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## TRIBUTE TO DEAD

### MEMORIAL DAY APPROPRIATELY OBSERVED IN DALLAS.

### STIRRING ADDRESS BY REV. TAPSCOTT FOLLOWING EXERCISES.

### Mounds of Departed Soldiers Are Proudly Decorated By Loving Hands With Spring's Choicest Bloom.

### DEAD WHOM WE HONOR.

- Civil War—John Wiseman,
- B. H. Reasoner, J. M. Conway, H. C. Dimick, William Gilliam, Samuel Sloan, William Siebring, Simon Tuttle, G. W. Reede, James Lowe, J. E. Smith, William Grant, Samuel Coad, Cornelius Gilliam, David S. Martin, Andrew Siefarth, Martin Hinsey, E. Kimple, Levi Koser.
- Spanish-American War—Paul Nepiel.
- G. N. G.—W. J. Trent, Bert Guy, Albert Johnson, John Moore, Chester Rawell.

On Sunday last, reverentially and patriotically, members of the Dallas Grand Army of the Republic assembled upon mounds that mark the last resting place of those departed comrades whose valiant deeds gave aid in preserving the union in that awful struggle of a half century ago, thus by their example rebuking that growing spirit of indifference in the traditions of the nation. These hoary headed men of tottering step, through the taste of battle, are more capable of comprehending the real worth of patriotism than are those who have endured no greater sacrifice than annually contributing to the tax collector, and consequently the recurrence of Memorial day to them is one deserving of reverential attention and the teaching of patriotism to the rising generation. The contributions of flowers for this most worthy cause were beyond the most sanguine expectations of the veterans, who received them with expressions of gratefulness, possibly appreciating the realistic fact that ere long other loving hands would be called upon to embellish the graves of the ex-soldiers in remembrance of the heroic part they had played in their country's history.

Accompanied by relatives and friends of departed ones, and a band of children, the veterans proceeded to the cemeteries during the morning hours and there, in accustomed manner, decorated the graves of their comrades. Commander Peter Greenwood of the local post being in charge of the services, but those Indian fighters and Mexican war veterans whose bodies lie in this beautiful city of the dead. Of these there are ten in number, making a total of twenty-two graves to receive flags and flowers, according to custom. The cemetery presented an improved appearance on this bright Sabbath morn, those having loved ones within its sacred confines having beautified their last resting place with garlands of flowers and with potted plants.

### Sunday Afternoon Services.

The exercises at the armory, held in commemoration of those who consecrated their lives in devotion for principle, were appropriate and impressive. The Rev. George H. Bennett of the Methodist church presided, and the Rev. Tapscott, pastor of the Baptist church, delivered the address. The exercises opened with "America," the audience joining in the singing. The high school orchestra furnished music. Miss Grant's school rendered a pleasing patriotic song, followed by a flag drill by the children. Miss Savage's room both being well received. Prior to prayer by Rev. C. C. Curtis, the Rev. Mitchell gave a scriptural reading and Miss Edna Morrison rendered a solo, as did also Miss Georgia Curtis.

### Rev. Tapscott's Address.

Rev. W. T. Tapscott, pastor of the Dallas Baptist church, delivered the Memorial day address, taking for his theme "Christian Heroism," and for his text Acts 21-13, "I am ready, not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." His discourse in part, is herewith given:

Memorial day has become sacred in the history of our nation. Patriotic citizens throughout the land unite to do homage to the valiant dead who fell in the great civil war and also to express their thanks to the survivors of that great struggle for their gallant service in the preservation of the union. How much we owe to these men it would be impossible for us to declare. A million men and billions of dollars was but part of the cost of the war. But the sacrifice was not in vain. Thank God, we

have now a united country, united in fact as well as in name. There is no north, no south, but one compact and loyal federation. Even the bitter feelings engendered by strife have passed and the men who fought as enemies then are ready to accord to each other the same courage, the same patriotism, the same loyalty to conviction that they claim for themselves. Looking across the sea we find the nations of Europe engaged in war similar to that which rent this country fifty years ago. Let us pray that the result may be the same, that out of this titanic struggle may come not only a United States of Europe, but a federation of all nations buttressed by a league of universal peace. May the dream of Victor Hugo be realized, when war between two nations shall be as impossible as between London and Liverpool, as between Boston and Philadelphia. As we have now a federal government for America may we have a federal government for the world. As we have a Supreme court for the United States, so may we have an international court which shall be the final court of appeal for all nations.

As we meet today to do honor to our country's heroes, I have thought it appropriate to speak to you upon the subject of "Heroism." Heroism of the highest type is not in times of peace as much as in times of war. In our social, civil and political life, there is abundant sphere for its exercise. I trust we are not lacking in our appreciation of the heroes. We all recognize the difference between the man who lives only for self and the man who sacrifices self for the public good or for some principal worthy of the sacrifice. Heroism (from the Greek heros, a man) is manliness of the highest type. The word expresses our loftiest conception of moral grandeur. It is the sacrifice of self for some great principle, it is the putting in peril of the animal at the command of the spiritual. It is the calm courage which chooses to do right even in the face of mighty odds.

