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CLINGING IVY QUICK.

How She Was Made Mrs. Wood Without a Minister's Aid.

A QUEER CASE IN A COUNTY COURT.

The Bride Is Middle Aged and the Groom in His Teens-Citizen Groff Ties the Knot-The Young Husband Denies the Ceremony and the Wife Sues for Desertion.

West Chester, Pa., Sept. 9.—One of the most interesting cases ever tried in Chester county is now on in the court here. Judge Clayton, of Delaware county, is on the bench, as both Judge Waddell and Judge Hemphill are related to the defendant. It is the case of Ivy W. Quick against James Emile Wood. Miss Quick claims to be the wife of young Wood, and charges him with desertion. The case is of a sensational character and brings out many cu-

Miss Quick is a plain, masculine appearing woman of 35, while young Wood, the defendant, is less than 20 years old, slender and intelligent looking. He will become the possessor of a large property when he reaches his

The first witness heard was Ulysses G. Goff, who married a sister of Ivy's, and at whose house the marriage is alleged to have taken place. Interviewers have made vain attempts to get his story for several weeks past, and it was given to the public for the first time

Groff Tells His Story. He said: "On March 30, 1888, Ivy and Mr. James Emile Wood called at my house and there stated that they were going to Camden on some business for Ivy's father, Rev. Mr. Quick. The next day, March 31, they returned to my house. Emile and she both told me that they had been to Gloresster, N. J. that they had been to Gloucester, N. J., to get married, but had been unable to have the ceremony performed; that the minister refused to marry them owing to Mr. Wood's not being of age.

"I had read a few days before of a case of a person marrying a couple when the person reading the ceremony was not a minister or a magistrate, and the court held it was not necessary that the person performing the ceremony should be a magistrate or minister. I found the article and he read it. Mr. Wood then urged me to perform the ceremony. I hesitated; I was still afraid it might not be proper, but finally con-sented. Ivy came into the room and what had occurred was narrated to her.

A Queer Marriage. "She consented to the proposition that they be married then and there. My wife also came in and was made aware of the proposition. Mr. Wood then said he wished a marriage certificate. I said I did not know how to fill one up.

"He suggested that I get my own and copy that. My wife went upstairs and got it and I copied it, and my wife and I signed as witnesses. I read the Episcopal service, leaving out the unimportant parts. I asked them the usual questions of the copied in the copied tions, and they answered in the affirma-tive with clasped hands.

"When I asked for the ring he said Ivy had one he had bought at Wanama-

lvy had one he had bought at Wanama-ker's, intending to use in the marriage ceremony, but as they had failed in their first effort he had given it to her as a birthday present. She produced the ring and they were married with it."

Witness was shown a marriage cer-tificate and identified it as that which

he had filled up for the parties. The witness then proceeded: "We next went to supper and Ivy and Emile remained over night. They were several times at my place ofterwards. I had no doubt afterwards that they were married. They enjoined secresy upon me concerning the matter because Emile said he did not want his folks in Pittsburg to know of his marriage."

The Marriage Certificate. The following is a copy of the mar-riage certificate as produced in court: I, a citizen of Tredyffrin, hereby certify that on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, at Chester Valley, James Emile Wood and Ivy

Ashton Quick were by me united in marriage.
U. G. GROFF.
Witness-John G. Groff.
Signatures of parties appended-James E.
Wood, Ivy A. Wood.

The name of Ivy A. Wood was first written Quick, and Wood was written over the top of this. The witness explained that after she had written it that way she said, "Ah, that is wrong," and then wrote Wood over the top of the

first signature.
Walter P. Ash, of West Cain township, this county, stated on the stand that Ivy and Wood, while at his house, said they were married. They did not occupy the same room, as Miss Quick's parents were there at the same time, and he understood they wanted to keep the marriage a secret.

