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Orange Blossoms.

MUIR—RUSSELL.

A very pretty but quiet wedding took place at "Ware-ko," Sentinel-road, Ponsonby, on April 20th. The contracting parties were Mr W. J. Muir, of Waverley, Wanganui, and Miss Eva Laura Russell, second daughter of Mr A. S. Russell, of this city. The ceremony was held in the spacious drawing-room of the bride's parents' residence, which was beautifully decorated with the choicest white blossoms by her sisters. Prominent amongst the decorations was the lovely floral marriage bell under which the happy couple stood during the ceremony. This was a graceful tribute of esteem from the secretary of the Ladies Committee of the Auckland Horticultural Society, of which Mrs A. S. Russell is a member. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. J. H. Simmonds, Principal of Three Kings Native College, an old and valued friend of the family. The bride, who looked charming, was given away by her father, and was attired in white crepe de chine, the skirt and sleeves of this tasteful costume being beautifully gauged. The bodice had transparent white silk guipure cuffs, yoke, and collar, the latter being daintily finished off with white velvet bebe ribbon rosettes. She carried a handsome shower bouquet of lovely white blossoms, maidenhair and asparagus fern. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Rose Russell, who looked exceedingly well in pale green silk figured lustre, richly trimmed with ecru lace insertion, the yoke of the bodice being effectively trimmed with bands of emerald green velvet. The second bridesmaid was Miss E. Muir (sister of the bridegroom), who looked very winsome in a dainty white silk blouse, adorned with quaint medallions of white silk guipure; a beautiful cambric skirt, tastefully trimmed with fine insertion, finished this becoming costume. Both bridesmaids carried lovely bouquets of white and cream flowers. The bridegroom was attended by Messrs W. S. Russell and Norman Russell. The bride wore a handsome gold watch, and the bridesmaids very pretty gold dangle pins, the hilts richly set with pearls. These were gifts from the bridegroom. The bride and bridegroom, both before and after the ceremony, were recipients of a large number of telegrams and congratulatory messages from friends and relatives in different parts of the colony. After receiving the good wishes from the assembled guests, an adjournment was made to the dining-room, where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was laid out. A special feature of the table was the handsome three-tiered bride's cake, placed on a dainty white satin hand-painted table centre finished with white silk cord and fringe of white chiffon. This last was the work of the bride's clever fingers. After the customary toasts were proposed and responded to the bride and bridegroom departed on their honeymoon to the Waikato. The bride's travelling dress was a handsome flecked brown cloth richly trimmed with silk and velvet. A picturesque brown beaver hat with long ostrich plumes and velvet rosettes finished, with the addition of a dainty fawn-shaded feather boa, a most effective travelling costume. The wedding guests, who were all near relatives, wore some very stylish gowns. Prominent amongst them was the bride's mother, Mrs A. S. Russell, who looked exceedingly well in brown. Anne's cloth handsomely strapped with velvet. The bodice was relieved with vest and collar of white satin under cream guipure lace, finished off with pretty coral pink brocaded ribbon. Miss Hilda Rus-

sell (sister) looked chic in dainty white silk blouse, pretty white skirt; Mrs Morris (grandmother of bride) looked distingue in black brocaded satin, dainty lace cap relieved with pale blue; Mrs H. Morris wore a pretty black blouse and skirt, handsome cream Maltese lace collar; Mrs J. H. Simmonds, effective black costume, pretty lace collar; Mrs J. H. Swales looked well in a pale blue silk blouse flecked with pink and elaborately trimmed with ecru lace, the transparent yoke being trimmed with straps of black velvet finished off with small fancy buttons; Mrs H. W. Brookes was gowned in an exceedingly tasteful costume of Ceur blue flecked cloth, relieved by vest of rich cream satin under biscuit embroidered net, etc., etc. Space will not permit to describe the numerous and valuable presents received by the bride from her many friends. Prominent amongst them, however, was a handsome electro-plated cake basket, suitably inscribed. This was a gift from the teachers and scholars of St. John's Wesleyan Sunday School, in the work of which the bride has taken an active part for a number of years.

