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EARLY JUNE WEDDINGS

Happy Nuptial Ceremonies of Interest to All

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Amsden – Parker

"What is so rare as a day in June. Then if ever comes perfect days."

Just such a perfect day was yesterday, forerunner of a more perfect evening, when a beautiful and impressive ceremony was witnessed by about seventy guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Bearce, the occasion being the marriage of their daughter, Susan Hedge Amsden, and Carl Sutherland Parker, of Kansas City. The guests assembled at 6:30 and passed a very pleasant half hour viewing the magnificent array of cut glass, silver, china, and works of art, souvenirs of loving, appreciative friends.

At seven o'clock they assembled in the parlors and with the first notes of Mendelssohn's wedding march from harp, mandolin and violin were heard the stops of the bride and groom on the stairs. They came unattended along the smilax-wreathed banisters, through the aisle formed by friends, on under a canopy of ferns where Dr. Neel, of Kansas City, stood waiting.

The room was beautifully decorated with ferns, roses and white oleanders. The alcove where they stood was draped with Point de Es'Prit that was almost concealed with cut ferns. Two pillars of ferns crowned with bunches of white roses flanked either side and great jardinières of the same beautiful flowers were placed by them.

The ceremony was performed by the pastor of the Southern Presbyterian church of Kansas City, of which the groom is a member, and was beautifully rendered. The responses were given in full rounded tones, attesting the earnestness of both.

After the congratulations of relatives and friends, the bride led the way to the dining room which was especially arranged for her and immediate relatives.

A round table was artistically decorated with smilax and plumosa suspended from the ceiling with a centerpiece of bride roses. A delicious lunch was served, each guest receiving one of the roses.

The gown of the bride was made of white embroidered parisian mouasseline with deep ruffle and insertion of point-de-venice, the guimpe and sleeves being entirely of the beautifully lace. The bow of ribbon and lace that formed the garniture of the bodice showed the taste and touch of the finished artist. The entire garment was lined with Brussels net with an interlining of white taffeta. The veil of tulle fell gracefully from a coronet roped with pearls. A broach in the form of a crown set with pearls, olivines and diamonds, given by the groom, clasped the neck ribbon and a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley completed a costume of elegant simplicity. The “something old” worn by the bride was a pair of hose knitted by the sister of the great aunt for whom she is named and have been worn as part of the wedding regalia of both her great aunt and mother.

The groom appeared in full dress suit with white embroidered satin vest. The solitaire stud worn was a present from the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Lieut. Charles H. Amsden, U.S.N., who died in Fremont, Ohio, May 1888. She is gifted with al that makes a sweet, noble woman. By her grace and charm of manner she has won all hearts and the best wishes for her future are expressed by her many friends.

The groom is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Parker, well-known in the business and social circles of Kansas City. With the exception of several years in eastern colleges he has received his training in the West and is exceptionally equipped for the business he has just entered as a partner in his father’s extensive enterprises.

About 10 o’clock the newly married couple were caught stealing down the front stairs to meet the Santa Fe, but they escaped neither the rice nor good wishes that were showered on them.

They will spend about two weeks at the lakes and eastern cities, returning to Abilene for a week’s visit before going to Kansas City where they will make their home for the present with the parents of the groom.

As the guests were departing, a cricket added his voice to theirs, wishing good luck and a long life to the happy pair.