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You are met to-day to celebrate in appropriate form your annual holiday, which is and ever must be, a sad one. As an order of brotherhood, your conception and origin sprang from the fraternal love and fellowship born of active campaign service among our marines and soldiers during our late rebellion. The blood-purchased principles of 1776, our forefathers' gift to an appreciative people, were alike revered by north and south, by east and west. But as time wore on and progressive generations multiplied, developing the hidden resources of our great country beyond the comprehension of imagination's highest flight, the foundations of our primitive nation, though deeply laid with solemn care by profound minds, were yet far too small to meet the wants and needs of advancing man; and defective flaws, mere specks at first, grew wide apace from year to year, till in 1861 the crisis came, and long smothered discord and forbearing jealousies between contending factions could be no more suppressed. Hydra-headed treason reared its brazen crest, and the fierce internal strife, like a fever, raging worse because delayed, precipitated the five years war which marks our government's historic page with red emphasizing underlines, the memory of which is alas too fresh in the minds of old and young.

It is no fit time or place nor am I now inclined to dilate on the causes leading to that struggle, the cost of which no one foresaw nor even yet can realize. Statistics show the nation's debt in bonds and gold, and archives prove the loss of life; but no finite mind can comprehend the wasted strength of society and morals.

Relaxing sinews long o'er-strained, brought stupifying lethargy. Chaotic debris clogged the wheels of progress in the South, and for a time the Kalklux raged—a vandal hand of lawless men, in whom the olive branch of peace roused demons worse than treason claims; who, knowing no law but thirst for crime, spread death and terror throughout the land. Dissipation, vicious vagabondage, and the multiplying crimes of tramps to-day, are but small fruits of that foul germ. Congested veins of commerce, and withered scenes of pastoral life were part results; and rampant speculation rose phoenix-like from past turmoil, sapping healthy life from well-established business habits and steady occupation.

When the five years struggle closed and the mighty hosts were mustered out, to return again to hearths and homes and renew the toils they left at country's call, and gladden the hearts of loved ones there, by reuniting family ties, the nation's wounds began to heal and peace and plenty reigned again where desolation born of war had long prevailed. Then, as step by step advancing time developed the accumulating costs of the principles contended for and

won, those principles grew in value in the estimation of all loyal men, and urged the hearts of veterans to seek some means of keeping green the comradeship born of strife and sealed in blood. And so they banded together in various Posts throughout the land, cultivating ties of brotherhood by a uniformity of discipline and fellowship, the power of which they learned to know in camp and field. Though your brotherhood varies little but in form from Old Fellowship or Masonry, except from causes whence it rose in the hallowed recent past, while theirs are many spread and multiply, your posts, alas! must sink with time till all are closed by death's desecrating hand, for none can join the G. A. R. but those who served, on land or sea, in our late rebellion, and the time is not far distant, as time is reckoned in a nation's life, when the last post shall cease to be, when its sacred rites will be a book that's sealed, and the last comrade gone to join the roll of honor.

Unity of heart and mind prevail to-day throughout the land. All crafts and trades respect the time; all party schemes are hid from sight. We meet to-day, to rejoice with pomp and splendor, such as befits the day of our nation's birth; nor yet to stir the harsher memories of long buried passions roused in the evil days gone past, by reviving thoughts of pain and bloodshed in field or camp; but like the fading scars which mark once ghastly fissures in the flesh long since healed, so advancing time has softened the smaller lines of passion traced on memory's scroll, till friend and foe all blend in one.

To-day our country mourns the untimely death of four hundred thousand of her brave sons, the precious sanguinary price of accumulated discord and passion's hasty flow. On this, the 30th day of May, the duties of your brotherhood, in which all comrades wish to join, require a public floral decoration of all soldiers' graves. While some may mourn the loss of father, brother, friend, we bear in mind that some comrades left no earthly ties, and as all are friends where they are gone, we crown alike both Blue and Gray, without betraying partial hand. From Puget Sound to Florida Keys, from Penobscot Bay to Los Angeles, to-day the breezes waft the funeral dirge, and comrades march with crape bound arms to muffled drums, and with forgiving, reverent thoughts of by-gone strife, gather at the graves alike of blue and gray, whose blood baptized our nation's woe, and the gentle fragrant flowers are yielding up their lives to do them honor—fit semblance of the price they nobly paid without regret, each for the side he thought was right.

Here on the western verge of Columbia's soil we meet to-day on common plain to do our homage with the rest, and with enlarging sympathy extend those rites to comrades posts on coast of Maine, merging music, prayer and requiem in unison throughout the Nation; and upon every high sea, and in every foreign land, permeating the veins of commerce of the great round world, from the frozen regions of the North, through the sweltering tropics to the frigid wastes of Southern seas; and from Columbia East to Columbia West, around the globe where ere Americans sojourn to-day, our gallant flag droops mournfully at half-mast, proclaiming to all kind our grief, though softened, not forgot.

