

A DOUBLE CELEBRATION.

A Golden Wedding and a China Wedding—A Surprise for the Getchell Families.

What is known as the Getchell neighborhood, some six or eight miles north of this city, has long been noted for the friendly good will and whole souled neighborliness of those living in that vicinity, as evinced by numerous social gatherings in which all participate and help to make successful. A fine example of these neighborly gatherings was given last Saturday. The affair occurred at the comfortable and commodious farm residence of Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Ge. chell. By common

and old who came together as friends to observe a happy occasion. Nearly all brought well filled lunch baskets. There were probably 150 people present, a number of whom were from the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Getchell were recipients of numerous substantial presents to commemorate the occasion and Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Getchell were also well remembered, among their gifts being two handsome sets of china.

Through the courtesy of friends The Times-Record is enabled to give a brief biographical sketch of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Getchell.

They are both of good old



MR. AND MRS. WARREN GETCHELL.

consent it was understood that the gathering was to commemorate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Getchell, the parents of Simeon and J. R. Getchell, although in reality the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage will not occur until next October. But it was the leisure season of the year, the weather was more than usually propitious, and the neighbors felt that it was good to "get together."

It was arranged as a surprise for the old folks, and while Mr. and Mrs. Sim Getchell were let in on the secret, there was another matter in which they were not forewarned, and that was the fact that their own marriage, which occurred twenty years ago the coming September, was also to be commemorated:

It was therefore a double surprise party—in remembrance of golden and china wedding anniversaries.

There was no elaborate program prepared for the occasion—simply a gathering of young

Yankee stock and their native place is Machias, Maine. Mr. Getchell was born August 31, 1825. The date of his wife's birth is December 14, 1832. Her maiden name was Martha Hanscom. They were united in marriage in October, 1852, and three years later wended their way westward and settled near what is now known as Glencoe, Minn. At that time it was on the extreme frontier and they experienced their share of hardships of early years. During the civil war Mr. Getchell enlisted as a member of Company F, Hatch's battalion of volunteers, and had considerable experience fighting Indians on the northwestern frontier. In 1876 he purchased a farm near River Falls, Wis., where he resided until he came to this county about three years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Getchell both enjoy excellent health and their friends hope they will live to celebrate the diamond anniversary of their marriage. And the same wish holds good in its application to Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Getchell.