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WHOLE NO. 1073

EUGENE SMITH HAD TROUBLE

Only Sixteen and Wanted to
Get Married

GOT LICENSE TO WED

Other Difficulties Intervene and He
was Arrested—Sent to House of
Correction for 1 to 15 Years

Eugene Smith, whose home is in this city, but who has been running a bakery business in Greenville, brought a lot of trouble on himself in the past few days and his experiences should be a warning example to other young men to make up their minds to cut out foolishness and crooked ways and do right.

Eugene evidently got light headed on the subject of getting married, perhaps thinking that there was only one girl in the world, not considering the fact that there will be thousands of them for years to come. He is only a little past sixteen, but in getting a license signed an affidavit that he was 19.

made him disgorge, getting back \$3. He was wearing the suit he got of Friedman, but at Bush's suggestion donned his old ones again.

The wedding party was broken up. Smith said he had secured a good job in an Illinois town, and was going there to be married and settle down.

He remained in the city cooler all night, and Friday morning Justice Lapham referred his case to the Juvenile court in Ionia. He was remanded to the county jail to await further development.

On Tuesday he appeared in circuit court and pleaded guilty to perjury and was sentenced to the state house of correction for from one to fifteen years, with a recommendation of one year.

Old Fashioned Sunday School Social
An old fashioned Sunday School social has been planned for by the committee of the Congregational Sunday School to be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Menckee on Tuesday evening, Feb. 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Menckee have kindly opened their house for the purpose, and it is anticipated that a very large gathering will be present as each scholar, officer and teacher, has been granted the privilege of inviting one friend. Games of the old sort such as "Ring around Rosy," "The needles eye that doth supply, the thread that runs so truly," "King William was King James son," "Spat em out," "Roll the platter" and "Happy is the miller that lives by the mill," will be special features of the occasion. Refreshments will be served and a general good time is anticipated, which is being looked forward to by the young people and old folks also with much pleasure.

The Sunday School is taking on new life and the social feature is a stepping stone to Rally day which will occur later. A social fee of ten cents will be charged.

Highly Profitable Investment.
We direct special attention to the advertisement of the Demotear Company elsewhere in this issue, offering automobile factory shares (par value \$10) at \$8 up to Feb. 1. The wonderful growth of the automobile industry is a guaranty of the handsome profits afforded shareholders therein. Mr. Louis F. Newman, 511 Moffat Building, Detroit, will be pleased to give any further information desired.

Mr. Bert Rowley was an Ionia visitor Monday.

Great Commander, Geo. S. Lovelace of the K. O. T. M. M. will pay an official visit to the Maccabees of Ionia County, Thursday evening February 3, at Ionia, to which every Sir Knight in the county is invited. Wabasis Tent will entertain in its new hall, a fine time is assured. It is hoped a large number from Belding and vicinity will attend.

GRIDLEY CLUB

All Arrangements are Completed
for the Big Banquet

Everything is ready for the eleventh annual banquet of the Gridley Republican Club of Ionia county, to be held at the State armory in Ionia, Friday evening, January 28. The presence of Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr., of Massachusetts; Congressman Charles E. Pickett, of Iowa, and Congressman Diekema, of Michigan, who will act as toastmaster, assures the best program in the history of the club. The four candidates for governor—Osborn, Montgomery, Musselman and Kelley, will be there, and Harold Jarvis, of Detroit, a noted tenor, will sing three numbers, "My Own United States," "The Stein Song" and "My Ain Folk." Prof. Eugene Smith's orchestra will play during the banquet.

Arrangements have been made to serve the banquet about 6:30 o'clock, which will give the guests ample time to hear the speaking and get home at a reasonable hour. A special train will return to Belding after the banquet. Take the regular train to Ionia, leaving here at 4:30 p. m.

There should be a large number going from this vicinity to enjoy the feast.

