

DID YOU KNOW.....

A look back at early area history as found in the archives of the Enderlin Historical Society and Museum by Susan Schlecht

Since June is known for its weddings, I will share an article which appeared in the Sheldon Enterprise, Sheldon, Dakota Territory, on December 8, 1885. Even though the wedding didn't take place in June, I think you will enjoy the way the wedding was reported. It includes some family names which may be familiar to area residents.

WEDDING BELLS

For ages have "Wedding Bells" been hailed with joy. When two young hearts join with each other there is a joy that no tongue can tell, no pen describe. This portion of the great northwest, this garden of Eden, has heard the ringing of wedding bells almost every day for the last six weeks.

On last Thanksgiving evening, there was performed in the Catholic Church at this place a ceremony that united for life Mr. James H. Herbert and Miss Katie Mougey, Father M.M. Tierney officiating. The little church was well filled with interested spectators. After the marriage ceremony was official, the youthful bridesmaid, Miss Addie Archer, and the handsome groomsman, Mr. Frank Grange, led the bride and groom away to the former's late home followed by a large party of friends. Reaching the bride's late home a rich repast awaited them. The tables were resplendent in magnificence. We are unable to give a list of all the delicacies placed upon the tables. We will simply mention one, viz: the wedding cake made and presented by Mrs. Joe Goodman; it was simply superb. After the 47 guests had partaken of the "good things" placed before them, the following presents were presented to the newly wedded: Two handsome vases by Miss Tillie Sherley, one silver pickle holder by Miss Carrie Ranum, linen table spread by Miss May Davis, table mirror & charts by Miss Laura Buck. One set of pure silver knives and forks by Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Goodman, Bedspread by Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hoff, one-half doz. silver teaspoons by Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Banks, a handsome linen table spread by Miss Agnus Anderson. A handsome chamber set by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goodman. Adam Goodman presented the bride with a V. Marion Grange gave her a five dollar gold piece. Mr. and Mrs. G. Anderson presented the groom with a handsome scarf. Mr. Frank Grange, the handsome and much esteemed groomsman, presented the bride with a U. S. Treasury note valued at \$5.00. The brother of the groom, Mr. Chas. H. Herbert, presented his mite which was Fifteen Dollars in spot cash, cane rocker from Mrs. R. H. and J. Anderson and Pete Metzgar. After the presentation, music and sociability followed. At 9 o'clock the entire party repaired to Durgin's Hall, where they engaged for a while in the mazy dance.

This grand event, which united two young happy, hopeful hearts has passed away. May their future be as pleasant as their past is the wish of THE ENTERPRISE.

Sue's Comments: *I wonder what the purpose was of listing all the gifts? Maybe it encouraged gift-givers to try to outdo each other! The groom, James Herbert, was the son of an Elizabeth Anderson Herbert, whose siblings, James, Agnes and Robert Anderson settled in the Sheldon area and have many descendants still in the area.*