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## FOR FIFTY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Doty Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Saturday Evening at the Masonic Hall.

A Brief Resume is Published of Their Married Life, Showing that Marriage is not a Failure.

## TO KEEP THE MONEY

The Opera House Meeting Did Not Develop Anything Toward Building a Structure--To Keep Money.

## MARRIED A HALF CENTURY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Doty Celebrate Their Fiftieth Anniversary.

That marriage is not a failure is aptly demonstrated by the fact that Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Doty have maintained marriageable relations for a period of fifty years. On October 26, 1845, Mr. and Mrs. Doty were made man and wife and their friends in the W. R. C. G. A. R. and Masonic lodge conceived the idea of celebrating their golden wedding and Saturday evening the ceremonies were held in the Masonic hall. Each of the organizations were well represented and the guests began arriving at eight o'clock, the following hour being spent in social conversation. Promptly at nine o'clock Miss Irma McKinley played the bridal chorus from Lohengrin and the wedding party marched in through the west door, the procession being headed by Mr. J. B. Wolgemuth and Mrs. Anna Williams, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Abbey, Mr. and Mrs. Justice Doty, the bride and groom bringing up the rear. As soon as the party reached the front of the hall and faced the audience Rev. Mr. Teal performed the ceremony in a manner most impressive. Once more did this venerable couple plight the vows they exchanged in their youth and which were just as sacred and dear to them now as then. At the conclusion of the ceremony the pastor offered a prayer and then the congratulations began. Geo. A. Silsby, who headed the line which was formed for the guests, broke the ice by kissing the bride and every gentleman who came after did not miss the same opportunity. Col. Doty did not intend to be outdone by his better half and the first lady who approached him received an osculatory bon mot from the groom, and if the colonel missed any of the ladies we didn't notice it. The guests resumed their seats and Mrs. E. H. Teal, in behalf of the W. R. C., extended to Mrs. Doty the sincere congratulations of the corps. Gen. Silsby performed the same pleasant duty for the G. A. R. post in a very felicitous speech to Col. Doty and the hearty congratulations of the Masonic lodge were extended to the colonel through Mr. A. E. Hitchcock. Rev. Mr. Teal responded in behalf of the Baptist church, of which the worthy couple have been members for forty years. The speeches were all good and reflected the sentiment of the members of each organization. Mr. W. E. Lott sang two selections and the remainder of the evening was spent in the intermingling of friends and the discussion of married life in earlier days. Mr. and Mrs. Doty are a fine looking couple and enjoy remarkably good health for people so far advanced in life. The evening was of an enjoyable nature all the way through and when the guests departed homeward at a seasonable hour they expressed the hope that the bride and groom of fifty years might be spared to celebrate their diamond wedding. Messrs. J. B. Wolgemuth and Geo. A. Silsby were master of ceremonies and under their direction the affair was highly successful.

## Some of Their Fifty Year History.

L. W. Doty was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, Aug. 9, 1824, and Mrs. Doty was born in the same vicinity in 1827. This eminently worthy couple, who have withstood the storms and vicissitudes of wedded bliss for fifty years, were married at Harpersfield, Ohio, Oct. 26, 1845, the bride's maiden name being Emeline Blakeley. They resided at this place until the spring of 1846 when they moved to Rockford, Ill., where they began their new career in the avocation of farming, which they followed until the spring of 1862, when they moved to Burlington, Wis. Here Mr. Doty engaged in the mercantile business in which he remained until 1858, but tiring of the occupation, when his instincts and general nature were turned to ward an outdoor activity he disposed of his mercantile interests and again bought a farm, which he operated successfully until 1863. At that time his country was greatly in need of men and he considered it his duty to give his services in the defense of his country. Mr. Doty rented his farm in March 1863 and enlisted in the 33rd Wisconsin light infantry and was afterward transferred to the 46th Wisconsin light infantry, as first lieutenant. In the closing of the year of 1865 Mr. Doty was detached from his regiment and appointed to look up govern-

ment property under the rank of lieutenant colonel, which business he finished up in the spring of the following year. In 1865 Mrs. Doty responded to the call for women to go south and nurse the wounded union soldiers and for three months she did valiant and heroic duty to care for the boys in blue who were wounded in the heat of battle.

After the close of the war Col. Doty returned north to his former home in Burlington, Wis., carrying on his farming interests until the fall of 1870. The Illinois fever took hold of him once more and in the spring of that year he and his wife removed to McHenry county, where they invested their belongings in a dairy farm. They resided at that place until the year 1880 when they became possessed with the Dakota fever and in the spring of that year they disposed of their Illinois interests and packed all of their personal effects in a freight car and started for the then wilds of Dakota. They landed at Ethan near where Mr. Doty and for sons immediately became possessed of some land. In 1893 the worthy old couple moved to Mitchell and have made a number of warm friends. Mr. Doty was commander of the G. A. R. post at Ethan one term, is now the senior commander of Ransom post of this city, and also received an appointment on the staff of Commander Drake of the Department of South Dakota.

