

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED BY PEOPLE OF ASTORIA

Touching Tribute Paid to the Men Who Underwent Hardships and Suffering to Fight the Battles of Their Country.

Exercises at the Water--Decorations at the Cemeteries--Program Last Night Before Packed House at Fisher's Opera House--Day More Fittingly Observed Than Ever Before.

In paying to those brave souls who fought to preserve the Union, to shield the flag and to carry the arms of their country in the several wars that country has waged in the interests of civilization and humanity, the sacred homage due from a people of a land whose foundation is liberty, Astoria yesterday did her best. The Memorial day observance meant a great deal in Astoria yesterday—it was more fittingly observed than it has been for years.

All the federal, state, county and municipal offices were closed; flags hung at half-mast throughout the city; mercantile houses observed the day by closing for a few hours in the afternoon; hundreds of people took part in the exercises and visited the cemeteries, where lie the illustrious dead—for any soldier who has fought the battles of his country, be he the famous general or unknown private, is illustrious on this one day of the year at least.

The Memorial Sermon.

The real observance of Memorial day

began Sunday afternoon. At that time members of Cushing post, G. A. R., visited Greenwood cemetery to properly decorate the graves of comrades lying there. In the evening the post marched in a body to Grace Episcopal church to listen to the memorial sermon by Rev. William Seymour Short. The Rev. Mr. Short spoke on an appropriate subject, with an impressive blending of the patriotic with the religious, and gained the close attention of his audience from the beginning to the end.

Honored the Sailors.

Yesterday morning in the neighborhood of 10 o'clock the Woman's Relief Corps marched to Flavel wharf and conducted according to their ritual the touching services in honor of the sailors and marines. The principal parts of the service were taken by Mrs. Ekstrom, Mrs. Harriman, Mrs. Shaw and Miss Clinton. At the conclusion of the service flowers were thrown on the water, and, with uncovered heads, those present watched as they drifted

seaward, on their journey, perhaps, toward the unknown graves of those who have defended their country on the sea.

Went to Oceanview.

The members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. took the noon train for Oceanview cemetery. A stop was made at Fort Stevens, where a firing squad in charge of a lieutenant was taken aboard. At the cemetery the graves of the soldiers were appropriately decorated with flowers and flags, and the firing squad fired the customary salutes. The squad and veterans returned to Astoria on the afternoon train.

Red Men Hold Services.

Yesterday afternoon the Improved Order of Red Men journeyed to Greenwood cemetery and held appropriate services according to their ritual over the graves of deceased members of the order. A large crowd accompanied them on steamers, carrying flowers to decorate the graves of loved ones. After the ceremonies the cemetery presented a beautiful appearance, superior to that of any Memorial day for years.

Evening Exercises.

The celebration of the day culminated last night in the exercises held in Fisher's opera-house before a crowd that packed the structure to the doors. Hon. J. H. Smith was the speaker of the evening and delivered a characteristic patriotic address that called forth rounds of applause from his hearers. The musical and literary part of the entertainment was most pleasing, and the school children acquitted themselves in a manner that lead the audience to believe there is considerable talent in the young America of Astoria.

HOW THE G.A.R. WAS FORMED

The Real Story of Its Conception Told in Print for the First Time.

ADVERTISED IN QUEER WAY

Son of One of the Founders in Astoria Tells the Story—Blue Book Gives His Father Credit.

The son of one of the men who founded the Grand Army of the Republic is in Astoria. His name is Edward Prior, and he is the manager of the Astorian's job department. His father, Joseph M. Prior, is given credit in the blue book of the organization for being one of the direct founders, and the manner in which the organization that is now a power in the nation was once started has never before been made public.

In April, 1866, Joseph M. Prior was the manager of the Decatur (Ill.) Tribune. He was a very popular man and consorted freely with the foremost men in Illinois at that time. The office of the Tribune was the gathering place of those politicians who dominated Illinois politics. The elder Oglesby often went there, and other men whose names are household words, not only in Illinois but also in the nation, used to drop in at the Tribune office on evenings to talk over the political situation, which was very precarious at that time.

