

MEMORIAL DAY ON COOS BAY

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blood and suffering that awaited both parties.

It is sad that such a situation should occur.

I am glad that so soon after the smoke of battle cleared away entirely a new feeling has taken place between the North and the South. Forty-eight years ago last April the first shot of the Civil War was fired at Sumpter the fierce hatred that then existed between the North and the South.

Today this feeling has passed away. The southern man can come north and be welcomed and northern men can go South and be welcomed.

"No more shall the war cry sever
Or the winding rivers be red
They banish our anger forever
When they laurel the graves of
our dead
Under the sod and the dew
Waiting the judgment day;—
Love and tears for the blue,
Tears and love for the gray."

How good it is that the South accepts the results of the war as they do. Glad that the Union has been preserved and that slavery has been disposed of. Mayor Alderson Alexander Stephens, former vice-president of the Confederacy in his speech on the occasion of unveiling Carpenter's picture of Lincoln signing Emancipation Proclamation, February 12, 1878, pronounced a beautiful eulogy on Abraham Lincoln and his devotion to the Union, then spoke of the saved union and slavery eradicated. How thankful we should be?

I cannot review the Civil War without a feeling of pride. Proud that our fathers and brothers were so patriotic. What a heroic fight the South made. How often their armies marched scantily fed and poorly clad. How often they successfully resisted a foe much greater in number. How their women sacrificed in giving their husbands and sons in the defense of their state. How the South laid their all on the altar for what they believed to be right.

Colonel Henderson, head of the great military college of England, says the five greatest generals of the English speaking race are Washington, Marlborough, Wellington, Lee and Jackson. No braver or better disciplined or better general than those who marched under Lee and Jackson and Longstreet. All hail to their valor and southern pluck.

turn now to the other side. men now can little realize the danger that confronted our country during the spring and summer of '61. When Abraham Lincoln took his seat in March '61, he found that seven states had seceded. He found a separate government organized at Montgomery. He found that every vessel of the Navy had been sent to foreign ports but one that the standing army had been sent to the outposts of the nation; that the Treasury was on the verge of bankruptcy. Scarcely had he been president thirty days when Sumpter was fired on and reduced. Then came the news of other states seceding, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas with Kentucky, Missouri and Maryland threatening. When the president attempted to bring soldiers to Washington to defend the capital, they were attacked by a mob in Baltimore and some of them brutally murdered. The governor of Maryland declared that no more troops must pass through his state. An army was hastily gotten together and drilled through May and June to meet terrible disaster and defeat at Bull Run in July. The country was in a strange weird and dangerous condition. The uncertainty of issue discussed in European cabinets, England and France, against the North. Only Russia with us. The bonds of Confederacy sold more readily in English markets than United States bonds. A time of distrust when strong men trembled and dared not think of the possible disasters of the near future. Turning to another picture, the day that Sumpter fell, President Lincoln penned the proclamation calling for 75,000 troops. The next day the Proclamation was issued. The outburst of patriotism throughout the North surprised even Lincoln. The national flag was unfurled to the breeze from court houses, school houses, colleges, hotels, railroad sta-

tions, from spires of churches and from the windows of residences. The fife and drum were heard in the streets; recruiting offices were opened in stores, churches, school houses and tents. The mass of the people forgetting party distinctions, answered with an enthusiasm that swept politicians off their feet. In a few days, the government was offered four times as many troops as it had asked for.

Very soon the president was compelled to call for more troops. The spirit of enthusiasm did not wane as reverses came and more men were needed. The spirit of patriotism increased as the Union was endangered. Back from the rocky hillsides of New England back from the uplands of New York and Pennsylvania, back from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana, back from the great valley of the Mississippi would resound: "We are coming Father Abraham 300,000 strong." There were men that did not love war. The farmer that followed the plow, the mechanic toiling at the bench, the merchant busy with his yard stick, the student busy at Greek roots, Virgil and geometry, that heard the call. For the most part they were young men, the flower of American manhood. In many instances the support of a widowed mother or an aged father. In very many instances the head and support of a family of little children. It was heroic for men that loved home and peace to leave home and take the chances incidental to army life, chances of disease, chances of the loathsome prison. How beautiful this spirit of patriotism. As a rule wars are decided by one great battle together with other smaller ones. It was so with the allied forces against Napoleon. It was so in the Franco-Prussian war. Largely so with the Russian and Japanese war, but during the Civil War there were fought at least eight battles which may be classed as the greatest battles of history over 2,000 battles and skirmishes. The South had in their armies about 1,000,000 men during the war. This great force of brave, determined men had to be crushed by inches. The North had engaged during the war 2,800,000 men, 360,000 Union men fell in battle, in the hospital or in prison. As many more were maimed for life. How many of those boys forced back thoughts of home and loved ones and marched to fight and died. How many mothers, sisters, and fathers, and wives watched with anxious hearts to learn that their loved ones had fallen.

