

YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED BEFORE THEY KNOW IT

DIDN'T RECOGNIZE PROSAC CEREMONY OF STATE OF ILLINOIS AS REAL ARTICLE.

Fairfield, Ill.—Bridesmaids, white veils, bride's-roses, wedding marches, wedding guests, wedding supper, old shoes, rice, and all those entirely delectable accessories to a joining of hearts and hands Miss Lola Walters of Noble township, Richland county, was deprived of when she married Peter Schultz, and all because a justice of the peace did not know that the wedding was set for the following day.

Mr. Schultz gained the consent of Miss Walters after a desperate courtship several weeks ago. Their engagement was announced. The young



"Hey, Stop!" Yelled the Bridegroom.

people were prominent and all of Richland county was agog with interest in the coming nuptials. The ceremony was set for a certain day recently.

The day previous, however, Schultz and his bride-to-be came to Fairfield, the county seat, to secure the coveted marriage license. Neither bride-elect nor embryo bridegroom had been married before, and both had rather hazy ideas of the nature of the preliminary steps.

The license was duly secured. The probate clerk, a truly obliging young man, asked if the couple would like to be joined then and there. Schultz took it that this question was one of the number of formal inquiries already asked by the official, and for the fourteenth time he said "I do."

Justice of the Peace McNeill's services were secured.

The couple stood before him. The few words which the prosaic laws of Illinois require to join a couple in wedlock were spoken. No prayer book was displayed. The couple did not even join hands. Amen was missing from the vocabulary of the magistrate. So how did Schultz and Miss Walters know they were being wedded?

But in conclusion of the brief ceremony they awoke, when the justice solemnly declared: "I now pronounce you man and wife. Five dollars, please."

"Hey, stop," yelled the bridegroom. "We don't want to get married right now. We are going to get married tomorrow night, and there's going to be a supper and big doings. The whole county is invited."

The bride could only express her disappointment in tears.

"Can't help it," remonstrated the magistrate. "Thought you wanted the knot tied. Five dollars, please."

And though the pretty church ceremony was missing, Richland county was not disappointed. The wedding supper went.

Log Boom Filled with Rats.

South Bend, Wash.—During a remarkable high tide, C. Hoggrom, boom tender for the South Bend Mill and Timber Company, went to see about a boom and found the logs literally swarming with rats. So thick were they that he had to kick some of them off to gain standing room, he says.

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The animals were what are known as "tide land mice," although much larger than the ordinary mice. The water front of all tide land is a little higher than next the upland. The tide runs up the sloughs and floods the tide meadows next the upland, first and then gradually floods the whole. In this manner the hordes of rats were driven to the logs for refuge, and probably millions of them were drowned.

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