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A CHANGE OF PROGRAM REQUIRED.

The serious interference that the weather caused in the program for Decoration day again emphasizes the fact that a change in the manner of carrying out the exercises for that day must be made by the Grand Army, if they would have their orations appreciated by the people who attend. Captain Ormsby's address, Monday, was one of unusual merit and had it been delivered in a hall or some comfortable place where the wind and rain could not have interfered, it would have been given a most appreciative reception by the audience, but as it was, not ten persons of the hundreds present heard it all, or even half of it. The same trouble was experienced on Decoration day last year when Mr. Shanks of Seattle delivered one of the finest orations ever given at a Memorial day service in Oregon City. The wind and rain were so violent that it was an impossibility for those present to hear only fragments of his address.

In this section of the country where the weather is so often inclement about the time for Decoration day, it would be far better and would more fully accomplish the objects for which the day was instituted, if the oration and literary part of the exercises were given in a hall. The parade could be had and the Grand Army ritual services carried out at the cemetery, leaving the oration to be delivered in the evening in a hall where the audience would be comfortable and attentive. With patriotic songs and other appropriate features the evening exercises would be quite as patriotic and interesting as the day program.

The danger that the present method of observing the day in Oregon City is to the health of those participating is another important reason why the change should be made. It is nearly a mile and a half to the cemetery and after the people have marched that distance they are heated up and then to stand still for half an hour to an hour in a cold wind and, too frequently, a driving rain is almost sure to result in severe colds being contracted. Almost every speaker for years past, who has made the address on Memorial day in this city, has paid the penalty for his temerity in attempting to speak against the wind and rain, by contracting a severe cold and sore throat to distress him for a week or two afterward. Portland, Salem and nearly every other important town in Oregon have long since abandoned having the oration and other literary features of Decoration day given in the open air, holding that part altogether in the evening and in a hall. It is time that Oregon City was dropping a custom that only endangered the health of the living with no commensurate honor being shown to the dead.

The usual exodus to the United States that takes place after each European war, promises to set in from Greece now that their war with Turkey is over. As a result of the Turkish conquest times will be very hard in Greece for the next year or two and already much distress is felt by the common people. To meet the war expenses and to pay the indemnity that Turkey will exact will nearly double the Grecian taxes which are already about as high as the people can stand. Hard times will bring discontent to the people and they will attempt to seek relief by migrating to America, a country that is looked upon by the common people of Europe as a veritable land of milk and honey where poverty and hard times are unknown. Another factor to stimulate the Greek emigration will be the increased rigor with which the government will impress the young men of that country into the army so as to not be caught unprepared should it again be forced into a war, for Greece will be almost certain to imitate the other nations of Europe and profit by her late bitter lesson and put her army on the best possible footing. This will mean that hundreds of Greeks will flee their country rather than endure a term in the army, and so the Dago population of the United States will undergo a corresponding increase in numbers. Some time Americans will call a halt on their country being made a dumping ground for all Europe and Asia. Had President Cleveland been a true American, instead of an Anglomaniac, he would not

have vetoed the immigration bill passed by the republicans in the session of congress last winter, for had it become a law the horde of ignorant foreigners that are each year poured into this country would have been shut out and America would have had an opportunity to become Americanized, with a consequent decrease in our pauper and anarchistic population.

The armistice is still on between Greece and Turkey and negotiations are being commenced looking to the settlement of their difficulties. Greece has had all the war she wants and is only too anxious to secure the best terms possible from her victor, while Turkey was so eager to continue her victorious march on Athens that it took a stern command from Russia and other great powers to induce her to stop her armies. While the sultan has agreed to the establishment of peace, yet his demands are so exorbitant and he is so independent in his actions that other complications may arise out of it and that long expected European conflict may yet come as a result. The Turkish army is being constantly added to and it now numbers over 200,000 men. Their navy which has been in a bad state of neglect and decay is being overhauled and several new warships are to be added to it. So easy was their conquest of Greece that the Turks have become over-confident and ambitious of a revival of their ancient prowess and renown and a large sect is urging the sultan to declare a holy war to regain the lost power and territory and again put the crescent in the ascendancy in the East. It is possible that the great powers will be able to force the sultan and his fanatical followers to abide by their dictation, but it is by no means certain just yet, though another week will tell.

