

1000 VETERANS ARE AT FOREST GROVE

Soldiers and Wives Are Entertained Royally at Encampment and Hear Talks.

SCHOOL HISTORY SCORED

Justice McCamant Declares Book Coois Patriotism and Should Be Taken From Portland's Course of Study.

FOREST GROVE, Or., June 27.—(Special.)—More than 1000 Grand Army men, members of the Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are in attendance at the annual reunion now in session here. The registration to date shows 459 veterans and 482 women of the Relief Corps and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The soldiers of the '60s and their wives are being royally entertained. Scores of automobiles are at their service and the churches, restaurants, hotels and private homes are hospitably thrown open for their comfort and entertainment.

Justice Wallace McCamant, of the Oregon Supreme Court, last night delivered a most stirring and patriotic address to hundreds of veterans and citizens assembled at Marsh Hall, hundreds being turned away.

Armed of North Eloy. In his address Justice McCamant extolled the armies of the North for fighting to keep the Union intact. He said that if it had not been for their loyalty and sacrifices in behalf of the Union in completely destroying the sentiment of disunion that there would in all probability have been another rebellion in the '90s, in which the mountain states would have taken up secession, being at that time strong for free silver.

He asserted that the Oregonian had taken the lead in denouncing this history not later than last January published a scathing editorial in condemnation of the book.

He had been striving to get the publication out of the Portland schools, and appealed to the Grand Army veterans and the people to help get it out. He said that it will weaken patriotism if continued in use in the public schools. This sentiment was greeted with uproarious applause.

Today's programme consisted of a business session of the First Oregon Veterans' Association at Marsh Hall at 8 o'clock and the business sessions of the Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R.

Little Girls Parade. Today at 4 o'clock one of the prettiest and most admired parades of the encampment took place, consisting of a parade of little girls and baby and doll carriages under the auspices of the Woman's Club.

Tonight at Marsh Hall Governor Withycombe was the orator and a large concourse of people listened attentively to a scathing editorial in condemnation of the book.

VETERANS RECALL WAR DAYS Addison Bennett Hears Interesting Anecdotes at Forest Grove.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. FOREST GROVE, Or., June 27.—(Special.)—On the 20th of last May and again about the 20th of last June, Forest Grove and through the sur-

rounding country. Those were days of rainfall and nights of lowering clouds, and the atmosphere chill. Water was standing everywhere. The outlook for the farmer was at that time far from favorable. Now all is different. In many fields already is heard the music of the mower, the corn in well-tilled fields is knee-high, the gardens promise a generous yield—the cows in the pastures, the blossoming clover, the soaring pheasant, the twittering robin—all go to show that summer is here, that the earth again will return its wonted harvest and that all is well. Above all comes the redolent perfume of the new-mown hay and one realizes that there is nothing so rare as a day in June, especially when in one of the finest agricultural sections in the wide world, as this is.

The town is gay with banners and pennants and on every hand waves the American flag, with here and there the colors of our allies, the French and British. The blue of the G. A. R. veterans is not offset by the gray of their coats of the 60s, but we know if one or more of their late adversaries was to visit Forest Grove today they would be received as welcome guests. The animosity of the great war has been wiped out and now from every section of our country the call to arms is being answered by a united people. The army of the great war has been replaced here in great numbers, the wives, daughters and other relatives of the veterans. So the lovely little city of yesterday with its 2500 residents finds itself today with a population of perhaps 5000. Where do they stop? Why, every home has been thrown open and the good people vie with each other in showing favors and courtesies to the visitors, for these Forest Grove folk have hearts of pure gold.

Not being a veteran I am passing my time in talking to and listening to the veterans. There is one class of persons that I love above other classes. It is the veteran and the pioneer, for they are the ones that made this state what it is today. But today the veterans have the center of the stage and I am talking and listening to them, but mostly listening.

Just now I heard a bit of conversation that called my attention to the fact that some of the boys left in the ranks of the army of the veterans are old children. Two dear old fellows seemed to be casting up their accounts to see if their funds would hold out. "There was 5 cents carfare, 4 cents for peanuts, my ticket \$1, two bits for dinner, 10 cents for the merry-go-round and a nickel for ice cream and here's only 1.05 left out of that \$2. What do you suppose became of that other nickel?"

