

# FLAG EULOGIZED; BIG GROUND HEARS

## Colonel Hofer Speaks to Three Thousand People Gathered at Lone Fir.

### PATRIOTIC PLEA IS MADE

#### Speaker Asserts Stars and Stripes Should Be Supreme and Urges Law to Bar Display of All Other Flags.

"The time has come in this country when we should require respect for the flag we all love, and that it shall be the only flag that shall wave on all public occasions, that when labor, religious or civic organizations shall parade our streets they shall do so under the American flag, and that National and state laws shall require that only the American flag shall be displayed on memorial and public occasions," said E. Hofer in his address yesterday at the memorial exercises at Monument Square in Lone Fir Cemetery under the auspices of the East Side Grand Army posts and Women's Relief Corps.

Mr. Hofer pointed to the recent trouble at San Diego and said that such disorders should no longer be tolerated in this country. He spoke to more than 3000 persons gathered on the square about the soldiers' and sailors' monument.

**Veterans' Influence Great.**

Mr. Hofer complimented the Grand Army veterans for their patriotism and said that their influence on the destiny of this country has been every great and still continued, always in the direction of good government, good order and civic progress. The Grand Army, although dwindling rapidly in numbers, the speaker declared, is still one of the potent factors for good in this country. In speaking of the demonstration of patriotism the speaker said that in coming to the cemetery he had seen only half a dozen flags displayed.

"The great trait of Americans," said Mr. Hofer, "is the fratricide and sympathy in their hearts. There are no feuds in this country. Even during the heat of war there was sympathy between the soldiers on both sides. A Confederate General said the Northern soldiers fought like devils, and General Sherman said a like tribute to the Southern soldier. Do you know that 200,000 soldiers in the North were 18 years old and under? These men marched for the flag and for what it stands. That flag means more to this country and to the whole world than any other flag. Where will you turn to find a flag that means so much for the people—a flag that stands for protection of life, liberty, property and everything that is dear to the human heart, and the time has come, comrades, in the history of this country when this flag should be paramount. What do we witness in a neighboring state but disorder and the Mayor of one of our cities threatened with the recall because he had failed to suppress disorders perpetrated under a flag that was not the Stars and Stripes. It should and must be supreme, for it means so much for the world.

**One Flag Said to Be Enough.**

"Why is another flag permitted on our streets? There is room for only one flag in this country, and certainly not the flag that stands for disorder. It should be unlawful to carry any other flag in this country, and I favor a National and state law forbidding the use of any other flag than the Stars and Stripes by labor, religious and civic organizations. If our forefathers and citizens desire to parade under the flag of their country, they should be required to take out a permit, and then should be required to take the American flag with them. The American flag means as much to them as to others, and the American flag should be supreme upon all occasions in this country. We teach our children patriotism, and that the flag represents love of country, and hence we must make that flag supreme. If it is good enough to live under it is good enough to respect."

The general programme consisted of a dirge by the Oak Grove band of young women; prayer by Captain A. H. Nicholas, services for the unknown dead, by the Women's Relief Corps; Lincoln's Gettysburg address; L. A. McEwen, reading department orders; H. B. Lucas; salute to the dead, detachment of the Oregon National Guard; taps; T. R. Hill was the commander in charge.

**Improvement Is Noted.**

The Lone Fir Lot Owners' Association had cleaned the cemetery and completed the stone waiting-room at the entrance from the south. The fact that the public was able to judge of the scope and extent of the improvements which the association has undertaken. Also the auxiliary under the direction of Mrs. June Ordway maintained booths on the grounds, where information as to the future purposes was given. The cemetery was visited by many thousands of persons Wednesday and yesterday.

Memorial services were held yesterday by the Reuben Wilson Grand Army Post and the ladies of the Grand Army at Lents. The school children were formed in front of the public school on Main street, and with the veterans, members of the Sons of Veterans, Veterans of the Spanish War and Ladies of the Grand Army, marched to Multnomah cemetery, where ritualistic services of the Grand Army were held. The procession then moved back to the Grand Hall, where the oration was delivered by Rev. Thomas B. Ford, of Oregon City, and a short programme was given by school children. Dr. Ford said in part:

"The surviving loved ones and comrades of the more than 300,000 of brave men who saw sufficient virtue in the Union and in our institutions to warrant them in offering their lives for its preservation, do not ask that the dead, sacrificed in the service of the departed heroes be preserved in sterner urn, or innumerable bust, carved by man's ingenuity, and dedicated to their memory."

**Sacrifices Will Be Remembered.**

"They know full well that the recollection of their devotion, heroism and victories in the graves, and the hearts of a grateful and united people. They know that those who sleep and those who halt toward the tomb gave to the Nation a new birth, and have written their names high on the roll of human greatness and fame, and will live forever. History will preserve their reputation for all time. The generations to come will give them their due in full measure."

