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A MEMORIAL DAY LESSON.

YESTERDAY'S Memorial Day parade on Coos Bay was not imposing in its size but it was impressive in its suggestiveness. The pathos of the thinning ranks of the old veterans, in memory of whose services and sacrifices the day was created was brought home to every thoughtful person who watched the patriotic pageant as it passed.

The very general recognition of the beautiful custom of honoring our soldier dead is a hopeful augury. In his first inaugural address Mr. Lincoln said: "We are not enemies but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passions may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection."

In passing we may stop a moment to wonder how it was, when that inaugural was spoken, that the men around Mr. Lincoln who had thought his election was a mistake, did not realize that in his uncouth form the master spirit of them all was dimmed; why, when beyond the sea the inaugural was read, the men of England did not stop to say: "What is this that we have been told, that he just-elected President of the United States is a clown and buffoon?"

But, returning to our theme. It was just fifty years ago that those words were spoken. "The better angels of our nature" have at last asserted themselves and forced aside the dark thoughts of the past, until we can realize at last that what happened then had to be, and that the men who struggled then were each but acting his role as Fate called the mighty acts of that tremendous tragedy?

Twenty-five years ago there were not many graves to decorate save the graves of those that went down under the canopy of battle, and the steps of the veterans who marched to perform that duty had much of the old elastic spring of the marchers of the immortal four years of war.

Our nation was but a second-class nation until those men went out and died. They hallowed its soil. Their acts were a witness to the world of what they could do when divided, the world contemplating the spectacle said: "What would they do united, should the call come?" And since then there has a halo gathered over the Stars on the old flag.

Since then the two thousand miles of wilderness that divided the east of our country from the west, has vanished away, a great many new states have rounded into form; the work performed has been Titanic, but every one of those new states has been made sacred by graves of those veterans, and yesterday they were all wreathed in flowers.

The elements are all in harmony. So should be the hearts of men. Yesterday they were. And in this is a lesson for the living from the silent lips of the dead. "We are not enemies, but friends." And "the mystic chords of memory, stretched from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone, should today be touched by the better angels of our nature," and only loving farewells were given our dead and only prayers to preserve us a free and brave nation were spoken.

COMMENCEMENT DAYS. THIS IS the momentous season for the youngster in the schools of the land, the day of his and her progress toward the goal of their best ambition, their soundest, happiest advantage, their grading, graduation, and gravitation to the higher and solemn levels of life. And their every hope, struggle and victory in this encounter has millions of sympathetic and ardent friends to rejoice with them in the least, and 'largest, achievement realized, in the home, and out of it.

There is something always inspiring and wonderfully promising to the elders of the day in watching the unfolding of these successors who are to take up the duties and burdens and tasks of the nation, the state and the home-bailiwicks, and carry on the immense schemes of government and development and history, which by the immutable law of progress they are to make greater than we have been able to make; and only the profoundest love for them, and deepest sense of loyalty to the country, may mark the broad concern we feel at such times; every atom of pride and every yearning for the best actuates us in heralding their success now and in the period of their initiation into the mysteries of civic and social life; the measuring of their equipment to meet and master the exigencies of the new relation vivifies our reliance upon the great free school system and endears our universities and colleges to us by the triumphs and revelations which follow fast upon these periods and prove the rightfulness of our claim for them. It is splendid, all of it; and he is the poorest of all Americans who would for an instant, in the remotest way, deprecate the superb advantages given to, and so used by, these clever and dependable young followers in our footsteps.

J. L. RANDLEMAN DEAD.

Former Coos County Man Passes Away to Mapleton. On Monday Berdie I. Randleman of Lampa, and his sister, Miss Ruby of this city, received the sad news of the death of their father, Jason L. Randleman which occurred on Sunday, the 21st at the family home at Mapleton, Lane county, Oregon, from a dropsical affection and other complications from which he has been suffering for several years.