METHODISTS HAPPY

New Parsonage Ordained—Hold Reception—Former Pastors and Others Present

The Methodist people, and particularly Rev. G. W. Maxwell and family, are exceedingly happy over the completion of their new parsonage, and the family moved into it two or three weeks ago, and a reception was held Wednesday, at which very many took occasion to call and enjoy a short visit and meet the pastor and family in the new home, and also Rev. O. A. Carman, of Grand Rapids, Rev. J. W. Sheehan and wife of Hastings, and Dr. I. S. Morris and wife, of Detroit, all of whom have played a prominent part in the church building and later the parsonage.

Mrs. Glenn Wortley, Miss Beth Barnard and Fleda W. Alker gave instrumental music during the reception, and the refreshment table was presided over by Mrs. M. E. Peck, Mrs. F. C. Jones, Mrs. Frank Hudson and Miss Ida Sayles. The house is finished in oak and southern pine, the decorations were fine.

At the church Thursday evening there was a good audience, Rev. Dutton, Greenville, gave the sermon and Dr. I. S. Morris also made a fine address. The parsonage was formally presented to the church by Willis G. Little, president of the board, in appropriate words.

Besides music the male quartet, Messrs. J. T. Patterson, Fred Boyer, G. W. Maxwell and C. N. Hoyt, rendered selections.

Can't Drop In Pennies

Estimates made by the official of the post office department indicate that approximately 300,000,000 one-cent pieces annually are taken by the rural letter carriers from letter boxes for the payment of postage on mail matter deposited.

Complaints against the practice have become so wide spread that the post office department issued instruction to all post masters at rural delivery offices that after the 15th the practice would be discontinued. The department it is explained has been forced to adopt this measure on account of the delays in the collection and delivery of mail.

At the Congregational Church

At the Congregational church Sunday morning there will be important special services and business in connection with it and a general invitation is extended to all.

The music and choir will be under direction of Mrs. Fred F. Ireland, who has returned from the east. Mrs. J. H. Armstrong will sing a solo.

Sermon by the pastor. Sunday-school at 11:45 a. m. Song, praise and evangelistic service in the evening.

Fine 15-cent Supper

The ladies of the Congregational church will serve their regular supper Saturday of the week in the church dining-room from 5 to 8 o'clock. A fine menu is in preparation, with veal pie as one of the substantial. Don't miss it.

The ladies aid society of the M. E. church will serve another of those great 15 cent suppers, on Saturday evening Feb. 5. The menu includes mashed potatoes, Boston baked beans, roast beef and brown gravy, white and brown bread and dressing. Everybody invited. 5 to 8 o'clock.

LITERARY CLUB HOLD ANNUAL

Celebrated the Birthday Anniversary of Robert Burns
Tuesday night

A VERY FINE BANQUET

Club Will Study Scotland this Year—
Speakers were in Costume—Ellis
Ranney was Toastmaster

The Ladies Literary Exchange Club held its fifteenth annual banquet Tuesday evening in Millard's amusement hall, the use of which was kindly donated to the club by Mrs. Millard and is an ideal place for such a gathering. It being the one hundred and fifty-first anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, a most delightful Scottish evening was carried out. The club study for the year was Scotland and the entire evening's entertainment was suggestive of the land of the Heather. Sixty two guests were seated at the tables which were beautiful in a decoration of red roses and smilax. The place cards were especially attractive with thistles done in black and white. The banquet which was served by eight young ladies was in every way enjoyable.

Rev. Edrie Collins, pastor of the Congregational church, was called upon to pronounce the invocation. When full justice had been done to the good things provided by the ladies a splendid program of toasts was ready for the delight of the banqueters. E. W. Ranney of Greenville, officiated as toast master in his usual happy manner and the array of notables which he introduced were such an inspiration that he out did himself. H. J. Leonard responded to "The Lassies" in the character of Robert Burns and recited to the delight of all "The Cotter's Saturday night." Mr. Leonard looked like Burns, acted like Burns and talked like Burns. "The Lassies" by Mrs. F. C. Jones as Mary Queen of Scots; "Robbie Burns" by F. C. Jones as Walter Scott; "England's Scotch Subjects" by Mrs. Carrie Tallman Wilson as Queen Elizabeth; and "American Scots" by Rev. Jackson as Shakespeare were each and every one decidedly unique, the several participants being dressed to accurately represent the characters they were portraying. Mrs. J. E. Ferguson and Miss Herriek as a Highland laddie and his lassie with their Scotch songs, added much to the enjoyment of the evening. At the close of the toast program a series of tableaux were given by the distinguished guests. The singing by all of "Auld Lang Syne" closed what to all was a most delightful evening.

