Oregon City Grand Army Post Conducts Memorial Services.

HONORED DECEASED COMMANDER.

At Willamette Hall, Monday night, the members of Meade Post G. A. R. and the Women's Relief Corps held joint memorial services in honor of the late Wilmon W. Blackmar, commander-inchief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Following the ritualistic work of the two orders, a memorial address was delivered by Rev. Henry B. Robbins, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city. Rev. Robbins' address follows:

Comrades of the Grand Army, Ladies of the Relief Corps. and Friends:

I am glad to be able to respond to your very courteous request, and to say a few words memorial of the deceased Commander-in-Chief. What I shall say will be with the hope that you will not expect from me an adequate portrayal or appreciation of the life of Wilmon W. Blackmar. His sudden death at Boise. Idaho, on the 16th of last month, while en route to the North-west in search of health, struck with sorrow the hearts of all loyal citizens of our country, and particularly sad was it to his fellow-comrades.

Less than one short year he had filled the office of chief executive of the Grand Army; but, though comparatively unknown outside his own state of Massachusetts up to that time, he succeeded within that short time in capturing the respect and affection of the whole Grand Army, Says the National Tribune: "Wherever he went and men were acquainted with him they became enthusiasts for him. He was a warm hearted, genial man, brimming over with love for his country, affection for his comrades, pride in what they had done for the Nation, and full of a sanguine spirit for the fundamental elements of attractiveness. To these he added a fine intellectness, and oratorical powers both for serious and light matters."

might be proud. He enlisted in the 15th submission. But three months pass; Pa. Cavalry, with which he served for more than two years, during its connec-disaster on the 21st of July. tion with the Army of the Cumberland. At the end of this period he received a authorizes the call of 500,000 volunteers. commission as 1st lieutenant in the 1st How like the onward sweep of a mighty W. Va. Cavalry, to which regiment he flood they come! "Tramp, tramp, tramp, transferred his services. The 1st W, Va. the boys are marching"-What a re-Cavalry was in the Cavalry Corps of the sponse! I think our people never knew Army of the Potomac. When mustered how deep was theh spirit of patriotism the end of the war, he had seen service They never knew how love of country in 22 battles, among them being Antietam, Stone River, Chickamauga, Wauhatchie, Chattanooga, the Shenandoah Valley, Dinwiddie Court House, and Appomattox. Gen. Custer had him promoted for gallantry at Five Forks, besides which he received a Medal of Honor.

After the war Captain Blackmar settled in Massachusetts where he studied law and speedily took a leading position at the bar. For ten years he served as Jupdge Advocate General on the staff of the Governor of Massachusetts, and always occupied a prominent place in the Republican party of that state. He became affiliated with the Grand Army early in its history, and had filled most of the offices of the organization. In ment of Massachusetts G. A. R. In 1904, set. at Boston, he was elected Commanderin-Chlef of the Order-elected by acclamation.

Thus for this man, who was a comrade beloved of his order, a true soldier of public-for this man the light of life uprades of the Grand Army, and over our hearts as we assemble here, a shadow have won.

falls But perhaps we think less of our own makes ancient good uncouth: set 111 the wife of Comrade Blackmar has suffered. Our thought and sympathy go out to her in this sad time when the ourselves must Pilgrims be depth of her loss is perhaps just coming with full force upon her. Let us hope that the sad blow may be the means of bringing to her the helpful effusion of Past's blood-rusted key." human sympathy and of Divine aid.



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tempt to dismember the North American Republic and blot it from the map of nations was to be resisted to the last dollar and the last man.

arms in an appeal for 75,000 troops. And creased devotion to the cause for which the future of the country. Thus he had thus began the Southward march of the volunteers. My own father, if I may be permitted to mention the fact, was one dead shall not have died in vain; that ual grasp of subjects, capacity for busi- of the first 75,000; and I honor him for it. The war is on. The thick battle- birth of freedom; and that government clouds hang low. But yet realization has The military record of Commander not come. Surely three months will suf-Blackmar is one of which any veteran fice to punish the seceding South into

At last the nation is awake; Congress out with that regiment as a Captain at which lay latent in the American heart. the largest tolerance for the brother who gripped them until the disasters of civil war awoke them to national conscious

> You have been through that baptism of blood and fire; and I speak to you as veterans, men of deep and tried experi-

ence. It is far from my purpose, if I could, to trace the bloody scenes of that awful struggle. You better know the tale than I-how it took the young and strong through the gates of death, how it left hearthstones bare and desolate, how it left the vacant chair and the broken heart. That story is written in human lives; you know it by heart.

