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THE CHIMES OF THE BELLS

Told the Old Told Story that Two Hearts were Beating as One and should be parted no longer.

Four of Choteau's Young People Who Tired of Single Blessedness, Enter Upon Life's Long Journey.

BRUCE-ELLIOTT.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bruce, at Choteau, Wednesday, the nuptial knot was tied that joined in wedlock Mr. Angus Bruce and Miss Anna Laura Elliott, as man and wife.

Precisely at the appointed hour, 8 o'clock, the bridal party marched in amidst a large congregation of friends who had assembled at an early hour, and Rev. Logan pronounced the sacred words that made their hearts as one.

After the ceremony congratulations were in order, immediately after which the guests were seated to an elegant spread, especially prepared for the occasion. The tables were loaded down with good things, and everyone ate, drank and were merry.

The bride presented a charming aspect. She was attired in an elegant white silk dress, with white kid gloves to match. Her hair was adorned with orange buds, and she looked very attractive indeed.

The groom was dressed in a black cut-a-way coat and wore a white cravat, and presented his usual sturdy appearance.

Miss Jennie Drake acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Richard Elliott as groomsman.

The presents were numerous and of the costly specie, which had the significance of both friendship and good-will.

After midnight dancing was then indulged in for several hours, when the party began to disperse. There were in attendance about 60 friends, all from this immediate vicinity.

The groom is a brother of Wm. Bruce, and his long and continued residence in Choteau has won for him the respect and friendship of a host of acquaintances. He is a steady and industrious young man—more so perhaps in these respects than the average young man. His business qualifications are ample, and his agreeable manner is noticeable from first acquaintance.

The bride is a sister of Mrs. Wm. Bruce, and during her two year's residence in Choteau has won for friends the very best, and established a character that is commendable to any young lady. She has always been a favorite in society and her companions all speak in glowing terms of their young lady friend.

That both Mr. and Mrs. Bruce have made excellent choices for life companions is apparent to all. They are agreeable associates and have the best wishes of the entire community.

The CHRONICLE wishes to extend best wishes for their future, and that their path through life may be strewn with roses of prosperity and enjoyment.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bruce are deserving of thanks for the manner in which the guests were cared for, and it is our opinion that not a single person returned home the next morning disappointed.

Nearly every person who received an invitation was present. Below we give the names of those in attendance as nearly as possible:

Mesdames H. Beaupre, J. G. Bair, J. F. Burd, A. O. Longmuir, Geo. Adlam, Thos. Thompson, C. H. and S. H. Drake, Byron Corson, J. W. Kerr, T. A. Smith, J. E. Cashman, O. G. Cooper, A. J. Cowell, Lockhart, and Miss Jennie Drake, Lillian Day, Wilmina Johnson.

Messrs. H. Beaupre, J. G. Bair, J. F. Burd, A. O. Longmuir,

Geo. Adlam, Thos. Thompson, C. H. and S. H. Drake, Byron Corson, J. W. Kerr, T. A. Smith, J. E. Cashman, L. W. Lehr, Clyde Miller, Lawrence Davis, Ewing Steele, J. E. Erickson, Olof Fjeld, Robt. Logan, Rev. Geo. Logan, Wm. Mc D. Wright, S. A. McPhee, Richard Elliott, J. E. Low, Peter Joyce, Vade Hull, and Link Humble.

PUGSLEY--LOGAN.

Last night (Thursday) the wedding bells summoned to the M. E. church friends to witness the ceremony that united for ever and ever Mr. Oscar Pugsley and Miss Jessie Logan. At 7:30, the appointed hour, the church was packed and the bridal party marched to the altar while Mrs. Hammond played a march on the organ. The ceremony was then performed by Rev. Logan, after which congratulations were in order. Miss Della Evans acted as bridesmaid and Edgar Logan as groomsman. A few of the bride's intimate friends were invited to a supper prepared for the occasion. There was nothing lacking on the table that a person could wish, and no pains were spared to make the affair pleasant and agreeable in every manner.

Numerous and costly presents were received by the bride, a list of which were kindly tendered us, but owing to a lack of space in our columns we were forced with some regrets to omit.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Logan and her childhood has been spent in Choteau. Although only nineteen years of age her kind disposition has won for her the friendship of nearly everybody.

The groom, Mr. Pugsley, we are not in a position to speak of from our own acquaintance, but through friends we learn he is a steady, honest and industrious young man of commendable habits and always stands for right, no matter where he is.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugsley immediately commenced house keeping in comfortable quarters prepared in advance by him and they have the best wishes of friends for the future.

