

# CLARA KOEPEL AND WM. WAGNER WED IN SECRET

### Couple Planned to Keep News From Families For 2 or 3 Days.

## KAGE GOT LICENSE AND SWORE SECRECY

### Rev. A. Wilder Performs The Ceremony And Couple Motor About City.

Miss Clara Koepel and William Wagner, both well known in the Cape, last night eloped, each from his own family circle, and were married secretly shortly after 8 o'clock at the home of Rev. A. Wilder, pastor of the Trinity German Lutheran Church.

The bridal couple then spent the remainder of the evening motoring about the city with a select group of friends who were taken into the elopement secret after the plans had been laid and were about ready to be carried into execution.

They intended to keep their marriage a secret for two or three days when they wanted to arrange a dinner party and make the announcement.

The bride is a daughter of Henry Koepel of West William street and is a niece of Emil Koepel, well known automobile driver. Her mother has been dead for some time, and Miss Koepel was keeping house for her father at the William street home. She is 24 years old.

Mr. Wagner is 22 years old and is employed at the shoe factory. He is member of the well known Wagner family living at Jackson. He is a son of Ernest Wagner of South Spanish street.

When the couple made their plans to be married secretly, Mr. Wagner went to Mayor Kage and obtained a license through him. They sealed the mayor's lips and received their license to wed late yesterday afternoon.

The bride had made arrangements to tell her relatives at home that she would remain with a friend all night and that when she departed they should not expect to see her back till Sunday.

She then went to meet her bridegroom and they carried out their elopement plans. The couple expect to reside temporarily at the home of Mr. Wagner's parents.

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## ENGINE EXPLODES IN JACKSON MILL

### Engineer Has Narrow Escape—Machinery Is Demolished—\$1500 Loss.

When the cylinder head of an engine at Mill B of the Cape Milling Company in Jackson blew out yesterday afternoon, the steam explosion caused damage estimated at \$1500 to \$2000, caused a shut-down in the mill, completely demolished the engine and narrowly missed killing the engineer.

The explosion occurred at about 1 o'clock at a time when virtually all the men in the mill were out at dinner and the engineer had just left the engine room to go upstairs for a drink of water.

A few seconds after he had left the engine room the explosion occurred and he rushed to the room which contained his engine to ascertain the cause of the trouble.

The place was filled with scalding-hot steam, and although he attempted to force his way to the side of his engine, he was repeatedly driven back.

As he made the attempts to reach the side of the engine, the steam still escaped from the broken steam pipes and continued to make the engine room so scalding hot that it would mean certain death to enter.

The engineer finally seized a piece of flannel, saturated it in water and after wrapping that about his face and neck, he crawled back into the engine room and that time succeeded in reaching a cut-off in the steam pipe where he shut off the escaping steam.

The steam then left the room, and an examination of the engine showed that a clamp on the piston rod had broken while the engine was in action and the blow-out of the cylinder head was the result. The engine was completely demolished by the explosion that a new one will have to be installed and it was said last night that it will require at least two of three weeks before that work may be completed.

# PARSON HAMPTON AN EX-CONVICT, CAPE MEN HEAR

### Forsythe's Assistant, Who Flew From Cape, Was Pen- ned For Immoral Act.

## CAPE DOCTOR TELLS OF PREACHER'S DIDOS

### Spent Two Hours in His Office With Bride, Then Asked That It Be Kept Quiet.

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"When he first asked permission to use my office," said the physician, "I thought he wanted it for some church purpose. He merely asked if I would grant him the privilege of it without stating his purpose. Of course, I could only grant the request.

"The next day he called to invite me to attend the Tabernacle luncheon. I told him that I would be present unless I was called by a patient. Just as he was preparing to depart, he asked me to let him have my 'virgin speculum.' While I was startled at his request, I gave it to him.

"I did not get to the luncheon, and while at the hospital that day I met another Cape Girardeau physician. During our conversation, I mentioned the fact that Rev. Hampton had invited me to the luncheon. 'What do you think about this man Hampton?' I asked the doctor.

"'I don't think much of him,' was the reply. I then related Rev. Hampton's visit to my office and the request he made for the instrument. The physician told me Hampton had made a similar request of him.

"I was away from my office for possibly three hours. When I got back, I asked the attendant whether Hampton had called. The young lady told me he had been there with a young woman. They were locked in my private office for two hours. When they started away, he said to the attendant: 'Now, don't say anything about this.'

"The young woman he brought to the office for examination was married a few days later. This was Hampton's only visit to my office. Since then I have talked to several local physicians about his conduct, and I am of the opinion that he is a degenerate.

"I have been reliably informed that he served a term in one of the state penitentiaries for an act similar to those he committed in Cape Girardeau. His hurried departure from the city convinces me that he feared he might have been severely dealt with had his conduct become generally known before he could leave the city.

"While Hampton came to the Cape well recommended by the church he had charge of in Hackman, Ky., it had been known for some time here that he had a criminal record elsewhere. But he would have been prosecuted in many towns for the offenses he committed here. I was surprised when I learned that he was permitted to leave town. He should have at least been kept in the Cape until the full details of his acts were learned.

