

MATRIMONIAL MIRACLE.

Wedding of a Strange and Remarkable Couple Under Most Peculiar Circumstances.

The Bride a Giantess and Both Deaf and Dumb—A Startling Episode.

How the Husband's Music Woke Up His Wife's Dead Sense of Hearing.

Chicago Inter Ocean.

There was a quiet but remarkable wedding in the city Sunday morning, but which was not written up in the society columns of the daily papers, and which might not be announced now but for the most remarkable sequel. The contracting parties were Hugh Blackburn, aged 30, of Scotch parentage, but born in Yonkers, N. Y., and Miss Olga Johansen, aged 19, Norwegian, who came to this country with her parents seven years ago. The parties became acquainted at Yonkers, in January, 1883, the Johansen family moved to Chicago and settled here, and since then Mr. Blackburn has made several flying visits to the city. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents, on North avenue, the Rev. Alex. Bergen of Yonkers officiating. Blackburn is below the medium height, but is a "very big little man," weighing 219 pounds. The now happy Mrs. Blackburn, though barely 19 years of age, is a perfect giantess. She stands six feet three inches, weighs 217 pounds, and is the picture of robust health. With blonde hair down to her waist, blunt features, and eyes that seem almost pinkish, she is a most striking personage. When her husband, with his short-cut fiery red hair and whiskers, and his azure blue eyes, stands beside her, they make a couple who can never go anywhere without attracting attention and causing remark.

Mr. Blackburn was born deaf. Years ago

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performed an operation upon him in New York city, and by means of small gold tubes he was made to hear. This was when he was 15 years old. His parents spent most of their small means paying the doctors and surgeons. When he recovered his hearing he could not talk, and the task of learning had to be begun just as a baby begins, or as one begins the study of a foreign tongue. He now hears and talks well, and has a finished education. He is in business at Yonkers, and in a short time will take his wife to the pretty home he has prepared for her there. Mrs. Blackburn was born with all her senses, except that of speech. When a child she fell victim to the typhoid fever, or some dreadful affliction like it. Up to this time she had been very diminutive for her age. When she recovered she was deaf and her brain was so impaired that she was pronounced a hopeless imbecile. After two years in an asylum, however, she completely recovered her reason, and she accumulated flesh so rapidly and grew so large that her parents could hardly believe that the person returned to them was really their Olga. Deaf and dumb as she was when the marriage was performed, the "best man" and the bridesmaid acted as interpreters, and the clergyman's questions were put to her in the finger language and her responses were communicated in the same way. Mr. Blackburn is, of course, an adept in this silent language, having been deaf and dumb himself in his early years, and the couple seemed to converse even more quickly than their relatives and friends, who possessed all the senses.

THE MIRACLE OF THE MARRIAGE remains to be told, and it is this that the relatives and friends are most elated over. Mr. Blackburn is a great lover of music. He can hum or whistle the most difficult pieces after hearing them once, and never having learned to play any instrument, but constantly whistling, he has become most proficient in the art. With his lips alone he produces the loudest and the lowest sounds, and by doubling up his two hands and placing them at his mouth plays notes as sweet as a flute. The airs of the old masters are all familiar to him, and he plays them with an effect that once surprising and thrilling. He has a melody of his own which he calls "Life at Last," and whether original or not it is most entertaining. Pathetic, sad and sweet, it is full of plaintive, exquisite melody and has a rollicking, jolly final. On the Monday evening following the wedding the bride's parents gave a little social party, at which a dozen couple of friends were present. During the evening Mr. Blackburn was asked to whistle for the company and he did so. "Come Haste to the Wedding," "Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March,'" "Ever Bright and Fair," and numerous other things were given in fine style, greatly edifying those present, except the bride. Deaf and dumb, she knew nothing of music, and could not hear if she did. Her husband was the center of attention for the time being, and no one was looking at her. He commenced his melody, "Life at Last," and as he proceeded a quick movement by his wife attracted attention to her. She had arisen, her eyes were sparkling with delight, and she was standing gazing on the musician with an attitude full of rapture. As the sweet and airy changes from GRIEKE TO WALKING, and to despair, her excitement increased and obvious glances were exchanged between the parents and friends. It was feared that "her head was giving away again," and the husband saw all this, and would have ceased but for a whisper from the clergyman. The sweet notes continued, and the company said they never had heard such music before. In the midst of the joyful finale Mrs. Blackburn, in an ecstasy of happiness, flung herself into the arms of her husband, and kissed and caressed him like one mad. She muttered, and danced, and raved, and hugged, and kissed him again. He was kind and affectionate to her in turn, but looked troubled and distressed, and it was evident that he shared the fears of the parents and friends. The company dispersed in gloom, and left "the unhappy husband and his sorrowing parents. It has transpired since, however, that the bride did not go mad, and that, instead of a house of sorrow, the residence of the parents is full of joy.

