

Happily Wedded.

One of the prettiest and most thoroughly appointed weddings ever held in Cooperstown was the one solemnized in the Lutheran church in this city last Monday evening, June 23; in the presence of about 175 guests, at which time Mat. G. Evenson, of Waterloo, Iowa, was united in marriage to Miss Ida Marie Stevens, of this city. The church chancel was decorated with potted plants and flowers and a band of white satin ribbon was strung up each side of the main aisle of the church for the wedding party to walk through, which, with the electric lights, presented a pretty but solemn effect. At a few minutes past seven o'clock the wedding party arrived at the church, Mrs. E. C. Iverson as matron-of-honor, leading the procession; she was followed by the little flower girl, Lois Madell Iverson, the bride following on the arm of her uncle, Mr. C. E. Iverson, who gave the bride away, the party proceeding to the altar rail where the bride was met by the bridegroom who was accompanied by his best man, Dr. Clay Evenson. The wedding party then faced the Rev. J. M. Jensen, who solemnly and touchingly united them together in the bonds of holy wedlock. After the ceremony the march from the church was in about the same order, preceded by the matron-of-honor with the little flower girl scattering flowers in the pathway of the bride and groom, who brought up the rear. The newly married couple were then quickly driven to the opera house in an automobile where they awaited the arrival of the guests and for about an hour were busy receiving congratulations after which the whole company sat down to a very bountiful wedding dinner which lasted for nearly two hours. For those who enjoyed dancing the K. P. hall had been fitted up for the occasion and the guests were invited to go over to the hall and enjoy themselves, many of them taking advantage of the invitation. The groom was formerly a business man of this city, for several years being engaged in the hardware business. He is now at Waterloo, Iowa, where he is traveling representative for Ozman, Kirk & Co., and where he has fitted up a home for his bride. Mat. has many friends in this city who rejoice with him on this happy event in his life. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. Julia B. Stevens. She was born and raised right at Cooperstown and has seen this handsome little city develop from a raw little prairie town to one of the neatest and most attractive towns in the state of North Dakota. During her lifetime in this city she has been identified in a large measure in the social life of the city and has a large list of warm friends and acquaintances. She has had a musical education and is quite gifted along these lines. Cooperstown people unite with the Courier in extending hearty congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and useful life.

The bride's gown was made of cream Marquissette over satin with real Princess lace trimmings, the only ornament being a brooch of pearls and diamonds, a gift of the groom. She carried a shower bouquet and wore a white tulle veil. Mrs. E. C. Iverson, the matron-of-honor, was gowned in pink Paris Mull over Taffeta silk with Irish crochet lace trimmings and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

The ushers for the occasion were Herman Swanson, Walter W. Nelson and T. A. Thompson of Cooperstown and Oliver J. Stevens, of Glendive, Mont. The out of town guests at the wedding were Mrs. M. G. Evenson of St. Paul, Minn., mother of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Iverson and daughter, Lois Madell, of St. Paul; Dr. Clay Evenson of LaCrosse, Wis.; Mr. O. Iverson and Mrs. A. Enger and son of Chisholm, Minn.; O. J. Stevens of Glendive, Mont., and Leo Stevens of McHenry.

The presents received were numerous and costly, consisting of hand painted china, cut glass, silverware, linen, etc. The newly married couple left Tuesday for St. Peter, Minn., where they will attend the golden wedding of Mr. Evenson's father and mother after which they will go to their new home at Waterloo, Iowa, and are followed by the best wishes of a host of friends.