"I am confident that the public had not heard one half of the story. I am of the opinion that Rev. Hampton was a very dangerous man. He used the reformer's cloak to help him to earn an easy livelihood and at the same time it afforded him protection. He was given liberties that an ordinary man could not expect."

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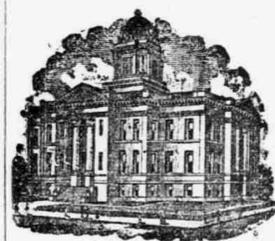
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## CITY DEPOSITORY — PROPOSALS

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Will cure Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headaches, Cramps, Colic Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, Burns, Old Sores, Tetter, Ring-Worm, Eczema, etc. Antiseptic Anodyne, used internally or externally. 25c



## News From The County Seat

Miss Essie Sawyer of Cairo, Ill., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. J. McNeely.

Mrs. John Burford will take her Sunday school class for an outing in the woods tomorrow.

The Misses Lena Harenberg, Emily Paar and little Elizabeth Hopper and Rev. August Kitterer and Adolf Paar motored to the Cape yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Williams and Mrs. J. P. Mabrey and son, John, will motor to Arcadia tomorrow to attend the Methodist assembly.

Mrs. H. H. Mueller Jr., will entertain the Rook Club tomorrow afternoon.

There will be union prayer meeting tonight on the lawn at the Methodist Church.

Ed Russell is now the owner of a new Ford runabout.

Messames Wilson LaPierre and H. H. Mueller and their children are spending the day with the Misses Medley, four miles south of town.

Mrs. C. L. Grant is entertaining her mother, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, her sister, Mrs. Dr. Wichterich, and Miss Pauline Nowiski at the Cape today.

Miss Edna Saehse, who is studying at the Jewish Hospital in St. Louis to become a nurse, arrived home today for a vacation, and brought with her her friend Miss White of St. Louis.

The Westminster Circle will meet with Mrs. Wilson LaPierre tomorrow afternoon on Judge John A. Snider's beautiful lawn.

The Evangelical Young People cleared about \$25.00 at their ice cream social last night.

C. W. Henderson and family have returned from an auto trip to Kennett where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ely.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kies, Miss Mary Kies, Miss Annie Mayer and Oscar Paar have returned from an auto trip to Evansville, Ind., where they visited the family of Mr. Theodore Roth.

Jake Fredericks will leave tomorrow for Hannibal, Mo., to attend the convention of the Rural Mail Carriers. His son will accompany him as far as St. Louis where he will visit with relatives.

Judge Wm. Bowman of Advance is visiting the family of J. R. Bowman.

Mrs. J. E. Schmuke will entertain Mrs. Christian Priest and her daughter, Miss Mary Belle, of the Cape at dinner tomorrow.

Miss Carrie Atkins expects to leave tomorrow for a two weeks' stay at Asheville, N. C. She will go with friends from the Cape.

The A. T. A. O. Club meets with Mrs. Gay Miltenberger this afternoon.

W. H. Jones, T. B. Lange and Oliver Ruppel tomorrow will attend the I. O. O. F. lodge at Cape Girardeau to help confer the second degree on a member of the lodge.

J. H. Ahnert, Conrad Shade's partner, has gone to Perry County on business, which may take a week. Herman Umbeck is working in Mr. Ahnert's place.

Dr. J. Howard and wife, Dr. Statler and wife, Aleck Drum and wife and Mrs. Gilbert Statler of Oak Ridge; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Van Amburg of Shamer Springs, and R. Van Amburg of Lutesville were some who were in Jackson yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. R. Estes of Burfordville.

The Dorcas Society, Miss Bessie Litzelfelner's Sunday school class, which consist of seventeen young girls, met with Miss Lena Goodwin last night and enjoyed a social evening of vocal and instrumental music, and, of course, dainty refreshments. This class has decided to have a ball show on the lawn of the Presbyterian Church, and expect to make the show an annual affair, but hold it later in the year, probably October or November.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kesterson Sunday who has been named Daisy Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Medley entertained at dinner today Mrs. Kate Frenzel of Chicago and Mrs. George Beattie Sr.

The town orchestra will furnish music at the Evangelical young people's ice cream social tonight.

Mrs. M. J. Hays returned yesterday from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Emma Clippard, and Mrs. Maggie Rose at Marble Hill.

The young people of the Evangelical Church will have an ice cream social on the church lawn tomorrow night.

Clyde and Stanley Jenkins, sons of Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Jenkins, are in St. Louis visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Clyde.

Mrs. Sam Peterman will entertain a few ladies at "500" tomorrow afternoon.

Everett House, who is doing grading and leveling on the streets at Illinois, was up and spent Sunday with his family.

The Jolly Twelve Club meets with Mrs. H. H. Mueller Sr., tomorrow afternoon.

Theo. Ralved of Hillsboro, Ill., brought his family to Jackson on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Ralved. Mr. Ralved returned to Hillsboro today.

Julius Vasterling and family of Fomfelt visited relatives in Jackson yesterday.

