

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

VETERANS OF FOUR WARS HONOR THE DEAD.

Graves of the Nation's Heroes in All the Cemeteries Are Decorated With Garlands of Flowers.

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cal, is restored. But there is no spirit, no life. Then the voice again commands: "Prophesy, son of man; thus saith the Lord: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." and lo! they stood upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

My friends, upon this day hallowed to our Nation's dead in this sweet valley of their rest, we assemble to dedicate a monument in which their bones again shall live. From north, south, east and west we invoke the gracious spirit of patriotism which permeates our land, to give to this monument the breath of life.

To endow it with a tongue, enduring as its stone and bronze, that it may speak to generations yet unborn. For we dedicate it, not only to the dead, but to the living and to those who are yet to live. To the dead—to those who gave the service of their manhood to their country, and who, in the discharge of duty or in the course of nature, have surrendered life, and here lie in the bosom of our common mother, we dedicate it as a monument to the living—their comrades who are still marching on in humanity's vast army towards the same rest, the reflection of the setting sun abiding heaven's glory upon so many whitened heads.

Let it be as a witness to that honor and appreciation which is their due. To those who are yet to live, the coming sons and daughters of the Republic, we dedicate it as a reminder of the sacrifices made by the living—their comrades who are still marching on in humanity's vast army towards the same rest, the reflection of the setting sun abiding heaven's glory upon so many whitened heads.

The blessings of peace and liberty are only to be earned through struggle and sacrifice. When the fathers of our now wondrous Nation upon this day, May 30, devoted to the cause of freedom their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor, they knew full well the cost of their resolve. As they gazed through the guiding hand which directs the universe, the 13 stars which graced their brilliant constellation of the flag which floats above us, so have the same elements of purpose, courage and self-sacrifice been necessary to the end that peace and freedom may at last become established. Established not as the possession of one land, the privilege of one nation, but as the heritage of the sons of men beneath the spreading canopy of the heavens, everywhere and forever.

For who can doubt the mission and destiny of our Republic? Who can doubt what our course guide its progress. The land of promise and example; the land of peace, of refuge and of brotherhood before the world, for all its peoples. It is the land which every soldier who here lies buried has played his noble part, has served not alone his country, but humanity at large, and in the coming greatness of accomplishment every bone shall find its place. Not for the glory of triumph, nor for the material rewards of victory. For who lies here and in every consecrated spot above us, so have the same elements of purpose, courage and self-sacrifice been necessary to the end that peace and freedom may at last become established. Established not as the possession of one land, the privilege of one nation, but as the heritage of the sons of men beneath the spreading canopy of the heavens, everywhere and forever.

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No. They who in their country's need left the plow, dropped tools and implements, threw down the pen, abandoned desks and shops to answer the call, and to return, if spared, when need was over, to resume their civic occupations. The sons of sires who in the same need had answered in the same way—the sires of sons who in days to come, if need again shall be, will answer in the same spirit and with the same accord.

All war is cruel. No tongue may tell the misery it entails. No details, harrowing as they may, can express the fullness of suffering and dire distress which a lifetime assuage the bitterness and anguish of its train. Yet, glancing over the history of our land, its every clash of arms has tended towards that perfect peace which is the purpose of its life. Around about us in this hallowed ground lie the bones of those who served in the Mexican War; of those who protected the pioneers to whom one our fields and farms, cities and homes, from the onslaught of the savage; of those who unified our land forever at the fearful cost of brothers' flowing blood, and of those who, aiding a struggling people to liberty, extended our country's service and responsibility beyond our Western sea. To each and every one this monument is dedicated. In the deeds of all the noble course of our Nation in its relations to the world may be traced unerringly. Peace, refuge, brotherhood. At the time the Mexican War was in progress, the long-pending and serious question, which finally established the boundary of this great Oregon Country were brought to a conclusion. The result of the Mexican War added to that territory through cession and purchase the richly domain between the Pacific and the Rio Grande, Upper California, Nevada, Utah Arizona and portions of Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico. Both were triumphs in the cause of peace. It ended the border feuds and contentions which had prevented the growth and development of our contiguous land, which represented the spectacle of continuous revolution and discord to our people. It enabled the Texan Republic, which had sought the United States through annexation, to enjoy the benefits of our governmental system. Yet, as in the recent war with Spain, in relation to the Philippines, our Government paid \$20,000,000 for that island, which it might have claimed as the reward of conquest. Thus it was this Pacific Empire, the home of millions of freemen, which to that time the home and refuge of millions upon millions of men, cemented and consolidated. Thus did it become established the Western border of the grand march of our country, its privileges, its responsibilities and all that life, the Indian troubles, wars if we so term them, not of aggression, but defense, was not that service for peace? That the land might be tiled; that homes might be built; that children might be reared and women protected; that the blessings of civilization might be extended alike to Indian and white, and law and order supercede the tomahawk and scalping knife. And call to witness that greatest of all struggles, in which the majority of the soldiers, who here lie buried, participated. The struggle in which the majority of the honored veterans who here lie buried, you of the Grand Army of the Republic, who have so earnestly striven for the erection of this monument as a tribute to your comrades who before the struggle in which you risked life and all that life holds dear. Out of that dark night of discord burst in resplendent beauty the never-fading sun of a reunited and harmonious land. And it, perchance, beneath this sod should rest the bones of one who wore the gray, who is there among you, oh wearers of the blue, who will not say, "refuge, brotherhood, peace, with mine?" Was it not in the cause of brotherhood that the brave young volunteers, in the war with Spain, following your example left home and all that comfort to uphold the promise and dignity of their flag? Has their service not deepened indeed, if that were possible, the responsibilities of the living? They planted our flag, with all its meaning, above a people bred in ignorance, weak and untutored in mind. Millions of people apart and distinct in all particulars from