MARCLAY—BEAUCHAMP.

The marriage of Miss Laura Elizabeth Beauchamp, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craddock Beauchamp, of "Anikiwa," Queen Charlotte Sound, to Mr. Frederick Arthur Barclay, of Wellington, was celebrated on April 14 at the residence of the bride's parents, the vicar of Picton, the Rev. A. H. Sedgwick, performing the ceremony. The bride's dress was of white Duchesse satin, made with French tucks and trimmed with lace. She also wore a wreath of orange blossoms surmounting her veil, and a spray of natural orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of white flowers. The only bridesmaid was her sister, Miss Nettie Beauchamp, who wore a cornflower blue crepe de chine frock trimmed with cream guipure. The bride was given away by her youngest brother, Mr. Clement Beauchamp, and Mr. Reginald Beauchamp acted as best man. The going away dress was a brown cloth coat and skirt, with hat to match. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold watch, and the happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable presents. After the usual ceremonies of toasting the bride's health, etc., they departed by launch to join the coach for the Rai valley, where and in Nelson the honeymoon will be spent. Showers of confetti and flowers were scattered on them. A reception was afterwards held by Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp, when the house was thrown open to the guests, all old friends, who came from all parts of the district to join in the festivities. Mrs. Beauchamp wore black broche and white lace; Miss Beauchamp, heliotrope nerv. trimmed with cream lace; Mrs. Arthur Beauchamp, black striped silk, with white lace; Mrs. Allen, black satin and white lace; Mrs. T. Cawte, fawn costume, with cream silk vest and revers; Mrs. Gregg, black silk skirt, and blue broche blouse; Mrs. Sedgwick, black skirt, and blue blouse; Mrs. Greensill, black, with white lace fichu; Mrs. Arthur Chaytor (Nelson), fawn costume, with cream silk vest; Mrs. Redman, brown cloth coat and skirt; Mrs. Le Coc, black skirt, and terra-cotta blouse; Mrs. H. Greensill, brown costume; Mrs. Stow, black silk, with white lace; Mrs. H. C. Seymour, black, with Maltese lace; Mrs. Thompson, black skirt and white blouse; Mrs. Jeffries, black; Mrs. Smith, black, with white lace; Miss Allen, black, relieved with white; Miss Masefield, blue costume, piped with white; Miss Chaytor, brown tweed costume; Miss C. Chaytor, pretty pink flowered muslin; Miss E. Chaytor and Miss J. Chaytor, tweed costumes; Miss Belle Allen, black skirt and white silk blouse; Miss E. Seymour, cream spotted muslin; Miss Clouston, blue costume; Miss B. Greensill, tweed costume; Miss L. Greensill, pale muslin; Miss Jeffries, black and white; Miss Speed, reddish brown tweed costume; Miss Rutherford, green tweed costume. The gentlemen were: Messrs. Beauchamp (4), Greensill (3), Sedgwick, Chaytor, Le Coc, Cullen, Gregg, Thompson, Cawte, Anderson, Masefield, etc. The festivities were kept going till about nine p.m., when the last contingent, after an improvised concert finishing with "Auld Lang Syne," and cheers for the host and hostess, left for Picton by the oil launch.

