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MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

The Day Fittingly and Appropriately Observed by
the Old Veterans and Citizens

The members of Compson post G. A. R., and the W. R. C. met at the hall at 10 a. m. headed by the M. W. A. band, and marched through the city for an hour and a half. It was a patriotic procession. More and more strikingly visible became the marks of the hand of time. We well remember years ago, when the boys in blue marched with heads erect, hundreds strong, with proud steps, bright smiles and happy speech; but they have been stepping out one by one. One by one they have answered to the last roll call. Their ranks have been thinned more than on the field of battle, and the survivors are grey-haired, stoop-shouldered, halt and lame, but none the less brave for that. How we should love these old heroes! How we should do them honor! Think of what they endured for us on the field of battle, on the weary march, in the fever stricken bivouac, ever on the alert for the ever present enemy. Think of the suffering, the weariness, the nerve wrecking strain of constant vigilance, the shock of arms, the maimed limbs, the satire cut, the bayonet thrust, disease, loathsome and repugnant, but half combated by the limited means at hand. What do we not owe to those heroes who gave up their lives in that awful struggle for the perpetuity of the nation? What love, what honor, what praise we should give them and how we should emulate their example and hold the welfare of our country above every other consideration, above wife or child, above home and friends, above all our possessions. It was this kind of patriotism which stirred the hearts of our Boys in Blue, and caused them to endure all these ills for our sake. To those who are so fortunate as to have passed through the awful ordeal and yet remain with us, we are miscreants, superlatively contemptible and ungrateful if we do not at every opportunity show the highest appreciation of their service. They should be met as heroes deserve to be met. Those of the rank and file, the real preservers of our nation above all others should be honored. They were the real heroes. They were the ones who stood the brunt of every hardship. The officers were always better cared for and the higher the officer the less of hard-

ship and suffering they experienced. The procession after marching through the city gathered in the vacant lot in front of their hall on the south side of Chicago street and decorated a draped monument to the unknown dead, and then marched to the hall where a generous lunch was prepared for the veterans and their friends by the W. R. C. There were about 150 veterans, their wives, children and friends who feasted with them. There was real army coffee, hard tack, and all other good army rations in abundance.

The boys wished especially that the kindness of Sam Simmons should be remembered. He gave the use of his team to take a committee from town to the Columbia Slough cemetery to decorate the graves of some of their comrades who are buried there. Mr. Simmons would take no remuneration for the service and it is highly appreciated by the veterans.

At the hall after the lunch there were four little children of Thomas H. Reed of company H, 25th and 51st Missouri, who, because their father could not be present and take part in the exercises of the day, gave a joint recitation. Their names were Genevieve, Richard, Benjamin and Alice. They won a most hearty applause for patriotism and faithfulness to their father.

After luncheon the W. R. C. and G. A. R. marched to the river led by the band and at the ferry through the kindness of the ferry people they were permitted to march out on the James John and with the impressive ceremony of the W. R. C. the waters were strewn with flowers in memory of the sailor dead.

Thus another milestone has been passed by the beloved and honored heroes of the nation. Another year with its joys and sorrows, with its trials and perplexities, with its blessings and adversities has passed into oblivion. With it have passed their reward thousands of the true blue boys of '61. May their rest be sweet, and may they all answer to "the roll call up yonder", where "taps" will never be sounded and every day will be dress parade; where none will ever do picket duty, nor there will be no foes to molest. To the old heroes who are still with us: May your last days be blessed with the love

GRAND ARMY DAY AT SCHOOL

Splendid Programs Rendered at Both the High and Grammar Schools in Honor of the Occasion

Last Friday was G. A. R. day at the public schools in the city and squads of the old Boys in Blue visited both schools, where they were entertained by the pupils.

At the High school the exercises were opened by the school singing the Battle Hymn of the Republic. This was followed by a musical number by the Fourth grade girls. Then O. R. Downs gave a very interesting talk to the young people, followed by short talks from other members of the post and visitors from the city.

This was followed by the school singing "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." The First grade then gave a very pretty flag song with a humming accompaniment. The Second and Third grades then each rendered a musical number which was followed by a solo by Miss Gertrude Baldwin.

