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WEDDED HALF CENTURY.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cummins Celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Fifty years of life together!
Dearest, lay your hand in mine;
List, this is our Golden Wedding
With its radiant divine.

Fifty years of storm and sunshine,
Fifty years of faith and love,
Fifty years of life together,
Thanks to Him who reigns above.

Midst your hair the threads of silver
Came as years they slipped away,
But our lives were bound more
Closely.

By the love-links forged each day,
Stalwart son and gracious daughter
Were the gifts you gave to me,
I had but my love to offer—
Still its incense circles thee!

Fifty years of life together!
Close, ah, close the shadows steal,
And our feet the river's margin
Touch unnoticed as we kneel.

Closer, closer, let your heart-beats
Throb with mine this glad to-day,
Fifty years of life together!
Storm or sunshine, Love holds
away!



MR. G. W. CUMMINS.

Monday last, May 28, 1917, being the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cummins, their children, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cummins, of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Seelig, of Humboldt, Nebraska, planned wisely and well to celebrate the occasion by inviting in a large number of relatives and friends to enjoy a good time together with the bride and groom of fifty years ago, eating and feasting and reminiscing, and to any one present it could easily be seen it was no failure.

The affair was elegant in every detail, and was of a progressive character, the guests coming and going in relays from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. Warm hearts bulged with sincere congratulations to this splendid couple, who through the decree of the kind Master has granted them good health, and has brought to them the love and esteem of all those who dwell



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within our gates, and of those whose good fortune it is to have the honor of the acquaintance and association. Their lives have been beautifully blended together, and along down life's rugged highway they have traveled together, each for the other, and now as they are approaching the brink they have that sweet comfort and consolation of a life so lived that they are ready to answer that summons which must come to us all. In most excellent health they are enjoying the comforts of a well spent life. Their life has been made an especially happy one by the comfort of seeing their two children grow and develop into splendid Christian manhood and womanhood.

In all those matters that has tended for the betterment of our community, religious, social, educational and material, this dear couple have done their part.

As the guests came and went an elegant two-course luncheon was served.

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Ready for the Registration.

For the first time in over fifty years, the United States is prepared to call to the colors the fittest of its citizens on an equitable basis. Every male citizen who has reached his 21st birthday, and has not attained his 31st birthday, will be required to register at a place in the various townships of the county June 5th, according to the proclamation of the President of the United States. No citizen can pass on his own physical qualifications. If too sick to register, he must have somebody register for him. If absent, he must register, by mail. He must truthfully answer all questions propounded to him, under heavy penalties. All questions as to exemption will be determined without fear or favor by competent tribunals. Registration will be done by volunteers under oath.

It is estimated that 10,000,000 men will be registered on Registration Day, which will be the most generally observed holiday in the history of the United States. Estimates as to the number that will be exempted, because of physical or mental disqualifications or because of the character of their employment, are mere guesses, but it is probable that not to exceed ten per cent of the men found eligible for service will be drawn to fill the army of 500,000 to be called to the colors by September 1st. There will be ample time not only to make selections, but to give those selected opportunity to arrange their private affairs, although the delay is for a still better reason—preparation to take care of such an army. Without such preparation there would be many hardships not necessary to the country's welfare.

The increase of pay comes as a pleasing surprise. The soldiers of the United States have long been the best paid in the world, but the pay has been out of proportion to general wages in the United States. The new wages, supplemented by savings from the liberal clothing allowances, will put it within the power of every soldier to lay by a neat sum for each month of his service. There is not a sign of resistance to the registration, even its most vehement opponents have gracefully yielded. Registration Day will not be without sadness, but there is no likelihood of such sadness as disgraced some sections during the Civil War.

Should the draft call for 500,000 men in addition to those already in the ranks, Missouri's quota would be about 16,000 men, and that of Holt county about 75 men.

The census bureau in classifying the 10,000,000 men of military age draft limits, the number of single men is placed at 5,572,499; married, 4,445,900.

They are classified to agriculture, 2,864,000; manufacture and mechanics, 3,000,000; no gainful occupations, 1,500,500; transportation, 967,000; trades, 1,090,154; public service, 144,000; domestic and personal, 441,000; professional, 355,000; clerical, 374,000; extraction of minerals, etc., 364,000.

Good Roads Meeting.

The meeting of the Holt County Automobile and Good Roads Club, advertised for Forest City, last Thursday, May 24, was held in the Royal Theatre, at Oregon, as the city council of Forest City thought it best not to hold a public meeting there on account of the prevalence of small-pox at that place.

A large number of club members and good roads boosters attended the meeting, at which J. S. Smith, of Mound City, vice-president of the club, presided.

Mr. Geo. E. McIninch, of St. Joseph, member of the State Highway Board for this district, was present, and made a fine address and answered many questions pertaining to the new state highway laws, the State Highway Department, hard surfaced roads and good roads generally. His earnestness and enthusiasm seemed "catching," his visit lent an impetus to the movement for good roads which will result in much progress toward lifting Holt county "out of the mud." It is hoped to have him with the club at its big meeting in July, the first steps toward which were taken at his suggestion.

Nearly every township in the county was represented at the meeting, and there were talks by many, and many evidenced their interest in the movement for good roads, which the club is pushing by asking many pertinent questions as to the how we can obtain the means to build hard surfaced roads, better bridges, etc.

It was a good meeting and there is no doubt that there would have been many more in attendance had there been time to advertise the change of place as noted above.

The writer was very much impressed with the fact that those in attendance were substantial farmers and business men, which fact insures progress to the movement.

Maitland was named as the place of the next regular meeting of the club, Thursday, June 7, at 7:30 p. m.

