

BRIDAL BELLS OF BENTON.

The Most Charming Social Event Our City Has Ever Seen--Marriage of Mr. Samuel J. Herron and Miss Lillian L. Healy.

One of the most brilliant events in the annals of Benton society culminated in the Herron-Healy matrimonial alliance Wednesday evening, which occurred under the brightest auspices at the Grand Union Hotel.

Misses Maria and Rena Healy, sisters of the bride, were the bridesmaids, escorted by Lieut. Webber and Mr. A. Dodd, Jr., as best men, who preceded the bride and groom into the closely crowded parlors.

The bride, beautiful and lovely, was attired in an exquisitely tasteful costume of cream faille, fraise and duchesse lace and tulle veil, lilies of the valley forming the corsage bouquet and serving also to loop the veil and lace in graceful folds.

Miss Maria Healy's handsome toilet consisted of cream moire, trimmed in lace. Miss Rena Healy's was of dainty Valenciennes lace entire.

The groom and groomsmen looked handsome, brave and happy in conventional evening suits.

Among the many elegant costumes we may be pardoned for mentioning a few:

Mrs. Lieut. Jos. S. Rogers, of Fort Assiniboine, elegant blue silk, lace and diamonds.

Mrs. Chas. E. Conrad, ruby silk, court train.

Mrs. A. C. Johnson, white satin trimmed with duchesse lace, court train.

Mrs. W. G. Conrad, white satin, with pearl passementerie.

Miss Mary E. Finnigan, white cashmere trimmed with red velvet.

Miss Alice Conrad, Nile green surah with tinsel lace overdress and sleeves apple blossom.

Mrs. Huston, black silk and lace en-train.

Mrs. A. E. Rogers, an effective combination blue surah with faun colored brocade.

Miss Lou Stocking, white silk decorated with an elegant design of autumn leaves.

Miss Nina Stuart, white and pink trimmed with swans-down.

Mrs. T. J. Todd, braided tailor made suit white cloth.

Mrs. J. H. Rice, olive velvet with bead trimming.

Mrs. Jos. Conrad, dark heliotrope with broad trimming, same shade.

Mrs. Kohlberg, brown silk, ashes of roses trimmings.

Mrs. Jos. A. Baker, an elegant gown of Pompeian red satin. Court train with an elaborate braided petticoat over blue.

We regret the impossibility of further personal mention, but to particularly describe all the gorgeous toilettes in such a brilliantly arrayed assemblage of ladies is almost impossible with our limited time and space.

Suffice it to say that the elegantly filled parlors of much larger cities than Benton could not surpass in beauty and splendor the costumes of the guests gathered at the Grand Union on this joyous occasion.

The bride, Miss Lillian L. Healy, is a native of Choteau county and has resided within its boundaries all her life.

She possesses rare beauty of face and figure, is highly accomplished, and to crown all has a sweet and lovable disposition--such an one as is calculated to bring the greatest happiness in married life.

Here, where she is so well known, nothing that we could say would add to the high esteem in which she is held.

Mr. Samuel J. Herron, is a native Kentuckian, and comes from one of the oldest and most honored families of that great state.

He has for years held the important and trusted position of manager for the immense mercantile establishment of Messrs. Broadwater, McCulloch & Co., post traders at Fort Assiniboine.

In his business and social relations, Mr. Herron has commanded the respect and esteem of every one with whom he came in contact, and no young man in Montana can count more warm and staunch friends than he.

The happy couple are for the present domiciled at the Grand Union hotel where they will remain until next Monday, when they will leave for their future home at Fort Assiniboine.

The wedding presents were numerous, costly and beautiful, and came from friends all over the country.

White we were not able to secure a complete list, we take the privilege of mentioning those which were sent in during the day yesterday.

Quite a large number of presents awaited them at the post, having been sent by express by distant relatives and friends:

LIST OF PRESENTS.

Chatelain, watch and chain--from the groom.

Case of solid silver, one dozen each, forks, table spoons, tea spoons and sugar spoon--from the groom's mother and brother.

One dozen pearl handle knives--Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Andrews, of Tennessee.

