

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED IN ROSEBURG

IN MEMORY OF NATION'S DEAD

Judge Williams Pays Glowing Tribute to Soldiers and Sailors Whose Lives Were Sacrificed That the Union Might Live.

AN ENLIGHTENED PATRIOTISM IS NEEDED

Great Crisis in the Affairs of the Nation Now Confronts—Wise Statesmen Perplexed—Woman to Hereafter Have a Part in Great Works.

Memorial Day, with its tender and beautiful ceremonies was appropriately observed in Roseburg today, under the auspices of Reno Post No. 29, G. A. R., and the Women's Relief Corps, No. 10, the local company coast artillery corps acting as honorary escort.

Those participating in the parade assembled at the Maccabee hall at promptly 10 o'clock this morning, and a half hour later marched to the Palace theatre where the formal exercises of the day were held. Included in the procession was the Roseburg band, Fourth Company Coast Artillery Corps, mayor and city council, members of Reno Post, G. A. R., and members of the Women's Relief Corps.

The program of the morning included the following numbers: Assembly music, by the Roseburg band.

Selections by orchestra. Reading of orders, ritualistic work and address of welcome by commander of post.

Song, "America," by assembly, accompanied by Mrs. F. T. Blakely-Invocation.

Recitation, by Miss Cora Marsters. Song, by Madrigal Quartette, accompanied by Mrs. Forsy.

Oration, by Hon. W. A. Williams. Benediction. Song, "Nearer My God to Thee."

Selection, orchestra. The address delivered by Hon. W. A. Williams might well have been termed a masterpiece. An orator of more than ordinary ability, Mr. Williams spoke in high terms of the

erans, and in befitting language recalled the struggles encountered by them in the early days. His laudation of the aged warriors was most appropriate and brought forth hearty applause at the hands of the crowd that fairly thronged the theatre.

Mr. Williams said in part: We are glad for this day. Turning aside from the fitful pause of busy life, forgetting our differences in politics and religion, we meet to renew our tribute to the deeds and the memory of that great democracy of self-devotion where private and general stand side by side.

Blessed are the dead whose memory is perpetuated by the flower service of a grateful people. And how truly immortal are those who offer their lives upon the sacred altar of human liberty. To have lived long, purposeless, neutral years is nothing, but to have lived a few glorious hours; to have bravely faced the infinite; to have calmly met the master in humanity's cause; is indeed sublime.

Why mourn these dead of ours? They sleep in the bosom of the land they loved. Where the ground once shook beneath the tramp of contending forces, no sentinels patrol. They are at rest. "The sweetest glory is overcast in every eye that has watched the troubles of this mortal life." Both Grant and Lee lived to attest the goodness of a God whose hand preserved the Union. A third of a century later the noble mothers of this liberty-loving nation gave up their splendid sons for the delivery of a new world from the barbarity and inhumanity of Spain's despotism that bleeding Cuba might be free.

From her beautiful domes of freedom, lifted toward the ethereal blue, kissed by the sun of day and wooed by the stars of night, tranquilly floats the unconquered flag of

the greatest nation of the earth. Why mourn for those who slumber here? Their epitaphs are written in the grandest history of the ages. Before them will reverently pass the great procession of the centuries. Their every headstone round about—even those without a name—for whom we bring our rarest flowers will be given honorable place in the mighty monument that is to commemorate the ennobling and uplifting of the human race.

For more than a century in the loom of time a brave people have been weaving the fabric of this republic, and the portion of the blood-red colors which make the most radiant part of this wondrous fabric, were placed there by the men who fought and died that the Union might forever live.

They presided at the dawn of a new era in our nation's history. The whole future was there with them and destiny dim brooded over it all. In their hearts and mis-shaped thoughts it lay illegible and inevitable. Until finally it was unfolded by the fire and thunder of cannon and musketry, by the rattle of tattered battle flags, in the tramp of hurrying battalions, in the glow of war's crimson, in the sighs and the groans of the wounded and dying, announced in rifle volleys death-winged that the Union must and will be preserved.

Almost half a century has passed since our heroes fought. Since our loved ones fell. Almost half a century in which the re-united people of a common country have realized the inestimable blessings of peace and have shared together the beneficent fruits of a progressive development and prosperity which stands alone in the annals of all the world.

We are glad today that sectional lines have entirely disappeared in this country. If there remained one lingering question about the sincere abandonment of the lost cause of the South, or of the final furling of the Confederate flag upon the part of its valiant defenders, that doubt was forever settled by the Spanish-American War.

For since that war it has been realized as never before that the magnanimity of the Northern conqueror, was fully met by the generosity of the vanquished Southerner by his return to the fold of the Union with a speediness, a forgetfulness of his bitter past, which at once is the pride of our nation and the marvel of the world.

If the war with Spain should have

resulted in no other direct good to this country, it at least settled beyond all question of doubt in the minds of Americans themselves as well as the world at large, that the spirit of disunion no longer has any place in the United States and that our government stands today the most firmly cemented as well as the most humane and prosperous nation on the earth.

