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## OLD VETERANS AGAIN DO HONOR TO DEAD COMRADES

The Memorial Services at the Central Church of Christ yesterday afternoon were largely attended, regardless of the inclement weather. With a few exceptions the full program was carried out.

Bunting and flags were tastefully arranged about the rostrum and about the monument to "The Unknown Dead." The last exercise by the W. R. C., was a beautiful tribute to the "Unknown Dead." With four "Stars and Stripes" floating over the platform, a procession of W. R. C. covered the monument with flowers.

Commander Oliver closed the program with a few words in which he spoke of memorial day as a Memory day, on which only soldiers should take part but every individual, should assist in teaching the coming generations in doing homage to the heroes.

J. W. Knowles, the speaker of the day spoke in part:

Through the Rebellion's horrors  
Bright shines our Nation's fame  
Our gallant soldiers perishing  
Have won a deathless name.

"The idea of a memorial day first originated with the patriotic inhabitants of the little town of Waterloo, New York when forty years ago today hundreds of flags were flying at half mast in that little village draped in mourning in honor of the departed heroes of the Civil War."

"Two years later the occasion nationalized by that fearless and intrepid leader known to the boys in blue as Black Jack General John A. Logan, who as Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic issued an order, that May 30th, should be observed and set aside as a National Memorial day."

"Ever since that time upon the 30th day of May in each returning year through out the length and breadth of this country the people lay aside their different vocations in life, the farmer leaves his plow, the merchant his counting room, the mechanic and laborer his labor, the professional man his office and the clergyman his study, to do homage to those brave men who yielded up their lives and endured dangers and hardships that this Government might not perish from off the face of the earth and today in ever City, Town, Villages and Hamlet

throughout this broad land of ours the survivors of the Civil war with bent forms and feeble step are in line again. Again the spirit of '61 is aroused within them. Events of the past float through their memory. The comrades grasp the flashing eye, the cheerful voice, the moans of the wounded and dying, the midnight picket, the roll call, the combat and the sound of clashing steel are realities again."

"And again after another twelve months march towards that silent camp pitched upon the evergreen shores of Eternity these old battled scarred veterans who at the beat of the drum and amid the burnishing of muskets, the flourishing of swords and the gleaming of bayonets left their homes their friends their mothers wives and sisters, in fact all that was near and dear to them and in response to their Country's call went out into the field of battle and braved all the dangers and hardships which only a soldier is compelled to brave, have assembled together not only in this city but in every city, village and hamlet from the Atlantic to the Pacific for the purpose of perpetuating the memories of their departed comrades by commending their bravery, extolling their virtues and scattering sweet scented flowers upon their honored graves."

"Since this little patriot band before me has assembled on a like occasion one of their most beloved, devoted and distinguished comrades, Colonel George B. Currey, who in former years assisted in the exercises of this day, and who with his feeble and tender hands strewed flowers upon the graves of his departed comrades like those flowers has dropped and eied and the time is not far distant when not one of that mighty army that went out in defence of this country will remain to participate in the exercises of this day."

"One by one the old veterans are passing away and has been read to us this afternoon at the rate of five thousand a month."

"But rest assured that as long as this Government continues to be numbered among the Nations of the Earth so long will their bravery upon the battle field

and the sacrifices which they have made for the preservation of this grand and glorious government of ours be commemorated."

"Let it this a holy day kept sacred by all and let tender hands strew these flowers that speak of loyalty and love and while sad deening memories of the cost of liberty and a united country are in all hearts let their rise a swelling anthem 'That our patriot dead shall be forgotten never'."

"It is the graves of those that made such sacrifices as this that we are called upon to deck with flowers today and while doing so let us not forget the sacrifices which they have made and the perils and hardships through which they passed that we might enjoy the blessings of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

"It is fitting that in giving proper need of praise to our brave soldier boys, we should not overlook the acts, deeds, sacrifices and privations of wives, mothers, sisters, and I may add sweet-hearts of those soldiers."

