

### Did Snake Tempt Eve, Or Did She Tempt The Snake

Corn Cracker Notes Marriage of Aged Couple And Comments On Love and Women.

Editor Star:

All of us have heard the shop worn proverb that the course of true love never runs smooth. When young people decide to take the fatal plunge the parents object and when the old people are again enthralled in love's young dream their children file a vigorous protest. We learn from your columns of a sporty youngster of 92 and a giddy maiden of 81 wheat harvesters that are singing, "This is the way I long have sought and mourned because I found it not."

Taking their ages as prima facie evidence—the inference would be that the dissenting voices came from children; but it is learned that the protest comes from parents of interested parties. The mother of the groom said the prospective bride was a giddy flapper, too full of romance, and an unmitigated flirt. In rebuttal, the mother of the bride charged the groom with being a gay othario, who was, moreover, a gluttonous man, a winebibber, a friend of republicans and sinners; and, worse than all—an adherent of Al Smith. Who could blame the old matron—especially for the political predilections and the vain and dissolute party of the second part in the case? The mother of the groom retaliated by charging that a giddy young thing of 81 was too young to know her own mind and should wait until she arrived at years of discretion. The old lady further charged that the frivolous damsel, at the tender age of 75, was about to marry a lawyer, but jilted him for an editor; and jilted him in turn for a singing-school teacher; who jilted her. He borrowed \$50 from the prospective bride to buy a wedding ring; but departed those coasts, taking the cash with him. Later, he wrote her—"The rose is red and the violets blue, you got left and I left too." The groom also had an affair of the heart at the tender age of 83. A fortune teller, a phrenologist and a clairvoyant—all in the person of a star-eyed alluring damsel fair, fat and forty; beguiled him into lending her \$500 for sixty days. Sixty days came and went, moons waxed and waned—dogs howled and bayed the moon; but no more did he behold his inamorata, the pride and joy of his life or the \$500. After five years, he learned that she became No. 15 to a Mormon missionary who had one leg, one eye, and one arm. She wrote back that she had married the apple of her eye and the darling of her heart; thereby making a woman and something like two-thirds of a man happy.

But love laughs at locksmiths, bolts and bars, and I feel like spreading my quaking hands upon their heads and saying in my quavering, squeaking voice, "May heaven bless you, my children." I know how it feels to have an aching heart and lacerated feelings. Once I asked a maiden, fair as the transplanted angels in a Mohamedan paradise, an important question and her answer was "no." I went to Caesar, laid in a cargo of bugle paint, and dwindled into an unsightly blot. For two years I ate but four meals a day; but she snickered at my calamity and married a man with a

hump on his back like a camel who chewed hillside navy; and let the wind blow through his long, scraggy, mud-colored whiskers. For a while I had such a poor opinion of womankind that I didn't know whether Eve tempted the Serpent or the Serpent tempted Eve. But in six months I was as big a fool as ever and a marvel of credulity. I believed anything a pretty woman told me, and haven't entirely recovered my reason. Poor old Adam was a credulous simpleton and his descendants are like unto him.

CORN CRACKER.

### Brigham Young's First Marriage On Office Record

(By International News Service)

Chardon, O.—Brigham Young's first marriage license in Geauga county and is on file in the office of Probate Judge Charles S. Lenhart.

In the beginning of the last century the Mormons flourished in Kirtland, near Chardon, where a temple erected by them in standing today in an excellent state of preservation.

Brigham Young journeyed to Chardon and obtained his license to take his first plunge into matrimonial seas. The license reads accurately, with strict attention to punctuation and capitalization, as follows:

"The state of Ohio, Geauga county ss. Personally appeared Brigham Young and made application for a marriage license for himself and Mary Ann Angel of township of Kirtland in said county, and made solemn oath that he, the said Brigham Young is of age of twenty-one years, and the said Mary Ann Angel is of the age of eighteen years; that they are both single, and not nearer of kin than first cousins, that he knows of no legal impediment against their being joined in marriage.

(Signed) Brigham Young or Brigham Young.

Sworn to and subscribed this 10th day of February, 1834, Before me, Ralph Cowles, Dep. Clerk.