the civilization and spirit which has been the lineage of our progress. Truly, the test of our destiny is upon us! In the hands of the Great Potter, nations take new shapes. Will the changing conditions strengthen and broaden our liberal spirit, will they imbue us with patience, forbearance, that the light and influence of our Constitution typified in National and individual action shall in time make these millions and their children our citizens, brothers, or will the passions and weaknesses of humanity so overcome us that beneath the folds of that flag shall dwell a discontented and inharmonious people? The first great step beyond the confines of our seas, by marching columns, has been taken. If it be asked, "Where, what will be the next?" we can but answer, "The words of Ezekiel: 'Thou God, alone knowest.' But this much we know: that so long as our country produces such sons as those whose memory we this day honor, so long will we be able to meet the work, the growth, the expanding influence marked out for us in the coming ages. That as long as the citizens of our country are mindful of the lesson this monument shall teach, the spirit in which those bones shall live again, we shall not fall below the glorious accomplishments of the past. And these are the words of the tongue we give this monument today, the words it speaks today, to speak on day by day while it shall endure.

We fought to secure a land of peace, where the arrogance of the aristocracy, the ambition of the despot, and the malevolence of the tyrant should be unknown. Where the souls, hearts and minds of men might be developed without fear, in absolute freedom, for the general progress and the general good. Where boys and girls might grow to manhood and womanhood with an understanding and appreciation of individual responsibility and

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3—WHITE SALE ITEMS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS—3

BLEACHED TURKISH TOWEL, size 18x35; a towel which would sell readily at 15c; June White Sale Price..... 10c

9-4 BLEACHED SHEETING—A good quality and well worth 20c a yard, for..... 15c

36-INCH BLEACHED MUSLIN—A good grade; sale price, 16 yards for..... \$1.00

3—WHITE SALE BARGAINS FOR RESTAURATEURS—3

WHITE TABLE DAMASK, from 68 to 72 inches wide; a large selection of choice patterns; usual price, \$1.25; on sale..... 98c

WHITE DAMASK NAPKINS—A fine lot, which retailed for \$1.50 to \$1.75 a dozen; cut down for the June White sale to..... \$1.39

18-INCH WHITE ROLLER TOWELING—An elegant quality and a durable grade; June White sale price..... 9c

3—WHITE SALE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOTHERS—3

WHITE LAWN SHIRTWAIST, the regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 grade; all new and well assorted patterns; in June White sale for only..... 87c

WHITE MUSLIN GOWN—Best material, embroidery trimmed; good value at \$1.25; June sale price..... 98c

WHITE LISLE VESTS, with sleeves or sleeveless, all sizes; an excellent 50c garment; June White sale price..... 37c

3—WHITE SALE ATTRACTIONS FOR MEN—3

WHITE UNLAUNDERED SHIRTS, made of an excellent grade of muslin, reinforced back and front; worth 50c; for..... 29c

WHITE MADRAS SHIRT in numerous patterns; a 75c garment in every sense; well made and dressy; June sale price..... 48c

WHITE CANVAS BELT, in all sizes; leather straps and harness buckle; June sale price..... 10c

3—WHITE SALE REDUCTIONS FOR HOTELKEEPERS—3

WHITE HUCK TOWEL, size 18x38; linen, and a good 25c article, on sale at..... 14c

WHITE BEDSPREADS, full size, excellent quality, and sold regularly for \$1.25; on sale at..... 77c

WHITE PILLOW CASES, torn and remade; 42x36; made of good quality muslin; price..... 6½c

3—WHITE SALE OFFERINGS FOR GRADUATING MISSES—3

WHITE INDIA LINEN, 30 inches wide; a good 25c grade; fine value, at sale price..... 18c