A. J. Smith Grand Army Post, No. 28, and Blackmer Circle, No. 25, Ladies of the Grand Army, held joint services in Milwaukie cemetery yesterday in memory of the unknown dead. The men and circles marched to the cemetery accompanied by children from the public school, where the graves were

### MEMORIAL DAY SCENES IN PORTLAND.



1, Decorating Graves in Riverview Cemetery; 2, Oregon Naval Militia Scattering Flowers on the River at Foot of Stark Street; 3, Flower-strewn Grave in Riverview; 4, Scene in Lone Fir Cemetery.

decorated. This was followed by the services at the monument erected by the circle to the unknown dead. Commander Halston was in charge. F. S. Beach read the Memorial day orders and also Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Captain S. B. Ormsby delivered the address "The Unknown Dead," in the course of which he paid high tribute to Clara Barton, who, he said, had rescued the names of nearly 50,000 Union soldiers from oblivion through her personal efforts. Captain Ormsby said that more than 100,000 Union soldiers lie in unknown graves. At the conclusion of his address he placed a wreath prepared by Blackmer Circle on the monument.

In their first Memorial day exercises as a body, the Oregon Naval Militia was joined yesterday by veterans of the Grand Army, wives, sisters and friends, and members of the Women's Relief Corps. The Spanish-American War veterans also were represented in the programme that took place on the city float, at the foot of Stark street. The principal ceremony was casting roses on the surface of the river in memory of those who lost their lives at sea in war and peace. Rev. J. Richard Olson, Chaplain of the Oregon Naval Militia, facing the Willamette River, prayed for the unknown dead, a brief ritualistic service was read by representatives of the Women's Relief Corps, and "taps" was sounded by the Boston's trumpeter, after which roses were thrown into the water. More than 1000 blossoms were piled into three boats from the cruiser Boston, the first commanded by Lieutenant W. H. Rober, executive officer of the Militia; the second by Lieutenant Whitcomb; and the third by Ensign Beckwith.

The boats were pulled upstream by naval militiamen and rounded the piers of the Morrison-street bridge, the roses being spread. The boats proceeded and headed for the cruiser. At noon a National salute of 21 minute-guns was fired from the Boston.

A year ago the Naval Militia force had no vessel or equipment with which to participate in the marine Memorial programme, but hereafter it will take part in the exercises.

### RIVER IS ROSE DECKED

#### NAVAL MILITIA HONORS MEM- ORY OF SEA HEROES.

#### Memorial Day Exercises Are Observed on Willamette by Organization—First Time.

At the conclusion of the services in the cemetery the veterans of the post returned to the hall on East Thirteenth street, where the women of the circle served a banquet, and where a reunion was held. Short talks were made by the old soldiers and the children of the public school gave recitations. In the afternoon a delegation from the circle scattered flowers on the river in memory of the sailors of the Navy, who lost their lives at sea in the services of their country.

**Public Library Notes.**

Through the courtesy of Charles N. Elliot, the Public Library has on exhibition at the Central building, Seventh and Stark streets, a valuable collection of books, manuscripts and photographs embracing both subjects in one initiative bill.

works, most of them containing the poet's autograph. One of the most interesting pieces in the manuscript of his poem, "With All the Gifts," the photograph collection includes many portraits of Whitman, as well as his birthplace and his tomb. Of special interest is a collection of autograph tributes to the poet written by prominent literary men, including John Burroughs, Charles Dudley Warner, Howells, Stedman, Edward Carpenter, John Vance Cheney, R. W. Gilder, Roosevelt, Whitelaw Reid and many others. The exhibition also includes a ticket of admission to a lecture on Abraham Lincoln delivered by Whitman. The poet's birthday falls on Friday, May 31.

### DEACONESS' STATUS FIXED

#### Methodist Church to Care for Women Ordained by Bishops.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church has settled the long-drawn controversy over the control of the deaconesses by voting 400 to 200 to place the control in the hands of a board of 21 members, who are to be appointed by the General Assembly. The deaconesses were divided into the German, the Association and the Home Mission, and their status was not fixed, although efforts to do so had been made for a number of years without success.

Miss Sarah Kuter, of the Portland Deaconess Home, said yesterday that this action on the part of the General Assembly means that a deaconess who has been ordained by a bishop will be cared for by the church.

"We have hoped for this action for a number of years," said Miss Kuter, "and it will be a matter of general rejoicing that the General Conference has at last settled this question."

**Admen Will Meet in Baltimore.**

Baltimore has been chosen by the National Admen's convention, meeting at Dallas, Tex., as the place for the assembly in 1913. San Francisco withdrew from the race shortly before the ballot and the contest was reduced to Toronto and Baltimore, the final vote standing 265 to 497 in favor of the latter. Pacific Coast delegations went to the convention pledged solidly for San Francisco and up to the time of her withdrawal it looked as though that city were an easy winner. The withdrawal from the running was made at

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