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SIGNIFICANCE OF TOMORROW.

History records an Athenian custom, which was to wreath with flowers the monuments of those who had fallen in battle. Rome, a nation which surpassed her contemporaries in love of arts and arms, erected statues and garlanded triumphal arches in honor of her victorious brave. It is then in conformity to an ancient custom—a natural and a grateful thing—that our American people have set apart a day in which to decorate the graves of the heroic dead who fought and fell that their country might survive; and fitting it is that with the beauty and fragrance of the flowers we should bespeak our gratitude and affection.

While this custom of decorating the graves of soldiers has prevailed in other countries, we are not aware that in any other country it is a day of national observance. The custom was observed with us on different days as early as 1862-65. The custom spread and became more general, until President Grant and the governors of several states were constrained to unite in recommending the observance of one and the same day for that purpose. In 1874, by congressional enactment, the fitness of a ceremonial so significant of the nation's obligation to the dead was recognized, and May 30th was decided upon as a legal holiday, now known and observed as Decoration Day in every state of the union.

It was the vow of the brave men who went forth to battle in those gloomy days that the integrity of the nation should be preserved, at whatever cost of fortune or of life; and the nation has recorded its vow that their patriotism and sacrifice shall be honored, and that our country shall be made and kept worthy of their sacrifice. As each memorial day comes around the nation stands with the remnant of the soldiers of the civil war—a remnant which is fast growing smaller, until they shall soon be no more—and beside the graves of their dead comrades renews its vow. We do not fear but what our American people will stand to this vow and purpose, though they may sometimes seem to forget them or fall far short of a proper conception of the high behest. We shall not do this unless we are inspired by the consciousness which animated the hero of Trafalgar—"Our country expects every man to do his duty."

The flag of our country must not float over this broad land, with its sixty millions of people, simply as a symbol of power, but it must somehow be recognized as the symbol of truth and right vindicated, and a consciousness of great duties yet to be done. Not "eternal vigilance" alone, but eternal effort as well, "is the price of liberty."

A great country must come of great men; men who will neither be silent when great corruptions need rebuke, nor inactive when great evils are to be put down. There are treasons many and manifold, against which the loyal citizen is ever to be a soldier and do battle. Traitors in the time of peace should have no more mercy than traitors in the time of war. There are batteries many and manifold which we have to fight—the battle for temperance; for social purity; the battle of labor against capital and capital against labor; the battle against poverty and for homes and plenty for our people; the battle against the deadly isms which have been imported into our land, or which have grown out of our own selfishness and greed, and which are warring against the very life of our nation.

To such battles we are called as a nation; and fighting them manfully and patriotically we shall make our land worthy of the sacrifices which we this day commemorate, and ourselves brothers with those who endured or fell in the great conflict.

The case of State vs. Sullivan, accused of assault upon U. S. Attorney Murphy, pending in the police court in Portland, was dismissed for want of prosecution. Whether Mr. Murphy was too ill to appear, or too contused to wish to show himself, or too merciful to send a good citizen like Sullivan to jail, does not appear. The report says Mr. Murphy was "feeling particularly good over the conviction of Lotan. During the night he had met Sullivan, and some words had passed. Later in the night Sullivan, being under the influence of liquor, (Murphy being of course perfectly sober, simply taking in the town, hunting for

smugglers and feeling particularly good) became aggressive, and when he met Murphy at the Tivoli" both became involved in a row. The U. S. attorney at the Tivoli late at night in a row with a drunken bummer, is an elevating and beautiful sight. But then, U. S. attorneys are compelled to do many disagreeable things to punish smugglers; they must hunt up the evidence, and of course the Tivoli is the place to go. We can guess the reason Sullivan was not prosecuted. That is a case where the complaining witness should have been jailed or placed under heavy bonds.

An Indian, who has heard of our plan to create a market for horses, came in today and offered his favorite steed for six dollars. We had to postpone the trade until after the joint convention to be held in Horse Heaven, Klickitat county, Wash., upon call of Governors McGraw and Lord, and the order of the secretary of the treasury ordering free coinage of horse-hides. The Indian has agreed to return when the order is made.

The First Bicycles Ridden to Prineville.

Harry Esping and Ed Riggs returned last night from a bicycle trip to Prineville. They left The Dalles a week ago last Monday at 8 a. m., and that night at 8 o'clock had ridden sixty-six miles in thirteen hours. At Antelope they hunted up Ed Wingate, who gave them the best of country hospitality and cheered them on their way. The next day they rode to Prineville, a distance of 57 1/2 miles, reaching that place just at 6 o'clock. The ride was up hill all the distance, and for half the way on the Deschutes hill the riders were compelled to dismount and "walk their wheels."

