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OREGON CITY ENTERTAINS.
A Grand Parade—Reception a Success—Speeches well Received—Honored By Commander-in-Chief Lawler

Painstaking and laborious preparations had been made for the fourteenth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic for Oregon, in Oregon City, and the members of the various committees were more than anxious as to the probable state of the weather for last Monday. Owing to these unsettled conditions the work of decorating was proceeded with caution, lest the rain should seriously interfere with the best results. Delegates and visitors began to arrive on the incoming trains from distant portions of the state on Sunday afternoon, and the steamer Ramona at 5 o'clock in the evening brought Battery A from Portland with a full complement of men and four guns, under command of Captain R. S. Greenleaf, who at once went into camp on the west side of the river near the approach to the suspension bridge. At an early hour Monday morning residents of the city were awakened by the guns of the battery, and the sun rose most auspiciously for a grand day. The finishing touches to the decorations were hastily completed, and the early trains and boats brought crowds of people from every section of the state, while wagon load after wagon load and people on horseback came in from the surrounding country. By 9 o'clock a. m. there was a busy scene of activity at the headquarters of the executive committee on Main and Sixth streets adjoining the Oregon City bank, where the veterans registered their names, residence and name of company, where they served during the late war. The Women's Relief Corps with their headquarters at the K. of P. hall, and the Sons of Veterans quarters at the M. E. church were also busy places, and the various committees were on the alert to see that the visitors were properly entertained. The crowds of people that thronged the streets reminded one of a grand Fourth of July celebration only there was a marked absence of the noise of firecrackers and explosive bombs, and the numbers were perceptibly augmented by the arrival of each car and boat.

Little groups of gray-haired veterans were gathered in every direction, greeting each other with honest cordiality and relating reminiscences of war times, living over in brief retrospection the times that tried men's souls.

At half past twelve o'clock the steamer Ramona arrived from Portland with National Commander, General T. G. Lawler and Adjutant C. O. Jones, the First Regiment band and about two hundred and fifty members of the G. A. R. and Ladies' Relief Corps. Battery A fired a salute of twenty-one guns, the conventional salute, in honor of the distinguished visitors. Among other prominent G. A. R. men on the boat were Colonel George A. Seely, aid-de-camp on General Lawler's staff; General S. M. Ormsby, commander of the department of Oregon; Senator Alley of Lane county; Senator A. W. Burns, of Harney county; Colonel James Jackson, Colonel D. B. Bush, Captain J. A. Sladen, Assistant Quartermaster-General P. A. Skinner, Assistant Adjutant General W. S. Morse, Major F. M. Cox, U. S. A., Captain A. C. Gets, Post Commander John Gwit; Department Color-Bearer E. C. Dubois, Captain J. E. Lombard and others. Hundreds of people witnessed the landing of the boat and the enthusiastic crowd, music of the bands and flying colors was an inspiring scene. The G. A. R., with Company F. O. N. G., and the Park Place band were formed into line by Captain J. P. Shaw and marched to the wharf, and escorted General Lawler and party to the Electric hotel where department headquarters had been established, and where lunch was served. Upon arrival at the hotel the entire line of escort about four hundred in number opened ranks, and Generals Lawler and Ormsby passed down the line in carriages, officers and men saluting. When the end of the line was reached where Grand Marshal G. A. Harding and his staff were standing in front of the Electric hotel, three rousing cheers were given for the commander-in-chief, and they were given with voices that had the genuine ring.

THE GRAND PARADE.
At 2 o'clock p. m. the great parade was formed into line by Grand Marshal G. A. Harding, assisted by Captain Henry Smith, chief of staff, and aides L. B. Moore, F. T. Griffith, J. M. Lawrence, E. J. McKittrick, Charles Meserve and Dr. J. W. Norris. By this time the streets, sidewalks, doorways, upper story windows and every available spot where one could get a view of the procession, was occupied by persons anxious to see

one of the grandest street parades ever known in Oregon City. By the time the procession was formed into line it extended all the way from the head of Main street to Eighth street, and was nearly half a mile in length. A conservative estimate would place the number of visitors who witnessed the parade at 5000 people, although some who pretend to be competent judges, confidently assert that there was a much larger number.