WHITE SWISS AND ORGANDY in various widths; sold at 25c elsewhere; cut down for June White sale to..... 19c

WHITE VALENCIENNES LACE AND INSERTION at all prices, as low as, per yard..... 1½c

3—WHITE SALE SPECIALS FOR DRESSMAKERS—3

WHITE IRIDESCENT OR SPUN-SILK LINING, 36 inches wide; a 12½c quality, on sale at..... 8c

WHITE MOIRE SILK, 22 inches wide; a good value at 75c per yard; a bargain at..... 38c

WHITE MOREEN, for jacket or skirt making, 27 inches wide; worth 50c of any one's money; our sale price..... 39c

3—WHITE SALE CUTS IN LACE CURTAINS—3

WHITE NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, 2½ yards long, with patent stitched edges; were 50c a pair; on sale for..... 39c

WHITE LACE NOTTINGHAM CURTAINS, 3 yards long, with patent stitched edges; were 85c; now on sale at..... 65c

WHITE NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, 3 yards long; patent stitched edge; a regular \$1.50 curtain, for..... \$1.25

3—WHITE SALE SNAPS IN HANDKERCHIEFS—3

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS, with edges embroidered or hemstitched; an assortment of 15c and 20c kind; on sale for one week at..... 9c

Embroidered and Lace Trimmed or Plain Hemstitched HANDKERCHIEFS; usually sold for 25c, 30c and 35c each; White sale price only..... 19c

MEN'S PLAIN HEMSTITCHED AND CORDED WHITE HANDKERCHIEFS—A 10c and 12½c value; on sale at..... 7c

3—WHITE SALE IN SEASONABLE WHITE GOODS—3

WHITE PIQUE, 28 inches wide; good standard wale, and worth 25c a yard, for..... 17c

WHITE DIMITY, in a large assortment of latest designs; 32 inches wide; 15c and 17½c values; June sale price..... 12½c

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coin, by Frank Davis, president of June 1936. The ceremony was held at the Shrine, 1000 Broadway, speaker, Rev. C. E. Cline; reminiscences of Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Atlanta, the march to the sea and the death of Lee, by the boys' chorus; "Tenting Tonight," school; recitations; "The New Memorial Day," Gladys Donohoe; pantomime, "The Blue and the Gray," by little girls, with words sung by Willie Borchers; speaker, C. C. Pratt; reminiscences of the Seven Days' battles and Malvern Hill; "America," school.

A pleasing feature of the exercises was the gift of a large, well-framed picture of Abraham Lincoln to Holladay School by the June 1936, graduating class. The picture was given in loving remembrance of the noble dead of the Nation.

Decorated Naval Hero's Grave. Nearly 800 people visited Milwaukie cemetery during the day. Every grave was decorated, and many were consoled by the covering of blossoms. In one corner of this cemetery is the grave of Arthur Vennille, the naval hero, a Sellwood boy, who was captured in Baler Bay, in the Philippine Islands, while on duty with the U. S. Navy. On the occasion he displayed such gallant conduct as to call out the highest words of praise from Colonel Gilmore. The public is familiar with the story of this heroic boy, of his cruel death at the hands of the treacherous natives, of the long, weary months before his mother and sisters learned of his fate, and of the return of his body to be buried at his home. In the past the monument erected before his body had been recovered first bore the inscription, "Sacred to the memory of D. G. A. Vennille. We know not where his body lies, but his spirit is with his God." Since then another inscription has been carved on the shaft, stating that his body had been recovered and is buried in the plot beneath the covering of blossoms. It was decorated by a special delegation of Second Oregon volunteers and representatives from Gilbert Auxiliary Camp.

Marking Old Graves. At Milwaukie cemetery, which is a pioneer burial place, older than most all the graves are to be marked and preserved.

vided with a headboard. A. F. Miller, one of the committee in charge of the place, has started on the work. He has already marked many of the graves, and is looking up the records for other names. The ground, which comprises about one acre, was donated for the purpose by J. H. Lambert, and some of the early pioneers of Milwaukie and Willamette are buried there.

At Pleasant Home. Memorial day exercises were held at Pleasant Home yesterday afternoon under the auspices of M. A. Ross Post, G. A. R. Henry Kane, commander, was in charge. Rev. G. W. Plummer, pastor of the First United Evangelical Church, East Side, delivered a patriotic address. The music for the occasion was excellent. There was a large attendance.

Use Old Bridge Spans. PORTLAND, May 30.—(To the Editor.)—In conversation with a young engineer a few days since, who has had much experience in bridge building, a suggestion

was made which seems to me to have much merit. He said that when the new steel bridge replaced the Morrison, spans of that bridge, with comparatively little expense, might be utilized to bridge Sullivan's Gulch at two or three points