

May Omit "Obey" in England

Omission of the word "obey" from the marriage service in the Church of England appeared in first considerable support among bishops attending the house of convocation of the province of Canterbury, in session in London. The archbishop of Canterbury emphasized the opinion that the Church of England had to face this proposed change and other questions of a far-reaching character arising out of it.

Will in Single Sentence

Trenton, N. J.—The late Jersey G. D. W. Vroom of the New Jersey court of errors and appeals used only 10 words to dispose of his estate, valued at between \$75,000 and \$100,000. His will, filed in the office of the surrogate yesterday, is a single sentence: "I give all my property, whatsoever kind, to my wife."

Favors Four Year Term.

Representative Ireland of Missouri, has introduced in the house a proposed constitutional amendment to make the election of congress occur every four years instead of every two years. He also provides for the recall of congressmen.

Lambs Developed in Transit.

In a suit brought by Frederick Kling and Lee Simmons, Colorado ranchmen, against the Rock Island railroad, the plaintiffs allege that a shipment of a trainload of lambs grew into sheep before they were placed on the market. The lambs were delivered at the railroad in May, 1908, but the road did not market them until they had felled. The sheep numbered 224, and the amount involved is \$533,926.22.

Kissing as Divorce Cure

"My cure for divorce is to kiss your wife every day as an act of good faith," Vice President Marshall said, addressing the Young Men's Christian Association in Brooklyn. He spoke on "The New Puritan."

Does Beer Promote Sobriety?

It is commonly said that one sees no drunkenness in Germany, and beer is given the credit. But when facts are obtained from behind the scenes, the view is not so favorable. According to statistics compiled by Johannes Leonhart, M. D., in seventy out of each one hundred convictions in Berlin, the offense was found to have been committed during intoxication. In Charlottenburg, in 1904, one case in every five received in the hospitals was alcoholic. Kell spends annually about \$300,000 for relief of poverty, and a full third has been found to be due to alcohol.

Hired to Spend Fortune

Hammond, Ind.—Receiving a letter from Greece that he is heir to a \$7,000,000 estate, Mathias Constante, steel worker here, has hired five close friends, each at \$5,000 a year, to help him spend his money.

Denies Tobacco Charge

Akron—Rev. G. M. Griffith, former Akron minister reported to have been ousted from the First Congregational church in Portland, Ind., because he refused to give up the use of tobacco. Mr. Griffith declares he is rehired in Portland on account of his wife's poor health. He admitted, however, that members of the church had asked him not to smoke.

Tennessee Stays Wet.

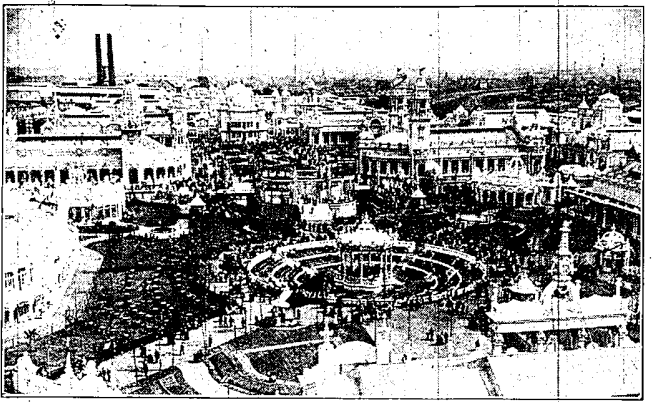
Although the saloons closed and breweries and distilleries shut down Tennessee new law went into effect, the supreme court rendered a decision on the state law limiting the shipment of liquor into the state to one gallon for persons. The court ruled that the law affected interstate commerce and was valid, consequently persons caning in unlimited quantities.

Vassar Girls Break Records

Two records were broken by Vassar in the annual indoor track meet at Poughkeepsie. Miss Elizabeth riding threw the basketball 75 feet, beating the former record by fifteen feet. Miss Smith, 14, was second; E. Goss, 16, third. Miss Hard also was one of three who smashed swinging broad jump record. The one who went the greatest distance in this event were: Miss A. Swan, 11, 9 ft. 1/2 in.; Miss E. Harlan, 16, 8 ft. 1/2 in.; and Miss E. Lee, 16, 8 ft. 6 1/2 in. The former record was 8 ft. 1 in.

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In London next summer will be held one of the most notable international exhibitions ever held in any country so far at least as concerns the English speaking people.

This year marks the centennial anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, which ended the War of 1812, and which has resulted in one hundred years of peaceful relations between the United States and the United Kingdom.

It is proposed to recognize this anniversary in a way that shall fittingly commemorate its importance as well as illustrate in a definite way just how influential the two countries have been in the material progress of the world.

