

NEARLY A MILLION DIVORCES GRANTED

That is the Record in the United States During Past Twenty Years.

SALT LAKE'S QUOTA FOR YEAR

There Have Been 329 Suits Filed and 265 Decrees Granted in Past Eleven Months.

Nearly 1,000,000 divorces were granted in the United States during the 20-year period ending in 1908, according to carefully compiled statistics on the question issued by the department of commerce and labor. To be exact, the number was 945,635. For the 20-year period prior to that, the number granted was 328,716, or about one-third of the number recorded in the second 20 years. At the beginning of the first period, divorces occurred at the rate of 10,000 a year. At the end of the second period, the number per annum was about 66,000, or an average of one divorce for each 12 marriages occurring throughout the country.

DIVORCE EVIL GROWING.

Some of the figures on the subject of marriage and divorce contained in the report are of interest, as showing how the divorce evil is growing up in this country, and all sections of it. In only one state is there a record of no divorces granted during the decade ending in 1900, and only one divorce in the decade ending in 1880, and that was in South Carolina. In the year 1872 all laws permitting divorce were repealed in South Carolina, and since that time only one divorce has been recorded, according to the government statistics in that matter. Other states range up with as high as \$2,209 divorces for the 20-year period ending in 1908, which are the figures of the state of Illinois, the highest on the list, although not the highest number of divorces granted according to population. The latter question honor goes to the state of Washington, which had a total of 16,215 divorces granted in the period ending 1906, or an average of 184 to each 100,000 of population in the state, the number on which all computations are based. The Dakotas, which have gained considerable notoriety as popular grounds for securing divorces, are away down the list with averages of 88 for North

Dakota and 95 for South Dakota during the 20-year period ending in 1900.

WEST HEADS THE LIST.

For the purpose of comparison, the United States were divided into five divisions, and the divorce rate for each section is given. The north Atlantic division, comprising the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, gave an average number of divorces granted for the 20-year period of 35; the South Atlantic division, comprising Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, the average for the same period was 30; for the North Central division, comprising Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas, the average was 95; the South Central division, comprising Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma Territory, Oklahoma and Texas, the average was 55; while in the Western division, comprising Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and California, the average ran up to 129 per 100,000 population, which is the highest average of any of the divisions during the period given.

CAUSES FOR DIVORCE.

As to causes for divorce, the most common grounds for granting divorces is found to be desertion. This ground accounts for 33.9 per cent of all divorces granted, of which 49.4 per cent are granted to the husband, and 33.5 per cent are granted to the wife. The next most important grounds for divorce are, for the husbands, immorality, and for wives, cruelty. Of the divorces granted to husbands, 28.8 per cent were for immorality and of those granted to wives 27.5 per cent were for cruelty. Only 10 per cent of the divorces granted to wives were for adultery of the husband, and 10.5 per cent of divorces granted to husbands were for cruelty on the part of the wife. Drunkenness was the ground for divorce in 5.3 per cent of the cases in which the wife brought suit, and 1.1 per cent of the cases in which the suit was brought by the husband.

UTAH'S UNIQUE RECORD.

One peculiar feature of the investigations conducted by the government was discovered in the records of the courts in Utah, and that was that during the 40-year period investigated, it was found that six husbands had been granted divorces in Utah on the ground of "failure to provide."

SPIKE AND RAIL.

J. W. Ellingson, chief clerk of the Salt Lake Route offices in this city, will leave shortly for Phoenix, Arizona, where he will spend the holidays at his old home. Mr. Ellingson will be accompanied by his wife and family, and will be absent from his post about two weeks.

J. H. Burtner, manager of the Mt. Nebo Oil company, and on leave of absence from the office of district passenger and freight agent of the Salt Lake Route in this city, is here on a brief business trip. Only 15 per cent of the cases filed for divorce were contested. Twenty per cent were granted in 12.7 per cent of the cases, while it was demanded in 18

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per cent. The proportion of husbands who asked for alimony was 2.3 per cent, and the number obtaining it was 2 per cent.

The average duration of marriages ending in divorce was about 10 years. Sixty per cent, or three-fifths, of the marriages so terminated last less than 10 years, and 40 per cent last longer.

SALT LAKE COUNTY FIGURES.

For the 11 months of the year now coming to a close there were 328 divorce suits filed in the courts of Salt Lake county, or an average of practically 30 per month. During the same period there were 265 divorces granted by the same courts, or an average of 24 divorces per month. The figures for each month are herewith appended.

Suits Divorces Filed Granted	
January	26
February	25
March	35
April	28
May	23
June	32
July	24
August	20
September	28
October	30
November	32
Total	329
	265

SOME FREAK CASES.

