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Washington Day By Day.

Washington, October 3.—Next to di-
vorces, of which they are frequently
the forerunners, elopements are the
most deplorable events in the line of
matrimony. There have been happy
marriages in which elopements figured
but permanent happiness rarely.
A man who suggests elopement to
the girl or woman whom he wishes to
marry has not that keen sense of
manliness, honor and discretion which
would eventually overcome opposition
to the consummation of his desires if
he would wait and prove to the friends
of the one he would make his wife that
he would be a worthy husband.
There is no excuse that can be
offered by young or old people that
justifies entering into the sacred rela-
tions of marriage under circumstances
attending "runaway" affairs. There
is a lack of dignity and appreciation of
the solemnity of the holy ordinance of
the part of persons who marry clau-
destinely. When parents or guardians
oppose the marriage of any two per-
sons, there is always grounds for such
opposition, and persons who defy those
who love them best and wilfully disre-
gard expressed opposition, almost in-
variably have occasion to repent of
their folly. If true love is at the bot-
tom of the desire to marry, the par-
ties most interested can afford to wait
until all opposition disappears. In the
meantime they may discover that what
the supposed was undying love for
each other was a hallucination, and
that they are ill suited for each other.
"Married in haste, one may repent at
leisure," is an adage "as old as the
language we use."

Washington is a veritable Gretna
Green for Maryland, Virginia, and the
Carolinas. Scarcely a day passes that
does not bring couples from these
States who come to Washington to be
married and see the sights of the Cap-
ital City. The superintendent of police
is appealed to constantly to prevent
the marriage of minors, but rarely suc-
ceeds in apprehending them until too
late, as those bent on matrimony are
very wary and generally find a min-
ister who is willing to perform the cere-
mony before the police find that those
whom they seek are in the city. In
cases where children in their teens
follow their romantic ideas to the ex-
tent of actually getting married, it is
a sin and anyone performing the mar-
riage ceremony should be prosecuted
to the extent of the law.

A perfect wave of elopements has
swept over the country during the past
two or three years. Many of these
marriages being nothing more or less
than escapades, they have in a brief
time appeared in the divorce courts. In
some cases where mere children have
dared to enter secretly into wedlock,
parents have interfered and separated
the would-be husbands and wives. This
is a serious matter, and one fraught
with many grave problems as to what
is best to do in such cases. The lives
of both parties to a clandestine mar-
riage are usually wrecked by the fool-
ish marriage. School girls and boys
getting into automobiles and fleeing
themselves off to some county seat or
city hall where they can obtain a li-
cense and find some authorized to
perform the marriage service is of all
too frequent occurrence.
Not long ago a boy and girl took
a trolley ride out to Rockville, the
county seat of Montgomery County,
Maryland, obtained a license and found
some one who was wicked enough to
marry them. They went to a con-
fectioners, bought some candy and sat
down near the track and waited for
a car to return to Washington. They
each returned to their respective
homes and thought to keep their mar-
riage a secret. The mother of the
young bride, being dissatisfied with her
daughter's explanation of her disap-
pearance from home, insisted upon be-
ing told the truth as to where she had
been and who was with her, and finally
succeeded in getting the whole story.
The father of the boy groom was in-
formed of the facts and was so out-
raged and indignant that the boy ran
away and both families were over-
whelmed with grief over the affair.
Disappointment, ruin of careers,
eventual disagreements, disenchant-
ment and separation are the usual con-
sequences of elopements.

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NEWS FORECAST FOR
THE COMING WEEK.
New York, October 3.—Among the
important news events scheduled for



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the coming week are the following:
Sunday.
Great celebration of the 225th an-
niversary of the founding of the city
will begin in Philadelphia.
German day will be celebrated in
many cities throughout the country.
Monday.
Registration begins for drawing of
government lands in the Rosebud In-
dian reservation of South Dakota.
State fairs in Virginia, at Rich-
mond; Utah, at Salt Lake City and
Missouri, at Sedalia.
Missouri two-cent passenger rate
law will be argued in United States
court at Kansas City.
California State Federation of La-
bor will begin convention in San
Jose.
Tuesday.
Nineteenth annual convention of
Trans-Mississippi Commercial Con-
gress will convene in San Francisco
for a session of five days.
Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterways
Association will convene in Chicago
for third annual convention.
Canadian-American International
Conference on State and Local Tax-
ation will begin in Toronto.
Twentieth annual session of the Na-
tional Association of Railroad Com-
missioners opens in Washington.
National Association of Rural Free-
Delivery Carriers begins annual con-
vention in Omaha.
American Bottlers' Association
will begin twentieth annual meeting
in Baltimore.
United Synod of Lutheran churches
of the South meets in Savannah.
Wednesday.
William H. Taft and William J.
Bryan will be guests of honor and de-
liver addresses at the waterways con-
vention in Chicago.
Military carnival, in which officers
and troops of regular army will par-
ticipate, opens in Louisville.
Great industrial parade in connec-
tion with Philadelphia "founders
week" celebration.
Thursday.
State fairs open in Georgia, at At-
lanta, and Texas, at Fort Worth.
Friday.
International missionary convention
of the Church of Christ convenes in
New Orleans.
Alabama State Fair opens at Bir-
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Elaborate historical pageant will
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