

## WINS A BRIDE BY BECOMING ORATOR

**BILLINGS MAN MEETS TERMS HIS  
SWEETHEART IMPOSED  
YEARS AGO.**

**(Special to The Independent.)**

Billings, Sept. 29.—Because he fulfilled the promise he made, which if lived up to, would win him a bride, Rockwood Brown, a prominent young attorney of this city, has gone to Rockford, Vt., to claim the young lady to whom the promise was given. Several years ago, when young Brown was younger, Mr. L. B. Hawley was speaker of the Vermont house of representatives, and Brown was a page therein. While thus engaged, he met the speaker's daughter, Miss Betty C. Hawley, and their acquaintance ripened into a romance which has now culminated in their wedding announcement.

**He Made Good.**

Young Brown would have had the happy event much sooner than it has, but Miss Hawley told him that on the day when she should hear him make the valedictory speech at his college, Ann Arbor, where he was attending, then and there would she accept him. This proposition put it squarely up to Brown to lead his class or lose a winsome bride. But that he was capable of delivering the goods, is demonstrated by the fact that on the day of graduation from Ann Arbor, he had the honor of being class valedictorian. And then Miss Betty Hawley set the date. The happy young couple will take an extended wedding trip before they make their home in Billings.

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