One divorce was granted to the wife, during the year, the couple had been married only six weeks. The parties to the contract were both on the shady side of 40, and the dream of love was short lived, the wife testifying at the divorce hearing that her husband began beating and abusing her a few days after their marriage.

An amusing case of distribution of property occurred in another case, in which the plaintiff was a woman who had been the wife of the man she was suing for 20 years. Together they had accumulated considerable property on a farm, and had two children, one of whom was married when the parties began to seek a divorce. The custody of the minor child was given to the mother, together with the household and kitchen furniture, the cow, 2 1/2 shares of stock in an irrigation company, and 18x18 rods of farming land with the barn on it; and should it be found that the barn had been moved away from the premises, then the decrease of the court that it should be moved back again. To the husband was awarded the farm implements, the chickens, the gasoline engine, wagon and horses, 2 1/2 shares of irrigation stock, 25x30 rods of the farm, and each party to pay own costs.

CHOKED TO DEATH.

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YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS.

Augustus Thomas Says An Old One Cannot Tell Them How to Build. New York, Dec. 21.—There is encouragement for young and aspiring playwrights. Augustus Thomas in an address last night before the American Dramatic club, of which he has been president since the death of Bronson Howard, had this to say of plays and playwrights:

"No old playwright can tell a young one how to build a play. There are no rules to the game and there is not a single accepted axiom that you can't break and make money. The greatest of them all misled more people than everybody ever did when he said that playwrighting was holding the mirror up to nature. Shakespeare never did that in his life. As to the future Mr. Thomas said: 'Great plays remain to be written about the American Jew and about socialism. I mean the American Jew with his fine qualities as we know them. I don't mean the dull kind of socialism that we hear from the platforms and in speeches, but a sort of celestial socialism that we sometimes read about.' Eugene Presby, William Gillette, and Victor Herbert were among the others who spoke."

CARDINAL LECOT DEAD.

Chambéry, France, Dec. 20.—Cardinal Victor-Lucien Sulpice Lecot, archbishop of Bordeaux, died here today while returning from a visit to Rome. He was the leader of the movement among French ecclesiastics to find a basis of settlement of the differences between the government and the church. He was the exponent of Liberalism in the college of cardinals and went to Rome to submit to the pope a plan for the amelioration of the material conditions of the French clergy. Cardinal Lecot was born at Montecorot on Jan. 8, 1819. He was created bishop of Dijon in 1886 and archbishop of Bordeaux in 1890. He was created cardinal on Jan. 16, 1893.

CONTEMPT SHOWN FOR PRESIDENT

Through Dilatory Tactics Senate Prevented Delivery of Messages to the House.

RETURNED TO WHITE HOUSE.

Would Not Suspend Reading of Journal That They Might be Presented as Usual.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The senate had some fun today when three routine messages from the president were received and prevented the delivery of the messages in the house.

Just as the secretary was beginning to read the journal the arrival of M. C. Latta, assistant secretary to the president, with the messages was noted and the president's representative was kept waiting until the tedious reading of the journal had been disposed of.

The reading had scarcely begun when Mr. Gallinger proposed suspending the reading to permit the messages to be presented, as is usual, whatever the order of the business under consideration.

Senator Lodge wished to keep the senate in session long enough to get the immigrants bill over from the house with the speaker's signature, and he insisted that the journal would be read.

"I have a special reason for asking that the reading be suspended," said Senator Culberson, glancing toward Mr. Latta.

"Object," insisted Mr. Lodge. When Mr. Lodge was satisfied that his bill had been signed, he arose and asked that the further reading of the journal be dispensed with.

"Object," said Mr. Gallinger. Senator Carter then interrupted the reader and endeavored to stop the reading, but Senator Money of Mississippi objected. Again Senator Culberson called attention to the presence of the president's representative and repeated his request.

"Object," insisted Mr. Money. This running fire of requests and objections was accompanied by frequent laughter, and finally the clerk was allowed to pursue his doleful reading until the journal had been completed.

Then the messages were received.

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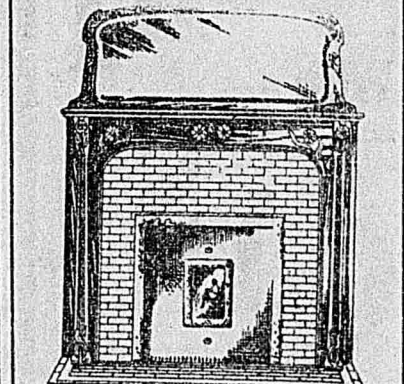
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but the delay had overlapped the session of the house, so that when Mr. Latta reached the house he found it had adjourned, and he was obliged to carry the messages back to the White House.

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