

# IS YOUR MARRIAGE ON THE RECORDS?

**Many Ministers Very Careless About Making Returns.**

**SOME UNRETURNED LICENSES.**

**Partial List Given—Many Blank Spaces for Years Back—A Heavy Penalty is Provided for Negligence, But Not Enforced.**

**Are you married?**

If so, are you sure the fact could be proven to-day if it was questioned?

An examination of the marriage license register in the office of the clerk of the Hustings Court of Richmond reveals the fact that in not a few, but in a great many instances, the officiating minister has made no returns and the only thing that would show that a license was issued, is the license itself. It is not to be understood, that by no means could be accepted as proof of marriage.

## NEGLECTED MINISTERS.

A physician would as soon think of forgetting to call on a very sick patient as to neglect to report births and deaths to the board of health. In striving to contrast with this is the negligence of a great many ministers who receive fees for marrying couples in their capacity as officers of the courts, and then are so careless of the danger to the future health of the public, that they do not verify the marriages to the courts.

When a minister is authorized to celebrate the rites of matrimony, he is required to give bond in the sum of \$500 that he will comply with the laws of the State in regard to marriages. One of the laws is that returns shall be made of all marriages within two months from the date of the ceremony. Failure to do so makes the minister's bondmen liable for the amount of the bond.

No cases are known in which the penalty has been imposed, but that is because of the difficulty of securing information. A license is issued by the clerk of the court to the parties to be married and no mention is made of the person who is to perform the ceremony. If the return is not made, a blank space is left in the place provided for the date of the marriage. The only way in which the delinquent minister can be reached is by the law of the State, which provides that the return shall be made to the court and thereupon filing information against him.

Many suggestions have been made concerning means of overcoming the difficulty, but none have been found practicable so far. Very few people ever think of it necessary to see if their marriage is a matter of record, so the number of unrecorded marriages increases every year.

## PARTIAL LIST.

An examination of the record from June 1st back to January 1, 1897, reveals the fact that thirty-five licenses are still out for that period. The names of the couples, in some cases, are given in the record, and the date of the license are given below. The books show a great many names prior to 1897, but it is impracticable to publish a list farther back than those referred to above.

June 27—Fred P. Allen, Newport News, and Miss Mary P. Reynolds.

June 15—Edward F. Roberts, Newport News, and Miss Elizabeth B. Justice.

June 15—John N. Kane and Miss Bertha E. Harding.

May 25—Charles C. Stone and Miss Ellen V. Houchens.

May 25—Wm. J. C. Fox and Miss Mary Eliza Hobson.

May 15—Andrew B. Bragg and Miss Florence R. Smith.

April 27—Drewry S. Hardy, Norfolk, and Miss Lillian M. Stauffer.

March 29—W. Eugene McCandless, Hinton, W. Va., and Miss Gladie B. Perkins.

March 25—Willis W. Edward, Southampton, and Miss Frances H. Harbord.

February 15—Lewis C. Allen, Philadelphia, and Miss Cora L. Davis.

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February 8—Patrick J. McKenna, Lynchburg, and Miss Alice Gorman.

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February 5—Frederick C. Angle and Miss Minnie W. Stanley.

February 1—Emmett C. Davidson and Miss Laura Lee McChes.

January 25—Edward B. Bullie and Miss Marie Ellis Trovick.

January 15—George P. Davis and Miss Cora Lee Tinsley.

January 15—John W. Staftan and Miss Annie J. Perry.

October 27—Henry P. Pye and Mrs. L. H. Bradford Smith.

September 10—John L. Ryan and Miss Nellie O'Grady.

August 31—James R. Conway and Miss Lillian E. Davis.

August 15—Frederick A. Kestler, Jr., and Miss Bernice Ross Allen.

August 8—John P. Hoot and Miss Jennie May Ford.

July 19—William J. Johnson and Miss Minnie Lee Mann.

January 25—George McC. Johnson and Miss Edget A. Mooney.

January 12—Bernard H. Houshings and Miss Cora L. Bell.

December 15—John Reid, Hanover county, and Miss Marie W. Carey.

November 15—John W. Clark, Henrico county, and Miss Myra Collins.

November 10—Michael Irvin and Miss Teresa M. Burns.

September 15—George D. Davis and Miss Belle W. Edwards.

August 20—Arthur Nichols and Miss Nelie Jenkins.

June 8—Wm. O. Saunders and Miss Elva V. Hawlin.

1897—May 15—Henry I. Caravani and Miss Lena M. Mahoney.

March 25—John B. Webber and Miss Annie V. Burgess.

February 25—August P. Killmeier and Miss Nora E. Burke.

January 10—John P. McNamara and Miss Laella B. Gilmer.

## GENTLEMEN FROM JAPAN.

They are interested in tobacco—A Talk With Them.

Two gentlemen from Japan have been stopping at the Jefferson since Thursday. They are K. Hashimoto and Z. Sasaki. These gentlemen left Japan the first of last July, arrived in New York on the 21st of the same month, and in America they are here to study the agricultural condition of the soil with reference to growing tobacco.

They were polite and talkative to the reporter for The Times. Having just returned from a tour through North and South Carolina, they spoke in high praise of the hospitality of those people and were favorably impressed with their tobacco. The tobacco producer of this section, they say, differs very little from their home production. Mr. Sasaki said: "Richmond is a very big, nice city. I would like to live here, and I think it more than likely I and my friend will locate here at some not very future time. Richmond is a large market, and we wish to be near it."

These gentlemen leave to-morrow for Washington, D. C., and on American vessels, which fit in Japanese style. They asked how they were to be distinguished from Chinamen. "It is evident that they wished to be distinguished, so they were dressed in a very different manner from the average Japanese."

