

## **HE WAS TOO YOUNG TO GET MARRIED**

**BUT GROOM OVERCAME DIFFICULTY BY HAVING GUARDIAN NAMED WHO CONSENTS.**

Jamestown, N. D., March 26—When August Seria, who resides in the vicinity of Courtenay, presented himself at the office of the county judge for a marriage license he met with difficulties. Seria is not 21 years of age, and the laws of North Dakota require that a minor must have the consent of his parents before a marriage license can be lawfully issued to him. The would-be bridegroom's parents reside in Oregon, and it would be impossible to reach them for several weeks.

Seria is almost 21 years of age but two months and two days stood between him and connubial felicity. His tearful bride stood by and pleaded with the judge to make an exception and grant him the license without his parents' knowledge.

Just as the disappointed couple were preparing to leave his office the county judge was struck with a brilliant idea. He suggested that Seria petition him to appoint a guardian for himself, thereafter obtain his guardian's consent to his marriage, and the law would be complied with. The clerk of the court consented to act as guardian, the papers were hastily drawn up—and an apparently insurmountable difficulty was overcome.