

THE TWIN CITIES.

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TO THE EDITOR:—

We hear a good deal about the rivalry of the twin cities, St. Paul and Minneapolis. It is hard to picture in ones mind the relative positions of the two. You purchase a ticket from Portland to St. Paul and after reaching the western outskirts of Minneapolis, scarcely seem to leave the city until St. Paul is announced. Residences and residence property occupy nearly the entire distance between the two cities.

To a person traveling among strange cities the impression obtained often depends on the hotel accommodations met with. In Minneapolis one who secures accommodations at the "West" hotel will leave the place with a feeling that it is a progressive city. St. Paul has the "Ryan" and "Windsor" hotels which leave favorable impressions of the city. But for completeness of detail and elegance of finish they are not to be mentioned in the same day as the "West" at Minneapolis. A saunter down Summit Avenue in St. Paul gives one an idea of the wealth of the place. The most substantial looking residence, probably, is that of J. J. Hill, president of the great Northern. His building and pavement are of red stone and are just now being completed. The street is paved with artificial stone and is smooth as a floor for about a mile. It commands an excellent view of a large portion of the city.

One thing that attracts the attention of a Corvallisite is the admirable street railway service. There are two or three cable systems but the majority of the roads are electric. The state capitol building situated in the center of a block about 200 feet square is a very unpretentious building of red brick and bears a strong resemblance to the Oregon agricultural college at Corvallis. I visited the state libraries and about the first book my eyes rested on was the latest edition of Oregon Reports. I took one of the volumes and pointed out some familiar cases, sent up from Benton county, to my companion, the state attorney of Dakota.

At St. Paul I had the pleasure of listening to Ingersoll in his lecture on Shakespeare which he delivered in a church. Strange place in which to find the infidel speaking. So I thought, until I learned the church had departed from recognized standards. Nevertheless the lecture was very entertaining. The orator alluded occasionally to his views on religion but in the main confined himself to the treatment of his subject. His eloquence at times held the large audience spell bound. It was refreshing to note the sentiments which evoked applause. All sarcastic allusions to religion were met with indifference but his praise of Shakespeare with prolonged applause. The audience evidently had come to hear about the poet. He ridiculed Donnelly's efforts to establish Bacon's claim as the author, and, judging from the reception of his wit by the audience, I came to the conclusion that Mr. Donnelly's fellow-townsmen have no especial sympathy with the position he has taken on this question. Indeed a number of persons intimated to me that the general impression thereabouts was that he is akin to the handle of a well curb.

I went from St. Paul to Minneapolis on a street car and from the latter place out to Minnehaha falls. There seems to be considerable attention given this spot by the Minneapolis and traveling public. The grounds about the falls are laid out and kept in good condition and stone steps down to sundry observatories are plentiful. The falls are exactly like the pictures we see so often and the creek which supplies the water is about like Oak creek, certainly no larger. The falls are worth going to see, that is if you happen to be in the city. It only costs a bit in money and an hour in time. I presume the amounts expended by pleasure and curiosity seekers at the falls in one day would in the aggregate have paid very well for the poem which has made the spot famous.

St. Paul has a fine court house and city hall. It seems to be the fashion here to combine city and county buildings. But Ramsey county has five or six divisions to its circuit court besides several other judicial branches, county, probate, superior, etc., and all in session at the same time.

ANON.
FOR SALE.—Eight lots in block 18, Job's Addition, for \$600. Address "Owner" GAZETTE, office, Corvallis, Oregon.

THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

The citizens of Corvallis and surrounding country have decided to make the coming Fourth of July celebration, which will be held at Corvallis, one of the best ever held in Benton county, and all have entered into the enterprise with a will, and are working as one for the success of the coming event. Committees have been hard at work for the past few days, and have met with success in soliciting finances, and are leaving nothing undone which will add to the pleasure of parties taking part in the celebration on that occasion. The Monmouth band has been secured to furnish the music, and there may be other bands in attendance.

There will be premiums given for champions in a horse race, for the best lady and gentleman rider in the parade and for the victors in a ball game, etc.

A special feature of the day will be a drill by 40 boys in uniform and in the evening there will be a grand display of fire works, and a ball for the benefit of those who trip the light fantastic. There could not be found a more pleasant place to spend the legal holiday than in Corvallis, and all who come may feel assured of being royally entertained.

The following are the officers of the day, and those who know them can but feel assured of a successful celebration:

President of the Day, Hon. John Barnett.
Orator, Hon. J. K. Weatherford.
Reader, Miss Maud Hoffman.
Grand Marshal, C. B. Wells.
Chaplin, Rev. E. J. Thompson.

