



A SURPRISE.

Tuesday, June 1st marked the 25th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Belden, of Lenora township, as husband and wife. Such events, though not entirely unusual, give occasion for calm and solemn reflection; they give occasion for thanksgiving as well to "the author of all good and perfect gifts in whom there is no variance or shadow of turning." They give occasion for congratulations and best wishes from friends distant and near to the couple who have been fortunate to pass through so many years together and then at the end of them, celebrate such an anniversary in good health. To be sure this worthy couple have seen and experienced bitter as well as sweet, but thru it all good fortune has smiled benignly upon them, to be sure, they have everything now that makes comfort and ease. This event, however, could not be passed by unnoticed. Mr. and Mrs. Belden have many friends in that section of the county,

and they calling to mind the event, agreed upon making the event a pleasant one. They did it unknowingly to Mr. and Mrs. Belden. On the day mentioned a party agreed to meet at the home of their son-in-law, Mr. Gutormson, at seven o'clock in the evening. When all had arrived, a line of rigs, twenty-one in number, head by Rev. Jenson moved on towards the Belden home. Mr. and Mrs. Belden had gone to Aneta in the morning and had been home only a short time when the party put in its appearance. The groom had on an attire befitting one who had his chore to do and the bride was busy preparing supper for themselves and hired men. A little incident excited the laughter on the part of the intruders, Mrs. Belden's brother, who came from the west a short time ago, was out gathering up an armful of wood, and when he saw what was coming, he "lit out" in a way that wasn't slow to break the news. The result is better imagined than pictured. After the party

had made themselves comfortable the couple were seated and Rev. Jenson address them in a way fitting the occasion. After the speech he presented on behalf of the party a purse of silver to the bridal couple. Congratulations and best wishes were then extended by those present, after which a supper, representative of a genuine wedding, was served, which all did justice to. The evening was spent very pleasantly. Mrs. Signort Seier-son declaimed very beautifully "Solveig," a little romance connected with the well-known drama, Ibsen's "Peer Gynt". The whole affair was a pleasant one, one long, to be remembered by Mr. and Mrs. Belden. That it was thoroughly appreciated we may judge by Mr. Belden's own words as he saw the party: "And they are all neighbors too." May many happy and prosperous years be still allotted our good friends on the Belden farm.

\$ 150 REWARD

Will be paid by the undersigned for evidence that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who have been putting out poison resulting in the death of dogs in the City of Cooperstown.

ff DR. C. L. BRIMI.

BIDS FOR ROAD GRADING

Bids for the grading of road in Clearfield township, between sections 16 and 9 will be received by the board of said township at a meeting to be held at Churches school house on Monday, June 21, at 10 o'clock a. m. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

23-4. John Evers, Chairman.

Mrs. A. T. Strandness and Misses Marie Tollefson and Minnie Runice of Finley were visitors in the city over Sunday.