Over forty years ago he joined the Masonic lodge and has ever held his membership in the order. Mr. and Mrs. Doty are members of the Baptist church, having joined the institution in 1850, and have always been consistent members. The old couple are worthy of every honor bestowed on them Saturday evening and we trust the memory of the event will be a pleasing one in their declining days. Fifty years of married life represents a great deal, more, probably, than either one of the couple can remember, but it shows a spirit of love and kindness which could be emulated by the rising generation with more or less profit. As a result of Mr. and Mrs. Doty's marriage a half century ago they have had eight children--five boys and three girls, all of whom are living with the exception of two daughters. THE REPUBLICAN expresses the sincere hope and wish that Mr. and Mrs. Doty will be spared to each other and to the citizens of the city for many years yet, and that the remainder of their lives will pass in the sunlight of peace and harmony.

## AND THEY DIDN'T DO A THING.

An Opera House Meeting Held But the Main Idea Was Submerged.

Subject to an adjournment of a week ago the stockholders in the corn palace enterprise met Saturday evening to discuss the opera house scheme. Before the meeting was called to order in the Commercial Club rooms an informal discussion was indulged in as to the disposition of the money in the corn palace treasury. President Gale called the meeting to order and stated its object, but it never got any farther than that. The disposition of the money was uppermost in the minds of at least seven-tenths of the audience. Some wanted the money to remain in the treasury an indefinite period, while another contingency urged to have the money returned to the stockholders and the evening was consumed in discussing the two propositions. Finally C. W. Gillis offered a motion that the money remain in the treasury until July 1, 1896, and while this motion was before the house another was made to adjourn. It was a difficult matter to get head or tail of the matter. J. K. Smith was then called to state what Henry Benedict of Milwaukee intended to do in reference to constructing an opera house from the Koch building. Mr. Smith said he had nothing whatever to offer from Mr. Benedict, the gentleman wanting to sell and not improve his property, which put a quietus on that matter. Then the discussion reverted to the money question. Mr. Gillis withdrew his motion and an adjournment was put through, with no tangible idea of building an opera house or disposing of the corn palace money. There are 249 stockholders in the corn palace company and to get three-fourths of them to agree on one proposition seems to be a task which is beyond the accomplishment of any organizer. The prevailing sentiment, however, seems to be to leave the money in the treasury until next summer, which, perhaps, is about the most amicable adjustment that can be made of the matter.

## Where the City Water Went to.

Years ago, probably ten or twelve, the Milwaukee railroad company made a contract with the city to use water from the mains for the round house and agreed to pay the city \$350 per annum for the privilege, but this contract was annulled when the railroad company secured a good well a mile west of the depot. The water flowed into the round house through a four inch pipe at the commencement, but so much rust accumulated in the pipes that the size was reduced two inches. This summer, in June, the old mains were removed and new ones of the same dimensions were put in and the water was pumped direct from the mains to the round house. This was discovered a few days ago and the city auditor instructed the proper authorities to have the water shut off from the round house. Supt. Cosgrave was informed of the circumstances, who telegraphed the city authorities that the company would reimburse the city for the water used. It was a mystery all summer why the water supply should be so short but it was easily understood when it was learned how the railroad company was getting the lions share of the supply.

## WHICH IS WHICH?

The City Council Decapitates Mayor Seaman's Marshal and Installs H. B. Rogers as Chief of Police.

Both Officers are Attending to the Duties

--Chief Hall will Stay Until He is Properly Removed.

## HAVE A NEW TEACHER

The School Board Provides an Assistant Teacher for the Overcrowded High School Department.

## WE HAVE TWO CHIEFS.

The City Council Removes Chief of Police Hall and Appoints Chief Rogers.

Mitchell enjoys the distinction of having two chiefs of police, which circumstance was brought about by the action of the city council Friday evening. A special meeting was held at that time which was presided over by Acting Mayor Pollard with Aldermen Levinger, Bracy, Simpson and Indra present. The action taken on the removal of Chief Hall can best be told by the motion of Alderman Levinger which was seconded by Alderman Indra, and is as follows: "That as the nomination of the present chief of police had been rejected by the members of the council, it is the sense of the council that the acting mayor, in the absence of the mayor, should dispense with the services of Mr. Hall and nominate some other suitable person to take his place." Acting Mayor Pollard accordingly instructed Auditor Stearns to notify Mr. Hall that his services as chief of police were no longer required. Mr. Pollard then appointed H. B. Rogers as chief of police and which appointment was confirmed by the council. Saturday morning Mr. Rogers appeared at the city auditor's office and filed his bond with that official. Acting Mayor Pollard gave the new chief a written order requesting Chief Hall to turn the effects of his office over to his successor, and when Mr. Rogers presented himself before the deposed chief Mr. Hall refused to recognize the order and would not loosen his hold on the office, claiming he would remain in possession until deposed by the mayor or the matter was adjusted in the courts. THE REPUBLICAN representative called on Mr. Hall at his office Saturday morning and found the officer somewhat disturbed over the preceding events. We asked him if he had any statement to make or anything to say in regard to the action of the council, and he replied that there was nothing to be said other than that he intended to remain in possession of his office until he had been properly removed. The action of the council, we understand, was not taken on account of anything personal against Mr. Hall or because he was not fulfilling the duties of his office, but because the council feels that it has been ignored in a matter in which it claims some rights. At the time of the resignation of O. T. Huyek Mayor Seaman notified Mr. Hall to assume the duties of the office, which he has done since July. The Mayor brought up the appointment once for confirmation but it was rejected and Mr. Hall has held the office in spite of the council's opposition, and here is where their grievance comes in. The council considers they have a voice in the matter and take this method, presumably, to establish their rights. Mr. Rogers donned the official star Saturday morning and was on the streets all day, as likewise was Mr. Hall. Just how the matter will be settled is a very difficult determination.

