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ANKENY IN THE SENATE.

After a bitter fight in the Washington legislature over the United States senatorship, Levi Ankeny of Walla Walla will be elected today to succeed Senator Turner at the national capital.

While there are people in Spokane who have believed that Mr. Ankeny is not favorable to local interests, The Press has confidence in the new senator. The paper believes that Mr. Ankeny is a broad-gauged, liberal-minded man, one who will not stoop to any petty prejudices, and that his honesty and integrity vouch for his coming career among the nation's lawmakers.

The Press predicts a brilliant career for Mr. Ankeny and will follow his official acts with keen interest.

FENCING OUT THE PUBLIC.

Exclusiveness is sometimes expensive.

Young W. K. Vanderbilt has just begun to surround his elegant Long Island estate with a fence said to be quite unpretentious in comparison with some in the neighborhood, but which will cost him not much less than \$100,000.

In maintaining exclusiveness, a fence—particularly an unpretentious one—is the most commonplace and least costly provision that must be made.

One of the first requires in the building of a fine country place today is a fence against the prying and profane outside world, and recent fashions tend to make the fence a notable part of every fine new estate.

The expenditure of \$100,000 for the sole purpose of keeping the common public at a distance is not unusual and its very commonness renders it all the more remarkable.

It is due to a dog-in-the-manger instinct that will not permit the public even the pleasure of a glance at that which a merely rich owner has not the culture to enjoy himself.

BLOW TO EASY DIVORCE.

The United States supreme court by a vote of five to three has rendered a decision that is a solar plexus to the Dakota divorce.

It upholds the right of a state to protect the marriage of its own citizens against dissolution by another state on residence taken up solely for that purpose and abandoned the moment the divorce is obtained.

The decision does not, of course, affect the constitutional guarantee that full faith and credit shall be given in each state to the public acts, records and judicial proceedings of every other state, but it does restrict the right of one state to legislate and adjudicate for the citizens of other states.

It is a matter of common and nauseating notoriety that many a person has gone from his own state, where he could not dissolve his marriage, to another state, where divorce is easy, acquired the prescribed residence and obtained the divorce, and then promptly returned to his usual residence.

This is constantly done, without any intention of becoming a bona fide resident of Dakota or of abandoning the former legal residence.

The sum of it is that the Dakota residence is in intent and in effect a fraud.

The divorce granted to such a sojourner by the Dakota court is a divorce to a real citizen of another state. It infringes upon the laws of other states as applying to their own citizens.

The legislature of Massachusetts treated this procedure as a mere evasion of the law of that state and the divorce so obtained as bogus, leaving the marriage in full force. The supreme court upholds the constitutionality of the Massachusetts legislation.

Any state that chooses may now pass a similar statute, if it sees fit. Indeed the courts, in the absence of express legislation, may hold that such divorces are illegal and worthless.

This decision, of course, applies only to cases where the divorce seeker has obtained a decree in another state without permanently abandoning or intending to permanently abandon residence in his own state.

No state can compel any person to maintain residence within its borders or prevent anyone from becoming a bona fide citizen of another and as such obtaining a valid divorce in accordance with the laws thereof. But this is quite different from going to another state merely for the purpose of divorce and returning as soon as that purpose is accomplished.

It is the prompt return that marks the divorce a fraud.

ZIMRI DWIGGINS.

Did you ever hear of Zimri Dwiggins?

Dwiggins was a financial Darius Green.

He was born up among the sand hills of northern Indiana, in the little town of Rensselaer.

Zimri Dwiggins of Rensselaer, Indiana—thereby hangs a tale of romantic finance.

The fitting prototype of Dwiggins is the man who first tried to finance the entire Mississippi valley—John Law of "Mississippi Bubble" fame.

Like Law, Dwiggins was one of those energetic dreamers who try to make their dreams come true. Like Law he was honest and sincere.

In 1850 Dwiggins was president of a little bank in Rensselaer. But that went up Utica was too small. He sought a large arena, Chicago. He bought a controlling interest in the Columbia National bank of that city—a small concern with good credit. He made its capital \$1,000,000, paying for his controlling interest with notes of hand.

Dwiggins was a great hypnotist.

With a Chicago base, he started to corner all the money in three or four states. Strange as it may seem, with his promissory notes he bought a controlling interest in 25 small banks in Indiana, 11 in Illinois, 7 in Ohio and 3 in Michigan—43 in all. The Columbia National extended credit to these banks to the amount of their stock subscription. Incidentally \$1,500,000 of their deposits went to the Columbia National, making it a strong institution.

If Dwiggins had made a better investment of these deposits there is no telling where he would have stopped with his bank trust. He put the money into securities easily affected by the stock markets.

As in John Law's stupendous scheme the psychological moment came.

There was a slump in the market, a run on the Columbia, and down went Dwiggins' whole string of banks—as flat as Darius Green's flying machine.

Dwiggins turned over to the creditors every cent he had in the world. He is now living in a western town and operating a local insurance agency.

The moral?

There isn't any.

The writer tells the story, with the details of which he is familiar, not to point a moral but to adorn a tale.

SHE COULD SUPPORT FORTY HUSBANDS IF SHE TRIED.

DETROIT GIRL WITH TWO-SCORE PROFESSIONS IS WEDDED TO HER ART AND SAYS NO OTHER NEED APPLY.



MISS KATHERINE SHEARAR.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 29.—Friends

of Miss Katherine Shearar of this

city claim she is the most accom-

plished young woman in America, so

as far as the number of her talents are

concerned. She is rich and doesn't

need the money she could earn if she

tried.

It is said of Miss Shearar that she

is equipped by education to earn her

livelihood at 40 different professions,

in all of which she is expert. Some

way of a friend of hers suggested that

she would be fitted to support 40 husbands, but she replied that she

was wedded to her art and no other

need apply.

This working genius works for the

love of working, remains expert in

which she excels.

IN NEW PROBLEM PLAY

Virginia Drew Trescott to Be Seen as Lady Vavasour in "Lord Strathmore."

A stage version of Ouida's novel, "Strathmore," will be presented at the Spokane theater tomorrow and Saturday nights and at the Saturday matinee. The production is under the management of David Traitel and

Miss Virginia Drew Trescott will be seen as Lady Vavasour.

The novel from which the play of "Lord Strathmore" is taken is an imposing picture of English drawing room life, with a moral which teaches a lesson good for both stage and pulpit.

Manager Traitel is said to have surrounded Miss Trescott with a capable supporting company, while the acting of the leading woman has been pronounced by critics of other cities to be powerful and intense.

The Georgia Store academies will

tomorrow and Saturday evenings hold

the boards at Elks' temple.

It is the annual dancing entertainment and the purple, largely of Spokane's society element, have been spending weeks rehearsing the difficult dancing numbers which will constitute both evenings' programs.

Tomorrow evening's will be in the nature of a fancy dress ball, and the costumes of this city, Portland and Seattle have been called on to aid in the occasion's success.

Many pretty solo dances will be put on after the grand march. There will be drills, an amazing buck and wing dance and a sword combat after the order of the old-time Mazeppe by the class of 12 fencing girls.

Saturday afternoon the children will begin their exercises at 2:30 o'clock with a tambour major dance by the boys, followed by a phantasy of "Old King Cole," scarf dances and numerous others.

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