

WEDDED A SECOND TIME

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The above title is found on an article published in an Albion newspaper dating back to January 1906. The story included herein is one that shows how impetuous and impulsive young people can sometimes be. Although it took place more than 100 years ago people don't really seem to change much. It is as follows:

Separated After Their First Wedding, The Young Couple Wait and Yoke Again

"On January 22d, 1904, Robert Hanna, aged 22, of Eagle Harbor, and Theda Thornton, aged 16 of Syracuse, were married in Albion by Rev. F.W. Lewis. The bride immediately notified her father, Dr. Frank E. Thornton of Syracuse of the event, and he instead of bestowing a paternal blessing, wired Sheriff Cole to take the young couple into custody.

"They were found at Eagle Harbor and brought to Albion and held by the sheriff, the groom being

charged with abduction in taking to wife a girl under the legal age of consent.

"The bride's family had lived at Eagle Harbor and the young people had known each other before the Thorntons moved to Syracuse, and when Hanna went to the salt city to see his sweetheart she insisted upon coming home with him and being married.

"The trouble was adjusted and the father pacified by the young couple agreeing to live apart until the girl should become 18 years of age, she to return to the parental home and await the

flight of time.

"Of course, it was a weary waiting for both groom and bride, for the days and months refused to glide along at a becoming pace. But the long desired day dawned at last and the romance of two young lives reached its climax on Tuesday of last week, when Miss Thornton and Mr. Hanna were duly married by the Rev. R.F. Dutcher at the home of the parents of the groom near Eagle Harbor.



ring upon fond and loyal hearts."

Our illustration is taken from a 19th century wedding certificate and shows a newly wed couple Launched in Life sailing off to wedded bliss."

On Sept. 20, the Cobblestone Society will host a bridal show at the historic Cobblestone Church and Village Inn where a luncheon will be served.

A 24-page book of local wedding portraits prior to 1959 will be released.

Blissetts Specialty Shop, Baughn's Tuxedo Store, Gotta Dance by Miss Amy, Jazzamatazz and Barbara Boyce, organist will all be participating.

For limited reservations, call the Cobblestone Society Museum at 589-9013.

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The event was a most happy one and an elaborate supper followed the ceremony.

"These young people have fairly earned a life of connubial bliss and *The Republican* joins with their friends in wishing for them the best and richest joys this old world is capable of confer-