AN OLD FLAG.—To J. A. Knight of this city belongs the honor of being a true and loyal citizen of these United States, although a German by birth. He observes every national holiday in true American style. He is the possessor of a large American flag and on every legal holiday he unfurls this banner and floats the stars and stripes at the top of the high flag pole in front of his furniture store. Perhaps there are many flags in our country made of finer material and upon which loyal women have put more elaborate and artistic work, but the history of this national emblem is of special interest to our readers in Corvallis. Last Decoration Day, pointing proudly to the flag floating in the breeze, Mr. Knight said to the writer, "There is the first American flag that was ever raised in Corvallis." It was made by his wife, now a member of Ellsworth Relief Corps, the first year of the civil war and was raised the same year for the first time on his residence in the northern part of this city. During the war it was called into service on all public occasions, it being the only American flag in Corvallis for sometime, and on every national holiday for the past thirty years, with a patriotism, commendable to every loyal citizen of this great and free republic. Mr. Knight has proudly brought forth this old flag and unfurled its stars and stripes at the very top of the mast in front of the store.

THE TAX QUESTION.—The Oregon State Grange, at the annual session just closed at Hillsboro, adopted a resolution appointing Hon. J. Voorhees, of Woodburn, and Hon. R. P. Boise, of Salem, and Hon. R. A. Irvine, of Albany, a committee to formulate a bill on assessment and taxation and report not later than September 1st to the executive committee of state grange, and the executive committee was instructed to print and send copies to each sub-grange in the state for consideration, and their action to be reported at the next annual session of the state grange at Albany, and the bill as formulated and adopted by the grange will then be submitted to the people during the next political campaign and to the next session of the legislature. Suggestions are requested from farmers and others interested in this subject. Address communications to the chairman of the committee. By order of the Oregon State Grange. W. H. Hill leary, Secretary.

WANTS MORE ROOM.—S. L. Kline, who has but recently completed one of the finest and largest business blocks in Corvallis, finds his business increasing so rapidly that it has become necessary for him to erect another building in order to make room for his large and varied stock. He has decided to have erected on Front street a one story frame building, 24x76 feet, and work will be commenced on the same immediately. Mr. Kline is one of the most successful business men in Corvallis, and is now doing an extensive business. He will carry in addition to his regular line of dry goods and furnishings a large stock of agricultural implements, and will handle the celebrated D. M. Osborne binders and cutting machines, and you can find anything in his stock from a pocket knife to a self binder, and will be assured of reasonable prices.

SURVEYING CONTRACTS LET.—It will be of interest to our readers in the western portion of the county to learn that W. H. Byers, surveyor general for Oregon, has let contracts for the survey of townships 13 and 14, ranges 7, 8, 9 and 10 west. Within these townships there is quite a number of settlers who have taken up squatters claims and have been living on them for years. They will soon be able to perfect the titles to their homes. Alonzo Gessner of Salem, has a party of surveyors located near Lobster, who are at work on a government contract.

TO START UP.—Workmen at the big cannery of the Salem Canning Co., opposite the woolen mill, cleaned up a lot of gooseberries Tuesday, and the machinery will be started up on these to-day, thus opening the season's run of some 2,000,000 cans. As early peas and other vegetables and fruits will soon begin to come in, things will hum in that quarter from this day on. Six hundred acres of peas alone have been contracted for.—Statesman.

LOST.—Between the store and residence of S. L. Kline, a gold breastpin, pearl center set in star. Return to S. L. Kline and receive reward.

MEMORIAL DAY.

More interest than usual was taken in memorial services at Corvallis this year, and the day was appropriately devoted to the duties we owe those who fought and died for us and their country. The day was all that could have been asked, being bright and sunny, and many people were in from the surrounding country and took part in the exercises.