The procession was formed in the following order:
First Regiment Band of Portland.
Company F. O. N. G., under the command of Captain F. S. Kelly, and Lieutenants Pickens and Huntley.
Battery A. O. N. G. of Portland, of four guns, under command of Capt. Greenleaf.
Grand Army of the Republic, numbering 500 men.
Sons of Veterans, under command of Colonel W. H. Bloss.
Oregon City Fire Department, consisting of Cataracts No. 2, Oregon City Hose Team No. 3, Fountains and Hook & Ladder No. 1, all under the direction of Chief Engineer C. M. Mason.
Park Place Band, under the leadership of N. W. Randall.
Wacheco tribe of Red Men, mounted in appropriate costume.
Electric and Willamette Falls lodges of Ancient Order of United Workmen.
Woodmen of the World, carrying suitable emblems of the order, mallets, wedges, and axes, under the direction of Hon. Geo. O. Rinearson, the newly elected advisor.
Carriages containing commander-in-chief Lawler Adjutant General Jones, Colonel Seale, Department Commander Ormsby, department president of the Women's Relief Corps, Mrs. Ungerman; president of the Meade Women's Relief Corps, Mrs. Cochrane; Mayor Straight and President E. E. Charman of the board of trade.
Oregon City Bicycle club.
Oregon City schools, with the teachers of the different grades and their pupils in the following order:
Prof. W. S. Holmes, city superintendent; Prof. L. W. McAdams, principal of Eastham school; P. M. Weddell, Miss Gertrude Finley, Miss Erma Lawrence, Miss Hattie Monroe, Miss Ana Baird, Mrs. D. H. Glass, Miss Ora Spangler, Miss Nellie Younger, Miss Hattie Wetherell, Miss Hattie Cochran, Miss Mollie Hankins, Miss May Kelly, St. John's school under the direction of Father Hillebrand.
Grand Marshal Harding and his aides acquitted themselves very creditably in forming the immense number of people into line in so short a time, without a hitch.

RECEPTION EXERCISES.
The procession was disbanded at the Baptist church, where only a small percentage of the immense crowd were able to gain admittance, and an effort was made to entertain the thousands outside with speeches from Hon. D. P. Thompson and E. W. Allen, but before a place could be secured, the outside multitude had dispersed. The exercises began in the church with a selection by the choir, "The Star Spangled Banner" followed with a most appropriate prayer by Rev. A. J. Montgomery.
Capt. J. P. Shaw presided at the reception, and introduced Mayor Straight who delivered an earnest address of welcome on behalf of the city, to the distinguished visitors and the organizations represented. Among other things he said:
"I re-echo a hearty welcome from a thousand hilltops to the boys who were once foremost in war, but are now resting their arms in peace. You have come to rekindle the old campfire that used to burn when our country was in peril; you have come to renew that old friendship that was once formed while brave men were marching on the battlefield; you have come once more to march to the music of the fife and drum and to renew that patriotic ardor that we know none but brave men could feel. War at best makes a sad page in a country's honor and dignity, and it is then that we are made to realize that we have brave sons that love country better than life. Welcome, welcome. It was welcome in war; it is welcome in peace."
President E. E. Charman said: "I do not welcome you from a military or religious standpoint, but I welcome you as a representative of the commercial interests of Oregon City." He spoke of our streets improved with vitrified brick, great water power and electric stations, of the great manufactures and mills, the largest woolen mills west of the Rocky mountains, and our numerous other industries. He said: "In times of peace prepare for war. In times like these prepare for prosperity." He told of the attractions of Gladstone park, where the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association will hold its annual assembly, and extended the freedom of the city to the visitors. While President Charman does not pretend to be an orator, he knows how to give solid facts in an at-