The deceased was born in Sacramento county, California 51 years ago. In 1872 his father moved to Coos county, locating on Bear Creek which locality was their home for many years. In 1886 he was married to Miss Sarah E. Barklow. To this union were born three sons and one daughter, Birdie I., Claude A., Ruby E., and Lester, all of whom survive him.—Coquille Herald.

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MYRTLE POINT POINTERS.

News of Upper Coquille As Told By The Enterprise.

Jack Haley formerly with the Margaret Iles Company, had the misfortune to have a wagon wheel run over his foot and dislocated his ankle last Friday.

Chas. H. Lowry of Marshfield was an over-Sunday visitor at the home of his friend, R. A. Annin and family.

At the baseball meeting at the City Hall Saturday evening E. C. Roberts was chosen manager for the season, and the work of fixing up the local diamond will be begun as soon as the weather permits. Mr. Roberts will ask all ball players to report for practice and as soon as they get lined up the team will organize and select their captain. A game between Coquille and Myrtle Point will be played on the local ground Sunday.

Mrs. Robt. Sturdivant and little son came from Marshfield last week for a visit with relatives and friends. The little fellow was taken seriously ill and Mr. Sturdivant was called from Marshfield coming up on the train Monday. The child was better at this writing.

J. L. Knight, a Catching Creek stockman, this week sold 200 head of dairy and stock cattle to Isam Walker. The buyer leaves this morning from Knight place with the herd for Eureka, California, driving down the coast. The prices paid for yearlings ranged from \$20 to \$27 per head, and for two-year-olds the prices were in proportion. Stock from this section going to as well known a dairy section as Eureka gives a good indication of values.

On Friday about midnight Mr. Ray Dement was going to his room in the Guerin Hotel he discovered smoke in the room and on farther search he and Mr. T. Guerin found the barber shop on fire, they broke in the door and a hand grenade extinguished the flames which had burned a hole two feet in circumference in the floor near the stove. An hour later and a disastrous fire might have ensued.

Saturday afternoon Dr. M. O. Stemler's little son Barton fell while playing and broke his arm just above the right wrist.

MALADY OF SPRING DAYS.

I do not care to play or work, No taste have I for pleasure. And my dislike for business cares Is simply without measure; I feel nobody cares for me, And I care for nobody, And all the glory of the world Has turned to show and shoddy.

I walk along with lagging step And head low downward hanging; And salutations that I get I'd fain return with banging. So very ugly is my mood, So dark does life look to me, The skies look dark, the birds sing false, And gloomy thoughts pursue me.

I'm cross, I'm blue, I'm sad, I'm mad, A most unhappy creature, And all the prospect's darkly blue, With no redeeming feature. It is not that I'm crossed in love, Or found a friend deceiver, It's all that I am out of sorts Because I've got spring fever.

TENNIS PLAYERS.

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Relative to the report that the Empire Cannery was being dismantled and shipped away, C. G. Hockett local manager of the Southern Oregon Company has the following to say:

"The report is absolutely without foundation, on the contrary the Cannery Company have ordered two of the latest Sanitary Machines to be used in addition to the present equipment, these machines according to a contract with the American Cannery Company are to be delivered on or before June 15th."

"The Cannery owners expect to operate it to its full capacity this season, and all preparations are being made to start with the opening of the season, but as to the price that will be paid for salmon I cannot say further than that I have been authorized to say to the local fishermen that the Empire cannery will pay more than any other legitimate cash offer for the Coos Bay catch this fall, as they have the cannery fully equipped for canning fish and can afford to pay more for salmon than any one else in order to operate to a full capacity."

"If the local fishermen will supply the cannery it will not be necessary to bring in outside fishermen but if they cannot furnish fish locally then the cannery will be compelled to bring Columbia river fishermen in order to get the supply necessary to operate as intended."

"The cannery superintendent will be at Empire from July 1st until the close of the season, he will personally look after the distribution of gear, etc., as he will bring a large amount of material and supplies with him for both the cannery and fishermen."

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