—John H. Keeves had business in Kansas City, Monday and Tuesday of this week.

—We enjoyed a delightful call Tuesday from Walter Eshelman, of St. Joseph. He was up shaking hands with his many Oregon friends, who are delighted to know that he is now "padding his own canoe" in the musical instrument business, being located on the ground floor in the Physician and Surgeons' Building, on Francis Street. Walter is a splendid fellow, and we are always glad to see him.

—Miss Blanche Markland is home from Falls City, Nebraska, where she has taught the past school year.



News Snapshots Of the Week

Nearly 10,000,000 young men of America between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one were included in the president's summons to register for the selective draft on June 5.

Provost General Enoch Crowder evaded the system of registration adopted, and its effectiveness lies in its simplicity.

Secretary Baker further announced that an army of 27,000 will be sent at once to France under General Pershing, 2,000 being marines under Colonel Doyen.

Sailing for France on the American liner Mongolia, two nurses from Chicago were killed by a defective shell fired from the naval gun on the ship.

Athens was visited by the most disastrous fire in its history, which wiped out 1,533 buildings, made 20,000 homeless and did a damage of \$3,500,000; soldiers training at the officers' reserve camp at Fort McPherson, Ga., were called in to aid.

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THE FIGHT OF FAITH.

Veterans and Their Sons Listen To Annual Memorial Sermon by Rev. Hand.

Fifty-five years ago at this time one of the greatest conflicts of human history was being waged in this country with passionate vigor and grim determination. The combatants, though they wore different colors and carried different flags, were brothers, equally brave and self-sacrificing, loving freedom and fighting for a cause which they counted dearer than life itself. Today this nation after a half century of peace with all the world again finds itself at war, but with a foreign foe, fighting again for liberty, that the world may be freed from Prussian militarism and autocracy.

Memorial Sunday, so sacred to the survivors of the Civil War, had special significance this year, by reason of our country again being called to arms. The day here was cloudy and a misty rain fell the greater part of the day, but this did not deter the members of Meyer Post, G. A. R., and a goodly number of the Sons of Veterans from attending memorial services at the customary morning hour at the M. E. church. They marched in a body to the church, and broke into single file as they passed down the east aisle, where a number of seats had been reserved and locked by streamers of red, white and blue ribbon, held by little Mary Seeman and Nolle Castle, who in white, who released the ribbons as the old veterans filed into their seats. The two little girls are granddaughters of veterans, the former of Frederick Seeman, of the 25th Missouri Infantry, and the latter of Amos Castle, of the 13th Missouri Infantry. The veterans gave their customary salute, and then took their seats.

Never before in the history of our city were the services on Memorial Day more impressive, and never before were the decorations more elaborate and imposing. Old Glory was everywhere, in every nook and corner, and they were so symmetrically and harmoniously arranged as to make every true American heart present swell with pride. Every detail was in sweet, patriotic harmony with the occasion. Here and there were hung portraits of Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, Sherman, Logan and Sheridan, each draped in the national colors. From the arch over the pulpit was stretched streamers of red, white and blue, from which a pennant "U. S." capped with a flag, was suspended. On the side and rear walls monster flags were gracefully festooned. From the center ceiling a large flag was suspended, and from the large center chandelier, ropes of red, white and blue were swung to the walls, connecting with the large flags. At each side of the pulpit was a stack of arms, with fixed bayonets, cartridge box and belt. The pulpit was draped in the colors. The entire chancel was profusely decorated with potted plants and ferns, kindly loaned by Mrs. Frances L. Dungan and Mrs. Tom Curry. At each end of the chancel stood an easel from which was suspended an evergreen wreath, in memory of the dead of Meyer Post, who had died since last Memorial Day, a white card suspended with narrow red, white and blue ribbon, bearing the inscription:

Dan Thornton, 14th Kansas Cavalry, died November 30, 1916.
A. J. Jamison, 7th Kansas Cavalry, died April 3, 1917.
E. M. Norris, 22d Iowa Inf., died March 13, 1917.
August Waegel, 4th M. S. M. Cav., died September 14, 1916.

On the piano was a bust of General Grant, decorated with a flag. In the lobby and on the entrance door to the church were large American flags.

Immediately in front of the pulpit was a monster palm, which formed the background of a table, on which were four burning tapers, and as the pastor read the roll of the dead of the year, each taper was extinguished by a comrade of the post, who answered "lights out," and "taps" were sounded by Bugler Albert Kunkel, secluded from the audience, standing in the entry into the church.

To whom Meyer Post and the people are indebted for this elaborate and most beautifully arranged decorations and splendidly arranged affairs are none other than Rev. C. F. Hand, the pastor, C. J. Koock and Dr. Fred Markland, all Sons of Veterans, and whose hearts and willing hands contributed so much in making it the most impressive of any ever held in our beautiful city.

The music for the occasion was furnished by the M. E. choir, and its selections for the occasion were especially appropriate and splendidly rendered. The choir is composed of Mrs. C. F. Hand, Mrs. J. C. Whitmer, Mrs. Riley Hulatt, Mrs. Clara Castle, Misses Edna and Mabel Lukens, Lou Petree and Emma Black and Mrs. Rev. C. F. Hand, Dr. J. C. Whitmer, Wm. Schulte, and Mrs. B. G. Pierce, pianist. Among the numbers rendered were "Tenting Tonight" and "The Star Spangled Banner," the large audience present joining the chorus.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the church was filled to its capacity, and that audience was in full sympathy with the speaker and the occasion.

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—Charles Smith, wife and little child were in St. Joseph, Monday last.