There were many old soldiers in Decatur and their favorite stamping ground was the office of the Tribune. And there, among a disorderly heap of "exchanges," and within sound of the printers making up the day's paper, the Grand Army of the Republic was formed.

On the evening mentioned Colonel M. F. Kanan and George S. Durfee, prominent merchant, a man by the name of Calhoun and I. N. Coltrin, both newspaper men, and a man named Peddicord, a local banker, met as was their wont, to talk over everything of interest. One of the party, no one remembers who, broached the subject of forming a lodge or organization of some kind, no one except soldiers being eligible to membership. Joseph M. Prior, who was a first lieutenant in an Illinois infantry regiment, grew enthusiastic on the subject and it was discussed until early in the morning. In the end a temporary set of by-laws was written out. Then the founders went below to the press room, put three large wooden letters—G.-A.-R.—on the proof press and printed about 50. Later they took the paste pot from the office and journeyed about the town, pasting the signs on dry goods boxes and telephone poles. In the morning they were seen by the citizens who, of course, could not guess the meaning. It is said that it was thought at the time that the letters denoted some impending visit of the Ku Klux Klan, who were busy at the time in righting wrongs and assumed wrongs. After letting the public guess for a time the founders announced through the columns of the Tribune the real meaning of the letters. A mass meeting followed, and the Grand Army of the Republic was permanently formed. From this humble beginning grew the great G. A. R. of the present time, a power in the land.

Edward Prior the son of Joseph M. Prior is, as has been said, in this office. He loves the memory of his father and never tires of telling of his life and the incidents connected therewith. And back in central Illinois every man who passed through the war, every old newspaper man and everyone in the vicinity of Decatur who is old enough to know will tell you if you ask after Joe Prior that he was "one of the best men that Illinois will have to answer for."

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HIT THE UMPIRE.

Cleveland Player Suspended for Throwing Quid of Tobacco.

Cleveland, May 30.—A telegram was received tonight by President Killfoyle, of the Cleveland club, from Ban Johnson, president of the American league, ordering the indefinite suspension of Captain Lajoie, second baseman for Cleveland, for throwing a quid of tobacco at Umpire Dwyer in yesterday's game at Chicago as an outcome over a dispute between Lajoie and Dwyer.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Albert Betts is in Portland on a visit.

Judge C. H. Page was in Portland yesterday.

O. J. Boyt of Clatskanie was in the city Sunday.

Norton Henry was down from Portland yesterday.

Senator Megler was down yesterday from Brookfield.

J. G. Demby of Tacoma is registered at the Occident.

A. Wickohi and wife were up from Hammond yesterday.

John Garner was in Portland yesterday on business.

L. E. Selig returned from a business trip to Portland yesterday.

Mrs. Brown, of Hammond, was in Astoria on a visit yesterday.

Manager Selig returned yesterday from a short trip to Portland.

Mr. Martin Johnson and wife, of Fort Stevens, spent Memorial day in Astoria.

Miss Nathalie Albright of Seaside is spending this week in the city with friends.

Senator Fulton returned home yesterday from a speech-making tour of the state.

Captain Emery, the veteran mail clerk, is spending his vacation days in Portland.

J. Herman Duncan has returned north to Martin's springs, very much improved in health.

J. A. Smith of San Francisco was in the city on a business trip yesterday. He left for Portland last night.

Mr. Seim, foreman of the blacksmithing department at Fort Stevens, was in Astoria yesterday to visit with his family.

Mrs. J. H. Carter and Miss Ina Wagner returned to Portland yesterday, after a short visit in the city. Miss Wagner's home is at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

FIVE HURT IN RACE RIOT.

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white and colored children, in which their elders became involved. Bricks and other missiles were seen flying through the air. The mob grew larger, and finally clubs and pistols were brought into play. Eleven persons charged with assault and battery and inciting a riot, were arrested.

The least busy counter in your store is where the things you didn't advertise are sold. Look about the store and see.

PHILADELPHIA REGATTA.

Great Sport at the Quaker City Yesterday.