"Some of whom in addition to their household duties looked after the farm, the store, the shop and labored with their own hands for the support of themselves and children while their husbands, fathers, and sons went in defense of the stars and stripes. Others like ministering Angels cared for the weak and wounded, softened the pillow of the sick and dying and with tender hands and sympathetic hearts assisted in consigning the departed heroes to their last resting place."

"Words cannot begin to convey the intensest anxiety and suffering of these noble women as they eagerly read the news of the battle to ascertain if any of their loved ones were mentioned in the list of killed, wounded and missing."

"Today while our eyes are filled with tears and our hearts with gratitude for those who wore the blue, let us not forget to drop a tear of sympathy and love for those who wore the gray and let us not forget to remember that under every mound in the southland that marks the grave of a confederate soldier that some body's darling lies mouldering there."

### COLORED MEN DISCUS.

(Scripps News Association)  
Jacksonville, Fla., May 31.—A State Convention of colored men is being held here today for the purpose of discussing the advancement of the negroes as business men. Many interesting questions will come up for consideration, among them the problem of giving young colored men a better education and training in business matters

### KING EDWARD'S BIRTHDAY

(Scripps News Association)  
London, May 30—The birthday of King Edward, who was born November 9, 1841, was officially celebrated today in accordance with the wishes of the King. The towns throughout the Kingdom were gaily decorated and beflagged and the shipping at the various ports made the gayest display of bunting. The day was observed at all the home military and naval headquarters with parades and salutes.

The chief celebration was the ceremony of "trooping the colors" on the Horse Guards Parade ground here thousands of spectators witnessed the interesting ceremony.

## HEAVY DAMAGE BY RAIN

One of the heaviest rains that has visited the western slope of the Blue Mountains has just ceased and thousands of dollars of damage has resulted in the cities of Pendleton, Walla Walla and the surrounding country.

The fury of the storm that worked such havoc in Pendleton spent its fury near Meacham and the road bed in numerous places between Meacham and Bingham Springs is greatly damaged, and the official state that it will be at least 48 hours before trains from La Grande can reach Pendleton.

There are now 500 people delayed in La Grande who are boarding at the expense of the O. R. & N. C.

La Grande is now the terminus of west bound traffic, but it is not expected that many more passengers will arrive here as the company is routing them via Butte and Spokane to points west.

A number of bridges near Meacham are wrecked and the track badly washed. The company sent all the men they could secure and provisions to last several days to the scene of the flood. The latest reports are that the water is falling rapidly and that repairs will be finished sooner than expected.

### DANGER POINT PASSED

Both telegraphic and telephone lines are down between La Grande, Pendleton and Walla Walla and no news beyond the fact that the waters are receding and the danger point is past.

### AT PENDLETON

The wires being down today Pendleton or Walla cannot be communicated with and the following is the Scripps report of conditions yesterday as will be seen by the dates.

Pendleton, Ore. May 30—People in many parts of the city are fleeing from their homes on account of the high water in the Umatilla river, the result of the heavy rain and cloudburst at Bingham Springs. It has been raining here since Sunday. The body of an unknown man was seen floating down the river this morning. Houses are washed away at Bingham Springs, the bridges are all out east and traffic with Spokane is suspended.

This is the worst flood Pendleton has experienced since 1882. At 8 o'clock this morning one-third of the town was covered with a foot of water, which has done heavy damage to stocks of goods stored in basements. On Alta street there is six inches of water, and the Hotel Pendleton block, including the post-office and the entire section of town west of Main street, between Alta street and the river, a total area of 80 blocks, is flooded and deserted.

The water has been rising rapidly since 1 o'clock this morning. Early this morning the levee in the West End gave way, making the ball grounds, adjoining the district, a raging torrent. A further rise will cause the levee to break, flooding the entire town.

The property loss in Pendleton alone will reach many thousands of dollars. Men and teams are at work hauling household goods to higher places.

### AT WALLA WALLA

(Scripps News Association)  
Walla Walla May 30—Bridges have been washed out, houses wrecked, streets flooded, and electric and telephone stations put out of commission and thousands of dollars' worth of damage done to growing crops in the lowland districts. Mill creek and Walla Walla river are pouring over their banks and all business has been practically suspended.