Stricken from the Church Roll. Media, Pa., Sept. 5.—Rev. W. W. Grimes, the preacher in charge of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal church, Media, was the defendant in a suit for slander and defamation of character heard before Squire Trainer in South Media. The charge was made by Mrs. Sydney Thomas, a late parishioner of the pastor's, whose name had been stricken from the church rolls by the minister. Mrs. Thomas was the only witness heard in support of the charge. 'Squire Trainer promptly dismissed the case against Pastor Grimes after hearing his side, and directed that Mrs. Thomas pay the costs of the suit.

Big Fire in Philadelphia.

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PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 6.—Fire last night in the building extending from No. 4 to 18 South Eighteenth streets, destroyed property valued at over \$200,000. The principal losers are the Pyle-Knædler Baking company, \$70,000; H. R. Mulford, manufacturing chemist, \$40,000; John G. Seemiller, upholsterer, \$50,000; Earl W. Eckel, printer, \$3,000; E. I. & C. R. Simons, grain warehousemen, \$5,000, and D. D. Fuller \$60,000 on building. The losses are about one-half covered by insurance.

CONGRESSIONAL RESUME.

Labors of the National Legislators

at Washington.
Washington, Sept. 4 in the absence of the speaker of the house Mr. Burrows was elected speaker pro tem. Mr. Kennedy, of Ohio, took advantage of the debuts on the Clayton-Breckenridge case to arraign the senate for refeating the federal election bill. alluding in uncomplimentary terms to the silence of Senator Quay under charges affect-

ing his honor.

Messrs. Edmunds, Evarts and Gray addressed the senate on the reciprocity amends

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—In the senate consideration of the tariff bill was continued under the five minute rule. The amendment of Mr. Davis to put binding twine on the free list was agreed to (34 to 24). The senate disposed of all the paragraphs in the datiable list except sugar.

In the house, Mr. Cummings, rising to a

personal explanation in connection with Mr. Cannon's famous "black list," made a long speech in criticism of the speaker and the rule. The Caryton-Breckinridge election case vas debated further without action. Washington, Sept. 6.—The house voted to anseat Mr. Breckinridge, of Arkansas, by 103 to 81. A number of private pension bills were

passed at last evening's session. The senate voted to place binding twine and wild animals on the free list. Motions to take hides and quinine from the free list and to remove the duty on white pine lumber

Washington, Sept. 8.—The schate continued the tariff discussion. Mr. Evart's amendment calculated to stop the importation of tea by the way of Canada was adopted. The house passed a bill granting a pension of \$100 a month to Gen. Henry A. Barnum and agreed to the conference report on the river and harbor bill.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The house spent the day discussing the Atkinson bill relating to railroads in the District of Columbia. For want of a quorum no action was had.

The senate agreed to the conference report on the river and harbor bill. During the debate on the tariff bill Mr. Plumb expressed the belief that under it there would be a deficit of \$150,000,00. The finance committee amendments to the sugar schedule were

DICKSON'S DARING DEED.

He Performs Startling Feats on a Tight Rope at Niagara. Niagara Falls, Ont., Sept. 8.-S. J. Dickson, of Toronto, walked across Niagara gorge Saturday afternoon. Several thousand persons witnessed the feat. He made his appearance at the Canadian end of the cable clad in terra cotta tights with black trunk, wearing moccasins on his feet and a small black

silk cap on his head. The balance pole

he carried was twenty-two feet seven inches long and weighed thirty pounds. As he picked it up to start out on his perilous journey he seemed very ner-vous, but quickly recovered himself, go-ing down the slope with a firm step. When about 200 feet from shore he sat down, lay on his back and performed several other equally startling feats, reaching the American shore in twelve minutes. After resting about five minntes he again appeared and when about 200 feet from the American shore over the boiling rapids gave a tight rope ex-Inbition that caused many people to turn their heads away. Going backward to the shore he crossed the Suspension bridge and gave a similar performance on the Canadian end of the cable. As this is the smallest cable ever used in crossing the Niagara gorge, the feat was

The Mt. Holly Fair.