Philadelphia, May 30.—The second annual regatta of the rowing association over the Henley course on Schuylkill river today, furnished some good sport. The feature of the day was the eight-oared shell race for the steward's cup. The Vespers of this city carried off the prize after a hot race. The University of Pennsylvania second varsity crew and the eight of the Union Boat Clubs of Boston rowed a dead heat for second prize. The course was 1 5-16 miles straight away.

First singles, Farragut cup, won by Jesse Williamson, University Boat Club, Philadelphia. Time, 1:03.

First pace oared shell, won by F. R. Coll and J. F. B. Atkins, west Philadelphia Boat Club. Time, 9:46.

Eight-oared shell race for school crews, won by Central High school, Philadelphia. Time, 7:56.

Second four-oared shells, won by Bachelor Business College, Philadelphia. Time 8:22.

First double sculls Schuylkill cup won by S. W. Morris and John O. Pratt, University Boat Club. Time, 8:22.

Second for oared gigs, won by Crescent Boat Club, Philadelphia. Time, 8:26.

Second eight-oared shells (New England cup) won by University of Pennsylvania freshmen. Time, 7:29.

First, eight-oared shells, Steward's cup, won by Vesper Boat Club, Philadelphia. Time, 7:05.

Second singles, won by D. Lockwood, Vesper Boat Club. Time, 1:13.

First, four-oared shells, Puritan cup, won by Philadelphia Boat Club. Time, 7:34.

SAD END TO CELEBRATION.

Collapsing Bridge Kills Four People at Salida, Colo.

Pueblo, Colo., May 30.—A special to the Chieftain from Salida, Colo., says: While the memorial exercises were at their height today four people were suddenly plunged to death by the collapsing of a foot bridge spanning the river at the lower edge of Riverside park and a number of others were thrown into the stream, several of

whom are missing. The accident was witnessed by thousands of persons powerless to render assistance. People who witnessed the accident declare there were 20 people on the bridge at the time.

FALL OF PORT ARTHUR.

Correspondents Say It Will Probably Occur About June 15.

London, May 30.—The attack on Port Arthur, the Chronicle's Tokio correspondent telegraphs, is expected to begin about June 15. The correspondents will leave there June 10, in time to see the capture, which will occur probably about June 20. The correspondent also says 10,000 Russians have been sent up the Liao river in junks to Tie Ling. The Post's Shanghai correspondent wires that several Japanese transports are landing troops in Northeast Korea.

COSSACKS REPORTED BEATEN.

St. Petersburg Fears That the Report is True.


St. Petersburg, May 30.—The reported defeat of the Cossacks at Al Yang Pien Men was the only news and almost only topic of conversation in St. Petersburg last night. The Cossacks are esteemed as the hardest riders and most reckless fighters in the trans-Baikal army. Any disaster to them would have greater sentimental effect than the reverse at Kinchou.

OREGON BOY TURNED DOWN.

Annapolis Cadet From Baker City is Disqualified.

Annapolis, May 30.—The result of the annual physical examination for midshipmen for the three classes now at the naval academy shows that 17 midshipmen are disqualified to continue in the service and their resignations will be handed in within a few days. Those of the fourth class include W. G. Coe, of Baker City, Ore.

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The Weather.

Portland, May 30.—For Western Oregon: Tuesday, partly cloudy, with possibly showers. Eastern Oregon: Showers, followed by fair weather.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that the county court of Clatsop county, Oregon, will on or before the 2d day of June 1904, receive sealed bids for the construction of the foundation of the Clatsop county court house to be erected on the block between Seventh and Eighth, Commercial and Duane streets in the city of Astoria, Oregon, said construction to include the furnishing of labor and material for the same, and all to be in accordance with the plans and specifications for the same now on file in the office of the county clerk of said county, and as prepared by E. M. Lazarus, architect. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of 10 per cent of the amount of the bid, that the bidder will enter into a contract if his bid is accepted, and the right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

Dated at Astoria, Oregon, May 28, 1904. By order of the county court.

J. C. CLINTON,
County Clerk.

I have for lease or for sale the best location for salmon cannery or storage plant on the river, and that is at steel railroad bridge on Youngs Bay. Terms low. Apply to Dr. Aug. C. Kinney, Astoria.