# TERRORS OF THE MOVING SEASON.

**The Misery Endured in Anticipation and Reality.**

**ALL SENTIMENT IS DISCARDED**  
**And is No More Heard from Until Order Has Been Evolved from Chaos.**  
**A Touching Picture of the Trying Time.**

When the changing tints of the foliage betoken the approach of autumn with all its beauties and charming associations, even the most unpoetic man must feel the influence of the most delightful season in its trequity. It is such a pity that in the midst of such a season so many Richmonders should have selected a time for the annual migration to new quarters.

"Moving day" in the North is the 31st, and the beauties of autumn may be enjoyed with a blissful feeling that many long months will elapse before the landlord can call for his property. But some evil genius persuaded Richmond gent to form the habit of moving in September.

## GLOOMY PHANTOM.

Thus it is that many a poor married man who enjoys "all the comforts of home" has his vacation spoiled by the gloomy phantom of moving day. He shivers in apprehension for weeks in advance. It is only on the day, or rather the days, come, that the real misery is felt.

Then the stove, the beds and other joint-appertainances of domestic life must be put asunder temporarily. The brief-brag is picked, the carpets taken up, and, in haste, there must be such a general breaking up of household effects as makes a man forget the days ever existed when he could think of matrimony as a blissful existence in which he and his "sweetest one" could find many adventures in all parts of the world. He was a sailor, and sailed on the ocean many years.

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# DR. KILMER'S SWAMP ROOT

**Is Not Recommended for Everything**  
**But if You Have Kidney or Bladder Trouble It Will Be Found Just the Remedy You Need.**

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the bladder, it is unable to do so, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant result is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

So we find that women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble and both need the same remedy. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, simply telling all about it, including names of the thousands of testimonials received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., mention The Richmond Sunday Times.

men and boys out of employment.

How long this state of affairs will last cannot be said, but the factory will not remain idle a great while, as the company will be filling orders right along up to the strike.

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**Commissioners' Report Set Aside by Judge CLOPTON.**

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The August term of the County Court of Chesterfield has practically closed.

A large amount of business was transacted during the session, which took up the entire week.

The main work of public interest was the hearing in the land condemnation case of the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina road against Cook.

The road will pass through a granite quarry on the premises of Mr. Cook. The commissioners granted him damages to the amount of \$300. This report was assented to by Judge Clopton, on the ground that he did not think the amount sufficient to cover the damages sustained by Mr. Cook.

Judge Clopton also refused to grant liquor licenses to parties who desired to sell liquor at Drewry's Bluff, giving as one of his reasons the fact that the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina road would run through that place and be in contact with the railroad men should be thrown in contact with liquor saloons.

A new set of commissioners will be appointed to assess the damages to Mr. Cook. Judge Clopton will appoint them on Tuesday.

## PRIMARY PLAN.

The committee recently appointed by the City Central committee to prepare a plan for the primary election to be held on September 15th, has been called to meet to-morrow night at 8 o'clock at the office of the chairman, Mr. A. Powell. The proposed plan will be discussed and probably adopted.

The committee is composed of the following gentlemen: A. Royall, chairman, representing the Fourth ward; E. T. Morris, First ward; Robert S. Rivers, Second ward; A. W. Farley, Third ward, and J. Callagher, chairman of the City Central Committee.

## FIRE COMMITTEE.

The Fire Committee of the City Council was called to meet at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon to consider a request of the Southern Oil Company to make certain alterations at the plant on Second street. The petition was laid over to some future meeting in order to give the committee an opportunity to view the premises.

Those present were Chairman Abbott, Messrs. Sannally and Putnam.

A leading member of the City Council said yesterday morning that if the proposition came before the Council to erect a new City Hall building on the lot at Eighth and Bainbridge streets, owned by the city, he would speak and vote in favor of its adoption.

This gentleman thinks the seat of the city government should be removed from its present location down town, to a more central and accessible site.

The title of buildings now owned by the City Council could be razed, and a large amount of the material used in the construction of a new, commodious, and comfortable structure at Eighth and Bainbridge, and the lot now occupied by the present City Hall.

The councilman referred to is strongly of the opinion that a new City Hall is needed.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Rev. Dr. A. G. McManaway, from Arkansas, an able, fluent and eloquent speaker, will preach at the Baptist Episcopal church this morning at 11 o'clock.

## "The Trade Journal."

The publication of "The Trade Journal," which is "devoted to the commercial, manufacturing, railroad and agricultural interests of Richmond and the South," has been resumed by Mr. W. H. Rowland. It is quite an attractive eight-page paper and contains a great deal of interesting matter.

## Not a Virginian.

Mr. E. L. Bemis, the new president of the Richmond Traction Company, is not, as has been stated, a native of this city, though he was born well-known here for years.

Rev. H. H. Smith, who is also president of the Virginia Electrical Railway and Development Company, is a Louisiana.

## Asks for Divorce.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday George A. Bell filed a petition for divorce from his wife, Laura J. Bell. Description is assigned as the ground for the suit.

In the same Court, a motion was filed for judgment by the Wallerstein Produce Company against C. Dumaine, for \$37.30.

## Committees Meet Monday.

The Committee on Relief of the Poor will meet to-morrow at 6:30 o'clock P. M., to award the city's quarterly contracts for supplies to the Almshouse.

The Street Committee will meet at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon to assess property owners on account of recent sewer construction in their vicinity.

## NIAGARA FALLS TOURS

via R., F. and P. and Pennsylvania Railroads—Round Trip Rate From Richmond Only \$14.

Special trains, with parlor cars attached, leave Washington via Pennsylvania R. R. at 8:30 A. M., August 14th, 16th and 18th, and October 15th, 17th and 19th.

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