GARLANDS COVER SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Memory of Dead Veterans Is Honored by Deed and Spoken Word.

MARCH BENEATH HOT SUN

Thousands Throng Cemeteries in the Morning - After Procession, Afternoon Services Are Held on Plaza Around Monuments.

Portland's cemeteries were made to remble great fields of roses yesterday. semble great fields of roses yesterday. Mounds of flowers, embiems of tribute and remembrance, wiped away the dull gray and green of the burial places. It was as if the dend had been buried again and in tombs of variegated blossoms. Thousands of people went to the various cemeteries during the day and thousands of baskets of roses were spread over thousands of graves. For the most part these visitors went to spend a silent hour at the grave of someone beloved. The people of the silent city lived again in people of the silent city lived again

There were flowers for every grave. Groups of people sought out the neglected mounds and saw to it that those for-gotten in memory were not forgotten in sentiment. That some few were over-looked was due only to oversight. Pos-sibly the same luckless turn of fate that haunted the unremembered in life clung to the bones in death, so that the sunken, weed-covered resting places escaped the notice of those who would have strewn

Cemetery and at the Plaza block in honor of the soldler dead, and there was a memorial parade in which young veterans and old marched in memory of stirring days when history was hot in the

oled by the sentiment of the occa-the day was one of rest and recrea-Business was suspended throughout the city except among a few petty dealers. People thronged to the hills, the river, the pleasure resorts, theaters and to the circus. It was intensely hot all afternoon but the brightest sun of the year did not drive the crowds to

Impressive indeed were the memorial exercises at the Lone

Fir Cemetery, where many veterans await the final reveille. en and children gathered about the and heard patriotic and solemn music and solemn music and silvring memo-al addresses. Sum-er Post, the Ladies' Relief Corps and ladies of the G. A. R. participated in this event, representatives of organizations.

tives of organizations eccupying a speak-ers' platform that platform been er people began reach-

people began reach-ing the cemetery as early as 5 o'clock, and at 10.50 the decorating of graves had been largely completed. An orchestra opened the exercises with a dirge. Rev. H. A. Barden, department chaplain, read the memorial ritual for veterans of the Civil War, the Mexican and Indian Wars and Spanish-American War. Mrs. D. C. ler was then introduced as the first aker. She told briefly the history of Memorial Day, recalling that General John A. Logan was the first to propose satting apart a day for decorating the graves of the dead and paying tribute to those who gave their lives for their Mrs. Miller was followed by the orator of the occasion, Judge George H.

of the occasion, Judge George H. Williams, formerly Attorney-General in President Grant's cabinet and the one survivor of that Cabinet. Judge Williams spoke on "Abraham Lincoln," and interthat he knew Lincoln personally and was a man of affairs in Lincoln's day. The speaker's tribute to Lincoln was eloquent and glowing. With the exception of speaker's tribute to Lincoln was eloquent and glowing. With the exception of George Washington, he said, Lincoln was brought the exercises to an end. the most conspicuous figure in American

phenomenal," said Judge Williams, "and was phenomenal in its achievements similar to those held earlier in the day at the Lone Fir Cemetery. Lincoln' and sad ending. His name is enshrined at the Lone Fir Cemetery. Lincoln's in a halo of glory growing out of the Gettysburg address was recited by W. M.

fied. Mr. Lincoln was a great lawyer, a great crator, a great statesman, but the glory of the man was in the goodness of his heart. He was a man of tender sensibilities. To the poor and to the suffering he was a strong, sympathetic friend. If there was any weakness in his administration it was due to this characteristic."

Judge Williams was followed by Rev. Father E. T. Sherman, son of General William T. Sherman. Father Sherman was greeted with prolonged cheers. He spoke briefly and eloquently of the significance of Memorial day and of Civil War days and events.

The exercises concluded with the reading of Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg.

ing of Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg, by Comrade M. L. Pratt, the singing of



"America," the firing of a rifle salute to the dead and the sounding of "Taps." Some insight into the remarkable vitality and endurance of the men who marched with Sherman to the sea and fought in the rigid campaigns of the Civil The Nation's dead were twice remembered. Relatives and a grateful multi-tude paid tribute to the memory of bravamen who stood by their country in time of need. The grave of every soldier was banked in roses—offerings from comrades, friends and strangers alike. Exercises were held at the Lone Fir Cemetery and at the Plaza block in honor. in command of Colonel C. E. McDonell. Comrade H. Sutcliffe, commander and grand marshal, was in command of the grand marshal, was in command of the Civil War veterans and Senior Vice-Com-mander Williams directed the Spanish-American War veterans. T. B. McDevirt acted as officer of the day. Marching through the principal streets of the city, undaunted by the hot sun, the column brought up at the Piaza blocks, where memorial exercises were held, the young veterang assembling about the monument veterans assembling about the monument to their dead in the south block and the older veterans gathering at the G. A. R. memorial stone across the way.