Silver tea service--Mrs. A. F. Cheek, Danville, Ky.

One dozen after dinner coffees--Miss Maria Healy.

Silver silver salad set--Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Jacobs.

Brass stand lamp--from the brides sisters.

Wall ornament--from the brother of the bride.

Solid silver ice cream set, gold lined--Major D. D. Vanvalzah and Lieut. E. H. Webber, of Fort Assiniboine.

Two oil paintings--T. F. Healy. Cologne set--T. J. Finnigan.

China tea set--Miss M. E. Finnigan.

Silver set of ice cream spoons and cake knife--Broadwater, McCulloch & Co., Fort Assiniboine.

Silver tete-a-tete set and tray--Broadwater, McCulloch & Co., Fort Assiniboine.

Pair satin ware pitchers--Capt. and Mrs. Paul, Fort Riley, Kas.

Brass chatelaine hanging clock--Lieut. and Mrs. J. F. Huston, Fort Assiniboine.

Bronze stand lamp--Lieut. and Mrs. J. F. Rogers, Fort Assiniboine.

Bronze mounted Arab mirror--Lieut. and Mrs. H. B. Moon, Fort Assiniboine.

Silver and crystal celery stand--Lieut. and Mrs. G. S. Hoyle, Fort Assiniboine.

Toilet and manicure set--Lieut. and Mrs. H. A. Greene, Fort Assiniboine.

Bronze mounted mirror--Lieut. S. G. Robertson, Fort Assiniboine.

Ruby glass lemonade set--Capt. and Mrs. J. C. Coe, Fort Assiniboine.

Silver silver pie knife--Capt. J. H. Patterson, Fort Assiniboine.

Brass plaque clock--Dr. A. J. Adams, Fort Assiniboine.

Case solid silver, containing pearl handle knives, forks, table and tea spoons--A. Dodd, Jr., E. T. Broadwater, W. C. Broadwater, J. L. Caldwell, L. K. Devlin and O. A. Oleson, Fort Assiniboine.

Two pairs of bronze statues--Chaplain and Mrs. S. G. Dodd, Fort Assiniboine.

Silver silver berry spoon--Mrs. J. C. Young, Louisville, Ky.

Marble clock--Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Collins.

One dozen dessert plates--Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Broadwater, Helena, M. T.

China salad dish--Miss Dora Tonge.

Silver butter knife--Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Todd.

Solid silver olive fork and spoon--C. G. Griffith and B. Webster.

Japanese banner--G. H. Goodrich.

Large Smyrna rug--Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson.

China toilet set--Mr. and Mrs. Kohlberg.

Two Angora rugs--I. F. Churchill.

One dozen each silver forks, knives and spoons--Mr. and Mrs. J. Hirschberg.

One dozen silver tea spoons--R. Moffit and Sergeant Mitchell.

Bronze stand lamp--Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baker.

Carving knife and fork--Mr. and Mrs. Jere Sullivan.

One dozen teaspoons--Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wackerlin.

Silver jewel casket--Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Barry, Bismarok, Dak.

Card receiver--Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rogers.

Plush balsam pillow--Miss Alice Conrad.

Hand painted plaque--Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kennedy.

Pair Japanese vases--Mr. N. Authier.

Half dozen silver individual butter dishes and knife--Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conrad.

Solid silver salad fork--Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Conrad.

Eider down quilt--Dr. Atkisson and G. E. Ingersoll.

Japanese screen--O. O. DeLorimier.

Terra cotta pug dog--J. B. Sheikye.

Two cherry rocking chairs--T. O'Hanlon, Fort Belknap.

Large cherry chair--Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Power.

Bed spread--Messrs. Miller and Jackson.

Card receiver--Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harris.

Damask lunch set--H. B. Hill.

Damask dinner set--Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cummings.

Pair bronze pitchers and hand painted toilet cushion--Mr. and Mrs. F. Lepper.

Set silver teaspoons--Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rice.

Cherry cabinet--Mr. and Mrs. David G. Browne.

Silver jewel casket and sugar spoon--Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Conrad.

