80. They would be good values at 6c, but
to make them go quick they go at 4c
- 2000 yards 40-in. wide Unbleached Avon Sheeting, 80x88, 5 yards
to 1b. A beautiful weave, smooth and pretty. We have
sold the same goods at 8c. During this sale they go at 5c
It is just like finding money.
- 1000 yards 36-in. wide Bleaching, no dressin' in it. Our
regular price on these goods is 7c. They go at 5c
- 2000 yds. Bleaching, good as Fruit of Loom, which sells at
10c, but to add force to this sale they go at 7c
- 2000 yds. still better quality, almost equals Lonsdale Cam-
brie, but to make it still more interesting, the price will be 8c
- Another big lot of those short end Gingham, 2 1-2 to 3 yard pieces.
The same old story—the best values ever offered. 4c
They go at yard
- 50 pieces Domino Gingham, apron and twedy checks. A 5c
7c quality, goes at
Now is the time to lay in a supply.

We have just landed a big lot of white goods, some beauties too, white waisting, white P. K., India Lawns, all are included in this special sale. We give 20 per cent off our regular price on these lines during this sale. Don't fail to see them, they are worth your attention.

The doors of our big Stores will swing open Monday morning at 9 o'clock and all will be in readiness. Everybody is invited to come and share in this great trading feast.

Thomson Company

THE PEOPLE'S STORE