> The exercises of the Spanish-American War veterans were held under the aus-pices of the Scout Young Camp No. 2. The Third Oregon Band attended and rendered a programme of appropriate music. Vice - Com-

mander Williams read the regular me-morial service. Rev. Mr. Gilbert, who served as chaplain of the Second Ore-gon in the Philip-pines, made the memorial address. He spoke of man's struggle for liberty from the beginning until the present. Bringing his theme

down to the days of the Spanish-Ameri-can War, he said: answer to the question, 'Am I my bro-ther's keeper?' Liberty is world-wide.

We are our brother's keeper. We enlisted in the service of our country in defense of that principle. The whole Nation arose as one man and declared: 'No nation shall be allowed to cruelly rule another at our door. The Nation called upon her sons to fight for that cause. A million boys lifted up again the fiag of freedom and it was the privilege of the regiment our state sent forth to raise that flag in de-fense of that principle of a world-wide liberty, on the other side of our round

"No army ever fought for a nobler, more unselfish, more world-wide principle No soldiers ever gave their lives in a nobler cause. We today honor the mem ory of our fallen comrades. Long after this monument shall have crumbled, the memory of those who gave their lives in

Simultaneously the Civil War veterans in the north Plaza. The exercises were was made by Rev. Father Sherman. Rev. H. A. Barden pronounced benediction. The old veterans then lingered about the grounds exchanging reminiscences of war days.

VETERANS RIDE TO CEMETERY

Company L, of O. N. G., Escorts Old Soldiers at Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., May 30.—(Special.)
—Decoration day was fittingly observed in Pendleton. The handful of veterans comprising the local post of the G. A. R. rode to the cemetery this morning under escort of the militial company, and decorated the graves of their departed comrades, while Company L fired the customary salute. This afternoon a procession, headed by the afternoon a procession, headed by the G. A. R. and the militia, was formed on Main street, near the fair payilion, and marched to the Courthouse lawn, where an appropriate programme was ren-dered. The memorial address was de-livered by Judge Stephen A. Lowell. The day was observed generally in all the towns throughout the county, Con-gressman W. R. Ellis having delivered the memorial address at Helix.

WAS WARM DAY AT SALEM

Old Soldiers March to Cemetery and Decorate Dead Comrades' Graves.

SALEM, Or., May 20 .- (Special.) - Memorfal Day was observed at Salem to-day in much the usual manner, though with a small crowd upon the streets to watch the parade. The day was exceed-ingly warm, and this, together with the fact that farmers are very busy, accounted for the comparatively small crowd. The attendance at services at the cemetery was large and the graves were more profusely decorated than ever before. The procession consisted of only the local company of the National Guard and the members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Colonel L. K. Page acted as marshal of the day. Memorial exercises were held in the G. A. R. hall this evening. Many of the business houses closed part of the day.

BIG PARADE AT OREGON CITY

OREGON CITY, Or., May 30.—(Special.)

—By far the largest Decoration day parade that has been seen here in reparade that has been seen here in recent years accompanied the members of Meade Post, No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic and Meade Relief Corps from Willamette hall to Shively's opera house this morning. The pupils of the public and high school, and of St. John's Parochial and high school were in the line passed away. Sixty thousand died last

MORNING SERVICE

George H. Williams and Father Sherman Deliver Eloquent Orations.

EXERCISES AT LONE FIR

Audience Gathered in Monument Square at East Side Cemetery Numbers Fully 5000-Burial Ground Bower of Roses.

Fully 5000 persons attended the memorial exercises held under the auspices of the G. A. R., in Lone Fir Cemetery, yesterday morning. From early morning until nightfall crowds thronged to the cemetery bearing flowers to decorate the graves and made it resemble a veritable bower of roses. Probably 10,000 visited

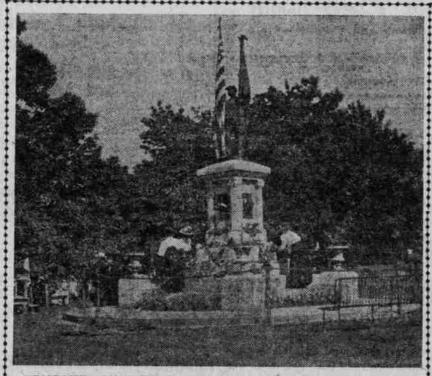
bower of roses. Probably 10,000 visited the cemetery during the day.

