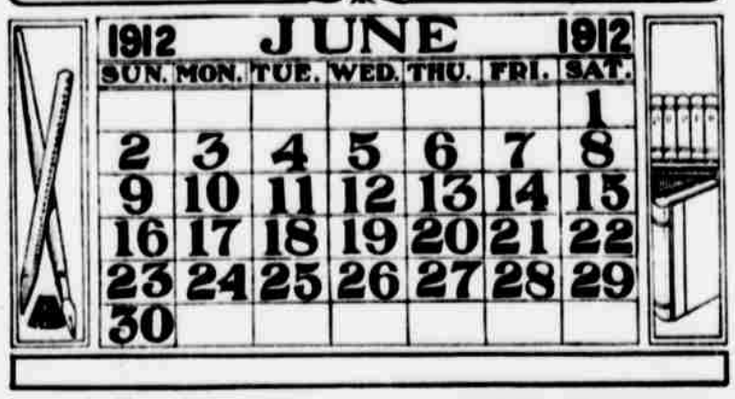

Life's Sweet Dream.

One of the most beautiful, though quiet, weddings that Oregon has seen occurred at high noon, Wednesday, May 29, 1912, at the elegant home of W. B. Smallwood and wife in the western part of our city, the contracting parties being their eldest daughter, Bessie Evelyn, and Mr. Wilmer Mar Daughty, of near Graham, the attendants being Miss Oselen McKee, Mr. William Meyer, Mr. Harry Smallwood, of this city, and Miss Pearl Daughty, of Graham.

Mrs. Fannie Louise Reed presided at the piano, playing "Siegmund's Love Song" by Wagner, while the bridal party was forming, changing to the beautiful Lohengrin Bridal March, as the party descended the broad stairs, passing through the front parlor and on into the library, forming a semi-circle in the wide, French window, where they were met by Rev. L. C. Powell, who, as the low, sweet strains of Tobanie's "Hearts and Flowers" floated through the rooms, spoke the words that made this worthy young couple man and wife, using the impressive ring service of the ritual of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The bride's gown was a simple and beautiful creation of white French organdy and planen Venice lace, built up over a foundation of silk, the whole enveloped by the long tulle veil which was held in place by a pearl bandeau, her only ornament.

She carried a large sheaf of white roses. The maid of honor, Miss McKee, was attired in a creme voile, trimmed with lace, with satin girdle; she carried American Beauty roses. Miss Daughty wore a pale blue silk, lace-trimmed, and carried pink roses. The groom wore the conventional black; the bride's going-away gown was a tan tussah silk.

The house was beautifully decorated with roses, and an elegant dinner was served immediately after the congratulations; the couple received many beautiful gifts.

This young couple who are too well-known to need words of introduction, being two of our successful teachers of Holt and Andrew counties, are planning a life of usefulness for the Master, Mr. Daughty preparing himself for the ministry; and to this end, after a short visit with friends in Craig and Excelsior Springs, they enter the University at Columbia, where Mr. Daughty will pursue his studies and his wife take a musical course.

They were accompanied to Forest City by their young friends and boarded the 4:30 train, pelted with the usual shower of rice—a happy ending to a beautiful day.

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—A force of workmen under A. J. Wood have been busy the past two weeks improving our city park. A large concrete arch entrance midway between the north and south corners on the east side has been erected, and a large concrete platform, 30x50 feet, has been put down, and the work of laying the platform is under way. Just to the north of the platform a concrete band stand will be erected. As soon as this work is completed then the relics of the Battleship Maine, the shell and powder can, will be mounted, one on either side of the walk. Other work on beautifying the park will be done this summer.—Forest City News.

In the Long Ago.

John S. Brittain, accompanied by L. C. Hamilton, Robert Hastings and C. R. Berry, drove up in their auto Monday of this week, and after seeing a few friends and driving over the town, went on to Forest City, and spent a short time visiting.

Mr. Britain was one of the pioneer merchants of Forest City; in 1865 he and Mr. Turner were in business together, and did an immense business. The old, original firms were Turner, Frazer & Co.; Tootle, Farleigh & Co., Frazer & Brittain, W. & J. W. Zook, Nave, Turner & Co. All of these afterwards went to St. Joseph and became conspicuous in the commercial life of that city.

There are not many of the earlier Forest City friends of Mr. Brittain remaining in the old town, where he began his commercial life. He no doubt had a pleasant visit with Uncle George Weber, W. J. Lunsford, John France, "Barney" Williams, and a few others who are still there.

Mr. Brittain is a genuine Jerseyite, and is now perhaps past his threescore and ten, but is yet a very active man, and is kept busy looking after his large financial interests. In 1859 he came west, and dropped into St. Joseph. From 1860 to 1870 he was in business in Forest City, and in 1871 he returned to St. Joseph. In 1873 he took an interest in the old John S. Lemon Mercantile Company, and the bussness was reorganized as the Brittain-Ovelman Company, and they occupied the old building just across Third street, opposite the now Metropole hotel. Mr. Ovelman was Holt county's treasurer in 1856-58.

The firm passed through many changes until 1892, when the great dry goods firm of Jno. S. Brittain & Co. was organized and incorporated, Mr. Brittain being chosen its first president. Of late years he has not been active in business affairs, his varied financial investments demanding his attention.

In Auto Accident.

Several Craig men had rather a fortunate escape from an automobile smashup last Sunday forenoon.