Preparations had been perfected by the G. A. R. Post of this city and the Woman's Relief Corps and at 2 p. m. the procession began to form in front of Farra's block. It was headed by our Marine Band who appeared in their uniforms, white leggings and red-tasseled white hats, T. H. Dupuy acting as marshal. Following the band were the college cadets, the old soldiers, the kindergarten and public school children and then the Women's Relief Corps and a long line of carriages. The procession under the command of Adjutant F. M. Johnson was a fine and imposing one, and reflected much credit on the committee of arrangements who had wisely and carefully planned every detail. To the solemn music of the dead march the long line moved slowly to the cemetery when the usual G. A. R. exercises occurred under the directions of Commandant Kemp. An excellent choir led by Mrs. F. M. Johnson rendered some very choice selections and an able address was delivered by visiting Comrade, Rev. T. C. Henderson, of Pendleton. Perhaps the most interesting part of the exercises were the songs and recitations of the little kindergarten children who did their parts admirably. The graves of the soldiers were decorated with a profusion of flowers, and many there were who took occasion to decorate the graves of the dear ones gone with the choicest garlands of their love and remembrance. Several beautiful pieces including a cross, shield, pillow and flag, star and G. A. R. emblems were prepared by the teachers and pupils of our public schools and placed on the graves of the fallen heroes. Each state and territory was represented by one of the school children, who each depositing flowers on the grave repeated a verse of four lines suitable to the occasion and seemed to be very much appreciated by those present. One by one the veterans are falling out of the ranks and are being mustered on "Fame's eternal camping ground." This beautiful custom of strewing flowers on the graves of the nation's dead was instituted by that typical American volunteer soldier, John A. Logan. It has grown in the affections of the people until now nearly every one, at least once a year cleans up and beautifies the last resting place of loved ones lying in their palaces of rest. How very appropriate that our children should take part in these sacred and solemn duties and early learn the lessons of patriotism and devotion to the flag that floats over our beloved land, thus learning to keep step to the music of the union and take laudable pride in erecting the sturdy pillars of state upon the blood-cemented foundation laid by our forefathers and preserved by the veterans of '61 and '65. Let no one think these beadle ceremonies that call the multitudes to our cemeteries on memorial day each year. Let us tread gently on the soil that contains the dust of our nation's heroes. Strew springs choicest blossoms on their grassy mounds, feeling certain that when the last bugle call sounds "Taps" for us our graves annually will be visited and decorated with sprays brightest flowers and our names kept alive in the hearts of generations to come in the observance of this beautiful custom.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENTS.

The annual commencement exercises of the Corvallis public schools were held last evening in Job's Theater. There were ten graduates this year, eight ladies and two gentlemen, whose names are as follows: Birdie Osburn, Rebecca Casteel, Lillie Kerr, Addah Gillette, Maggie Mackay, Anna King, Lottie Rose, Mattie Allphin, John Pipes, Ed. Bryson. The house was well filled with friends of the participants who had assembled to hear the excellent program that was carried out. Each and every one participating in the exercises did well and reflected great credit upon themselves.

Another entertainment will be given this (Friday) evening under the auspices of the pupils of the public schools. This entertainment will also be held in Job's Theater, and a first-class programme has been prepared which consists of music, declamations, and a flag drill by a class of boys in uniform, which promises to be exceptionally fine. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged, which will be used for the benefit of the schools. All who have children attending school, as well as those who appreciate a good entertainment should not fail to attend.

A NEW BUILDING.—The work of tearing down the old sheds, which were in the rear of the First National Bank, and cleaning the ground for a new brick building, was commenced Wednesday morning. The building will be erected for Judge Barnett, who owns the bank building, and will, in connection with the present block which it will join, present a fine appearance and greatly improve the appearance of Jefferson street. When completed it will be two stories high, 59 feet deep by 25 feet front. The lower floor will be occupied as a grocery department store by Z. H. Davis, while the upper story will be partitioned into small rooms which will be rented for various purposes. The contract has been let and work will go forward as rapidly as possible. This is additional evidence of Mr. Burnett's confidence in the future of this city and sets the ball rolling for the summer building boom.

MARRIED.—June 3d, at the residence of J. E. Felton in Avery's Addition by Rev. E. J. Thompson; Edward L. Strange and Emma A. Felton, both of Corvallis.

STANDS FOR JULY 4TH.

The general committee will receive propositions from any persons who wish space for stands on grounds for celebration of July 4th.

Mr. John Caragher, a merchant at Caragher, Fulton Co., Ohio, says that St. Patrick's Pills are the best selling pills he handles. The reason is that they produce a pleasant cathartic effect and are certain and thorough in their action. Try them when you want a reliable cathartic. For sale by T. Graham, druggist.

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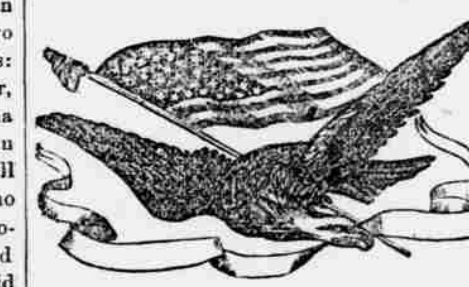
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NATAL DAY



CORVALLIS

WILL CELEBRATE

— THE —

4th
Of July.

Great preparations are being made and the people of Benton and other counties are cordially invited to participate in the exercises and compete in the contests.

Horse Racing
BALL GAMES,

A Grand Ball!

And Fireworks will be given in the evening.

9TH NINTH 9TH

WEEKLY SURPRISE SALE.

From Thursday, June 4th, to
Thursday, June 11th.

REMNANTS!

We have accumulated a large number of remnants of Dress Goods, Sateens, Gingham, Lawns, Challies, Muslins, Calicos, Ribbons, Embroideries, Etc., during the season which we will offer for the next week at

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