

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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According to the announcement last Sabbath, a part of the pews of the Presbyterian Church will be rented for the ensuing year, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1883, to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1884, on Thursday evening, July 5<sup>th</sup>, at the church. The pew-renting system has been adopted, after the careful consideration of the officers and congregation, as the most equitable and efficient method of raising the funds necessary for the support of the church. At the same time the system has been adopted in such a modified form as to embrace about all the excellencies of the free seat and voluntary subscription plans. A large number of pews, scattered throughout the church will be reserved free. Thus is provided the cordial welcome and accommodation of all strangers; also the general public, and in fact all non pew holders. The system is to be tried for one year and will be continued on condition of its efficiency and the pleasure of the congregation. Courteous ushers will always be in attendance.

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## **PRESBYTERIANS BURN MORTGAGE** **Official Ceremony At The Church**

### **Celebrations of wiping Out of \$2,500 Debt on** **Local Manse by the Congregation**

*"Owe no man anything, but to love one another,"* was the text chosen by Dr. William E. Graham for his discourse Sunday evening. This text, at this particular time, was a most appropriate one as the announcement had been made at the morning service that the burning of the mortgage of \$2,500 that had been held against the manse for a number of years would take place in the evening.

Dr. Graham spoke most feelingly upon the subject of unity of thought and purpose in the work of the church, and of his appreciation of the splendid work that has been accomplished by his people during the past few months. After the regular service of the evening and the rendition of several members by the choir, A.H. Klise, president of the board of trustees for the church, explained to the congregation just what had brought about this magnificent gift from a few members of the church.

Something like a year ago, Hon. W.L. Curtis offered to give the sum of five hundred dollars to this fund if the remaining amount could be raised, and this fall when the new trustees started out with the purpose of wiping the debt off the slate. Mr. Curtis generously doubled his former offer, and in rapid succession other generous amounts were subscribed until the entire sum of \$2,500, with another hundred for other needs, was placed in the hands of the trustees.

Following the explanation, Mr. Klise lifted the formidable document upon which a nice little sum of interest had already been consumed, and touching a match to its edges, gave the congregation the pleasure of seeing it literally *"go up in smoke,"* The singing of *"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"* was a fitting climax of the ceremony.

And now because the old church owes no man anything, and finds itself enjoying a splendid feeling of good fellowship, Dr. and Mrs. Grayham have extended an invitation to the entire congregation of the church, and to those who are interested in its growth and prosperity, to enjoy a social evening with them at the manse. A cordial welcome will be extended, on Wednesday evening of the week between the hours of seven-thirty and nine-thirty to all visitors at the manse.