The exercises were held in the square surrounding the soldiers' monument and were of a high order, the orations of Judge George H. Williams and Rev. Father E. T. Sherman, son of General Sherman, being masterpieces of eloquence.

Department Commander of the G. A. R., H. Sutcliffe, presided. Rev. H. A. Barden, department chaplain, made the opening prayer, which was followed by the decoration of the monument sacred to the memory of the veterans of four wars, by Comrade F. R. Neale, a new proceeding, but a beautiful one. The veterans of the vete

School Children Participate in March
to the Cemetery.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 30.—(Special.)
—By far the largest Decoration day parade that has been seen here in represented the corps, speaking briefly on the origin and purpose of the day apart as sacred to the memory of those who fell in defense of their country be-tween 1861 and 1865.



CEMETERY.

a fine spectacle. The Oswego band pro-vided music. Captain Franklin A. Loo-mis, of Separate Company G. Oregon National Guard, was grand marshal, and Captain L. L. Pickens was chief of staff. The opera house was crowded to the doors with people to hear the public exercises and the oration by J. J. Walters of Portland. Mrs. Imogen Harding Brodie sang "Star-Spangled Banner," and "Taps," and Mrs. Pearl Gregory Cartlidge read "The Silent Victors." Mountain View Cemetery was profusely decorated with beautiful flowers, and with ritualistic ceremonies the graves of fallen comrades were covered with flowers by the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Adjutant J. F. Nelson called the roll of honor, and Charles Robison read "Lin-

coln's Address at Gettysburg." The religious services were conducted by Rev. E. C. Oakley and J. R. Landsborough. LANE MEETING TONIGHT. Burnside & Grand Av., Burkhard's Hall.

Davis, 29, is no fanatic, but will give all a square deal

of march with their teachers, and made | year. But their graves will be ming generations to strew with flowers we are doing today."

Mrs. Miller read the order issued by General John A. Logan, May 30, 1888, es-tablishing the observance of Memorial Day, and said that since that time the day had been observed generally through-out this country, adding "that of all National observances connected with public events in American history this appropriate and beautiful custom appears to have taken the deepest hold on the popular heart."

Tribute to Abraham Lincoln.

The oration of George H. Williams on Abraham Lincoln was the tribute of a friend to a dead comrade, for the men were acquainted for many years, and Judge Williams spoke out of the fullness of his personal recollections of the emancipator. Judge Williams began his address by saying that Lincoln, after Washington, was the greatest National character of this country, and that the people had never lost interest in events with which he had been connected. The

said in part, after the applause had subsided:

rounded with a riot of bloom, reminding us of the flower of the Nation's manhood who came forward to yield up their for this ceremony, and that flag over there gives the inspiration for the hour. It gave inspiration to the men who carried the banner in the days of '61. It gave the brave boys the inspiration that enabled them to endure long marches and meet without flinching the dangers of the battlefield, that the Union might be preserved and maintained. It is the same Union that Washington had established as one government, the one blessed by the Almighty.



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wearied of hearing about Lincoln. Judge ters of the war, in spite of incompetent Williams told of the first time he met generals and other disheartening condi-Lincoln, in Chicago, in 1857, at a great internal improvement convention, at which both he and the future President were delegates. Even at that time Lincoln was known as a great lawyer, but

had no political prominence.
In speaking of Lincoln's education, the speaker said it had been gathered here and there as the bee gathers honey, but that Lincoln stood in the front rank in his profession, Judge Williams reviewed Lincoln's career as a lawyer and as a statesman and declared that he was a man of a high degree of common sense, which enabled him to master problems that appalled the mere scholar. It was high part that appalled the mere scholar. his hand that revised the message writ-ten to the English government by Will-iam Seward, a scholar of high order, and avoided war with England during the Civil War. The speaker mentioned Lincoln's faculty for telling stories and his disposition to look on the bright side of everything.

"Moe Lincoin was the same in the White House," said Judge Williams, "as when he was a country lawyer. He was not ashamed of his parents or early associations. He met and overcame difficulties that no President was ever called on to meet. The storm broke about his head as it had beat about no other President of the United States, but he was ident of the United States, but he was aliving exponent of the situation. He was a living exponent of the simple life, and was plain Abe Lincoin. I listened to his second inaugural address. Weary as he was, his fine face lighted up with enthusiasm, for he knew the war was over, as he appealed for help to bind up the wounds of the Nation and reunite the broken sections of the Union."