The Chronicle extends congratulations and hopes the vicissitudes of life will be such that they may always live happily together and that prosperity will be their lot.

A. F. & A. M. AND O. E. S.

To-night (Friday) at the town hall, will be held the public installation of the officers of Choteau Lodge, No. 44, A. F. & A. M., and the officers of Fidelity Chapter, No. 18, O. E. S. The officers to be installed are as follows:

A. F. & A. M.—Worshipful Master, J. G. Bair, re-elected; Senior Warden, Wm. Hodgskiss; Junior Warden, John E. De Haas; Senior Deacon, T. J. Dean; Junior Deacon, J. H. Dunlap; Secretary, R. E. Hammoud; Treasurer, Alfred Harris; Tyler, Sterling McDonald; Senior Steward, R. G. Stewart; Jun. Steward, Julius Hirschberg; Chaplain, Rev. George Logan.

Fidelity Chapter—Worthy Matron, Carrie Hirschberg; Patron, John E. De Haas; Associate Matron, Mary Bair; Conductress, Catherine McDonald; Associate Conductress, Luella Hammond; Treasurer, Amanda M. Cooper; Secretary, Jennie M. Drake; Ada, Grace Steele; Ruth, Hattie Coffey; Esther, Margaret Hodgskiss; Martha, Celia A. Drake; Electa, Augusta Dunlap; Marshal, J. G. Bair; Chaplain, J. H. Dunlap; Warden, Wm. Hodgskiss; Sentinel, Alfred Harris; Organist, R. E. Hammoud.

Extensive preparations are being made by the different committees to make the affair an enjoyable one. After the installation a free dance will be given, for which a very appropriate program has been arranged.

SANTA'S COME AND GONE.

The ball of enjoyment for the holidays was started rolling Christmas eve with a merry Christmas tree, which is worthy of mention more than in a brief manner. The entertainment was gotten up solely for the pleasure of the children and they entertained their elders in a becoming manner. Their work showed careful and skillful training on the part of their tutors—Prof. R. E. Hammond and Assistant Miss Day. The little ones carried out their parts well—to the enjoyment of a large and appreciative audience.

The entertainment opened with a song by the school, followed with a recitation by Ollie Wilson and Asa Armstrong. Then came the Wand drill by a number of little girls, which was evidence of skillful training and much practice. Georgie Carr then spoke a piece, which was rendered in a manner creditable to one twice his age. He says "I would have shook my fist at Prof. Hammond, if I darat, but I darsn't." The solo by Miss Ella Richards was sung in a musical manner, followed with a recitation by Alden Connor, which the little fellow rendered in good shape. The Cantata, which closed the evening's program was well plotted and the boys and girls did justice to the occasion.

The distribution of presents was marked by one continual roar of laughter. Nearly every one present was remembered, if with nothing but a doll, monkey or rattle box. By the way we must not omit to mention that ye editor was remembered by some "sweet sixteen" with a neat and significant mitten. It is quite probable that we can make use of another one just like the one received, next Christmas.

In the least, the affair was a perfect success and everybody went home happy.

IT WAS WINDY.

The prevailing subject for conversation in Choteau Tuesday morning was of a cyclonic nature and people were congratulating each other on their escape from the heavy winds.

About 10 o'clock Monday night the wind commenced blowing and within half an hour it was simply a hurricane of no small dimensions. Houses rent, sand was floating in the air, dry goods boxes smashing through windows, bricks rolling down house roofs and every thing in general was being shaken.

The wind continued nearly all night, and in the morning people wondered if there had really been a cyclone. The damage was slight, considering the high wind. It was the general impression that several houses would be blown down or unroofed. The wind came from the north-west. It would blow at intervals like a hurricane, then again it would lull down for a time, and kept up that way until nearly morning.

The worst damage done was the blowing off of a portion of the roof on A. J. Vance's residence. The roof split in the middle, one half being raised by the wind and carried about 50 feet before striking the ground, while the other half was not removed. Chimneys on the Jackson and church buildings, J. G. Bair's and Julius Hirschberg's residences were blown down. Telephone wires were tangled up in bad shape. People who happened to be out in the storm began praying, thinking the end had come.

It was the hardest wind storm that the people have experienced in Choteau since four years ago about Christmas—so old timers say—when it was fully as bad. At Pondera the passenger train was blown off the track, several people narrowly escaping injury. Slight damages are reported in other sections of the county as well as in this immediate vicinity.

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