

# SILVER WEDDING

## Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Thoreson were Surprised by Their Friends

Last Sunday, September 7th, the members of Rev. P. A. Thoreson's congregations of Eidfjord, St. Olaf, Mabel and Hannaford, gathered in Hannaford for the purpose of treating their pastor to a surprise, the occasion being the twenty-fifty anniversary of his wedding.

In the forenoon people from the different congregations began to gather in town. Rev. Thoreson was on his way to hold services in the Mabel church, but when he met most of his parishioners coming to town he was induced to return too. Preparations for the event had been made at Groven's Hall, and thither Rev. and Mrs. Thoreson were escorted, after the people had gathered. A splendid engraved silver set, a dinner set and \$630.00 in cash, were the presents which the committees in charge had decided to give the pastor, and it was a splendid tribute showing the esteem in which the people hold their worthy pastor and his family.

Erik Rud, of Eidfjord, presented the gifts in a few well chosen words on behalf of the various congregations. Rev. Thoreson responded and, deeply moved, thanked the people for their liberality and appreciation of his efforts. Rev. Sweger and Vikingstad, of Cooperstown, and Rev. Dybvik, of Dazey, were the chief speakers of the day. Miss Cora Berg sang two solos, "Somewhere" and "Silver Threads Among the Gold." The ladies had all brought refreshments with them and an excellent lunch was served in the hall.

During practically the entire period since his marriage Rev. Thoreson has been ministering to these congregations. Through years of struggle and adversity during pioneer days as well as through the latter years of comparative plenty and prosperity, he has been a constant and faithful worker at his appointed task. Most thoroughly does he deserve this appreciation of his work on the part of the members of his congregations. And it is the unanimous wish of all that he may long live and enjoy many more years of continued service among the people he has served so long.