Miss Bessie Taylor is at Sikeston visiting the family of her brother Alvin.

The funeral of Mrs. Rol and Estes who died Saturday afternoon at her home in Burfordville was held this afternoon. Services in the Burfordville Baptist Church by Rev. DeVault of Marble Hill; interment in the Jackson Cemetery.

The colored people of Cape and Jackson had a joint Sunday school rally in this city yesterday.

The Evangelical Ladies Aid at a meeting yesterday decided to donate \$100 toward the painting and decorating of the interior of the church and schoolhouse.

Mrs. Gerry Sibley has returned from Bismarck where she went to attend the funeral of the infant child of her brother, Oscar Templeton.

The Lutheran band had their brass instruments nickel-plated, and now the music will be more silvery than ever.

Miss Mary Buerkle who is employed at the A. Ray Smith store at the Cape spent Sunday with home folks.

Miss Myrtle Poe has closed her school at Gideon and expects to come home tomorrow with her sister, Miss Mable, who has been visiting at Gideon the past few weeks.

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### Banker Extracts Lien On Goods to Cover Pastor's Note for \$127.

## WANTED TYPEWRITER BUT WAS TURNED DOWN

### Minister's Wife Expects to Hold Sale and Settle With Creditors.

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Rev. Hampton sometime before had succeeded in making a loan at the bank for \$127 to secure which he gave his personal note. Mr. Stubblefield presented the note which his husband had signed to Mrs. Hampton and demanded payment.

Mrs. Hampton endeavored to explain to the banker that the dismissal of her husband had virtually made it impossible for her to make any financial plans. At that time, under a doctor's advice, she was taking medicine to restore her nervous system.

She asked for time in which to make plans, declaring that she had not been in communication with any of her friends or members of the church board and she did not know what to do. She declared that she did not have funds with which to meet the note.

The banker declined to wait for a settlement of the note, whereupon Mrs. Hampton declared she would call someone up, remarking that Mr. Stubblefield certainly could not prevent her from doing that. She got into communication with a member of the church board, who declared he could give her no advice beyond the suggestion that she sell all her household belongings in an effort to settle with creditors.

The church, he told her, owed her husband \$110 on his salary which would be used by the board in settling claims made by other creditors against her husband.

Before Mrs. Stubblefield departed, Mrs. Hampton told her friends, he insisted that she sign over to him three of the best pieces of furniture that the family possessed, and whose value is said to be far in excess the face value of the bank's note.

An effort was made to have her include her typewriter, but she demurred, saying that she still could take her machine and earn a living by its use.

As soon as she can dispose of her property Mrs. Hampton will move next door to the home of Mrs. Brisen, who lives at 227 South Middle street.

Arrangements also have been made for Mr. Hampton's aged father to go to live with one of his daughters who is married and lives in Nebraska. The news of his son's dismissal from the church pulpit has been kept from the father.

He was told that Mr. Hampton went to Chicago to enter a sanitarium and then members of the family wrote to the daughter in Nebraska to have her ask the old man to come stay with her.

When Mr. Hampton departed from the Cape, his whereabouts became the subject of considerable conjecture, but it is believed that his destination will be in the East.

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# AUTOMOBILE ROMPS ALL OVER A COW

### Fred Stemmer Encountered Bovine In Road And Didn't Go Around.

The story of how an automobile ran completely over a cow that was making her bed in the middle of the road between Jackson and Burfordville, was told in the Cape yesterday by Fred Stemmer, after he returned from Burfordville where he had gone to the bedside of his mother, who was seriously sick.

Stemmer was driving the car, and it was a Ford. Having her back converted into a race track did no more than cause the cow to rise to her feet, bawl lustily at the inconvenience of changing a resting place and rubbing the hair the wrong way on her hide.

Stemmer was shaken up so that he had difficulty guiding his car for some distance until he had regained his equilibrium.

The accident occurred late Thursday night. Mr. Stemmer was going from Jackson to Burfordville. He had just mounted to the top of a high hill in the road and his machine was abreast the top of a steep downgrade on the other side of the ridge.

The headlights threw a shaft of light out into the darkness ahead of him, but owing to the fact that he was right on the crest of the hill, the light was not thrown on the roadway itself immediately in front of the machine.

As a consequence, Mr. Stemmer could not see that his way was obstructed by a cow of large proportions comfortably lying in the middle of the road, chewing her cud and nodding peacefully, waiting for daybreak.

The first that he knew of the cow's presence was when his machine was on top of the animal. He looked down at the cow beneath the wheels of his car and perceived that the animal was getting ready to get up.

"I didn't want that infernal cow to get to her feet while I had my car on top of her," he said, "because I was afraid it might throw me over and I would be crushed beneath an overturned car. So I threw her into high and it was no time until I had rolled on off."

"I didn't have time to learn what damage I did to the cow after I had crossed over her, but from the strength of her voice in protesting against that treatment, I felt reasonably safe, so proceeded."

Mr. Stemmer returned to the Cape when his mother showed marked improvement. She lives about three miles this side of Burfordville.

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