The big feature of the celebration will be the Anglo-American Exposition, which will open the early part of May and continue until the end of October.

The aim of the exposition is to demonstrate in a practical manner the progress which the peoples of the British and American people in every branch of civilization during the past century, and to place on view in chronological order the great achievements of that epoch from inception to perfection, showing not only how each nation has improved on its own inventions but also where both have worked hand in hand to perfect the creations of the other. Thus there will be unfolded the rich treasures of a hundred years of American and British art.

The undertaking is popular in origin and the project has enlisted the co-operation of hundreds of public spirited men foremost in the affairs of Great Britain and this country. Of these are the Duke of Devonshire, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught as patron, and H. R. H. the Duke of Teck, brother of the Queen, as honorary president, the list of vice-presidents and members of the several committees includes many of the most prominent men of the empire. The director, Mr. Rivalty, who has been identified with many successful expositions, is the director general.

In view of the fact that permanent exposition grounds had been established at Shepherd's Bush, where a tract of more than 100 acres with an imposing group of fire-proof buildings had been laid out, it was decided to lease these grounds for the exposition next summer, thereby saving the very large item of expense for the construction of buildings, and also guaranteeing that everything would be in readiness for the installation of exhibits at the time fixed for opening in May.

These grounds are in the western, residential section of London, readily accessible from the center of the city, and only about ten miles from the heart of London proper. The main entrance is connected directly with the terminus of, or is in close proximity to the leading railways, tramways and center tubes, and in the midst of a network of transportation lines affording the easy means of communication with all parts of London and England.

Newly Weds Study Divorce

After studying the causes of domestic infelicity in Chicago divorce courts for three days, Miss Elsie Miller and Melville D. Thomson were married. The newlyweds believe that the experience is worth trying and say it points out many pitfalls to be avoided.

CYCLONIC GALE IN ENGLAND.

LONDON—A cyclonic gale swept over the United Kingdom yesterday from west to east. The wind reached a velocity of 70 miles an hour and the gale lasted 11 hours. Many vessels were driven ashore and the Channel packet service was partially suspended. A tug foundered in the Thames with the loss of five lives. The big Dutch steamer Noordwijk is disabled off the Isle of Wight. Much damage to property inland has resulted from the storm.

Changes Hen Into Rooster

That the sexes are not so definitely separated as has been assumed, was demonstrated by Professor Pesard of Paris, who, by means of grafting, succeeded in changing the characteristics of a rooster and hen. The rooster, which is now living a normal existence, has lost his brilliant plumage, spurs and comb, while the hen has developed all these features. Scientists say the Pesard experiments go far toward proving the theory of initial hermaphroditism, and that it animals higher in the biological scale than the rooster and hen biology will be placed on an entirely new basis.

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Autos Just Like Dogs.

Therefore Their Owners Should Be Held Responsible. Washington, March 20.—Because the owners of dogs are responsible for the damage they do, so the owners of automobiles should be responsible for damages they inflict. Such was the argument on which the supreme court was asked to hold constitutional the Michigan motor law making automobile owners liable for damage inflicted by their automobiles. The case was brought up by the Metzger Motor Car Co., whose tester injured two men and his boy in a car one night while he was out "joy riding."

Cork Varnish for Ships

In order to protect the interior of ships from the mildew caused by condensation upon the metallic walls during sudden changes of temperature, the Italian marine has experimented with a kind of hygroscopic varnish or coating, the essential compound of which is ground cork which is consolidated by pressure with copal and litharge, and applied to the walls. It has been found that the cork varnish absorbs the watery vapor of the atmosphere to the extent of eight or nine grammes for every square meter of surface exposed.

Carbonic Acid.

W. H. G.—The amount of carbonic acid in the atmosphere is from 3 to 4 parts by bulk in 10,000 parts of air. A fairly well ventilated room will contain 6 parts in the like quantity of air. There is an easy method for ascertaining the extent to which the air in rooms is vitiated by carbonic acid. It is less than 6 parts of carbonic acid contained in 10,000 parts of air, a bottle holding about 100 puffs, filled with such air, would give a precipitate with half an ounce of lime-water.

At 71 Has Fifty Grandchildren.

Mrs. Susie Peck of near Eufaula, Okla., visiting one of her sons near Muskogee, claimed the distinction of being the youngest "grandmother of fifty grandchildren" in the United States. Mrs. Peck was 71 years of age. She had five children and she has fifty grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.—Kauska City Journal.

Longest Steel Bridge.

The "great steel bridge across the Columbia River at Vancouver, Wash., said to be the longest structure of its kind in the world, was completed in June, 1908. It was built for the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Costly Sea Warfare.

It is estimated that, for ammunition alone, the cost of a big sea battle would work out at well over \$5,000,000 an hour.

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