The fundamental principle of all true heroism is faithfulness, unswerving fidelity to duty. It was the fidelity of the boy on the burning deck to the word of his father that made the story of Casabianca immortal. The same fidelity to the word of their commander on the part of the Light Brigade made the very name of Balaclava immortal. Waterloo was won by the fidelity of one brigade who stood before the impetuous onslaughts of the French till every man fell, fighting where he fell. Take the illustrious example of my text: Paul is at Caesarea in the midst of friends who loved him. It is revealed to him by the prophet Agabus that when he goes to Jerusalem he is to be bound and delivered to the Gentiles. Hearing this his friends besought him with tears not to adventure into danger. But Paul was persuaded that God required him to go to Jerusalem and so he was unshaken in his purpose both by the vision of suffering that lay in his path and by the tears and pleadings of his brethren. The question of personal safety did not weigh a feather with Paul. His only thought was what is God's will and knowing that he could not be deflected from the path of duty, "I am ready" was his prompt reply. No argument could move him. No tears, though they broke his heart, could break his loyalty of purpose, grand old apostle. How such heroism towers above the mean and sordid lives of selfish mortals like Mount Blanc above the valleys of Switzerland. The conqueror of lattes, the intellectual conqueror of problems are not to be mentioned beside him who has conquered self, conquered the love of life, conquered the fear of death and whose hand of battle already grasps the crown of immortal glory.

I am here to say to you that we too, may attain to Paul's sublimity of spiritual stature. There is room, too, in our everyday life to win highest honors in the field of heroic service. There is such a thing as domestic heroism and business heroism, the patient enduring of trials, the maintaining of right ideals. If you would be a conqueror, conquer yourself, rule your own spirit, subdue your impetuous passions. Do your honest duty day by day, dignify trade with a spotless integrity and bring the glory of heaven into the business of earth. The man who bears trial with fortitude is a hero, the man who maintains his integrity amid severe temptations is a hero, the man who does the right thing even when it is the unpopular thing is a hero.

Finally, what makes a hero? What made Paul so grand a hero? He tells us in the text, "I am ready to die for the name of the Lord Jesus." So, it's love that makes a hero. Love of country makes a national hero, but the highest type of heroism the product of the love of the Lord Jesus. When they were probing among his shattered ribs for the fatal bullet a French veteran exclaimed, "A little deeper and you will find the Emperor." Down deep in the heart of the christian soldier is "the name of the Lord Jesus" and when other names have lost their charm and other names have lost their music the name of the Lord Jesus will be an electric dynamo in life, a peaceful quietus in death.

Beloved friends, I shall be gratified if this service shall have helped you to do life's duties more faithfully, to bear life's burdens more patiently and fight life's battles with greater fortitude, and especially if the name of the Lord Jesus shall be to you the commanding notice it was to the Apostle Paul.

### O. N. G. Observes Day.

A squad of Guardsmen from Company L, under command of Capt. Starlin, visited the cemetery on Sunday morning, and there decorated the graves of departed members of that military organization by placing flowers and flags upon the mounds. Those who have preceded their comrades to the grave are W. J. Trent, Bert Guy, Albert Johnson, John Moore, and



**BIGGEST CHEESE IN THE WORLD**  
It stands in the Palace of Food Products at the Panama-Pacific exposition, a monument to the dairy industry of the Empire State.

Chester Rowell, one Spanish-American veteran lies buried here, the body of Paul Nepiel, who enlisted from New York state, and this grave was not neglected by the guardmen.

### MEMORIAL DAY AT SCHOOLS.

### Patriotism Instituted Into Young Idea By Appropriate Exercises.

Friday's Memorial day program at Dallas schools, while simple in detail, touched the patriotic impulse of the young and inspired a greater reverence for the flag than at any previous demonstration of a similar character ever held in the city. Both the high and the grade schools were active in commemoration of the nation's departed soldiery, the exercises being held within the buildings on account of rain. Grades one and two of the primary departments postponed their outdoor exercises until tomorrow when the program will be followed out, should weather permit.

At the high school Superintendent Ford, without special praise, delighted the members of the school board and its president, the members of the G. A. R. and visitors with a musical program which was in charge of Miss Gertrude Irwin, instructor in the musical department. "Columbia," "Tenting Tonight," "The Flag of the Free" and "America" as rendered by the classes proved inspiring. A duet by Echo Ellis and Nellie Allen was received with satisfaction. Dr. McCallon, president of the school board, offered an impromptu talk of a patriotic and lofty nature that appealed to the audience. The doctor's remarks contained much of dry McCallon humor, keeping the audience in the best of spirit, the flag coming in for its usual share of attention. The G. A. R. post was represented by J. A. Braden, Mr. Darling, E. L. Johnson and B. Lovelace. Besides Dr. McCallon two other members of the school board were present.

