

CENTRAL POINT HERALD

And SOUTHERN OREGON NEWS

An Independent Newspaper Published in the Interest of the Common People

Vol. Herald No. XII.
News No. 2.

Central Point, Oregon, Thursday, May 31, 1917

No. 6

Ore. Historical Soc.

Memorial Day Program Well Handled

Memorial Day was beautiful, bright and warm--an ideal May day! All day long the streets of our city were scenes of activity, as people were arriving from country districts or passing on their way to the cemetery.

At about 10:30 the crowd left the Savoy Theatre corner in autos laden with pretty flowers to decorate the old soldiers' graves at the Central Point cemetery. The local Women's Relief Corps and the old soldiers of this vicinity were the active participants in this part of the day's program.

At 2 p. m. the Savoy Theatre was well filled to attend the Memorial Day services. There was one disappointing feature to this part of the day's program: the number of men in attendance was a surprising small per cent. The ladies of the Relief Corps, who had charge of the program, had decorated the platform prettily with flags and bunting. The ladies of the corps and the old soldiers marched in a body and took seats in front that had been reserved, which were also decorated with the "red, white

and blue."

Miss Ethel Dean rendered a beautiful piano number as the opening part of the program, a number of changes being necessary at the last. Mayor Cowley followed with the address of welcome, in which he expressed in a very sincere way a heartfelt welcome to the "survivors of the terrible four years of civil war in which you, old soldiers, were the faithful, loyal defenders of the Union," to the equally patriotic, loyal women of the Relief Corps who had arranged the program in honor of the dead heroes of that war and to the citizens of this community. Miss Eduma Carrol then gave an appropriate reading, which was followed by a recitation by Earnest Rostel. Little Miss Fay Love delighted her hearers by reciting a patriotic poem. Four girls then sang a pretty patriotic number that pleased. Hazel Price, another little Miss, followed with a delightful number. Two boys, Clark McDowell and Leon Love, then recited together a patriotic piece. Katherine Nealon followed with another recitation.

The flag drill by eleven girls was one of the most delightful

numbers. They went thru many pretty movements, marching to the martial air played on the piano, and closed by kneeling while Rev. M. C. Reed invoked divine benediction on the emblem of liberty and the country for which it stands. Little Geraldine Fox, a most charming little tot, recited a pretty little tribute to Old Glory. She made a great hit with the audience and had to respond to a hearty encore.

R. W. Elden rendered a vocal solo in a pleasing way, the patriotic theme and the pathos of the song being well expressed. Miss Mary Belle Hamilton followed with a pleasing recitation.

Mayor Cowley introduced the speaker of the day, Rev. M. C. Reed, pastor of the Methodist church, who delivered one of the best Memorial Day orations that has been heard here. He opened his address by telling a rich joke on himself, in which a darky woman said to him after having heard him preach one day: "Brotha Reed, ah likes to heah yo preach because yo preach mo' like a niggah than any white man ah ever heerd." He followed this humorous sally, however, with a message that had

Election Monday War Census Tuesday

On Monday, June 4, the special state election will be held. At this time the \$6,000,000 road bond issue will be voted on. The voting places in Central Point will be as follows: North precinct, Hotel Central; South precinct, City Hall.

On Tuesday, June 5, the war census will be taken. The places for registration on this date will probably be the same as for the special election on Monday; we were unable to find out for certain before going to press.

All men between the ages of 21 and 30 must register on that date.

"Will it not be far better to sell these proposed bonds and begin our road work by a common-sense system than to dribble it out in small sums from year to year and in the end accomplish nothing?" inquires the Hood River Glacier.

The patriotic Carnival will be held in Medford June 5 to 9 inclusive.

The Battle Cry of Feed 'Em

We'll go down on our knees, boys,
And sift the seeds around,
Shouting the battle cry of "Feed 'em!"

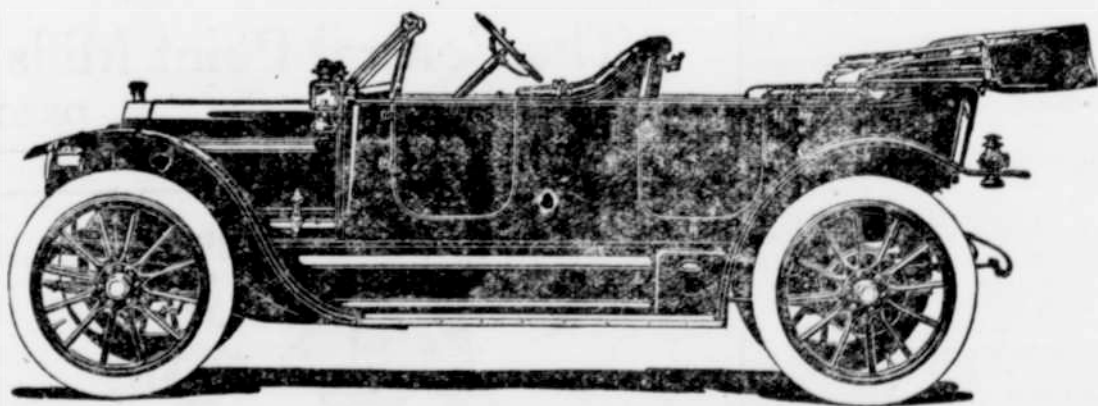
We'll hoe the beets and peas, boys,
On all our garden ground,
Shouting the battle cry of "Feed 'em!"

Onions forever! Put on your jeans;
Chop down the pig-weeds;
Hill up the beans!

So we'll rally to the fight, boys,
And hoe till candle-light,
Shouting the battle cry of "Feed 'em!"

the true patriotic ring, a message that stirred the hearts of his hearers, and he held them attentive to the last. He took for his theme a portion of Lincoln's great Gettysburg speech, which he first quoted entire, word for word, from memory. He carried this theme, the idea expressed so beautifully by Lincoln that "we who live must finish the work to which the dead so nobly consecrated their lives," thruout his stirring address and closed with a beautiful word picture of the future--the finished work--bringing his oration to an effective climax.

After a few words of appreciation for the splendid oration, by Mayor Cowley, the audience rose and sang "America." Rev. Reed closed the service by pronouncing the benediction.



Lest You Forget

Vote for Road Bond Bill

Special Election

June 4, 1917

314 x Yes

The Automobile Pays for the Roads