

Decoration Day.—A good crowd attended the Decoration day services in Bandon yesterday. At 10 o'clock the procession formed at the G. A. R. hall, headed by the band, and marched to the cemetery where the usual ritualistic G. A. R. ceremonies were conducted at the graves of departed veterans. The graves were then decorated and at the sounding of taps the procession returned to town and broke ranks for dinner. The W. R. C. served dinner at the G. A. R. hall for the members of these two organizations and the band. At two o'clock the exercises were continued at the opera house. Col. Rosa called the meeting to order. Invocation by Rev. Sanderlin was followed by a selection by the choir and the reading of Lincoln's address at Gettysburg. An anthem by the choir, reading of general orders by Col. Rosa and a solo by Chas. Feltner were next in order. The address of the day was made by Father Edw. Donnelly. E. Hofer, of the Salem Capital Journal was present and made a short appropriate address.

Father Donnelly's Address:

We boast, and justly so, that we are one of the greatest of the nations, if not the greatest nation, on the face of the earth. From the discovery of the American continent until now, America has been the home of the liberty loving, and of the oppressed of the earth, and the United States of America has by the perfection of her fundamental law, by the wisdom of her administrations, by the harmonious co-operation of her co-ordinate branches, set the standard of governmental perfection for the whole world.

The aspiration for freedom, for liberty, delivered the colonies from subjection and crowned them with sovereignty under laws of their own making. The United States have grown from thirteen to forty-five and the essence of their strength is union. To divide was to dishonor, to destroy, and when the attempt was made to do this, it seems that the mercy of God to untold generations provided the man, inspired the brain and saved the hand to avert such a horrible disaster.

From the steps of the Nation's Capitol, 4th of March, 1861, this man, risen from the common people to the highest rank among the rulers of the earth, said: "I hold that, in contemplation of universal law, and of the constitution the union of these states is perpetual. Perpetuity is implied, it not expressed, in the fundamental law of all national governments. . . . Continues to execute all the express provisions of our National Constitution and the Union will endure forever."

The preservation of the Union at any cost was the key note, the kernel of that first inaugural address of President Lincoln. He declared that his duty was to administer the laws as he found them and to turn over the government unpaired to his successor. "You have," he said to the south, "no voice registered in Heaven to destroy the government, while I have the most solemn one to preserve, protect, and defend it—we are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection." "The chords of memory, stealing from every battlefield and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearth-stone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature." How prophetic and grand those closing words of that inaugural, but at what a cost their ultimate realization.

The passions grew, the conflict came; four long years of struggle and strain were crowned at last with most glorious victory. Hundreds of battles on sea and land. Oceans of blood. Cripples and corpses on every hand, but no matter what the cost, the Union had to be preserved. 75,000—300,000—500,000 and more answered the call of the President. 200,000 of these; our greatest admiral on the seas, one of our greatest generals on the land came from that South which was trying to tear itself out of the Union. Bravely they went to every bloody field; bravely they fought on every sea and stream; defeat and disaster did not cool their ardor. Union at any cost was their watchword—unconditional surrender their terms. Fight it out on these lines if it take years, their grim resolve. Antietam, Gettysburg, New Orleans, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Mobile Bay, the march to the sea, Fort Fisher, Cedar Creek, Five Forks, Petersburg, and countless others; all centered at last to Appomattox where unconditional surrender crowned all their victories and practically ended one of the greatest wars, if not the greatest war of history. The Union was preserved; slavery blotted out. Old Glory again floated to the breeze as the undisputed standard of a united people. The words of the President came true. Passion may have strained but must not break our bonds of affection.

The great Commander who, through his generals and admirals

and their subordinates after long years of struggle and strife could say before the end: "with malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right; let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."

The pity of it, that such a man, in the hour of glorious and magnanimous triumphs, should have to fall a martyr at the hands of a miserable, fanatical assassin.

Our glorious peace was shrouded in dismal gloom—but as a nation we have emerged from the most desolate darkness of slavery and war, into the full noon of freedom and peace.—And in the midst of our glory and power the American people should never forget the cost. Let them then as the years roll by, cover with the flowers of the garden and field, but more especially with the flowers of a nation's grateful affection and remembrance, the graves of their honored dead, who fought and died to preserve them a nation under the folds of old Glory; the flag of the free for the home of the brave.

Langlois.

The special school meeting held last Thursday was largely attended. The circumstances which led to the calling of the meeting were clearly stated by the chairman, Mr. F. Langlois. Remarks were made by several of the patrons, when by request of the house, Prof. W. S. Guerin, the "Father of Education" in Curry County, made a short review of educational conditions of the past and present in the county including an explanation of the meaning and effect of the salary fraud. Motion was then carried by a vote of 15 for and 2 against July and August being vacation months.

Mrs. Ed. Thrift is now visiting relatives and friends at Gold Beach. We hear that Dr. Green is still in a very critical condition of health. His two daughters came up from Port Orford last Tuesday intending to make their residence here.

Mrs. Fred Felloni and Mrs. Jos. Nye returned to their homes last Friday. Miss Mary Bossen who has been spending several weeks at Port Orford, has returned home.