DAY—DENHAM.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated last week at St. Luke's Church, when Colonel W. A. Day was married to Miss Rose Denham, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Denham, of "Denholme," Christchurch. The church was prettily decorated, and when almost filled with wedding guests made a gay scene as the bridal party filed up the church. The Rev. W. Sedgewick officiated, assisted by the Rev. Canon Pascoe, Mr Clarence Turner presiding at the organ and playing during the arrival of the guests and the "Wedding March." The bride looked very sweet in a lovely soft white silk and chiffon, with accordion-pleated bodice, wreath and veil, and an exquisite shower bouquet. The bridesmaids, Miss Effie Denham, Miss Ella Hill, Miss Winifred Westera (cousin of the bride), and Miss Deans, looked simply charming in white accordion-pleated silk frocks, white beaver hats trimmed with white lace and scarlet geraniums; they carried scarlet bouquets and wore gold and pearl arrows, the gifts of the bridegroom. Colonel Day was attended by Mr E. Webb as best man, and Messrs Allen and Cuthbert Denham and Guy Pascoe as groomsmen. Mrs Denham (mother of the bride) wore a rich black satin, moleskin coat, grey and green toque, and carried a lovely scarlet bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. After the ceremony Mr and Mrs Denham held a reception at "Denholme," when between two and three hundred guests met to offer congratulations. The Garrison Band played on the lawn during the afternoon, making it sound very bright and happy. The bride's going-away dress was of cream serge with black picture hat, and as Colonel and Mrs Day left to catch the steamer for the North, three ringing cheers were given. Among the guests were Bishop and Mrs Julius, the Rev. and Mrs Sedgewick, Canon and Mrs Pascoe, Canon and Mrs Knowles, the Rev. Jasper, Mrs and Miss Smythe, Mrs J. Deans, Messrs Deans, Mr and Mrs Lawrence and Messrs Lawrence, Mr and Mrs H. P. Hill, and Miss Hill, Mrs Warner Westera, the Misses Westera, Dr. and Mrs R. Anderson, Mr and Mrs J. P. Newman, Mr and Mrs H. Andrews, Mrs and Miss Anderson, Mr and Misses Heywood, Mr and Mrs J. B. Way, Mr J. and the Misses Way, Mr and Mrs H. Wood, Mrs Denniston, Colonel, Mrs and Miss Slater, Mr and Mrs Cobham, the Hon. J. T. Peacock, Mr and Mrs W. Wood, Captain and Mrs Marciel, Major and Mrs Snow, Mrs Tapper, the Misses Cholmondeley, Mrs W. Reece, Mrs C. Clark, Mr F. Barkas, Mrs and Misses Bourne, Mrs Wall, Mrs Curnow, Mrs and Miss Maling, the Rev. and Mrs Gossett, Dr. Mrs and Miss Gossett, Mr and Mrs G. Harper, Mr and Mrs G. Harrie, Mr and Mrs G. Merton, Miss Cardale, Miss N. Campbell, Miss Rose Winter, Mr and Mrs D. Andrews, Messrs Nalder, Mr. Mrs and Miss Crichton, Mr and Mrs J. Fairhurst, Miss Fairhurst, Mrs and Miss Molineaux, Mr A. Carrick, Mr. Mrs and Miss Greenwood, Mrs Maxwell, Mrs E. Anderson, Mr Harman, Mr and Mrs P. Hume, Mr. Mrs and Miss C. Overton, Mr and Mrs P. Overton, Mr and Mrs Maylon, Mrs P. Studholme, Mrs Thomas, Mrs and Miss Wiggins, Mrs and Miss McKellar, Mr. Mrs and Miss Inman, Mrs and Miss Bowman Fox, Miss Slater (Summer), etc.

EVANS—RUSSELL.

A very pretty naval wedding was celebrated at St. Barnabas' Church, Fendalton, when Lieutenant E. R. G. Evans, of the relief ship Muring, was married to Miss Hilda Russell, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Russell, Christchurch. The church was beautifully decorated, a large Union Jack being conspicuous over the altar, and other flags interspersed round the walls. The bride wore a rich duchesse satin, the bodice trimmed with old Honiton lace, which had been worn by her mother on her wedding day; the sleeves were accordion-pleated chiffon. The front of the dress had a handsome panel of roses in mousseline de soie, finished at the bottom with true lovers' knots of ribbon and silver the silver also showing on bodice and folded belt. The veil was worn off the face and fastened with coronet of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Miss Ardah Holmes and Miss Rita Russell, and they wore gowns of ivory,