They remained in Prineville till last Monday, and starting back, reached the Mays ranch, on the other side of Antelope, just in time for supper. A good night's rest made them ready, for an early start, and yesterday they rode into town, reaching here last evening at 7 o'clock. On the way home the wind was strong against them, and made riding very hard. The distance covered yesterday was sixty-eight miles. The average time going out was about six miles an hour; but on leaving Prineville they rode forty-three miles in four hours and a half.

This is the first time bicycles were ever ridden from here to Prineville, and these young men have the credit of being the pioneers. The trip will probably be made frequently in the future. Messrs. Esping and Riggs are very much pleased with the treatment and hospitality given them by the citizens of Prineville.

Teachers for the Next Year.

The board of school directors, consisting of O. Kinersly, S. B. Adams and Dr. O. D. Doane, held a meeting yesterday and elected teachers for the next year. Miss Butler was chosen in the place of Miss Hollister, who yesterday sent in her resignation and left today for the East. The directors were wise in re-electing the old corps, as the reputation of The Dalles public school abroad is of the highest order. The next session of study will begin Monday, September 2, 1895. Following are the teachers:

Principal, John Gavin, Assistant Principal, M. N. Stratton, Melissa Hill, Minnie Michell, Tena Rintoul, Lena Snell, Elsie Ball, Louise Rintoul, Maggie Flinn, Salina Phirman, Frances E. Rowe, Nan Cooper, Lura Welch, Ella Cooper, Nellie Butler.

The county commissioners held a special session yesterday afternoon and this morning. County Judge Blakeley and Commissioners Darnielle and Blowers were present. The object for which the meeting was mainly called was to look over the tax roll and make final corrections before commanding the sheriff to levy on any property. The court is determined to collect the delinquent taxes of 1891-'92-'93 and '94. The petition from the Hood River Spring Water Co., to lay down pipes and maintain a water system in the town of Hood River, was granted. Hood River will have a good system of water works, as a splendid source of supply is near at hand.

A year ago today at 8 a. m. the water was on front street and the railroad track was covered. All the residents were moving out and false flooring was being placed in the hotels. A glance at the Umatilla House register of twelve months ago shows that on May 30th, at 9:30 a. m., the water stood seven inches on the floor; at 10:30 it was eight inches; at noon nine inches and at 10 p. m. the mark was eleven inches. The contrast between now and then is one immensely in favor of the present, as the scene of desolation is one that needs no repeating. This country likes water coming down instead of up.

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County Court Takes a Ride.

County Judge Blakeley and Commissioners Darnielle and Blowers, accompanied by Coroner Butts, (Just why they took Mr. Butts does not appear.) drove out yesterday to the new road that is being built by the farm of Peter Godfrey. The road, which is two miles in length, will be a great convenience to the settlers in that community. The new road machine used in this work is pronounced by Judge Blakeley to be doing good work, and that the court is satisfied with the result. A large fill of dirt was necessary in building portions of the road, which it has taken considerable time to complete.

A meeting of the Tennis club was held in the office of Dr. Sutherland last evening. Six members were present, who perfected an organization by electing Dr. Sutherland, president, Hal French, secretary and treasurer and J. C. Hostetter, Max A. Vogt and H. H. Riddell as the executive committee. Two members joined the club. Arrangements were made for repairing the grounds and fixing two good courts. Somebody will be hired to water the courts every evening and keep them in good order. It is expected that tennis playing—than which there is no more healthful or pleasant exercise—will be a large feature of the summer's entertainment.

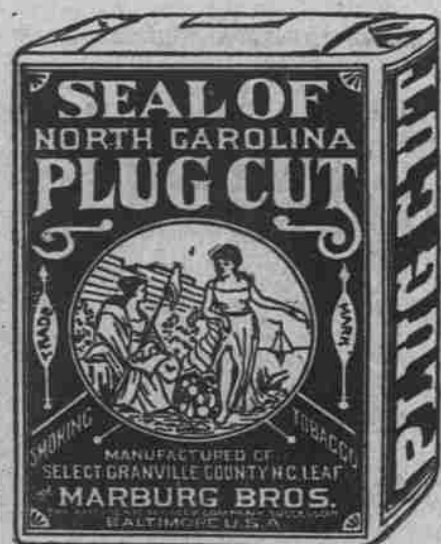
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