AMUSEMENTS

The Dunbar Company, Male Quartet and Bell Ringers are past "promoting." Their history is their strongest endorsement. They have given nearly two thousand concerts on tours carrying them more than three hundred thousand miles, far enough to encircle the globe twelve times, to every part of the United States, Great Britain and the continent, and everywhere great audiences have been charmed with their programs. At M. E. Church Wednesday night, Feb. 2nd. The Saginaw (Mich.) Courier Herald, says the program was so varied there was something to delight every one. The ball music was the finest ever heard in Saginaw and the "opera" was a great hit.

Glenn Sizby, of Detroit, was a guest of Belding friends over Sunday.

The Ionia county farmer's institute will be held in the Armory at Ionia February, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, under directions of A. L. Benedict of Orleans, the president. A fine program is arranged for every session, every farmer should attend the meetings.

Richard A. Longstreet, of Eureka, who was in the city last week, predicts an even steady winter, he says he has a sign that never fails as a winter indicator, and it is this, when ever he kills hogs he notices the melts, if they are long and even it is a sign of an even steady winter, if they are thick and bunched at the end toward the animals head with an even tapering off, the fore part of the winter will be a hard one, if the melt is thick and bunched at the end toward the tail the latter part of the winter will be rough, if the middle of the melt is bunched and tapering both ways look out for an old snorter all the time.

MRS. ALVIRA WALLACE

Another Old Resident Passed Away
Last Thursday

Mrs. Alvira Wallace, widow of the late Nathaniel Wallace, died Thursday, January 20, at the age of 74 years. She had been afflicted with rheumatism for many years, being a great sufferer at times, but always bore her burden in a patient, cheerful Christian spirit.

Mrs. Wallace was born March 16, 1836, in the vicinity of Montreal, Canada. On July 4, 1853, she was married to Nathaniel Wallace with whom she lived until his death November 5, 1901.

In 1866 they moved to Ashley, Mich., where for 32 years the busy life on the farm held sway. Later they came to Cook Corners, where Mr. Wallace was postmaster for a couple of years, moving from there to Belding.

For more than twenty years, Mrs. Wallace lived at her late residence, and though sorely afflicted yet by her patience and sunny disposition was a means of grace and helpfulness to the many who frequently called upon her. She will be missed by a large circle of friends.

The funeral service was held Sunday afternoon in the First Baptist church. Her beloved pastor Rev. F. B. Irving officiated and read the 90th Psalm, taking his text from the 12th verse, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Her favorite hymns were sung by the choir.

Mr. Irving gave a very fine discourse from the text, dwelling upon the thought of immortality, of the large meaning of numbering our days in the way of righteous living, of the heroes and heroines the Christian life develops, and the beautiful life beyond when death overtakes us.

The remains were taken to the Ashley cemetery for interment. She leaves an own sister, Mrs. Amelia Hess, of Buffalo, N. Y., and two half sisters, Mrs. Emma Benjamin and Mrs. Hannah Richards, of Saginaw county, the two latter being present at the funeral. Mrs. Arin Purdy is a niece. Mr. and Mrs. John York, of Orleans, and George Purdy and wife, of Greenville, were also in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. George Newington of Lowell were over Sunday guests of Mrs. Newington's parents.

Robert F. Joiner and wife of Howell, were guests of their relatives in the city over Sunday, this is their first visit since their marriage at her mother's Mrs. Addie Whitford, six weeks ago, and their many friends were pleased to meet them.



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