What better testimony can any one have, than the unprecedented spectacles of those two gallant old ex-Confederate generals, Joseph Wheeler and Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, responding to their country's call, marching with thousands of their old Southern comrades in arms to fight the Spanish-American battles for the Union.

Beneath the old flag of a re-united country these grizzled foes of 40 years ago marched shoulder to shoulder, united by the ties of a common bond of patriotic pride, actuated by the same love of liberty—"Forward in the cause of humanity and of freedom." The gray hairs of riper years and riper judgment with a ripe exalted patriotism are now the only signs of gray in the uniform of the true Southerner, for now

When the long line comes marching on it is all blue And the star spangled banner waves over them all They are all true.

I believe that the hour has been struck on the clock of ages whose huge pendulum swings to and fro over the arch of centuries, when this wonderful land must take on higher types and newer forms of nationality. New fields are fast opening up before the onward march of American development and adventure. Alaska with its teeming wealth is only waiting the coming of more American steam and electric engines, enterprise, genius and energy safeguarded by a wisely administered policy of conservation to unlock her vast treasures and pour them into the pockets of American thrift and courage.

The Hawaiian Islands, acquired through the necessity for expansion in the world's great war for humanity, are rich in all the elements of reward for prudent investment and patient industry and of far greater importance are these favorably located island possessions as a retreat for our vessels when our flag shall have been planted in the broadest ocean of the world's commerce.

The Philippine Islands, that marvelously wonderful Pacific archipelago, groping through centuries of darkness, superstition and gloom, in-

OLD MASTERS

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TULSA COURTHOUSE DEDICATED

Primary in R. I.—Memorial Day Celebrated in Washington—Sweets Have Song Festival—Maine Memorial Unveiled.

(Special to The Evening News.)

PARIS, May 30.—The long-awaited sale of the Marquise Landolfo Carcano's collection of old and modern masters was begun today in the galleries of Georges Petit. The sale is regarded in art circles as the most important that has taken place in Paris in many years, the works comprising oil paintings, water colors, drawings, and sculpture, all picked examples of acknowledged masters. Of thirty-four old masters the gems of the collection are Rembrandt's portrait, presumably of his sister, painted about 1633; Rubens's "Christ Mourned by the Holy Women," and Veronese's portrait of "Beautiful Mani." The sculpture section includes two Rodins, "The Head of John the Baptist after Execution" in marble and "A Study of Man" in bronze.

Court House Dedicated.

TULSA, Okla., May 30.—Tulsa country's new court house was dedi-

cated to the dawn of light and liberty, are rapidly grasping the golden opportunity of demonstrating their early fitness to assume the duties and responsibilities of sovereign units in a stable republic. Our generous treatment toward our beaten foes as well as the interests of the Filipino subjects themselves, has won for us not only their approbation, but that of the entire civilized world.

Let us hope that the history of the future may attest the wisdom of the past, in thousands of our people finding homes within these island shores, a safe retreat for our commerce upon the oriental seas with a reciprocal market for millions of our surplus products.

And with this vast and every expanding field of opportunity comes our duty as a nation devoted to the arts of peace to guard our ambitions

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cated today with interesting exercises in which prominent lawyers and jurists from many parts of Oklahoma took part. The courthouse cost \$300,000 and is said to be the finest edifice of its kind in the state.

Primary in Rhode Island.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 30.—Rhode Island's ten delegates and ten alternates to the democratic national convention at Baltimore will be selected in a state wide primary to be held tomorrow. The primary will be the first of its kind held in this state. The names of Champ Clark, Woodrow Wilson and Judson Harmon will appear on the ballots.

Memorial Day in The Capital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 30.—Senator Norris Brown, of Nebraska, was the orator at the memorial day exercises at the Arlington national cemetery today. The graves of the 20,000 soldiers who rest in the magnificent cemetery were decorated by the various patriotic societies.

Lutherans at Bethlehem.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., May 30.—The 165 annual meeting of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent states opened here today with a large attendance. The initial session was held in Grace church this morning with Prof. E. T. Horn, of Mt. Airy Seminary, presiding. The proceedings will continue until next Wednesday.

Swedish Song Festival.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 30.—Large delegations representing Swedish musical organizations in many cities of the American Union of Swedish Singers. The festival will last two days. The program provides for two great concerts, in which several thousand singers will take part.

Iowa Traveling Men in Session.

BURLINGTON, Ia., May 30.—Gaily decorated in the national colors, Burlington today extended a hearty welcome to the members of the United Commercial Travelers assembled here for the annual meeting of the Iowa grand council. Every large city of the state is represented. The meeting will close tomorrow with the election of officers. Ottumwa is making a strong bid for the next convention.

Maine Memorial Unveiled.

KEARNEY, N. J., May 30.—Decoration day was observed by the unveiling this morning of a handsome memorial to the soldier dead. The memorial, which stands in front of the town hall, consists of a marble pedestal surmounted by a 498-pound shell from the battleship Maine.

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