This is something of the price paid by those who lived nearly half a century ago that we might be a united, happy and prosperous nation today. We rejoice that all over this land from Maine to California there will be assembled tomorrow to review the patriotism of the men engaged in the Civil War, that from the hill sides as well as the valleys the flowers will be gathered by loving hands to be placed upon the graves of our patriot dead. While we may not go where the bodies of those rest who fell in the cause of the Union for 275,000 sleep beneath the soil of the southern states, and 140,000 of these are in graves marked unknown, yet we would stand in thought above each resting place and scatter the flowers tenderly and lovingly. Our fallen heroes gave their lives for a better country yet to be. We would remember that our conditions today are the outcome of other centuries working through toil and struggle and terrible conflict at times toward the present attainment. "We are the heir of all the ages in the foremost files of time." So we would dedicate our lives to a better country yet to be, not on the field of flame and smoke and leaden hail but in the arena of public opinion where truth and right have need of the heroic souls. Remember that what is reached in the civilization yet to be will depend upon what we do now.

First, we must teach the foreigner coming to our shores the principles of our government. We must guard the public school; promote institutions for the diffusion of knowledge. The heart of a people may be right but their ignorance may expose them to be misled by the demagogue. In a government where public opinion rules, it is essential that public opinion be enlightened. The mind must be elevated and the heart purified to fit men for self government.

Secondly, we must stand for righteousness in the city, righteousness in the nation. If we find in this reputable trusts or corporations that are depriving individuals of liberty, a wealthy aristocratic class seeking to enrich themselves by enslaving the masses financially, this must be looked upon as a disease on the body

THIRSTY HUBBY PUT IN HALTER

Heroic Measure to Prevent Intoxicated Spouse From 'Taking Just One More.'

WATERLOO, Ia., May 31.—Determined that her husband should be kept away from further recourse to the flowing bowl, a wife took extraordinary measures to get her "better half" home. People living along Fourth street, west, were astonished to see the woman driving a horse to a light wagon and leading a man with a rope halter. He was hanging back, tugging at his tether like a colt not yet fully broken to lead.

It appears that the couple had come to town in the afternoon and he had visited several thirst parlors. When the shades of evening began to fall the wife got the rig ready to return home and managed to get her husband into the wagon. But a controversy soon ensued, and the man, with wobbly knees and thick-tongued speed demanded "another."

"Go in back and get s'more, darling," he informed her, getting out of the rig and starting with unsteady steps back to town. "No you don't," snapped the wife. She pulled out the halter from under the back seat and lassoed her husband neatly, the rope sliding over one arm and around his neck. A couple of quick twists and the wife had him foul. Then the woman mounted to the seat, gave the horse a touch with the whip and hubby didn't go back.

A chorus of frogs from a nearby pond played trembly music to the first half mile of the strange procession, and then the darkness and near silence enveloped them.

MARVELOUS SHOOTING OF CAPTAIN BARTLETT



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politic to be removed.

Then, on the other hand, if we find a man seeking to array one class of men against another seeking to inspire hatred towards government and the laws these, too, must be resisted.

We must give ourselves to make this as nearly as possible a government of the people, by the people and for the people. Our fathers' beacon light was "Freedom for man because he is man." Greece and Rome talked about liberty but not liberty in that sense. The past has been dominated by such ideas as these, the individual is for the state, one class born to rule while another is born to serve. Our fathers declared that all men are free and should have equal rights. Freedom for man because he is man. God is moving the nations up to this beacon light. Let us keep step with his purposes.

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