

The Planet.

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THE EXACTY OF OUR MARRIAGE REGULATIONS.

Talking about the exacty of our marriage regulations it is a fact that they are so far behind those of Michigan that Windsor has become notorious as a sort of Canadian Gretna Green.

H. C. Morris, United States consul there, states that he has a great deal of trouble in regard to marriage licenses issued in Windsor for parties residing in the United States. He has written to W. J. McKee, M. P. P., in regard to securing from the Ontario Government some change in the method of issuing licenses. He has also sent a despatch to the state department at Washington on the matter. "As matters are at present," says Mr. Morris, "many complications arise, and it takes me weeks to straighten out some tangles in connection with marriage licenses which have been procured in Windsor by parties from my own country. I believe that 95 per cent. of the people who come from the States to Windsor to be married have some secret reason for doing so, and in many instances the girl is made the dupe of a scoundrel, who secures a license and then makes her believe that is all that is necessary in Canada. If some law was passed making it compulsory for ministers to register marriages within ten days after the ceremony was performed, it would be far better for persons who wish to look up the records. The license issuers should also be compelled to register the licenses with some local official."

It would be better still to make a civil marriage by an authorized official necessary in addition to the church ceremony. If there were but one official in each community authorized to issue licenses he could also perform the civil contract which would be the one legally recognized. This official, therefore, would be the only person responsible. For the religious ceremony the contracting parties could still go to any minister they liked and no responsibility would rest on the latter.

WHY NEWSPAPERS DO NOT MAKE MONEY.

There is a great deal of truth in the following from the London News:

"Theoretically the newspaper makers are a power in the land, but as a matter of fact they don't amount to shyness. They have no influence with the powers that be, and they don't deserve to, for with sublime idiocy they look after everyone else's interests so well they have no time to look after their own. Consequently a benevolent government 'soaks' them in the solar plexus and upsets them on the point of the jaw. The government does this in various ways, by giving Canadian paper mills the benefit of a high tariff, by charging a high tariff on type and every other article that the Canadian newspaper man needs, and lastly by benevolently allowing carloads of Yankee newspapers to spread themselves all over Canada without paying a cent of duty. Of late the Government has gone even further, for it has abolished free postage. This wouldn't be so objectionable were the Yankee newspapers charged postage as well as the Canadian papers, but they aren't, for the very good reason that the American publications come in by express and not by mail."

The News might have gone further and pointed out that after the papers are hampered in every possible way by legislation the publishers waste the rest of their profit cutting each other's throats by pushing into fields where they have no legitimate business. To do this they take anything they can get from subscribers and some of them actually date their papers a day ahead so as to try and deceive their readers into believing that they are getting them the same day as they are printed. If the proprietors of these journals would adopt a uniform price, make a fair profit and rest content with a legitimate circulation they might make money in spite of tariff and postal discrimination. But they don't. They try to force themselves into fields where they can only keep a small foothold by fake means and in doing that they sink all their legitimate earnings. There are papers in London and Toronto which can be secured outside those places for \$1 a year and yet they seek their home subscribers \$3. Probably the home subscribers do not know this. If they do the mystery is, why do they put up with it?

Chatham expects every citizen to beautify his premises. It all counts in adding to the appearance of the city.

The announcement that the Ontario Government has decided to encourage the frog-raising industry may be taken as a sure sign that it is going to croak.—Ridgeway Dominion.

The electors will make it hop when they get a chance.

The reduction in Chatham's population is alleged to be largely due to the unusual number of young men who have this year evaded poll tax assessment. We don't believe in poll tax, but still it is law, and until the law is repealed the tax ought to be collected. It is said certain boarding house keepers have not given the assessors the

"Durability is Better Than Show."

The wealth of the multi-millionaires is not equal to good health. Riches without health are a curse, and yet the rich, the middle classes and the poor alike have, in Hood's Sarsaparilla, a valuable assistant in getting and maintaining perfect health. It never disappoints.

Scrofula—Three years ago our son, now eleven, had a serious case of scrofula and erysipelas with dreadful sores, discharging and itching constantly. He could not walk. Several physicians did not help for sixteen months. Three months' treatment with Hood's Sarsaparilla made him perfectly well. We are glad to tell others of it. Mrs. Davis Latta, Ottawa, Kansas.

Neuritis—Vomiting spells, dizziness and prostration troubled me for years. Had neuralgia, grew weak and could not sleep. My age was against me, but Hood's Sarsaparilla cured me thoroughly. My weight increased from 125 to 145 pounds. I am the mother of nine children. Never felt so well and strong as I do now. Mrs. J. A. Waters, 1529 3rd St., Washington, D. C.

Eczema—We had to tie the hands of our two-year-old son on account of eczema on face and limbs. No medicine even helped until we used Hood's Sarsaparilla, which soon cured. Mrs. A. V. Wyck, 123 Montgomery Street, Paterson, N. J.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

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names of those demoted with them.

The penalty for this is \$20 fine in each case. A few examples might stop an increasing and dishonest practice.

Mr. Marter has introduced a bill in the legislature which cannot become law any too soon. In this province companies which possess public franchises can most flagrantly ignore the conditions, and yet there is no simple means of bringing them to time. Under present conditions if a municipal corporation brought an action in court to compel a company to perform a contract there is no machinery to enforce the order of the court.

The intention of the bill is to provide a remedy so that power could be delegated to some officer to see that the order of the court was obeyed.

Within the past two weeks nearly 300 men, women and children have left the vicinity of Detroit to seek homesteads in Alberta, Canada, and it is estimated that within the next few weeks 6,000 more expect to leave Michigan for the Canadian Northwest. The Canadian homestead laws are more liberal than the laws of the United States, requiring two years less in Canada to perfect a title to a homestead, and no expense attached. An additional inducement to emigrants is the free transportation furnished by Canada to its northwestern territories for both persons and effects. The state of Illinois has sent five carloads of settlers and their effects to Port Arthur, and the new emigrants are taking up land in the State River valley.

BY IGNORING IT.

Ottawa Citizen.

The cabinet that could brazen out the facts that have been disclosed, culminating in the "accidental" burning of the West Egin ballots, can be depended upon to find a way of escape from an adverse majority of sixteen.

THE SUPERLATIVE.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Wanderer—Yes, Missus, I was with the boys at Santiago. We laid in the trenches four days before we got a drop of water to drink, we did.

The Lady—It must have tasted better than the best wine when you finally got it.

"Better'n wine?" W'y, lady, it was better than good old booze."

Consumption

is contracted as well as inherited. Only strong lungs are proof against it.

Persons predisposed to weak lungs and those recovering from Pneumonia, Grippe, Bronchitis, or other exhausting illness, should take

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It enriches the blood, strengthens the lungs, and builds up the entire system. It prevents consumption and cures it in the early stages.

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