Comrades, as a member of the young er generation, I appreciate the example 1902 he was Commander of the Depart- of obedience and fidelity which you have the hope that our country will ever gratefully remember the service of the veterans of the Civil War.

But I desire to express the feeling which omes over me, that there are now batthe nation, a faithful and patriotic citi- tles to fight and new victories to win in I exhort you, comrades, so to live that zen of our country, and at the hour of his death the tried and trusted Command-occasion of Civil War never come again; er-Chief of the Grand Army of the Re- I cannot believe it will. Yet we younger men whose it is to engage in the newer on earth has gone out; and over the thousands of Posts where meet the Com-occasions that will test our metal. We cannot rest upon the laurels our fathers "New occasions teach new duties: Time

Rise of Moon or set of sun. who would keep abreast of truth. Hand of man or kiss of woman? Lo, before us gleam her camp-fires! we Lay him low, lay him low. In the clover, or the snow! What cares he? he cannot know; Launch our Mayflower, and steer boldly through the desperate winter sea. Lay him low! Nor attempt the Future's portal with the As man he fought his fight, May I say that I have seen now and

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fight yet. We of the rising generation need that you shall continue as in the days of old to be true, to set the wise example, to give the wise leadership. Commander Blackmar is a conspicuus example of the Civil War veteran who when the war was over still fought the battles of the nation, still did his duty as a man and a citizen. It is a delight to me that real manhood is coming to be appreciated more and more in \$3.500. our country. I trust that as the years come and go the greet model of manhood which became familiar to you in \$3,500. the course of the Civil War in the person of Abraham Lincoln. America's "first citizen," may get a grip on American manhood. I do not hesitate to say that Abraham Lincoln for that rare combination of the qualities of mind and heart C. greatest among our statesmen. It was the effort of Commander Blackmar to ! keep this thought before the American mind. In pursuance of the recent resolution of the Grand Army requesting the War Department to place in all the Na- of Blk. 31. Milwaukie: \$425. tional Cemeteries the Gettysburg Address of President Lincoln, Commander Blackmar was, at the time of his death in corrspondence with the War Department, urging such a measure. I think Commander Blackmar, if he could now address us might say, in the language of that address-viewing the past and its memories and glancing down the long emetery aisles, among the dead-"The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have so nobly advanced. It is rath-

er for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us. That President Lincoln sounded the call to from those honored dead we may take inthey gave the last measure of devotion; dead shall not have died in vain: that this nation under God shall have a new of the people, by the people, and for the cople shall not perish fro mthe earth." There is one further thought I wish to urge. I do not know what the attitude

gion. From his bearing as a man and a citizen, there is reason to believe that his attitude was right. I believe that the words of the President spoken just yesterday afternoon at Oyster Bay to the Christian Brotherhood of that place are true words: "Let each of us exercis

not one word in comment upon the religion of Commander Blackmar; what I have to say is to the living, not of the dead. And what I want to say is simply this, that every one of us owes it to himself to fight the good fight of faith under the Great Commander, the Captain of our salvation. I do not insist that you have just the same religious experience that I have-not at all; I could wish that you might have a more thorough going experience than I have had. All that I will ask of you is to take the Bible -the New Testament history and teaching of Jesus Christ and make it your busilowed the flag when you were in the service of your country. Many an old gray-headed man, who ought to be an example in this, forgets his mother's We delight in earthly re-unions; Gođ. you will be assured of the Heavenly reunion. Let the pasing of comrades remind us that we too shall ere long be

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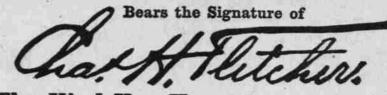
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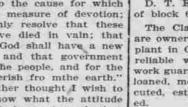
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called to pass through the gates of death and to give to our Captain and Judge an account of the deeds done in the body, As for the gallant soldier in whos memory we are met.