The Clinton Park and Sixth street bridge

## BOMB PUTS DAMPER ON ROYAL WEDDING CEREMONY

(Scripps News Association)  
Madrid, Spain, May 31—King Alfonso and Princess Ena were married at noon today in the Esan Geronimo church in the presence of persons from all the chief countries of the world. Cardinal Snelco, catholic primate of Spain, assisted by high prelates performed the ceremony.

Princess Ena drove from El Pardo villa at an early hour to the Ministry of Marine, where she donned her wedding gown and met her queen mother and in a pearl carriage was driven to church. The soldiers lined the streets at all times. Alfonso was escorted by officials and drove to the church where he met the Princess. The church was crowded with invited women and men arrayed in court uniforms. Princess Ena wore a white duchess satin gown in princess style. The body was trimmed with diadem lace, embroidered and intertwined with silver rose wreaths, and orange blossoms bordered with fleur de lis. Lines of embroidery silver and orange blossoms fell from her shoulder to the elbow. Her magnificent gown had a court train.

After the ceremony King Alfonso gave his wife the historical, old piece according to ancient customs, and the couple registered.

ges went out early this morning. Mill creek overflowed its banks early this morning and a big stream of water is now flowing down Alder street through the business district.

Walla Walla, May 31—The Walla Walla Power company's dam on the Walla Walla river, 15 miles above the city went out this morning, cutting off all electric light and power. Several houses have floated down with the flood. A foot and a half of water surrounds St. Mary's hospital. The newspapers and many of the manufacturing plants have been forced to close down.

### ATTEMPT TO MURDER FAMILY

(Scripps News Association)  
Payson, Utah May 31—Early this morning an attempt to murder Joseph E. Cook and his family, was frustrated by providence. A five gallon can of dynamite was placed on the front porch and set with a time fuse. When the explosion occurred the shock went downward and wrecked the porch and the front of the house. The lives of the inmates were saved.

The explosion aroused the whole town. Crook was a saloon keeper and was never in trouble except that he was disliked by the prohibitionists.

### STEAMERS COLLIDE.

(Scripps News Association)  
Detroit, Mich., May 31—The steamer Cowle collided with a steamer in the St. Clair river this morning. Two women cooks and three men were drowned.

Some hustling individual with an eye for business should start a boat livery on Depot street.

tered in the cloister of the church while the orchestra played Te Deum and a wedding march.

The procession then returned to palace, presenting a gorgeous spectacle. Thousands of people waited in the streets and hailed the royal couple as they passed down the streets. The queen bowed to the people that lined the streets, as she rode in the golden coach.

Later—it has been developed that a boy threw the bomb and he has been arrested. As the royal carriage of gold was passing a balcony it is suspected the boy threw the deadly missile. Two horses on the king's carriage were killed also a child was injured by the bomb standing near. The procession stopped instantly and with alarm the guards hastened to the carriage but found the inmates uninjured. The peals of applause that marked the parade died out with the report of the bomb and the thousands of spectators stood aghast at the appalling attempt of assassination.

### ANARCHISTS ON HAND

Madrid May 31, while the procession was leaving the church a bomb was thrown at the royal carriage but neither the King nor Queen were injured.

## TRAINS SENT VIA SACRAMENTO

(Scripps News Association)  
Salt Lake May 31—All through trains to the Northwest have been ordered diverted via of Sacramento owing to the bad washouts above La Grande Oregon.

### JURY DISAGREES ON SHORTY

(Scripps News Association)  
Van Couver, B. C. May 31.—The jury hearing the trial of Bill Shorty charged with holding up the Canadian Pacific express disagreed, eleven standing for his conviction and one for acquittal. The case will probably go over to the Fall sitting of the court.

### ROOSEVELT RETURN IN SAFETY

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington May 31—The President and Mrs. Roosevelt returned this afternoon on board the Mayflower. The trip was without incident.

### GRAIN MARKETS

Chicago May 29—Wheat opened at 82½ closed at 83½; corn opened at 49½; closed at 53½; oats opened at 49½; closed 53½.

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