The shrill piping life ever stirs the veteran's heart with vivid scenes of soldier life; the camp, the drill, the march, the picket guard on stormy nights, the forage squad, the scout and skirmish, and surmounting all, the thrilling clash on battle field. But to-day those thoughts give place to sadder ones—to lingering pain in hospital, the prisoner's starving discipline, the battle's close the burial day. Yet soon a quarter century will have passed since that fatal guantlet toss on Sumpter's Fort in sixty-one, which called you from office, store, farm, school and work-shop, to join in fraternal contest. Some of you who then were beardless youths, now wear wrinkled brows and grizzled locks, not all due to time's changing hand; but some plainly traced to life-melting campaigns; to prison fare and hospital, to cackered wounds and wasting plague, each marking serious rebate from man's allotted span in unmarked lines, while many more whose names now grace your roll of honor, though surviving tragedy of battlefield and prison life, have since paid full price to nature's law, and gone to join the silent, ever multiplying ranks with never ending furlongs. So year by year your ranks must thin while theirs increase, till the Grand Army of the Republic shall be no more, and none can say "We served together!" But when that time shall come, fear not that Memorial Day will cease to be, for an ever grateful nation marks it well, and reveres it more at each return; and the wreaths and flowers you bestow to-day on comrades gone, shall revive again to grace your brows, when one by one you, too, have joined that roll. And now, since blood and gold and social bliss were freely paid for victory won, let us hope to profit by it while we may; and while we forget the bitter thoughts of former days, may the principles which cost so much, ever grow in grace and strength, without a trace of section's claim to mark the line twixt North or South, or East or West; and as love survives when hate is dead, and guiding time enchants the scene, so shall glory's halo brighten around that sacred roll of honor, till nation's fade and time erase historic lines.

Temperance Department.

EDITED BY THE W. C. T. U.

State Convention of the W. C. T. U. of Oregon Held in Albany June 4th and 5th.

A most interesting and profitable state convention of the Oregon W. C. T. U. closed on June 5th.

The attendance at the convention was very encouraging, noticeable among the members were several gentlemen of high standing in the community, who showed great interest throughout the session, and who by invitation of the Union addressed them in an exceedingly pleasing manner.

Most excellent reports were read by the superintendents of the different departments, among them I can only allude to the Press, Sabbath school, Evangelistic, Scientific Instruction, which were especially good. The latter department calling forth considerable discussion, as we believe that legally enforced scientific teaching in every normal school and public school, in fact in every institution of learning throughout the length and breadth of the land would be the most powerful instrumentality that could be thought to forever avert from the young the perilous evils and temptations leading to intemperance which now beset them on every hand. Whatever methods in the wisdom of this convention shall be deemed the best and most feasible to adopt for the compassing of this great object—compulsory temperance education—here in this far western state, one thing is certain there must in some way emanate from all the local Unions "more light" upon this most vital question, as it seems to us together with that of prohibition the two questions of the day and hour.

Mrs. Leavitt whose pleasant face, heart-felt interest, and loving kindly suggestions, helped to make our convention the success it was, is doing grand work on this coast. She has done much to strengthen the faith of the workers of the W. C. T. U.

One gentleman remarked to me that never had he fully realized the force, influence and character of the W. C. T. U., until he happened to drop in to the half hour of devotion which preceded our business session. Such prayers, he said, he never heard before, and he went away feeling that God indeed was with us all.

Mrs. Leavitt's address the last night, "Christianity in Government," was masterly and heard with breathless attention.

The convention was held in the church recently finished and was decorated with mottoes and beautifully arranged flowers; The plans of work and declaration of principles will be in the next issue of this paper. We have no time for any further report to-day.

L. H. ADDISON,
Rec. Sec. of Corvallis.

A Serious Saloot.

Upon the receipt of the news of the nomination of Blaine at Silverton Friday evening, the old cannon was brought forth to give a saloot. The runner, after firing a number of rounds, thought he would increase his load, and put in five pounds of rifle gun powder well tamped down with brick dust, etc. At the word "fire" she went off with a bang that shook the firmament and burst the gun into many fragments. The gun was placed near the school house on the north side, and Mr. R. C. Ramsby had his horse grazing in Mr. Brown's door-yard, a quarter of a mile south of town, which was struck with a piece weighing about 25 pounds. The poor brute was cut almost completely into, and it became necessary to shoot it to get it out of its misery. Another slug nearly as large struck near where Mr. Ramsby was sitting, tearing up the earth in a lively manner. A third piece went through his barn and a fourth piece got inside the school house, broke the clock, and did considerable other damage. Other fragments scattered over the village, giving several parties a close call and something to talk about. The school yard was full of people at the time of the accident, and yet there was no body hurt.—Statesman.

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FINAL SETTLEMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Executor of the last will and testament of Ann Baber, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate in the county court of the state of Oregon for Benton county, and Monday the 7th day of July, 1884, at the county court room in the court house in Corvallis, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., is the time and place fixed for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

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Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk, of Benton county, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Wednesday, June 4, 1884, viz: Frederick Hartwig, Homestead Entry No. 4155 for the S 1/4 of Sec. 27 and SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 28, T. 10, S. R. 7, W.

He has the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land viz: George Coots, Thos. S. Nash and Chas. H. Nash of Corvallis, and Wm. J. Fitzpatrick of Summit, all of Benton County, Oregon.

21-19-54 L. T. BARIN, Register.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT S. L. Shedd, the undersigned administrator of the estate of Samuel Thompson, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton county, and Saturday the 7th day of June, 1884, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, in the county court room at the court house in Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, is the time and place fixed for hearing of objections to said account and to the final settlement of the same.

S. L. SHEDD,

Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of William Hale deceased, has filed in the County Court for Benton County, Oregon, his final account of his administration of said estate, and said Court has fixed Saturday, the 7th day of June, 1884, at the hour of one o'clock p. m. of said day, as the time