Mrs. Blackburn was laboring under such great excitement and the others were so troubled that the truth was not immediately learned. The physician, hastily called, had given her an opiate, and she slept through the night. The next day she was weak and ill, and told in her finger-language of a beautiful dream she had. She had "dreamed that she could hear and her husband had enchanted her by singing beautiful music." This dream was taken as a raving, and for two days and nights following she was kept under the influence of opiates, the physician insisting that it was absolutely necessary, if her reason was to be saved. Yesterday morning the young wife woke up

CALM AND COLLECTED and the hopes of the family revived. During a conversation between Mr. Blackburn and old Mrs. Johansen a little later the bride's face brightened up, and she again became excited and caressed them both, making violent gestures the while. Then she hurriedly said in her finger-language: "I can hear! I can hear everything you say!" The truth flashed upon the minds of the anxious husband and mother, and they tested the matter over and over again by talking to her, she answering back with her fingers.

That there is joy in that household will readily be believed. There was another little party there last night, and a reporter was among the company, and the event of the evening was again Mr. Blackburn's whistling. Mrs. Blackburn wanted to sit on her husband's lap when he was rendering "Life at Last," but as he could not use his hands she consented to sit on the sofa by his side with an arm around his neck.

The family and the physician all allude to the restoration of the lady's hearing as a miracle, and they say they would not be surprised if she got the power of speech also. Mother and daughter have prayed for years for the return of the young wife's senses, and they are confident that God has, in a measure, answered their prayers.

COLEMAN.

A Nameless Sot Dies of Exposure. Special to the Gazette.

COLEMAN, TEX., Nov. 30.—A sweepstake race came off here yesterday with four entries, for the sum of \$400. It was taken in by G. H. Winn's sorrel mare.

A man whose name could not be learned was found dead this morning on Main avenue, near the bank of Coleman & Davidson. Justice White summoned a jury of inquest, whose verdict was that the deceased came to his death from the excessive drinking of whisky and exposure. He was a man of about thirty-five years, and had the appearance of being a common laborer. Nothing was found on his person to identify him.

LONGVIEW.

A Human Head Minc'd in a Cotton Gin. Special to the Gazette.

LONGVIEW, TEX., Nov. 30.—A report of a horrid death comes from Grand Bluff neighborhood. An eccentric gentleman named John Le Nolle, who had allowed his hair and beard to grow until it reached his waist, was hurriedly gnawing his last bale of cotton and in endeavoring to loosen a "tight roll" his hair and whiskers became entangled, drawing his head down to the saws, which tore and broke through the flesh and skull. His face and head and neck were minced, leaving no semblance of humanity. The machinery being thrown out of gear, the driver ran to see what was the matter and found the old gentleman in a dying condition, living but a short time after being taken home.

Telephone extensions are again being worked up. But eight miles of line would connect our system with Gilmer, from O'Byrne's mill; fifteen miles with Starrville, Winona and Tyler, and sixty-five miles, all told, with Terrell, Dallas, Fort Worth, and the Western system generally. Shreveport will then be in "hello" distance of the Fort, as she is now with us. Manager Cunningham, the telephone man of East Texas, is pushing the matter, and next spring will see the work consummated.

TEMPLE.

Testing the Water-Works—A Runaway Team. Special to the Gazette.

TEMPLE, TEX., Nov. 30.—Immense quantities of grain come to this market daily, and find a ready market and good prices.

There is a prospect of a cotton seed oil mill being built here in the coming spring and summer. Temple affords excellent facilities for such an institution, and the only wonder is that the oil men have not been attracted here sooner.

Our firemen were out in full force last night and the water-works were tested. The city has just received 1500 feet of new hose and the test showed that the water-works and fire department work excellently and our people feel that they have facilities for checking fire under almost any circumstances.

A team became frightened this morning and ran away with a Mr. Sausbury about a mile from the city, in which Mr. Sausbury was thrown from the vehicle and slightly injured. The vehicle was utterly wrecked and the horses both badly hurt.

We are to have a special election next Tuesday to fill aldermanic vacancies in wards Second and Third. There are several candidates. The contest, while not all bitter, will be spirited. The scaling rink, which is open every night at McClellan's and Worth's hall, is well attended, and now and then affords some amusing occurrences.

Rev. Dr. Mackey of Georgetown occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church here this morning, and preached to a large congregation.

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WACO.

Approximate Cotton Receipts for the Season—A Sparring Match. Special to the Gazette.

WACO, TEX., Nov. 30.—The two compresses here have handled, since Sept. 1, 42,500 bales of cotton. This indicates, with the present ratio of receipts, that fully 60,000 bales will be received during the season.

Two local disciples of the art of boxing, Walton and Darnell, signed articles last night for a sparring match this week for a purse of \$100.

Mr. Moffatt, the new superintendent of this division of the Missouri Pacific railroad, arrived on a tour of inspection this morning, accompanied by ex-Superintendent Golden.