At the grade School, where members of the grand army were in charge, addressed the assemblage. Messrs. Phillips and Fuqua were present. Mr. Carpenter being unable to attend on account of sickness, Glen O. Holman was assigned for an address and spoke in an impressive way to the younger students upon the significance of the flag. The visitors were amazed at the precision of the students in executing the drills and salutes to the flag. Lincoln's Gettysburg speech was delivered in chorus by the various classes under the supervision of the Misses Savage, Morrison and Mitchell and Miss Yost. "Young America" came nicely to the front. Miss Morrison's "Ode to the Flag" was so dexterously delivered as to delight the visitors and at the same time appeal to the youngsters.

### Memorial Day at Monmouth.

U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., by special invitation, visited Monmouth yesterday afternoon, and participated in the exercises there, listening to a splendid address by the Hon. C. A. McArthur of Portland, known throughout Polk county as "Pat." The veterans went to the college town by automobiles, some of them being accompanied by their wives. Independence ex-soldiers were also present.

Messrs. M. E. Grant and F. J. Morrison attended a meeting of the rural carriers of the state at Salem yesterday.

### Men's Conference Tonight.

Mr. A. F. Fiesel of Portland, a speaker of some prominence, will deliver an address at the court house this evening before an audience of men, the meeting being held under the auspices of the Oregon Hygiene society. Other speakers on the program are Dr. A. B. Starbuck and George T. Gerlinger. The program in full was published in The Observer of last Friday.

### Was An Experienced Engineer.

Joseph Russell, who was killed above Black Rock last Thursday afternoon when he jumped from his runaway locomotive, had been in the employ of the Spaulding Logging company for the past fifteen years, was an experienced and competent engineer and had never suffered an accident of a serious nature before. Another brother was killed in a logging camp of the Spaulding Logging company on the Lucklamute river, while engaged in felling trees, about ten years ago. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Russell, and several sisters and brothers reside in the Macleay neighborhood in Marion county, and another brother, Rufus Russell, is county clerk of Linn county.

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### PROGRAM NOW COMPLETE.

### Prizes Offered in Contests at Rickreall Picnic June 12.

The sports program for the Rickreall picnic, which will be held at the usual place on Saturday, June 12, has been prepared by the committee in charge of that department, and is herewith first presented by The Observer. There will be a game of baseball between Dallas and Falls City, following the sports, for which a variety of prizes are offered. Relay races, school teams only, 50 yards; shuttle races, one-room schools, two to five-room schools, city schools, boys and girls, pennants to winning schools; 50-yard dash, high school students only, \$2.50 in trade; 50-yard dash, boys under 12, \$2.50 pump action air gun; 50-yard dash, boys under 15, \$2 watch; 50-yard dash, girls under 15, \$1.50 middle blouse; 50-yard dash, ladies, \$3.50 case of perfume.

Other prizes as follows will be awarded: Prettiest baby under one year, sidewalk sulky with hood; oldest married couple in Polk county present, \$5 rocker; prettiest girl present, 2-A Buster Brown Anso camera; Polk county man with largest family present, 50-lb. sack of flour; Polk county widow with largest family present, 50-lb. sack of flour; tallest man present, one year's subscription to Polk County Itemizer; shortest man present, two year's subscription to Polk County Observer.

### ENCAMPMENT AT GEARHART.

### Third Regiment, Oregon National Guard to Go There July 5.

Gearhart is the place officially selected for the maneuvers of the Third regiment, O. N. G., at its annual encampment, and the Dallas company will entrain for that place early that morning. The camp will be made close to where it was held last year. Pending positive arrangements with the railroad and other matters, the official confirmation of the site was not made until Saturday afternoon.

All the companies of the regiment, including the sanitary corps, will leave Portland on July 5, and will remain during the next ten days. While a school of instruction, these encampments are also given over to pleasure, games and sports.

The eight companies of the Coast Artillery corps will go to Fort Stevens June 16 to 27. The field artillery on the same date goes to Gignin, near Monterey, Cal., and the cavalry to Monterey July 6. Before the troops leave for these various camps there will be a number of changes and promotions in the staff and line.

### Hearing Is Postponed.

The preliminary examination of Clarence Bursell, formerly a resident of the Bridgeport neighborhood, who is charged with having shot and killed Charles Zimmerman near Silverton, will take place in Salem today, it having been postponed until this date.

### Grange Meeting Changed.

The regular session of the Monmouth Grange will convene on the first Saturday in June instead of the second Saturday, on account of the picnic at Rickreall which is scheduled for the second Saturday, June 12—Herald.

