

Appendix 3

This description of the wedding of Anna Kohrs and John Boardman, 28 April 1891, appeared in *The New Northwest* of Deer Lodge, Montana, 1 May 1891.

William K. Kohrs Memorial Library, Deer Lodge, Montana.

## "'HAPPILY MARRIED'

Hon. J. M. Boardman and Miss Anna Kohrs Join Hands and Hearts

"One of the most brilliant weddings ever celebrated in Montana was that of last Tuesday evening, April 28, 1891, when Miss Anna Kohrs, was married to Mr. J. R. Boardman, of Choteau County. The Presbytyrian Church was decorated as it was never decorated before from aisle to ceiling. The pulpit was decked in flowers and floral designs. An arch of green, dotted with roses, spanned the altar, and from the centre was suspended a horseshoe; and on the sides a harp and lyre, though silent instruments they were in tune with the beauty of the occasion. Messrs. Alf Whitworth and Fred Gullette ushered the guests to seats, as many of the five hundred who received invitations were able to attend. An expectant gathering of friends was waiting when the bridal party arrived and as they fled down the aisle there was a hush and a murmur of admiration. The bride decked in a heavy white *faille* silk *en trains* without trimmings wearing a wreath of myrtle and carrying white roses was in truth loveliness, and Miss Katie Kohrs as bridesmaid was a companion picture in a dress of crepe de chine and carrying pink roses of Catherine Mermot variety. Mrs. Kohrs was attired in black silk velvet and wore diamond ornaments. The gentlemen, the happy bridegroom, J. R. Boardman, and his friend, D. A. Cory, of Helena, as Groomsmen, were in full dress.

"The ceremony was not that brief, a short service which is so short as to lose its solemnity, but the impressive and beautiful exchange of vows, bonded by the golden circlet. Rev. Ried officiated and the father of the bride, Conrad Kohrs, followed the good old custom of giving the bride away.

"Carriages were taken at a quarter past eight and guests invited to the reception followed the wedding party to the paternal home. Here again the florists had been heavily drawn upon and festoons of evergreen and smilax hung from doors and chandeliers, and cut flowers in profusion were in vases and jars, shedding fragrant perfume everywhere. The reception was informal, congratulations and the joyfullness of the occasion were unconfined. A cablegram from Dr. Mussibrod, dated Berlin, 'Best congratulations,' and from Senator W. F. Sanders, dated at Washington, D.C. 'We send you and Miss Kohrs our cordial congratulations with good wishes. Consider Rip Van Winkel's kindly toast our own,' and a score of more of other messages were received that gave proof to the wide-spread popularity of Mr. Boardman and his bonny bride. The wedding dinner was served in the large dining room, brilliantly lighted, and the tables were trimmed in smilax and flowers.

"Tokens of friendship and good will were showered upon them from all quarters of the globe, and a handsomer collection of wedding presents is seldom seen, and never before in this city.

"The guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mitchell, Capt. and Mrs. James H. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Valiton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gehrmann, Miss Wiles, Miss Williams,

Miss Calvin, Miss Dickinson, of Helena, Miss Grove, Rev. Reid, Messrs. Eric Musibrod, D. A. Cory, N. J. John Bielenberg, Alf Withworth, and Fred Gullette.

"Mr. and Mrs. Boardman left for the west Wednesday morning, and will visit Portland and cities on the sound probably until the middle of May, and when they return will take up their home in the New Presbytyrian parsonage."