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**A**FTER a journey from Salt Lake City to Seattle, Kunio Toda, a Japanese, and Rayda Reed, his American bride-to-be, were refused a license this morning by County Auditor Otto F. Case. Said Colonel Case:

"Seattle has long enough been made the dumping ground for sensational cases like this one. After encountering obstacles in the law and publicity in other states, the couples invariably wind up in Seattle. The stories of this and other cases have been published far and wide, and Seattle has become a Mecca for those who seek unnatural unions. I will issue no license to this couple until the case has been thoroughly inves-

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tigated and I find that I am compelled to do so by law."

The couple began their journey at Salt Lake City, where Miss Reed's father resides. They were arrested in passing through Oakland, but after an investigation the police were forced to release the pair, who proceeded on their journey and arrived in Seattle last night.

When the Oakland police telegraphed to the father of the girl concerning the proposed marriage the following laconic telegram was received: "Girl of age. If any law put them in jail. James Reed."

### Planned to Go to Japan.

The couple had planned to come to Seattle, and after being married here they intended to leave for the Orient on the Tamba Maru this morning. It was their intention to spend their honeymoon in the Orient with Toda's father, a wealthy Japanese wine merchant, who had asked his son to visit him in Japan before death should finally separate them.

After returning from the Orient Toda and his bride were to go to Los Angeles and reside on a chicken ranch in that vicinity which the Japanese owns and operates.

When contemplating their marriage Toda agreed to give up the religion of his fathers, and in return his Mormon sweetheart has adopted many of the

customs of the Far East. She speaks Japanese like one born in the Flowery Kingdom and firmly believes that in far Nippon only does woman hold her true position in the scheme of things domestic. She insists that Japanese husbands treat their wives better than the Americans do, and claims that marriage is a more sacred institution in that country than here. Miss Reed says that the Japanese husband extends a comradeship to his wife that is unknown in this country.

When Miss Reed was shown her father's telegram to the Oakland police she said:

"When my father said that he did not give his consent to my union with Toda he lied. He said he did not care what became of me as long as I did not hang around his home all my life."

### Japanese Very Casual.

The Japanese seems to take the warm affection of his white sweetheart very casually, and when she becomes too demonstrative in public he does not hesitate to repress her.

When arrested in Oakland the white girl and her yellow lover were highly indignant, asserting that their arrest was a species of persecution. On discovering this morning that it would be impossible for them to consummate their marital bliss in this city the couple was totally nonplussed. The girl seemed heartbroken, but was restrained in the expression of her emotion by Toda.

It is possible that as a last resort the couple will be forced to go to Victoria in order to be married unless they try to compel Col. Case to issue a license in this city.

## ALL JUSTICES' OFFICES TO GO UNDER ONE ROOF

Justice of the Peace R. E. George this morning presented to the Board of County Commissioners a plan to move all the justices' courts to the sixth floor of the Prefontaine Building.

The justices are now housed in the city hall and the New York Block. It is planned to take the entire sixth floor of the Yeaser Way structure at an additional cost to the county of \$1,560. Justice George argued that the Prefontaine Building afforded better facilities for the dispatch of public business and that the housing of all the justices there would more than justify the additional expense. The commissioners took the proposition under advisement.

## ABANDONED WIFE

Having given his wife one dollar on his departure six months ago for Alaska and giving her the laugh on his return, when she asked for assistance for herself and child, L. L. Bales, strenuous trapper and guide of Alaskan fields, is to be arrested on a warrant issued today charging him with abandonment of his wife, Minnie, and their 2-year-old child.