Nev. Father E. T. Sherman, son of Rev. Father E. T. Sherman, delivered an "Abe Lincoln was the same in the

W. T. Sherman, delivered an "In Memory of the Dead," and fairly electrified the great audience with his eloquence. Especially touching and effective was Father Sherman's reference to the Grand Army of the Republic. He

"Comrades, ladies and gentlemen: It is indeed fitting that we honor the dead on this occasion, the dead of many wars lives for their country, more than 60 years ago. Time and place are fitting for this ceremony, and that flag over

President for troops.

tions. It was a wave made up of men who thought, men of principles which enabled them to form a solid wall, to press on and preserve the Union. "That was one of the controlling, in-

spiring purposes of these men-the preservation of the Union. And there was another principle-liberty. It was a principle that burned in every American heart that every human being, black, white or red, should have liberty, the right to live and rake his family. the right to live and raise his family unshackled. The black man was not free. He was owned by those who controlled his freedom.

First Skirmishes in Debate.

"The Lincoln-Douglas debates were the first skirmishes that led to the freedom of the black man. How fitting, indeed, that Judge Williams, a friend of the emancipator, and a man who helped hold Oregon in line, should deliver the oration on Abraham Lincoln today!
"Union and liberty, therefore, were the

and I a chaplain.
"From the Civil War both sections have benefited. The South has been strengthened and its people are thankful that they did not succeed. They are thank-ing us now that we defeated them and

saved them from future turmoll and strife. "The war of 1898 was not one of grea battles such as you aged veterans took part in, but we carried the flag to foreign lands and there it has remain was a chapiain in that war, and know that the same heroism prevailed then that prevailed in the Civil War. The young soldiers of 1838 gave their lives as They suffered and died in camp isease. I have seen them perish from disease. in their cots, hundreds of the brave boys with calmness. Nor should we forget the brave American woman. sick boy was cheered by the face of an American woman.

Remember Man in Ranks "My father once said to me, 'It's a fine thing to be a general in the army, my son, but don't forget the private soldier They are to be remem

"Yes, they sleep in unknown graves these private soldiers who were your comrades on the battlefield and who touched elbows with you on the long marches. These are the ones who pre-served the Union and held up liberty,

and placed this banner for Union and liberty forever."

liberty forever."

At the conclusion of the oration of Father Sherman, under the leadership of Rev. C. C. Cline the audience burst out with that stirring war song "Marching Through Georgia." The oration was a masterly effort and was delivered with a force that allowed it to be heard in its entirety by the great audience that listened to catch every word.

At the conclusion of the exercises many of the aged veterans who were with General Sherman came forward to take the hand of Father Sherman and personally thank him for his tribute to the heroes of '61.

FXERCISES AT MILWAUKIE

Citizens Unite With Veterans in Honoring Nation's Dead.

Memorial exercises were held yesterday morning in Milwaukle Cemetery. The school children, members of Picket Post, G. A. R., and Blackmar Circle, ladies of the G. A. R., marched to the cemetery, where the graves of all veterans were decorated, J. W. Campbell had charge of a brief programme that was rendered in the grove. Rev. A. D. Wagner delivered a short address, which was followed by exercises by the school children. Professor C. L. Strong, Rev. D. A. Thompson, A. N. Wills, Mrs. Updyke and others made short talks. Mrs. Updyke and others made short talks. Mrs. Updyke and others made short talks. Mrs. Updyke and others thur Venville, Sellwood's naval hero who is buried in Milwaukle Cemetery.

"Honors for the Unknown Dead" was an exercise by the school children. A Memorial exercises were held yesterday

monument had been erected for the pur-pose of carrying out the exercises and was covered with flowers, which were atterwards placed on the graves of soldiers in the cemetery.

Exercises in Multnomah Cemetery.

Citizens of Mount Scott marched to Multnomah Cemetery yesterday morning, where the graves of veterans were decorated and a programme of speeches and music rendered. The music was by the Lents cornet band. The Rev. H. O. Henderson delivered an address appropriate to the occasion. The school children gave several songs. "The Star-Spangled Banner" by the band closed the exercises

Memorial Day at St. Johns.

Citizens of St. Johns joined in Memorial Day exercises yesterday, held under the auspices of General Compton Post, G. A. R. A parade preceded the exercises, Captain Snow, commander of the post

LANE RALLY TONIGHT. Burkhard's Hall, E. Burnside & Grand-

Good citizenship, good morals-better than gold. L. M. Davis, 30 on ballot,

Grand Republican rally, Armory, Satur-