James Parker was taking some of his friends out for a little spin. In the front seat with him was Sam Thompson. They were coasting along at an easy gait near Bob Taylor's when, according to the story, Parker's hat blew down over his eyes. Thompson, thinking perhaps that Parker was unable to manage the machine, grabbed the steering wheel and gave it too much of a twist. The result was that the auto missed the bridge and plunged into the gully, ploughing its nose into the opposite bank.

The steering wheel and one of the lamps were broken, but the machine was not otherwise damaged very much. Mose McCoy and Claud Lowe were in the rear seat. All escaped without injury, excepting McCoy who got his left arm badly sprained and still carries it in a sling.—Craig Leader.

—Bert Maple and wife spent a few days in Maitland this week, guests of Mrs. Maple's mother, Mrs. J. W. Nedrow, and other relatives and friends.

—Mrs. H. K. Hasness and daughters, Alice and Winifred, are visiting in Fairfax with Mr. Hasness' mother, Mrs. E. A. Hill, and sister, Mrs. Amy Hackett.

THEY ARE PASSING.

An Early Day Belle of Oregon Answers Her Final Summons.

The Helena, Mont., Independent brings to us the news of the death of Mrs. Sarah M. Word, widow of the late Samuel Word, who died at the home of her daughter, Miss May Word, in Los Angeles, Cal., May 7, 1912.

Those of the younger class of our citizens know but little of the deceased; but the older of our people who were here in the 60's and before will doubtless remember her.

She was the only daughter of James and Hannah Foster. Mr. Foster was up to the breaking out of the war one of the prominent attorneys here and a Democratic politician, and a pronounced Southern sympathizer. He was a forceful character in his day, and grew to be quite wealthy, as wealth was measured in those days. At one time he owned the east half of the two blocks, extending from the Mrs. Bragg place on the north to the Mrs. Gile residence on the south; the Charley Meyer 80 and the A. H. Bailey south quarter, and the property now occupied by the I. O. O. F. and Masonic halls. He was the first N. G. of Oregon I. O. O. F. lodge, and served as master of the Masonic lodge in 1856-8, and occupied this position in 1860, when he left for the West. The family formerly lived in a little house that stood where the Geo. Lehmer present residence stands.

There were four children in the family three boys and one girl—"Sallie." Two of the sons died, leaving Sarah and a son, James. The latter, we believe, is still living, and resides in Texas. "Sallie" or Sarah had a little loveaffair. She fell in love with Samuel Word—her hand was sought by many and their pleadings were of no avail. She loved Sam. Her father protested, not because he was a handsome fellow or that he was not industrious—only because he was a union man, and the irate parent would rather bury his beautiful daughter than see her wed to a hated "Abolitionist." But the wedding came off, and "Sallie" Foster, the belle of Oregon, born and raised in the little town, became the wife of the Abolitionist.

Word and his fair bride left for the far West in 1865 and located in Montana, where he became prominent in the affairs of that state and at one time quite wealthy. He was one of Montana's leading jurists, and became a prominent judge of her courts, and while in Oregon practiced law. Mr. Word died five years ago, and the widow went to Los Angeles, where she made her home with her daughter, Miss May. Mrs. Word was born in Oregon in 1847, and was 65 years of age at the time of her death. She is survived by Miss May and two sons, R. Lee, a member of the Montana Legislature, and William, both of Helena.

Will Save 42 Miles.

The drainage ditch on the Nodaway river, being dug by a dredge boat, will be finished, it is thought, some time in the fall. They are now west of Burlington Junction, and by Sunday will be up to the Wabash track, one mile west of the Junction. The ditch runs from Braddyville to Quitman and will mean hundreds of dollars to the farmers in the low lands. As far as the ditch has gone now, the farmers are well pleased with the results.

The ditch is to be 18 miles long and will shorten the Nodaway river 42 miles.

From Quitman on it is thought that the people in that community and around Skidmore and Graham will get busy and take the drainage ditch on down to the drainage ditch they have in Holt county. A meeting is to be held at Skidmore this week to discuss the matter and no doubt the farmers will decide to go ahead with the proposition, which will mean a great deal to that section. The farmers in that community will have to do something to check the river from overflowing when the present drainage ditch joins the river at Quitman.—Maryville Democrat-Forum.

'Twas a Good Egg, Too.

Along about the first of April, Peter Lower marketed some eggs at the Anibal store in Craig. While counting them over at home Mr. Lower's 10 year old daughter inscribed her name and address on one of the eggs. The inscription was noticed by one of the clerks who received the eggs at the store, but no particular significance was attached to the matter.

Early this week, however, Mr. Lower's daughter received a letter from a grocer in Philadelphia, acknowledging receipt of the egg, and noting that it was a Missouri product, he took it home for family use. "And it was a good egg, too," the grocer added, in concluding his letter.—Craig Leader.

—Charley Roecker, of Port Arthur, Tex., has been here the past week, visiting his mother, Mrs. Albert Roecker, sisters, and other relatives.

—Misses Bessie Morgan, Bird Peret, Etta Greene, and Lena Campbell, of this city, and Jessie Ramsay, of Forest City, are taking the summer course at the Maryville State Normal.

—The Minton-vs.-Stelhauer ejectment suit, which was tried in the circuit court at the April, 1906, term, and decided in favor of the plaintiff, was reversed and remanded by the supreme court last week. T. C. Dungan represented the defendant.