Mrs. Kemp then addressed the school in behalf of the W. C. T. U. The rooms were beautifully decorated with roses and firs. The school is deeply indebted to Mr. L. T. Clark for his generosity in supplying roses for the school ever since they began blooming and we were told to express their appreciation of his kindness.

At the Grammar school about the same hour, 11 o'clock, a splendid program was also rendered in the auditorium of the building. The first action of the young Americans was to salute the flag, then they filed in and took their seats, filling the hall and the stairways full to the limit.

The Fifth grade class then rendered the song "Scatter the Flowers," which was followed by the recitation "Captain, My Cap-

tain," by Rachel Schelter. The next number was "Lincoln and the Pig" by a bright little girl whose name appears on the program as Chester March, but whether they switched the performer or not is a conundrum we have not been able to determine. Following this number was one of the best of the program, the dumbbell exercise. About a dozen or more little girls of the Sixth grade came on the stage and led by their captain, Miss Effie McDonald, went through their evolutions for about ten minutes with a precision not excelled by veterans in any drill. It brought out a most hearty encore from both pupils and visitors.

This was followed by the recitation, "My Dad Gave His Life for His Country" by pupils of the Fifth grade, and little Verne Hall recited a Lincoln story. Miss Blossom Stockton then read the Emancipation Proclamation. The Sixth grade followed with the song, "Gather the Flowers." "Bill Sikes' Dog" by Claude Groth was the next to receive a hearty encore from the pupils. The Eighth grade then repeated the world famous speech of Lincoln at Gettysburg, which was followed by the recitation "Lincoln and the Birds," by Merle Harrington.

At this time the veterans who were in attendance and in whose honor the exercises were being given, were granted an opportunity to get their inning. Officer of the day, Mr. Caldwell, in a neatly worded speech thanked the teachers and pupils for the interest they had manifested in the old soldiers and admonished them of the time which seemed quickly coming when these gray haired veterans would be with them only in memory, and reminded them of their duty to their country; that they should preserve that which had been purchased by the lives of so many of the bravest of the boys of the nation. He was followed by Captain Snow in a very eloquent address. He praised the patriotism of the pupils and the efficiency of their work before their visitors, expressed his sincere gratitude for their expression of honor and re-

spect, praised the girls of the Sixth grade particularly for the most excellent manner of delivering their drill, warned the boys to not allow the girls to outdo them, said that they should drill in the manual of arms until they were just as efficient in the handling of a gun as the girls were in manipulating the dumb bells. He urged them to remember the old boys who fought, bled and died for the blessed liberty which we now enjoy, and to preserve the country undivided. He told, with the voice of a prophet, that these boys would live to see a war which was sure to come between this country and the people of the Far East, when he urged these lads to not fail to do as had the boys of '61, shoulder their guns and stand ready to die if necessary for their country.

After the Captain, the Ninth grade rendered "The Boy in Blue" in a very acceptable manner. Altogether the exercises, rendered as they were in honor of the living and memory of the dead heroes of '61, were very fitting and impressive and there are many little ones to whom it was a revelation, being their first contact with the war veterans as a class. It opened their eyes to something new in their lives and they were intensely interested.

These exercises should be more and more strongly emphasized every year, and the young of the nation should be taught the beauty of patriotic devotion to ones country. They should be taught, too, the difference between a republican form of government and that of a monarchial or despotic, that a love of country may be instilled in their young lives which will remain with them to the end of their days.

A farmer in Indiana noticed a hen that had been for a number of days on her nest and thinking that she was covering a lot of spoiled eggs pulled her off, when to his surprise he discovered that she had hatched a number of black snakes. Now if it had happened in St. Johns, we would think it the result of the election; that the man had just imagined it, after a night's celebration.

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Break Even at Woodburn.

Woodburn and St. Johns broke even at Woodburn Saturday in a double-header contest, the home team taking the first game, 5 to 0, and the Apostles answered the score, 6 to 5. Howse pitched the first game for the locals and had the Saints at his mercy at every stage of contest. "Southpaw" Wakefield was hit hard, a total of ten hits being gleaned off his delivery.