crepe de chine over glace silk, much shirred, ecru guipure yokes and collar bands thickly studded with chenille drops, black picture hats. They carried bouquets of crimson dahlias and virginian creeper. The bridegroom was in full naval uniform and attended by Lieutenant J. G. S. Dooly, of the Morning, and Lieutenant M. Barn, of the Discovery. The officiating clergyman was the vicar of Fendalton, the Rev. T. A. Hamilton, himself an old naval officer. Miss J. Black presided at the organ, and while the marriage contract was being signed on a small table in the church draped with a Union Jack, played a pretty march, and as the bridal party left the church the joyful "Wedding March" pealed forth. A large number of guests were present, who adjourned to "Quamby," the residence of the bride's parents, and drank the health of bride and bridegroom, and, according to custom at naval weddings, the cake was cut with a sword. The bride's going away dress was tailor-made grey cloth, with green velvet applique, picture hat of green and blue, with large bird. The presents were both numerous and handsome, notably a beautiful silver casket from the captains and officers of the expedition ships, bearing the following inscription: "To Lieut. and Mrs. E. R. G. Evans, from the captains and officers of the Discovery, Morning, and Terra Nova, National Antarctic Expedition, April 13, 1904."

CAVE—STEWART.

A very pretty and popular wedding was solemnised at St. Lawrence Church, Aramoio, on Wednesday, 20th inst., when Miss Mabel Olliphant, second daughter of Mr J. T. Stewart, of Aramoio, was married to Mr Wilfred Butler Cave, of the "Grange," Waverley. The church was filled to overflowing by their many friends, and was most beautifully decorated with flowers and greenery. The aisle was ornamented with a pretty arch composed of white cosmos and chrysanthemums, the principal floral design was a beautiful bell, made of white flowers—the main portion of white chrysanthemums, with a fringe of yucca flowers. On either side were green shields, with the monograms of the bride and bridegroom in white flowers, connected with festoons of satin ribbon. The service was full choral, and the ceremony performed by the Rev. T. B. Maclean, assisted by the Rev. W. Bond. The bride, who was given away by her father, was gowned in a dainty soft white silk, the skirt having seven narrow frills at the hem, and gauged hip yoke, a band of the same forming a trimming above the frills; the corsage was made with yoke and wide cuffs of transparent lace, with large lace collar, having raised stars at intervals embroidered on it. She also wore the orthodox veil and a wreath of real orange blossom; her beautiful shower bouquet was composed of heath, roses, orange blossom and maidenhair fern. Miss Cave (sister of the bridegroom) was bridesmaid, and wore a dainty white embroidered muslin, the skirt made with frills, edged with lace, the bodice being trimmed with the same, black straw hat with chiffon and black feather; she carried an artistic bouquet of Madame Lombard roses and long trails of autumn-shaded Virginian creeper. Mr Norman Cave (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at "Hammons," the pretty home of the bride's parents. The wedding breakfast was served in the dining-room, the table being beautifully decorated with white cosmos, trails of snyclax and maidenhair fern. After receiving the congratulations of their numerous friends, Mr and Mrs Cave left by the South train, the bride's travelling costume being a smart grey tweed, Russian coat, the collar and sleeves strapped with crimson cloth, cream lace front, beaver toque with cream crown and white wings. Mrs Stewart (mother of the bride) wore a handsome grey brocade with heliotrope flowers on it, and large collar of fine Brussels lace, black straw hat with chiffon and heliotrope shaded flowers, shower bouquet of heliotrope pansies and ferns; Mrs Cave (mother of the bridegroom), black brocade costume, relieved with mauve and cream, lace collar, black bonnet with mauve flowers in it; Mrs Hoskins (aunt of the bridegroom) wore a heliotrope watered silk gown with collar and cuffs