We are reminded by the sudden dethen a veteran who seemed inclined to parture of this comrade from the ranks rest the case of his present usefulness of the Grand Army below that before a as a citizen and of his future happiness. great many years the fast thinning ranks both here and hereafter, upon his war will disappear and the last veteran of record. I am glad to say that such is the Civil War be mustered out. I do not not usually the case. Most of our vetspeak of this to cast an unwonted solemerans of the Civil War are ready for new nity over this assemblage; but merely duties as they were for that early duty to say that I believe it is high time that of service to their country. We have a younger generation awake to the right to expect more of you because you have seen service; we have a right to befact that the veterans are passing, and pay them the respect that is their due. Heve that you will do every duty better I do not glory in war, much less in because you did that one duty well. civil war-for war of any kind is-as Sherman said, "hell." I do not believe Commander Blackmar, when he left the army entered upon the career of a use that there is a man here before me who ful citizen; found and filled his place as a member of the commonwealth of Masshouldered the musket and went to the front in the 60's but would far rather sachusetts; so that today we mourn him the call had never been sounded. Our not merely as a soldier, but as a citination has ever loved peace, and its zen. voice has ever been raised in the inter-The Civil War is over, and we are liv

est of peace and comity among the na- ing in the midst of conditions which your tions. But while we love peace, we real-ize that there are times in the lives of today could never have been but for the individuals and of nations when the only brave soldiers of the Union. The Amerithing to do is Fight; times when if a ca of today is full of possibilities, full of man does not fight he proves himself a promise-but, gentlemen, the America of coward and a weakling.

today is not perfect. We have yet to Such a time came in the career of our learn to put the professional office seeker country, the dogs of war had long been out and put the man of honor in; we muttering and snarling; the country felt have yet to learn that the purity of the in its very heart that its hour had come, individual life of a nation is her only that it stood at the parting of the ways, guaranty of perpetuity; we have yet to Men shuddered and trembled, and grew learn how to adjust labor and capital; red with rage and white with fear. Leg- we have yet to learn whether it is proislative halls were made to thunder and fitable to have our boys sawed up into shake with the echoing of passionate sidewalks and milled into pavements for appeal and argument; while now and the simple luxury of the high-license again in the hull of the oncoming storm which the saloon pays; we have yet to there sounded forth the measured tones learn that the grim factory is no place of some pacificator. But packfication? for the rearing of a child. Comrades, No! there could not be, more than the there are lessons to learn and battles to fury of the bursting hurricane can be stayed. Still the Southern States were mildly called "our erring sisters." The North was sanguine. An appeal to arms? Never!

When Abraham Lincoln took the reins of government seven states had already revolted, and others stood ready to join them upon the first attempt of the Government to use coercion; a large part of the munitions of war had been transferred to Southern arsenals and had fallen into the hands of the insurgents. The Federal treasury was nearly bankrupt. through defalcation and theft. Pacification was the thought and policy of the new administration. But suddenly, ou the 4th day of April, 1861, Sumpter surrendered after 30 hours' bombardment. With one cry of fury and passion the

Proved his truth by his endeavor; Let him sleep in solemn might. Sleep forever and forever. Lay him low, lay him low In the clover or the snow! What cares he? he cannot know; Lay him low!

'Fold him in his country's stars. Roll the drum and fire the volley! What to him are all our wars. What, but death be mocking folly? Lay him low, lay him low. In the clover or the snow! What cares he? he cannot know; Lay him low!

'Leave him to God's watching eye; Trust him to the hand that made him. Mortal love weeps idly by;

God alone has power to aid him. Lay him low, lay him low, In the clover or the snow! What cares he? he cannot know; Lay him low!"

BOARD OF TRADE ACTS.

In its efforts to insure an equitable assessment of the properties of the several large corporations operating in Clackamas county, the Oregon City Board of Trade is insistent.

At a meeting last Friday night the matter of investigating and reporting on this subject, which had been referred to a committee consisting of five members. was recalled from that committee and under instructions from the organization. President Huntley has named a committee composed of J. U. Campbell, O. W. Eastham, and W. S. U'Ren to inestigate the county's assessment roll and ascertain the actual assessments that have been made against the different corpor-

The new committee is directed to report its findings, if possible, to hn adjourned meeting that is to be held this Friday night. Immediate action is dephatically for perfect nutrition. manded by the Board of Trade since the assessment roll will be delivered to the board of equalization on the last Monday of this month. strength to the tissues, especially to the nerves, its action is that

The Board of Trade is indisposed to attack the work of Assessor Nelson, which is considered generally thorough, but is proceeding with the investigation to determine if there exists any grounds for the impression that the larger corporations are not bearing their proportionate share of the burden of taxation

