

Miss Nora E. Spence, which was solemnized at St. Rose Catholic church in Hastings at nine o'clock Wednesday morning last, Rev. Father Linskey officiating.

The groom is a well known Vermontville boy, being a graduate of the local high school, and for some time was connected with the post office, acting in the capacity of clerk during E. B. Hammond's term of office. He is also a member of the Vermontville band and is at present engaged in looking after his father's farm northwest of town. The Echo joins with his numerous friends in extending best wishes and congratulations.

#### EDNA LOUISE MARSH.

Last December we chronicled the death of Miss Edna Louise Marsh at her home in LaMesa, California. Last Saturday the body, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Anna Marsh, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bishop, arrived in Vermontville from California when the body was taken to Woodlawn cemetery where it was placed in its final resting place in the family lot. Rev. Robert Dalzell conducting short services at the grave.

The following tribute from a San Diego paper was published at the time of her passing away last December.

#### CALLED HOME.

Edna Louise Marsh, daughter of Anna B. Marsh and the late Rev. Henry Marsh, passed away at the home of her mother, in LaMesa, California, December 21st, 1912.

Two years ago the deceased came to California in search of health, and for fifteen months she, with her mother,

lived at the home of her uncle, E. E. Benedict, in San Diego. In June last Mrs. Marsh purchased a home in La Mesa, where the past six months have been spent.

A brief service was held at her mother's home before the remains were taken to the home of her uncle in San Diego where the funeral was conducted on Monday morning, December 23. Dr. Thorp, of the First Congregational Church, who officiated, closed his service with Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar," one of her favorite poems. By her request the selections, "Abide With Me" and "Jerusalem, the Golden," were sung by La Mesa friends. Beautiful floral offerings were the tribute from many friends.

Every comfort possible has surrounded the sick one during her illness. Throughout the past two years hopes and fears have alternated until a few weeks since all realized that the end was near.

Edna had her ambitions for life and wanted to recover. Alone the battle was fought. Longing for life here was exchanged for a desire for the life beyond. A sweet Christian faith triumphed. A bright sunny disposition, a genial personality and a supreme unselfishness were characteristics which endeared her to her many friends.

APRIL 30, 1913.

Miss Laura Church went to Charlotte Tuesday morning for a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Town.

Miss Bessie Bottomley of Cadillac is here taking care of Mrs. Helen Hammond, who has been quite ill the past week.

## CHESTER INITIATES CLASS

STATE MASTER KETCHAM PRESENT AND PAID NEW GRANGE NICE COMPLIMENT.

Charlotte Degree Teams Confer Work and Receive Many Nice Compliments.

Chester Station was the Mecca to which some 150 Grangers wended their way last evening and as usual, Charlotte Grange was there in force. State Master John C. Ketcham was also there and as he is always a welcome guest at Grange gatherings it is needless to say that the members of the new Grange were more than pleased to meet with and hear words of encouragement from the head of the powerful organization of which they are now a part.

Chester has a splendid meeting place in Carskadon hall, but last evening it was taxed to capacity and

the degree teams were somewhat cramped for room to give the work in the most effective manner. The third degree was exemplified with Mrs. F. C. Curtiss as Master, Mrs. Willard Upright as Overseer, Miss Edna King as Lecturer and Mrs. George Laverty as Steward, while Mr. and Mrs. Jay Quantrell lead in the floor work. The full court was present as was also the Harvesters and Gleaners floor team and the work elicited much applause.

The fourth degree was exemplified by the regular officers of Charlotte Grange with W. L. Huber as Master, Ira Bolock as Overseer, Miss Edna King, lecturer, and Mrs. Clay, Chaplain, while Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Peters led the floor work.

At the close of the work State Master Ketcham gave a short address in which he took occasion to compliment the officers on the manner in which they did their work

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about the Grange work in the state. He also took occasion to pay Eaton county a nice compliment on the extraordinary growth developed the past year.

At the conclusion of the address luncheon was served and the meeting broke up about midnight.

MAY 7, 1913.

Mrs. Nina Hill succeeds Miss Hazel Eckhart as clerk in the post office, assuming the duties the first of the week.

Mrs. Harry Slout of Chicago paid a flying visit here Sunday to visit her son Harry, and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Slout.

Mrs. Mildred Wilde and baby of New York city arrived Monday noon for a visit with her mother, Mrs. S. B. Williams.

Mrs. Vera Gregg and two children of Belding came Monday evening for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Ambrose.

It is now "Grandpa" Clough, Isaac having received word Tuesday evening of the arrival of a son at the home of Charles Clough in Benton Harbor. The youngster will respond to the name of Donald Wesley.

Dr. and Mrs. B. D. Niles and daughter Martha arrived home Wednesday evening and are at the home of the doctor's brother, A. B. Niles, at present. The doctor and family have had a glorious time, and have taken an extensive trip in England, France and the eastern part of the United States. Grand Lodge Independent.