Mrs. Bossen has gone down the coast to resume work for Mr. Hume.

Mrs. Reed, mother of Mrs. Monroe Upton, came down from Marshfield last Friday. She is accompanied by the little daughter of Monroe Upton, and intends spending a few days at the Upton home.

Miss Chase and Mrs. T. S. Malehorn spent Tuesday at the home of J. H. Upton, by invitation.

We learn that C. Christensen has gone to Marshfield for surgical advice.

Walter Sabin came down from Bandon Tuesday; he will remain a day or two calling on old friends.

An enjoyable little dance was held at Bowman hall last Saturday evening; good order prevailed.

Preparations for a Fourth of July celebration are well under way. Committees are elected and a formal program will soon be arranged and published.

Miss Chase the woman suffrage advocate is among us. She addressed the public Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening. She is an unassuming and ready speaker. She gave numberless convincing facts bearing upon the subject, and facts are stubborn things, you know. Then she mentioned many names of eminent and revered statesmen of the past and present who were advocates of woman suffrage. It made all who favor equal suffrage feel that they were in very good company.

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The RECORDER will issue a special illustrated edition early in July. The announcement of the Harriman system to commence work on the rail road at once will bring many new horsekeepers and investors. Bandon offers the best all-around inducements to be found in the county.

Miss Florence Rosa was visiting Mrs. D. J. Lowe Jr. at Coquille the first of the week.

J. K. Scott was a country seat visitor several days last week, making arrangements for a cripple's convention which will be held at 3 o'clock next week.

Almost 500,000 feet of logs were put into the river by Anderson's camp last week.

Charles V. Galloway
Yamhill County



Democratic Nominee
Representative in Congress.

COQUILLE NEWS NOTES

Leander, Our Correspondent
Tells of the Week's Incidents at the Hub.

Winter weather is still bowering over us, but the weather prognosticator announces that in a few days sunshines and summer will greet us again.

The past week has been one devoid of news in our city aside from the closing exercises of the school which was honored with a good attendance, the pupils acquitting themselves with honor, having made good advancement. And the different teachers deserve credit and commendation, for their untiring efforts have not been fruitless.

The last week everybody was over to North Bend, but your correspondent, not having the necessary equivalent was denied the privilege of attending that great congress. However lofty their ambition may be, that is about as near congress as they will ever get, but nevertheless it was good hobnobbing ground for the local politicians. There is one thing I did observe in perusing the Coast Mail that neither Mayor Straw or J. W. Bennett knew that the Coquille valley was in this part of the hemisphere, thinking perhaps that North Bend and Marshfield was the only pebbles on the beach. To Mayor Straw we can only apply the words of Othello, "Where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise," and he is excusable for I suppose he has never ventured outside of the incorporate limits of Marshfield. Come over Mayor and we will show you around some.

With Joe it is a different proposition. He knows the length and breadth of this valley, the fertility and resources. Or does he think it has remained dormant like thirty years ago when we used to woo the dusky maidens at Randolph and John Lewis', where now stands the city of Bandon, second to none in Coos county for enterprise. She leads all competitors with all of her manufacturing industries; she certainly is worthy of recognition, likewise the remainder of the valley, which has made rapid strides of development. Why stands the capitol building of the county nestling in a city surrounded by as good a farming community as the sun ever shone upon, if the enterprise and population is on the other side of the divide. Come over Joe and we will show you around and you will see a change.

We are now in the midst of the great political oligarchy, all creeds and isms reconnoitering for a position for the great contest on the 4th of June. The democratic nominee for congress delivered us an able address last Monday evening. He is a good logical speaker and delivered an able address. The following evening Miss Chase spoke on the equal suffrage question. She is a refined and cultured lady and has her piece well committed, but some of her assertions will not stand the light of truth to shine upon. For instance she referred to Colorado as a model state since the fair sex had obtained the right of franchise. Everything was peace and harmony on election day. It resembled the sabbath day with children going to Sunday school men even refrained from smoking on the streets. Now I am not conversant with the methods adopted regarding Sunday Schools but in Colorado they have encountered war for the last two or three years and on election day it is necessary to enlist the services of the militia to suppress rebellion and riots in the streets. The same can be said in regards to Australia.

When I arrive at the years of maturity and get locked up on the jury with eleven contrary women and Lu Lu out on the streets harrasing for her favorite candidate and her domestic and household affairs neglected then we will have arrived at the millennium day.

I see in your last issue that there was three columns devoted to the so-called law and order league but more appropriate di-order league. It stated no facts merely the halucinations of some wily and crafty manipulating politicians hanging on the ragged edge of political oblivion and it was merely a useless verbiage of words devoid of facts and existing conditions. We have had a trial of the so-called local option which is simply prohibition and the results you are all conversant with. That there has been more drunkenness during the prohibition regime than before and there is no gainsaying or denial. Those engaged in the transportation

business will corroborate the aforesaid. Our towns minus the revenue our business men the trade and our young boys engaged in a smuggling business, these are the emoluments accrued under a two year regime of prohibition. The liquor question ought to be controlled by the city's municipal government. If the majority says license all right; if no license all right, and cease this calamity howling.

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