### Father Cronin Leaves Parish.

The Rev. Father Cronin, who has been in charge of the Dallas and Independence Catholic parishes for some time past, has gone east on a combined business and pleasure trip, and when he returns to the coast six weeks hence, he will assume the pastorate of the Laurelhurst parish. There were no services at the Catholic church in this city last Sunday because of his unexpected departure. Who will succeed Father Cronin is not known at this time, but it is probable that this parish will have a resident curate, the membership having shown marked growth during the past year.

## PUPILS TO MAKE EXHIBIT

### DALLAS SCHOOLS PREPARING TO DISPLAY WORK OF PAST YEAR.

### Domestic Science, Manual Training and Other Departments Invite Inspection By Public.

### ROAD WORK IS RESUMED.

County and Municipality Get Busy After Being Delayed by Rains. Road work was resumed throughout the county yesterday, and with continued fair weather will be rushed during the ensuing few weeks. It will be necessary, because of unfavorable weather conditions after grades had been prepared, to do a considerable amount of this work over so far as smoothing the surface is concerned. Travel on the soft earth cut deep ruts in these highways, making it impracticable to deposit crushed rock upon them, or to leave the uneven roadway for summer travel. The work at Falls City, which is the most extensive in its scope of any improvement undertaken in this county this season, was resumed yesterday morning, the grading crews finding their way back to the Siletz basin, where quite a bit of work remains to be done. The crusher at Falls City is again operating, and rock is being hauled from there to the county road between that place and Dallas.

And while the county is active in making highway improvements Dallas is likewise busy with its street betterment projects, which were also necessarily delayed on account of inclement weather. West Court street has been graded, and rock will be delivered on this thoroughfare as soon as the contractors have the curbs completed. The other streets included in the improvement area for this season, will receive attention as rapidly as possible, and when fall arrives Dallas will have fourteen additional blocks of street improvement to its credit.

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### Does Not Flinch When Arm is Drawn Into Live Rolls at Sawmill.

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According to the father, had not a workman hard by caught young Ouderkirk and pulled with all his strength against the rapidly revolving rolls, the victim of the accident would undoubtedly have been drawn into the bevel gears to the shoulder, and possibly lost his life. When brought to the Dallas hospital, the arm was amputated below the elbow, and that portion of the member separated has been preserved in the office of the operating surgeon.

### MATHEWS ACCEPTS OFFER.

### Will Deed Falls City Land Wanted for Bridge Purposes.

After having addressed a libelous communication to the council of Falls City in which he characterized some of the officials as having acted in an unprincipled manner in connection with the city's attempt to secure a parcel of land adjacent to the river for municipal purposes, Mr. Irvin Mathews has suddenly arrived at the conclusion that he would better accept the offer extended him by the aldermanic body and deed the land in question to Falls City. It will be remembered by readers of The Observer that through condemnation proceedings in the circuit court Falls City was awarded a strip 206x10 feet, but omitted to include 20x10 feet additional that it desired. For this is offered to pay the costs of the action, amounting to \$77, but this offer was declined by the owner. He now, according to information received at this office on Saturday, agrees to deed the city the additional strip wanted, the consideration being that the city liquidate the costs in the suit.

### Perrydale Will Graduate Eight.

A class of eight seniors will be graduated from the Perrydale high school at the commencement exercises to be held Friday evening, June 4th. The graduates are Lenna Keyt, Bernice Boyer, Rosina Braley, Paul Rees, Herman Jennings, Guy Lee, Carl Morris and Harry Behm. Dr. Nott, of McMinnville, will deliver the class address.

### Ten-Year-Old Violinist.

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### Oddfellows Elect Officers.

The officers elected by Friendship lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., for the ensuing term are: Tony Larson, noble grand; B. Burch, vice-grand; C. B. Stone, secretary; Walter Williams, treasurer; N. A. Beach was named as D. D. G. M.

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### Snyder Makes Long Walk.

Mr. Snyder, formerly with the Oregon Power company in Dallas, but now in the same company's employ in Albany, spent Monday in Dallas. He visited the city of the future, H. Dunkelberger. To get away from office drudgery and at the same time get the benefit of exercise and fresh air he walked to Dallas, accompanied by a Mr. Kinsey. They made the distance in about seven hours.

### Reception to Grand Officers.

The Oddfellows and Rebekah lodges will hold a joint reception at Oddfellows' hall this evening. Mrs. Ora Cooper, grand secretary of the latter, and of the former, both of Dallas, being Mr. A. V. R. Snyder, grand chaplain the honorees. A splendid program, followed by refreshments, has been arranged.

### The Woman's Club Will Hold Its Final Meeting of the Year at the Library Building this Afternoon.

A number of neighboring club women have been invited to attend, it being what is known as Guests' day.