Mt. Holly fair opened yesterday with a night. no means a fruit year, yet the display in this department is particularly fine. In the live stock department the biggest display is made. There are enough on exhibition to make a cattle show inde-dependent of the fair. The other de-partments are likewise full, and there is no waste room. In the big main building all the cases and wall room is occupied with handsome specimens of needlework, paintings in oil and water colors, china paintings, crazy quilts and the thousand and one things under the general head of "fine arts" that attract and delight the feminine eye. The race track is in first class condition and an attractive programme has been pro-

Preparing for an Execution. Preparing for an Execution.

Snow Hill, Sept. 9.— Preparations for the execution of John Sheily Hudson here on Friday next have been commenced by Sheriff Lockerman. Twenty-five men have been summoned to act as guard. The sheriff began the erection of the scaffold yesterday. The execution will take place in the jail yard directly adjoining the court house, despite the protests of many residents of the town who desire to have the execution beyond the town limits. The last exebeyond the town limits. The last execution took place here fourteen years ago, and ex-Sheriff Fooks, who then officiated, has tendered to Sheriff Lockerman the rope used on that occasion. Hudson maintains that he is ready

A Dastardly Assault. New York, Sept. 8.—Mayor Gleason, of Long Island City, committed an unprovoked and brutal assault upon George A. Crowley, the Long Island representative of the Associated Press last evening. Mr. Crowley stood talk-ing with a number of prominent gentle-men in Miller's Long Island hotel when men in Miller's Long Island hotel when the mayor entered, and, seeing Crowley, exclaimed, "You are a loafer and thief." Mr. Crowley resented the ac-cusation, whereupon Gleason struck him a savage blow in the face, knock-ing him down. The mayor in his fury kicked the prostrate Crowley several times in the face.

Senator Farwell Dangerously Ill.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—A dispatch from Waukeshaw, Wis., says that Senator Charles B. Farwell is lying dangerously ill at the Fountain House in that city and that his family and intimate friends, as well as the physicians in charge, almost despair of his ultimate recovery. Walter Farwell, a son of the senator, said that Mr. Farwell's illness is not regarded as serious. Over work and men-tal fatigue have rendered his health very uncertain.

The Burglar Goes a Burgling. MAY'S LANDING, Sept. 9 .- For the MAY'S LANDING. Sept. 9.—For the past three weeks a gang of burglars have been operating in this place and vicinity. Several houses have been broken into, but so far they have met with little success. Several small articles were stolen from the residence of Mrs. Asa Ford. Several men have shot at the thieves, but none have been hit.

John L. Sullivan's Father Deads Boston, Sept. 8.—Michael Sullivan, Minnequa house in the father of John L. Sullivan, the pugilist, died here yesterday of typhoid pneumonia. He was born in Ireland 65 pressure on the brain, years ago and came to Boston in 1850,

WRECKERS AT WORK

Another Fiendish Attempt on the New York Central.

FOILED BY A FAITHFUL TRACKMAN

An Obstruction Placed in Front of the Chicago Limited-The Trackman Swings His Red Lantern and Receives a Bullet in the Shoulder, Conflicting Stories.

ALBANY, Sept. 9.—The 6 o'clock train out of New York, due here at 9:50 last night, was thirty minutes late, and as this train is usually on time it looked. suspicious. It is intimated that a block-ade intended to wreck the train was discovered by a track walker at New Hamburg, and that the train was flazged just in time to prevent a serious accident.

General Press Agent Wolf says that no word has been sent to him of any such occurrence, but admits the train was quite late and without any known

A Sensational Story. The blockade, it is said, consisted of steel rails and some old railroad iron. Division Superintendent Bissell could not be seen at his office, but his assistant said noword of the attempted wreck had been received.

Later, at 11:30 o'clock, a passenger at the depot was found who had talked with the trainman on the belated train. His story was highly sensational and was to the effect that at a point called Old Troy, near Hamburg, the train was stopped so quickly that the passengers

were thrown from their seats.