The county officials elected on the 4th instant will be installed Saturday, December 13.

Rev. R. K. Smoot of Austin preached in the Presbyterian church this morning and in the Baptist church to-night.

The criminal docket will be taken up in the district court to-morrow.

The grand jury in the federal court found fourteen indictments and adjourned for the term.

The south-bound Missouri Pacific express was seven hours late to-day.

The city is worse infested with tramps than for months past.

BONHAM.

One of the Banner Cotton Counties of the State. Correspondence of the Gazette.

BONHAM, TEX., Nov. 28.—The day of Thanksgiving was not a grand Democratic camp-meeting, as in the "Chicago of Texas," but it was observed by closing all business houses from 10 o'clock a. m. until 2 o'clock p. m., by having divine services and plenty of turkey. The poor, of course, were kindly remembered and provided with food and raiment by all who had reason to attend church and thank the Lord for so many blessings bestowed upon them. Bonham county has been blessed with a rich harvest and excels in abundance of cotton all the northern counties. Our public square is filled daily with cotton wagons, and the receipts will average 250 bales per day, which makes Bonham lively. It is sold as quickly as it comes, and yields the handsome price of 9 1/2 to 10 cents.

Last Monday an opportunity was given our citizens to vote for the acceptance or rejection of a general charter, and wisely did they reject it, for "Free Grass" is the motto, and it will grow again as in former days in our streets and along our sidewalks.

The late removal of the freight division from Sherman has created such a stir in property and such an improvement in every branch of business that our people feel rather independent, and imagine that Bonham will soon be the metropolis, by its own native power.

Fannin county being the banner of the state, we claim the right to name the United States marshal for this district. We fling out our banner with the name of Smith Lipscomb emblazoned on it. He has filled the office of sheriff three terms.

Belva Lockwood's vote in the United States is likely to reach 600,000,000.

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234. The A. Riche League, 420 acres. The Sarah McFerron Survey, 3000 acres. Surveys 13, 11, 12, of R. B. & C. R. R. Jesse White, 22 acres. Arthur Blayden, 512 acres. Sections 60, 61, 62, 71, H. C. Randolph Survey; also, Survey 67, made for H. De Peak.

HASKELL-FORD COUNTY.

239. 7000 ACRES on Deer and Hubbard creeks, about nine miles from Albany, all under wire fence; all rich valley land, covered with a thick coat of mesquite grass; water flows 2 1/2 miles through tract, and in many places is ten feet in depth; new two-story dwelling, fine cistern, well, granary, sheep sheds, dipping vats, etc. 21 horses, mules and mules. 1500 fine Colorado Merino sheep. 11 fine hucks, 40 geese, chickens, turkeys, etc. 100 acres of the above tract is in high state of cultivation. 20,000 acres of good land adjoining can be had at a reasonable price should the above prove to be insufficient for increase of stock.

BENTON COUNTY.

301. 4748 ACRES of the John Ayres survey, all of which is under a barbed wire fence, with bold clear posts; abundance of timber and running water.

315. ACRES of the Robert Whitlock survey, also under fence, and situate one mile south of the Ayres survey. 1300 acres of good land adjoining can be had at a reasonable price should the above prove to be insufficient for increase of stock.

PECOS COUNTY.

304. 7 SECTIONS of the alternates of the M. & K. T. Extension R. R. Co.'s surveys, being sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, block 152.

PRESIDENT COUNTY.

302. 25 SECTIONS, or 14,720 acres, being the alternate sections of G. C. & S. F. R. R. Co.; same are situated 40 to 100 miles southeast of Presidio.

TOM GREEN COUNTY.

282. 4000 ACRES; 2100 acres of same under fence; situated on head of North Concho river; fine grass and a superabundance of water; also 15,000 head of fine cattle; a third interest in entire property is offered for sale.

283. 25,000 ACRES covered with fine grass and abundantly supplied with water; 2000 head of cattle on place; 2000 calves will be branded next spring; a third interest is offered for sale.

CLAY COUNTY.

285. 12,000 ACRES and a stock of 1000 cattle; will sell a half interest to an agreeable partner.

BORQUE COUNTY.

285. 5400 ACRES one and a half miles from Walnut Springs, enclosed with wire and cedar posts; well watered and sheltered; will trade for a smaller place or sell the whole or a half interest.

MONTAGUE COUNTY.

291. 4000 ACRES about five miles southwest of Bowie, on headwaters of Big Sandy creek; 10,000 acres of same is under a three-acre fence; all rich valley, except about 100 acres of timber and bluffs; 1300 cattle, part Durham, will be sold with place.

BAYLOR COUNTY.

291. 15 ALTERNATE SECTIONS, 840 acres each, R. B. & C. R. R.; good grass, plenty of water, ample shelter for winter.

COLEMAN COUNTY.

294. 50,000 ACRES, 15,000 of same enclosed; an abundance of grass and water.

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