In the second game Marshall and McCarthy opened the game and neither had anything and were chased in the third and replaced by Poland and Wakefield. Poland pitched shut-out ball, but his support was very ragged. Wakefield pitched better ball this game than he did the first. This game was scheduled for seven innings, but at the end of that time the score was a tie, 5 to 5, neither team succeeding in getting a man around until the 12th, when Mangold's bad leg to first struck a pile of dirt near the bleachers and bounded over the fence, letting the runner make a complete circuit of the sacks.

Mrs. Margaret Morgan.

Died, at the home of J. B. Grow, 915 Willamette Boulevard, in this city, Mrs. Margaret Morgan, May 28, in her eighty-third year. Funeral services were held from the Holman undertaking chapel in Portland, conducted by Rev. E. A. Leonard, Sunday at 2:30 p. m. The remains were taken to her former home, Augusta, Kansas, for interment. She was a faithful and consistent member of the church for more than fifty years.

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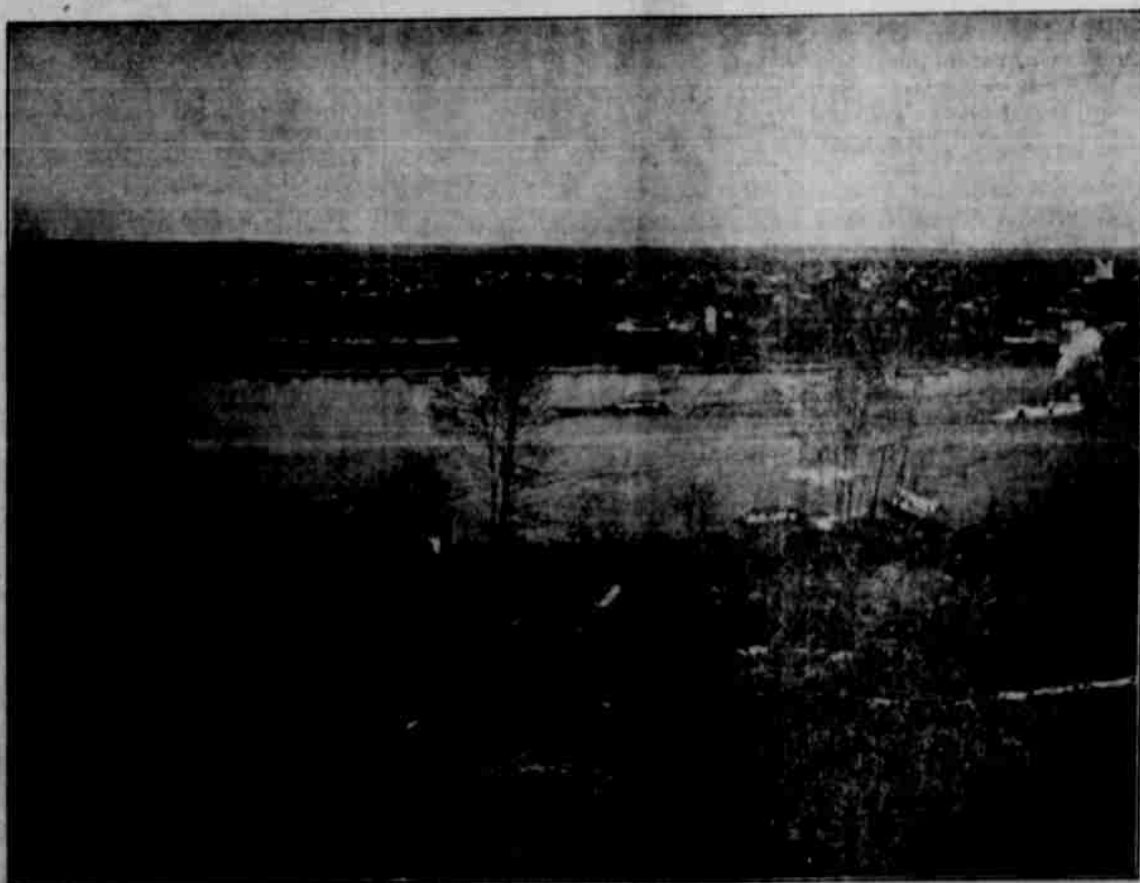
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