MEMORIAL day was observed in Oregon City in the spirit in which it was founded, and no attempt was made to make of it a holiday for sports and games. But this cannot be said of many towns in Oregon where horse races, baloon ascensions and the like turned the day into a rough, boisterous holiday in which all thought of the almost sacredness of the day was lost and no heed was given to the sentiments which should prevail on this grandest and most sublime of our national days. No true American would insult the honor and memory of the fallen defenders of his country by turning the one day dedicated to perpetuating a remembrance of the sacrifices they made and the noble deeds they performed, into a day for rough sports and rude levity.

Editor Kaiser, of the Ashland Record, has been read out of the populist party because he has been earnestly trying to get the populist officials of Jackson county to live up to the promises made before election, that they would reduce the salaries if elected. Kaiser took a great deal of pleasure in roasting the gang of populist bribe takers who held up the legislature, and this was not relished by the pop. leaders.—Lakeview Examiner.

FLAG RAISING.

FROGPOND, May 31.—Saturday afternoon the Frogpond school had a flag raising at which a splendid program of a patriotic nature was carried out. The teacher, Miss Jennie Noble, had extended invitations to the patrons and friends of the school to attend the exercises and as a consequence a large and appreciative audience was present. First on the program was the raising of a 92 foot flag pole on the school grounds. A large flag was then presented to the school by J. L. Kruse, on the part of the board, the acceptance being by two little girls on the part of the school. A patriotic song was then rendered, after which the flag was hoisted to the top of the pole and a salute given it by the school. This was followed by a number of finely rendered songs and recitations by the pupils. Appropriate and highly entertaining addresses were made by Mr. Austin Craig, school superintendent of Washington county, and Prof. Hansen, principal of the Wilsonville school.

An oration was then given by Rev. Leliman on "Loyalty to the Flag and Home" that was of unusual merit and which was heartily applauded. So pleased was the audience with the address that by request it is here given in full:

"I feel glad my friends, and especially you my young friends, to address you on this double occasion of flag raising and doing memory to those who fought and died that this flag may wave over a united country. I like to see you thankful to those who have done and suffered so much and who have even watered this country's soil with their blood to preserve its union, its institution and its liberties, and your eulogies to its banners and your hurrahs for that flag are music to my ear. But while this is so, while love for our country should reign supreme in our hearts, while honor is due to every teacher and to every school board that inculcates patriotism into the hearts of the young, and while we ought to be filled with righteous indignation against that wretch who would dishonor or betray our glorious flag in the present, I hope that in all of our exercises here today no contempt will be aroused, no enmity will be fostered, no unwillingness to forgive will be matured against that part of our country that once fought to sever its union, to substitute slavery for liberty, and trail our flag in the dust. True, while trying to fill your hearts with love for the stars and stripes, it's hardly possible not to think of those who have bitterly hated our emblem; while trying to encourage others to seek to preserve our union under all circumstances, sacrificing property and even life it necessary for the liberty and the union of our country, it's hardly possible not to remember those who tried to rend this union in twain; and I say, spurn such wretches that sow the seeds of discord to-day. Have nothing but contempt for those unprincipled demagogues who try to arouse one section of this country against the other, who endeavor to perpetuate a solid South against a solid North, and who would make one class of people believe that their interests conflict with those of another class. Tar and feathers in a liberal dose is a proper medicine for the discord sowers of today, but as to the past, let the dead past bury its dead. Of course it was a mistake