Two steel engravings, from paintings by Erdman--Messrs. B. F. McGinty, F. Carrier, T. Lyons, F. Dowd, C. Thompson, A. Decker, J. A. Flanigan, L. V. Haut, E. V. King, A. M. Silver, C. S. Sheppard, L. E. Burt and J. E. Crews, conductors and messengers St. P. M. & M. Ry.

Library lamp--Frank Bigman, Fort Assiniboine.

Antique table--S. C. Hunter.

One dozen glass tumblers, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McNaught.

Pomona lemonade set--Mr. W. A. Conrad.

Glass ice cream set--Miss Nina Sturt.

One dozen wine glasses--Mr. and Mrs. T. Clony.

Pickle caster--Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Stocking.

Ornamental pitcher--Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Maclay.

NOTES.

Mendelsohn's Wedding March was delightfully rendered by Mr. O. W. Jackson.

The elegant repast which was served to the guests of the evening was prepared at the home of the bride, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

There were at least one hundred and fifty guests present, and the universal verdict was that never had they attended a more perfectly arranged and delightfully conducted wedding and reception.

The beautiful and rich toilets of Assiniboine's and Benton's lovely ladies was the subject of general remark, and elicited

the admiration of all; while all the gentlemen looked their very best in full evening dress, making a social picture, the like of which was never seen in Benton before, and which will long be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

Reduction in W. U. Telegraph Rates.

A circular has been issued from the Minneapolis office of the Western Union by Superintendent I. McMichael, bearing date of November 21st, which gives the following reduced rates:

Between all offices east of and including Montana, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and Texas the maximum rate will be 75 cents for ten words and 5 cents for each additional word.

The maximum rate in the section including Montana, Idaho, Washington territory and Oregon will be 60 cents and four cents for each additional word.

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Died.

On November 29th, 1887, of diphtheria, after seven days of terrible suffering, Lucy, eldest daughter of Wm. R. and Agnes Embleton, of Teton, Montana, aged 7 years, 6 months and 4 days.

We miss thee from our home, dear, We miss thee from thy place; A shadow o'er our life is cast-- We miss the sunshine of thy face.

We miss thy kind and playful hand, Thy fond and loving kiss; Our home is dark without thee-- We miss thee everywhere.

Called hence by early doom-- This lovely bud so young, so fair, Just came to show how sweet a flower in paradise would bloom.

Ere sin could harm or sorrow fade, Death came with friendly care; The opening bud to heaven conveyed And bade it blossom there.

J. H. C. Teton, M. T.

Another Pardon.

Gov. Leslie yesterday issued a pardon to one Wm. Miller, a colored boy of Butte about 16 years of age, who was serving a sentence of ninety days in jail for stealing a watch. Alleged informalities and undue haste in his trial and conviction in a justice's court are the grounds for his pardon.--Herald.

Real Estate Sale.

Quite a nice little real estate deal was closed yesterday by which Mr. William Rowe bought of H. B. Buck and W. H. Hunt their two ranches located just below the mouth of the Shonkin. The two places contained something over 320 acres of land, to which U. S. patents had been obtained. The price paid was not made public.

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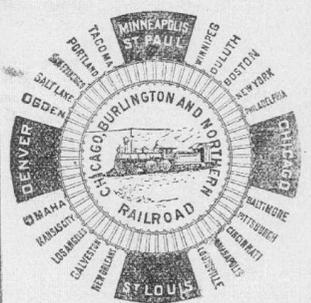
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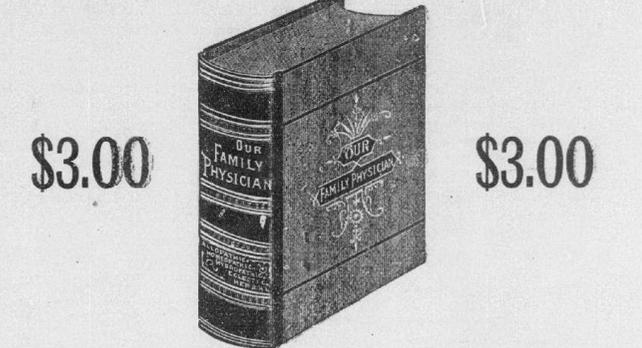
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