tractive manner. His address as well as that of Mayor Straight was greeted with applause.
General S. M. Ormsby, department commander, in a most pleasant way thanked the citizens for their cordial welcome. He spoke of the enthusiasm that greeted the G. A. R. on their excursion east, and they came here bearing the olive branch of peace, but there were no olive branches. He analyzed cabbage as a diet, which Capt. Shaw had mentioned in his letter of invitation. His remarks were received with laughter and applause, and at the close, Capt. Shaw explained that he promised them he would feed them on something else than cabbage.
Mrs. S. M. McCown of Meade Ladies Relief Corps, delivered a most feeling address of welcome and addressed a part of her remarks to the Sons of Veterans. She told them that they should be proud to bear the names of Veterans who had served honorably in the late war, and that they should prove themselves worthy of the names they bear. Mrs. McCown told of the work of women in the war, and the service they rendered as wives of comrades, and the work of women in inspiring words of patriotism. She said: "Oregon City forgot she was a lazy old town, forgot the hard times, when she awoke to the importance of making arrangements to entertain the Veterans, Women's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans." She ended by a merited tribute to the flag. Mrs. Stanton responded in place of Mrs. Ungerman, the department commander. And she did so in a neat and appropriate way, in words of encouragement to the support of the work of the G. A. R., and said the common school was the place to teach patriotism.
State Senator George C. Brownell delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the Sons of Veterans, and he did it in his usual masterly and eloquent style. "Among other things he said: "I welcome you as a son of a veteran, and am glad to know that patriotism still lives and exists in this country. Your sires were grand army men; they were grand army men when they left the shop, the field and the plow to go to war, and they are the grandest army yet." He told how the soldiers of the late war were always foremost in every move of reform, and urged on G. A. R. men the importance of inspiring their children with a love of country.
Captain L. W. Oren, of Corvallis, made a most felicitous response, and while he regretted the attendance of the Sons of Veterans was not so large as they had expected, their hearts were no less in the work of perpetuating the memories and valorous deeds of their sires. He asked the sons of worthy soldiers to conduct themselves in a way that would reflect honor and credit to the patriots who had saved the country, and urged the importance of greater patriotism.

Department Colonel Will H. Bloss was called upon for some remarks, and among other things he urged that each of the organizations here represented, individually and collectively, should take energetic steps to have a law enacted to close the saloons and places of amusement on Decoration day; that it should be a day on which we mourn for the nation's dead, and their graves should be kept green and their memory revered.
Captain J. T. Apperson, commander of Meade Post, was next called upon and made one of his appropriate and pointed talks. He said, in the course of his remarks, that one year ago he was requested to ask the grand army to hold its annual encampment here, and spoke of the plentiful supply of salmon here. He thought that Captain Shaw in his letter of invitation, should have said salmon instead of cabbage, and trusted that they would never regret having accepted the invitation to come here.
Capt. Shaw said that he learned that Post Department Commander J. C. Cooper, of McMinnville, was camped on the west side of the river with a number of his comrades, and it was probably advisable that people should look out for their hen roosts.
In his response General Cooper said that that he was no grammarian, but a Missourian, and that he was a general on the staff of Governor Moody, and proceeded to read a letter from Capt. Shaw wherein he turned the joke on the latter.
The afternoon exercises came to a close with the sentiment, "Our Fallen Comrades," proposed by the chairman, and responded to by the entire audience standing for a few moments in silence.

THE EVENING EXERCISES.
Were also held in the Baptist church, and the large auditorium was soon crowded to its utmost capacity. Captain Shaw was again in the chair, and the First Regiment Marine band with their medleys of popular and national airs set the audience wild with delight. On behalf of the committee Capt. Shaw publicly acknowledged thanks to the band.
Department Commander Ormsby de-

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