when the flag was first fired on at Fort Sumpter 36 years ago. Secession of the southern states from the Union was a mistake, but though the armies of the North and South were at variance for a long while, they are now at peace and in hearty loyalty to the U. S. government and ready if need be to march shoulder to shoulder against any foreign foe. And moreover, they who fought in that conflict were honest on both sides. Their chaplains were honest in their prayers, and their soldiers, whether they marched with North or South, were in earnest when they put their life in to the awful vortex. Men do not sacrifice their all for fun. There were some, no doubt, on both sides, who enlisted for soldier's pay and out of a desire for pillage, and out of thirst for human blood, but such cases were rare. The overwhelming majority fought for honest principles. When a Southern man bade his loved ones farewell, he did it just as tenderly and sincerely as a Northern man. The testaments in which they sought consolation looked just like those they used in the North. Their little ones wondered and wept at the sad news that papa or brother would return no more, just as bitterly as the children of the north. Then there was courage on both sides. When the war opened, the South called the Northern men "mudsills" and the North called the Southern men "braggarts" and "pompous nothings," but after a few battles men stopped hurling such epithets. It was an army of lions against an army of lions; it was thunderbolt against thunderbolt, archangel of wrath against archangel of wrath; but none of that despicable cowardice, none of that abominable selfishness of the demagogues of today.

I love this country and I love its flag. With all its defects and imperfections, there is no grander country under the sun. Not to speak of its boundless wealth, its rolling prairies, its forest clad mountains, I prize it for its institutions, its liberty and the chance it offers to every man willing to work to gain an independent existence. No tyrant here to govern us according to his whims; no despot here to trample on human rights; no king here to dictate to our conscience; but liberty and independence, and schools to equip us for life's earnest struggle, and the air of freedom to develop us into glorious man and womanhood. Only think of the chances each citizen of this country has. Not only a chance to gain a home which he may proudly call his own and in which he may peacefully spend the evening of his life, but it makes no difference how poor a person is, how low his origin may have been, there is no position, not even the highest, which he may not fill if he prove himself worthy. This cannot be done in any other country, and hence I prize my country above all others. But not only have we the best country, we have also the grandest flag to wave over this country. There is no superior to the stars and stripes. You know that flags are simply ensigns, indications of a nation's aims. When you see Turkey's flag, a half moon with a star, you know that that flag means war and despoliation. When you see England's flag, seven rampant lions, six little ones for week days and one large one for Sunday, you know that that country means crush and grab and steal. When you see China's flag, a crouching dragon, you know that the aims of that country must be nocturnal and low. We have the stars and stripes, the stars, the symbols of hope, the messengers of light; the stripes, symbols of dawn and of day-break. Our flag says: May there be hope and enlightenment; peace on earth and good will to men.

Now, when we take all of these things into consideration, boys and girls, you will see that the pride that we take in our country and its flag is justifiable, and that we have no reason to apologize when we ask you to love your country above all other countries and to stand bravely by its flag. Ah, the price paid by our forefathers for this sacred inheritance was no small one. Thousands of lives were laid down to expel greedy monarchy from our shores and to gain for us independence and liberty. Thousands of lives were laid down so that that flag may float over a united country. God forbid that so much blood should have been spilled in vain. We shall prove ourselves worthy of such sacrifice only if love, ardent love of our country fill our hearts to such a degree that we willingly and uprightly resolve, come weal or woe, even unto death, to stand by the institutions of our country as law abiding citizens and under no circumstances to take an insult to our flag.

As much of my address as you may forget, boys, don't forget this: If you hear a man insult our flag, or, if you hear a man insult your mother, you will not commit an unpardonable sin if you promptly knock him down. These two, your mother and your country's flag, must hold high places in your hearts. God bless our flag, our noble country's flag. May that heart have courage and that hand strength to which, in all time, it shall be entrusted. May it ever wave in honor over a free and united country, the joy and pride of the American heart. First raised in the cause of justice and liberty, may it never be used in an ignoble cause and may virtue, freedom and peace for ever follow where it leads the way.

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