There was great excitement, the people on the train believing that there was another accident. The cause, however, was the appearance of a trackman with a red lantern and blood streaming from a wound in the shoulder. The engineer said he heard several shots fired and then saw the man.

When the trackmen came up he said that there was an obstruction on the track, and a searching party soon found a pile of ties laid across and backed from behind with pieces of railroad iron. The obstruction was removed and the train proceeded with a thoroughly frightened lot of passengers.

The above story was shown to rail-road officials here, but they refused to say whether it was true or not.

Another Version. A railroad employe who was on the train was found later and tells another version, probably the true one. He says that two men out rowing on the river saw some men busy on the tracks, and waiting until they disappeared they

crawled quickly up.

They found a steel rail wedged in the cattle guard in the same way as at Albany and braced in the same way by pieces of flange iron. With all their strength they could not move it, and started down the track to warn the Chicago limited express.

They met a track man, and swinging his red lantern started to stop the train. In an instant several shots rang out and one took effect in the trackman's shoul perhaps the most daring ever seen at der. However, the train was stopped about 100 yards south of the obstruc tion. According to the description of Mt. Holly Fair.

Mt. Holly, N. J., Sept. 9.—The as the one near Albany on Thursday

Not Like the Other Obstruction. An official report just received shows that the obstruction was not placed

ike the one at Albany. There is a cul-vert at this point and into that culvert was jammed seven heavy ties. These ties were placed so that their butts point and if the engine heavy train and if train, and if the engine had struck it the ties would only have been driven in harder and the train would have gone into the river.

Wreckers Arrested. ALBANY, Sept. S .- John J. Reed, a brakeman, residing at East Albany, was arrested yesterday at Hudson, charged with wrecking the train near Cast leton. Thursday night. It is said he has confessed his crime and has given the names of four men, all of whom, it is said, are strikers. The greatest excitement prevails here and the strikers themselves make threats against Reed. I all good sales and segrol reven 184 - Avel box Aver add to he aw

The facts are difficult to obtain but it seems as if when the detectives went to work they found trace of Reed, who is a well known railroad man, his whole family being in the business. He was tracked to Schodiack and then to Hudson and Saturday might one of the detectives found him at a house of prosti-tution. The chief detective of the road tapped him on the back and said, "Reed.

we want you at Albany."
The man turned pale and said "What for? that job at Castleton? Who

squealed?"

He was locked up and was brought here yesterday afternoon.

Two More Wreckers Arrested. ALBANY, Sept. 9.—Information furnished by John Reed resulted in the arrest of two more train wreckers. The men are John Cordial, 34 years, a con-ductor, and John Kearnan, 36 years of age, a brakeman. Both are Knights of Labor and strikers.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Senator Quay has not succeeded in securing Gen. Clarkson for the editorship of the Pittsburg evening paper which his friends are about to purchase. A bigger field has been chalked out for the general.

A Chicago Paper for Clarkson.

has been chalked out for the general. It is understood that a syndicate of wealthy Republicans has been formed for the purchase of Joe Medill's Chicago Tribune for Clarkson, and that a pool of \$2,000,000 has been raised for the purpose. The Tribune has been wabbling on the tariff for several years, and one of the objects of the purchase is to change it into an orthodox high tariff organ. Gen. Wanamaker is one of the subscribers of the pool.

Pittsburg Boys Strike. PITTSBURG, Sept. 9.—About 500 finishing boys at T. G. Evans, Hagan, Evans & Co., the Peerless Glass company and Atterbury & Co.'s chimney factories on the south side struck for an increase in pay of 5 cents a turn. Should the strike continue for any length of time the chimney glass business would be seriously injured.

Mrs. Young Dead. ATLANTIC CITY. Sept. 9. — Mrs.
Joseph T. Young, who was shot Thursday morning by her husband at the Minnequa house in this city, died at 10:50 last evening. Dr. Reilly, the attending physician, gave as the cause of the brain.

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