

**DEAD MAN'S WEDDING  
ANNULLED AFTER TANGLE**

Seattle, Wash., July 16.—A dead man's marriage has been annulled in the superior court here by Judge Evrette Smith.

Mrs. Winifred A. Hill, widow of Geo. D. Hill, who died at Victoria, B. C., September 15, 1914, presented a petition to have this marriage declared void because since his death she had learned that a former husband, whom she believed dead, was alive.

The decree, one of the most peculiar in the annals of the local courts was granted after J. P. Ball, attorney for Mrs. Hill, had cited a recent decision of the state supreme court giving authority for the granting of decrees making certain marriages void from inception, even though one of the parties to it should be deceased.

The facts of this unusual case, as testified in court, were as follows:

The woman had married in the '80s. She had three children. Her first husband died. In 1892, at Norwood, N. Y., she married for the second time. She and her second husband, Myron C. Andrews, lived together until 1896, when as she alleged, because of his cruel treatment, she left him.

In 1904 Mrs. Andrews moved to Calgary, Alta. In 1907 she was informed by reliable sources that Andrews had died.

She remained a widow, or thought she did, until July 23, 1912, when in Seattle she was married to George D. Hill.

After Hill's death in Victoria, two years later, she returned to Seattle. In 1919 she learned that Andrews was living in New York.

But the status of things worried Mrs. Hill, or Mrs. Andrews. She had, quite innocently, contracted a bigamous marriage, to which Hill had been a party two years and of which he died unenlightened. She consulted counsel and was told that the Hill marriage could be declared void.

Judge Smith's decree restored to the woman the name of Winifred Adell H. Andrews and made her again the wife of the man whose widow she had supposed herself—the man she

**RECOMMENDS CRATE  
FOR SWEET POTATOES**

Columbia, July 16.—The Annual Report of the South Carolina Sweet Potato Association, brings out clearly the necessity for using a certain size of crate for shipping sweet potatoes in order to secure the advantage of low freight rate to market.

The railroads serving the state, in conference with the Association, have decided on a standard container for shipping sweet potatoes, and any deviation from this standard, in the matter of size, will cost the shipper extra money to reach his market. The size of the standard crate is 12"x12"x8 3-4" inside the measurement.

Many of the pending claims of the Association against the railroads covering last year's business are for the use of off size containers by member houses.

One sure way to make money is to save it by careful purchasing, and this way is within the reach of every thinking man. Make more money for yourself this season by using the standard crate.

The prices quoted for the standard crate for use this year run from 12 1-2 to 24 cents. The price paid last year for the wire bound five peck crate was 26 cents.

The Association will act as the agent of its member houses in purchasing crates this year. To secure the lowest prices for crates and insure deliveries not later than the middle of October, the contracts for crates must be let without delay.

The South Carolina Development Board that is behind the Association this year, and is pushing the cooperative marketing of the sweet potato crop, has at its room for the inspection of all interested growers, a full line of sample crates. Furthermore, it will be pleased to answer any inquiries on the subject of crates.

deserted 25 years ago.

Now, according to her attorney, Mrs. Andrews probably will file suit for divorce against Andrews.

She claims to have no other plans. She merely desires to extricate herself from the odd matrimonial tangle.

**ABOUT SUICIDES**

An alarming increase last year in the number of suicides in America is reported by the Save-a-Life League, an organization which is attempting to grapple with this problem, which becomes greater as society becomes more complex and people more sophisticated. The society lists twelve thousand suicides during the year, and a distressing feature being that seven hundred and seven were children.

The most trivial circumstances, dissatisfaction with clothes, or food, quarrels over ventilation, or the like slight domestic contrarities, are listed among the immediate impelling occasions of many suicides, although behind these apparently trifling outbursts there are doubtless long histories of domestic frictions, strained nerves, incompatibility and "temperament."

While no basic cause is assigned by the statisticians of suicide for last year's increase, both prohibition and the rigid restriction on narcotics are among the things considered contributing causes.

What society can do about this increasingly serious problem is not easy to say. Recourse to the law that ready weapon of the social reformer, is, of course out of the question, although statutes which punish attempts at suicide have found defenders in spite of their apparent absurdity.

Unquestionably a weakening of religious belief in many persons is to blame for many suicides. The Almighty's canons against self slaughter, which stayed Hamlet's hand, have deterred many persons in desperate straits in the past from taking the irrevocable step. Weakening of the old spirit of family pride in many has removed another strong inhibitive influence against self-murder.

To use a word familiar by the war lack of morale is at the bottom of the problem. Old fashioned religious convictions, greater self-respect, firmer self and family discipline, healthy relaxation, and cultivation of cheerfulness seem the most adequate counter-influences.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**A BIRD OF A STORY.**

Lieut. Chester Lewis of St. Clairsville, O., executive officer of the U. S. S. Paducah, is responsible for the following. While the Paducah was at the Isle of Pines one of the blue-jackets captured a peacock, which was placed aboard when they started north.

The peacock took to roosting on the radio shack and now is minus the one part of its decorations for which a peacock is noted—its tail. One night after the peacock had gone to roost, the radio operator turned on the "juice" and started sending messages.

The beautiful tail of the peacock was in line with the spark and the feathers caught fire, considerable of the tail being burned off. However, the fire, according to Lewis, was discovered and part of the Atlantic Ocean was used in extinguishing the blaze.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

**MICKIE SAYS:**



**DEMISE OF MARRIAGE  
IMMINENT SAYS SCIENTIST**

Paris, July 16.—Old maids are going to rule the world within another generation and when that happens all sensible men, looking for happy existences, will try to flee this earth and try out the planet mars.

This is the opinion of Professor Girault, probably the best known French authority in political economy who has just addressed his beliefs to the University of Poitiers.

"Women are going to assume leadership, particularly in Europe for the next hundred years," says Professor Girault. "This does not mean that civilization is becoming effeminate, nor does it result simply from the fact that women will be numerically stronger. But there are too many women for the marriageable males and hundreds of thousands of them are being compelled to make ill-assorted marriages in which the man, in nearly every case, is the weaker partner.

"In that way women are gaining the ascendancy and it is a certainty that any society ruled by women will lack intellectual course, logic and initiative. Women married to men who are their inferiors will become embittered with life. Their experience will discourage other women who are thinking of marriage. Presently we will find a whole body of women,

**FULL TICKET NOMINATED**

Norfolk, Va., July 16.—A full State ticket was nominated by the Republican State convention which was in session until late tonight, disposing of practically all the business before the delegates.

Henry W. Anderson, the only man prominently mentioned for the place was the nominee for Governor. The remainder of the ticket was made up as follows:

John H. Hassinger, of Washington County, for lieutenant governor; Harry K. Wolcott of Norfolk, for attorney general; Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Otey, of Lynchburg, for superintendent of schools; J. W. Flanagan, of Radford, for State treasurer; T. X. Parsons, of Grayson County, for secretary of the common wealth; Gilbank Twigg, of Fauquier, for member of the State corporation commission; Jacob S. Halderman of Frederick County, for commissioner of agriculture.

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with a large and active majority of unmarried women controlling things and men will have a very unhappy time."

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