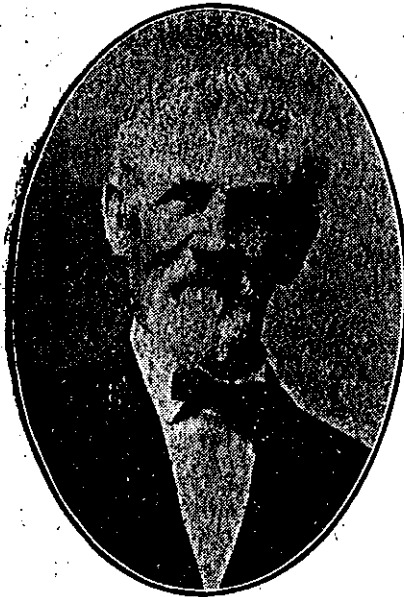


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Mr. and Mrs. McCadden Celebrate Fifty Years of Wedded Life



"Married, April 11, 1867, at Ellicottville, New York, Mr. Richard J. McCadden and Mrs. Deborah Groat, both of this village. Both the bride and groom have resided here all their lives and are among our best and most highly respected young people. Mr. McCadden is a returned soldier, having served gallantly with the Army of the Potomac in the 154th N. Y. Vol. Inf. throughout the war. His bride is a winsome young lady whose lovable qualities have endeared her to many friends. Mr. and Mrs. McCadden will leave shortly for Minnesota to make their home."
—Chattaraugus County Freeman, April 13, 1867.

Fifty years ago the local paper published back in the village of Ellicottville, New York, contained the above important announcement. On Wednesday of this week, Mr. and Mrs. McCadden happily celebrated the semi-centennial of their wedded life at their cozy home, 203 S. North avenue, this city.

While Richard and Deborah were wed in York State in the little village where they were born, their residence in Martin county lacks but a few weeks of continuing for fifty years. Immediately after their marriage they set out for Minnesota. Owatonna was the end of the railroad in those days and from that place they journeyed to Martin county overland, establishing their home on a farm in Rutland. Here they labored together to conquer the wilderness; here their children were born and the happiest years of

their lives passed swiftly by. Twenty-five years ago they sold their farm and removed to Fairmont, which has since been their home.

The celebration of their fiftieth anniversary was in keeping with the manner in which they have ordered their lives—quiet and unostentatious. The affair was arranged by their daughter, Nellie, and very prettily carried out. The home was a bower of beauty with a profusion of flowers, sent with the best wishes of friends and relatives. At the noon luncheon hour the table accommodated only the immediate members of the family—all the children being present except one son, Ed., who lives in Montana. At the six o'clock dinner the following relatives were entertained: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bird, Miss Minnie Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bird, Mrs. Nellie Sather and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Needham, Mrs. D. R. Pechin of Minneapolis, Mrs. J. Arthur Johanson.

Telegrams, letters and tokens of remembrance and congratulation flowed in upon the "bride" and "groom" all day and it is doubtful if they were any happier on their original wedding day than upon the fiftieth anniversary. They received many beautiful gifts.

Although Mr. and Mrs. McCadden must admit that they are beginning to get a little along in years, they are both hale, hearty and happy and we shall preserve their pictures, which appear in connection with this article for use again when they celebrate their diamond anniversary.

ALERT VILLAGE MOBILIZES ITS GARDEN GROUNDS

(From Saturday's Daily Sentinel)
The town of Excelsior has set apace for the mobilization of its garden areas for crop production during the war. At a meeting Wednesday evening, attended by more than a hundred members of the commercial club, a committee of fourteen to study things and to keep them moving was appointed, with H. H. Whitmore chairman. This committee will mobilize all of the vacant lots and garden areas in the town. Then it will mobilize those persons who have no back yard front yards to use as gardens. Such persons it will assign areas elsewhere, probably in a municipal garden of some ten acres to be set aside for such purposes. Teams that have been dragging the roads will be withdrawn for plowing for those who wish to avail themselves of such service. Hoboes who come to town "looking for work" will get it, and get it quick.

Everybody in Excelsior is going to garden this season in order to help win the war. Every town in the state should adopt a similar plan. By being able to grow foodstuffs for oneself one can help to feed the army and navy the men who are fighting for peace and free government.

MIGHTY GOOD STORY ABOUT CONGRESSMAN MISS JEANETTE RANKIN

Miss Jeanette Rankin, the first woman congressman, at her recent visit to our state senate, told an amusing story to the solons. She said:

"A little boy said to his father: 'Dad, are ye scared of a lion?'"

"His father said, 'No; lions live on the mountains and won't hurt one.'"

"Are ye scared of a big black bear?"

"No; if we leave the bear alone he won't hurt us."

"Are ye scared of a big black dog?"

"To which the father replied in a negative. The boy mused for a little then suddenly said:

"Say, Dad; is ma the ONLY thing in the WHOLE world you're scared of?"

THIS SHOULD WARM THE COCKLES OF THE COLDEST OF HEARTS

Original in Fairmont (Minnesota) Museum.
Courtesy of Eugene Buelow, Vernon Center, Minnesota.