"The signature is clearly not 'Brigham,' and it is not clear whether it is Brigham or Brigham. Judge Lenhart inclines to the opinion that the first is the spelling given.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Young made solemn oath that "they are both single, and that he knows of no legal impediment against their being joined in marriage."

#### Helping Ex-Convicts.

Raleigh.—(INS.)—Pardon Commissioner Edwin Bridges announced today that he hoped to have an organization completed at an early date "for looking out for ex-convicts."

Commissioner Bridges some time ago launched a plan to get some organization in every county of the state to appoint a committee to steer released prisoners on the right path.

He has received favorable replies from about 50 of the organizations. He is mailing out letters to those clubs which have not answered.

Hugh Durbin, 13, was caught in the ropes of a balloon at Frankfort, Ind., carried 700 feet in the air, afterwards alighting with the balloon in a tree with only minor bruises.

### Officers Believe Distilling Is Less

Says Mountain Counties of This State Furnish Boozie For South Carolina People.

Gaffney, S. C.—Six distilleries captured, approximately 2,600 gallons of "beer" were destroyed, and three men were placed under charges of violating the prohibition laws as the result of the work of the Cherokee county's state constables during September, according to the monthly report made public by George McCraw, senior constable.

Mr. McCraw expressed the opinion that the manufacture of whiskey in Cherokee county has been greatly reduced in recent months. "The most of the liquor being consumed here now is imported from other counties and from the mountains of North Carolina," he declared.

He said the constables have exercised vigilance in searching for distilleries and in apprehending violators of the prohibition laws. As a result of this activity, he believes, distilling has become a distinctly unhealthy business in Cherokee

county. In support of this theory he cited a recent visit made by the officers to the Kings Mountain battle ground sector, formerly a fertile territory for the operations of blockaders. Upon the last inspection of this area the officers failed to discover a distillery, whereas it has not been so long ago when it was customary for the constables to capture two, three and sometimes more stills per week in the battleground.

### OIL SCANDALS TO BE AIRED AGAIN

Sinclair and Fall Case to Open On October 17 at Washington. Charged With Conspiracy.

(By Kenneth Clay, INC. Staff) Washington.—The stage is being set to try the second big conspiracy case arising out of the naval oil reserve scandal.

It is the trial of Harry F. Sinclair, multi-millionaire oil man, and ex-Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall. It opens on October 17 before Justice Frederick L. Siddons in Dis-

trict of Columbia criminal court No. two. The trial was postponed from last spring at the request of the government counsel who are seeking the return of important witnesses in Europe. No further delays are anticipated.

The first conspiracy trial resulted in a defeat for the government when a jury here found Fall and Edward L. Doheny, sr., not guilty of defrauding the government in the leasing of the Elk Hills, California, reserve.

The government however, won the civil suit when the Supreme court held that the lease was "tainted with corruption" and ordered the return of the property.

Sinclair and Fall are charged with conspiracy in leasing the Teapot Dome, Wyoming, naval oil reserve. It is alleged that the lease was the outcome of a conspiracy to favor Sinclair's bid, and that Fall obtained from Sinclair on May 3, 1922 Liberty bonds worth \$230,000. The bonds were passed from a "dummy" trading company set up in Canada, the indictment relates.

Two oil men H. M. Blackmer and James E. O'Neil, who fled to Europe are held by the government to be key witnesses in tracing the bond transaction. A subpoena has been served on Blackmer but O'Neil has not been located by American agents abroad. Under the new Walsh act, the government can confiscate property up to \$100,000 of Americans who refuse to return from abroad to testify. Government counsel threatened to invoke this act against the missing men.

A spectacular trial is anticipated. Cabinet members, past and present, high government officials, and leaders in the oil industry are included in the 78 subpoenas issued by the government.

#### BAVARIAN ALPS POLICE TRY TO SAVE EDELWEISS

(By International News Service)

Munich.—"Don't pick all the flowers," say the mountain police in the Bavarian Alps, who are now waging a campaign to save their edelweiss and other mountain flowers against the many collectors. The gendarmes, who are proud of their pretty country, declare they aren't so stingy but what they will let people pluck a few blooms, but the trouble is they aren't content that is, most of them, until they have cleared the whole mountain-side of flowers.

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