"You darned old chump, don't you remember that you also had a bottle of pop? Is spending 5 cents for pop such an unusual thing for you to do that your memory passes it by?"

"Yes, I have an empty sleeve but an overflowing heart, for these reunions are the best of the year. Listen to the fife and drum; how natural the music sounds! By hooky I'd like to shoulder my old Springfield and go over there to France and show them Dutchmen a thing or two about fighting. Yes, yes, I know about the empty sleeve, but I'll march on a June day in '63 when a Johnny 'reb' got the arm. I was reported dead. My young wife at home, working in the mill, heard our little boy marching by her side got the news of my death—and she died a few days later. Soon the little boy followed. Yes, that rebel was the best thing my arm and my wife and little boy. I have been all alone in the world for over half a century. But I'll never give up on anybody. I have even forgiven the Johnny who shot me, for the South today is as loyal as the North, and the soldiers from both sections are in other parts of our country will soon be found side by side in the trenches in France. Gosh, but I wish I could be there with them!"

"Who, me? Yes, I was with Sherman on his march through Georgia, so was this old stammer on my left, but don't speak to him for he is a thief, a petty larcener thief, one that steals to live and lives to steal. Oh, go on, you miserable wretch and deny it, but you are, you know you are. He robbed a henhouse on that march, stole a big fat pullet and 10 eggs, and can't deny it."

"Yes, I did, upspeak the stammer." "And you and I and our Captain had the first square meal we'd had in a month's time. And by hooky I'd steal again tonight if I was as hungry as I was then—and so would you, you old skeezicks."

And old skeezicks admitted it, with a happy chuckle.

William Meyer was born in Germany and came to this country when he was a little past 16 years old. He left Germany because he did not wish to go into the army, as he would have to do if he remained there until he was of military age. He went to Illinois and had no sooner got settled than the war came on. He was in a neighborhood where every body was loyal, and he soon caught the patriotic fever and enlisted. He could speak but a few words of English and could not read. And yet he went to defend the flag of his new-found home! He was assigned to the 49th Illinois, Colonel Morrison. The boys from both sections and Tennessee, as Grant was moving on Vicksburg. Forrest made a raid on the rear ranks of Grant's forces one night and got away with 22 of his best soldiers. He was paroled three days later and was sent to Camp Chase, near Columbus, Ohio. A few weeks later he and a company from both sections went to the city and there they enlisted again. He was at the battle of Fredericksburg under General Buford, and in various other battles and skirmishes. He was discharged at Charleston, W. Va., in the Fall of '64. He came to Oregon in '72. None of his relatives came to Germany. He has lived for a number of years at Albany. (This story struck me as peculiar in showing that, as we all know, many of our best and staunchest citizens came from the land with which we and nearly all the rest of the world are now at war. Mr. Meyer loves his adopted country and is just as good an American as any of those who trace their lineage back to Plymouth Rock.)

"I enlisted in the Spring of '62," said J. E. Gardiner, of Eugene, "at Tipton, Iowa. I was at the battles of Fort Gibson, Champion Hill, Black River and many other forays and skirmishes. I was captured, with several others, at Sabine crossroads. The 'reb' in charge of us as prisoners were not altogether sociable, as you can see by looking at these empty sleeves—apparently just to show his authority one of them shot my arm off. But I have long since lost all animosity, for I guess he and his company were nearly starved to death and he did not realize what he was doing."

Mr. Gardiner was born in England April 19, 1840 and came to this country in 1857. He settled in Oregon in 1892. The soldiers of the Civil War were not the only, in many respects not the greatest sufferers. The loved ones left behind, the wives, sweethearts and children; they, and particularly the wives, they were the greatest sufferers. The soldiers were in action. There was comradeship and changes of location, there was music and fellowship, something every moment to occupy the time and keep the thoughts from home. But the loved ones at home mostly led lives of simplicity and tranquility. Hence they mourned the absent ones with always that dread of word coming of death or disablement.

It was not so much what happened as the terrible uncertainty and worry about what might happen. One dear old mother said to me today: "I lost my only son in the war, but his death was no worse, I can almost say not so bad, as the terrible fear that always hung over me that something dreadful had

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