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### MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

Tomorrow memorial services will be held in every city, village and hamlet in the land. It is the prelude to Decoration Day. The old boys in blue will assemble at their posts and march to church to listen again to services held in tender remembrance of the noble dead. The unknown dead on Southern battle fields, whose stiffened corpses found hurried and unceremonious burial, each year awakened in the hearts of their survivors yet tenderer recollections. Beneath the magnolia and the cypress, cut down in the flower of youth, the pride of many a Northern household sleeps, his grave unknown to those whose hearts broke when he returned not unto them.

They fell where duty called, the old man and the young; he who left both wife and little ones, the music of whose voices shall find no echo in his ears forevermore; the vigorous grandsire, whose pulses beat with youthful force, and who forgot the weight of years at duty's call; the youth, beardless, but brave, his mother's kiss yet fresh upon his lips—all, side by side, here found a resting place. Over them the flowers of Southern plants their petals fling; soft zephyrs kiss the grass that waves above their graves, and from the whispering trees at night the mocking bird his varied notes pours forth. There sleep our dead. Yet there tomorrow, where but a few short years ago the rattle of musketry and boom of cannon told of deadly strife, the peaceful church bell will call to prayer, and those with whom they fought will shed for them a tear.

Thrice blessed, peaceful Sabbath day, foretaste of time yet to come, when on the other shore, no longer uniformed in blue or gray; no longer moved to discord and to strife, but robed in spotless draperies of white, hand clasped in hand, together they shall tread, with joyous feet, the glorious fields of Paradise.

Benton Killin will leave Portland for Alaska June 8th, to examine into the conditions of crops up that way. Benton is a combination of lines of beauty and graceful curves. He is egg-shaped as a grand total, and yet an aggregation of curved surfaces. His head is a globe; his neck a line of demarcation, a sort of hiatus or political wrinkle; his abdomen is a fac-simile of the kettles the good housewives in New Amsterdam used 200 years ago; the calves of his legs are two elongated watermelons; his hands egg plants. There is really nothing square about him, nothing angular. This is what fits him for examining into the radish beds on the Muir glacier and the strawberry patches of the Upper Yukon. His shape makes certain the fact that he will not climb Mt. Elias, nor wend his way about through the trackless grain fields that ornament the tundra. Benton got this job as a reward for his services political, but really he has been paid too much. The amount of information he will gather at Sitka and Juneau at the government expense will not endanger the steamer on its way down, as he will not bring more than a few samples of this year's crops.

The Oregonian thinks the government should adopt some plan of leasing the Alaskan mines, forests and fisheries to wealthy corporations, taking the ground that they alone can profitably develop the industries

of that inhospitable region. We have no liking for corporations, and always regret their gobbling of everything there is in sight. At the same time, as long as they do corral everything, and as it seems certain that Alaska is to be scooped in by them, there is good logic in the Oregonian's position. If they are bound to have the country, make them pay something for it.

A judge of the supreme court in Massachusetts has decided that theosophy is not enough of a religion to justify the exemption from taxation of property used for theosophical purposes. This raises various delicate and doubtful issues. When the church is nominally divorced from the state, who shall decide what is religion and what is not? Methodists might say that Unitarians were not a religious body. And if engaging in public worship is a test, who shall define what worship is?—Providence Journal.

The dispatches state that an earthquake was felt yesterday in the eastern states. As earthquakes are not common in that section, we are forced to believe that it was a mistake, and the trouble was caused by Wallace McCamant's speech on Corbett's appointment falling out of its pigeon hole.

Had the Turks and Greeks kept at it, it is possible that Weyler might have pacified the island of Cuba, but such was not to be. With the cessation of hostilities in Greece, the war in Cuba broke forth with spasmodic fervor—in the newspapers.



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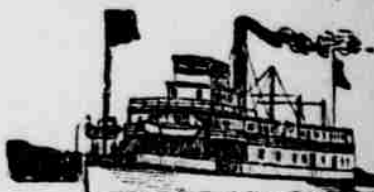
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