## GOT THE NEEDED HELP.

The High School Enrollment so Large That Another Teacher is Employed.

The Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting Friday night and simply routine business was transacted until the members were ready to adjourn. Prof. Quigley was present and gave a report of the city schools and some of their present needs. Prof. Quigley stated that the present enrollment in the High School department numbered 114 pupils; that the classes which himself, Prof. Shepherd and Mrs. Taylor were expected to teach numbered about 50 pupils and that it was an utter impossibility to do justice to the scholars in the time devoted to hearing

each class. He asked the board to engage another teacher to assist in the high school and the grammar department. The professor stated that the interest taken by the pupils in the school work was very encouraging, they were studious and well behaved. However, the crowded condition of classes, he thought, would have a bad effect in that over half the pupils would not have an opportunity to recite their lessons. Prof. Quigley spoke very highly of the work accomplished by Miss Spink in the south side schools; that the attendance has increased from week to week and that nearly all the children over there were now enrolled. The board took up the request of Prof. Quigley's necessity for assistance and on motion of Mr. VanAistine it was decided to employ a teacher to assist during the balance of the present term and to be continued through the winter term if deemed necessary. The position was tendered to Miss June Connor at a salary of \$40 per month and she will commence her duties Monday morning. The salary of Miss Julia Rogers, teacher in one of the primary departments, was raised from \$35 to \$40 per month for the balance of the school year. The schools of Mitchell are in a prosperous condition and the enrollment is being increased every week, the number of foreign scholars enrolled being a little larger than any previous year and the indications are that as soon as cold weather sets in the attendance of these scholars will be increased to some extent. The total enrollment in all the departments reaches 550.

## An Action by the G. A. R.

At a regular meeting of Ransom post No. 6 G. A. R. held at Mitchell, South Dakota, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That we as members of the G. A. R. being pledged to use our best endeavors to promote and perpetuate purity in public affairs do most urgently appeal to the executive of our state and all other appointing powers and to all those who are authorized to see that the law is honestly enforced, and not a dead letter on our statute books, to act with us in exacting honest justice to those who the law is intended to benefit.

Resolved, That we look with fear and trembling to the lack of our executive and all other appointing power and condemn their course in disobeying and disregarding our laws. That we especially at this time call to their attention sections 2474 and 2475 and the amendments thereto, being chapter 152 session laws of 1893 which is as follows: "Sec. 2474. In every public department and upon all public works of the Territory of Dakota (now South Dakota) and the cities and towns and villages thereof honorably discharged union soldiers and sailors of the late war shall be preferred for appointment, age, loss of limb or other physical impairment, which does not in fact incapacitate, shall not be deemed to disqualify them provided they possess the requisite qualifications and business capacity necessary to discharge the duties of the position involved."

"Sec. 2475. All officials or other appointing power in the public service who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of the preceding section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall on conviction thereof be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or by both such fines and imprisonment at the discretion of the court."

Resolved, That we as honorably discharged soldiers pledge ourselves that we will use our best endeavors to enforce the above law and we demand that the above law be obeyed and carried out in good faith and in its true spirit and meaning.

## A Pleasant Surprise.

Monday evening the home of Mrs. Wallace at 103 Sanborn street was opened to a happy throng of school children, laden with baskets of refreshments, fruits, candies, sandwiches, cakes, grapes, apples, etc., as a surprise to their teacher, Miss Angell, and it was indeed a surprise. About eighteen merry-hearted pupils were present and a program was carried out which was managed by Miss Eula Wallace. The program was well rendered and was a success in all respects. Refreshments were served and the evening was spent in playing games and having a merry time. A lovely bouquet of flowers was presented to the teacher and all the little ones were "Ladies and Gentlemen." Everyone reported a good time and the evening is one that will long be remembered by both teacher and pupils.

## Dougherty's Persuasive Letter.

Claus Grimm, the third district candidate for commissioner, was up from Union township Monday. He said that Geo. Dougherty's persuasive article in the Gazette was doing him no harm in the district, in fact it was persuading voters to come his (Grimm's) way. Considerable sport is made of the letter down there, some of the Populists wanting to file it away among the archives of Davison county. Mr. Grimm's election is now practically assured, if it ever was in doubt.

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