

ALL MEDFORD JOINS IN WELCOME TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HOME FROM FOLLOWING FLAG OVERSEAS

Natorium Packed With Greatest Crowd In City's History—Mayor Greets Service Men, Musical Program Rendered and Refreshments Served Multitude.

Oh Boy, wasn't it a grand and glorious time! Such a multitude, such a feast of ice cream and cake, such music and splendid entertainment and such fellowship. It mellowed us all and made it hard to think of any possible enemies. Why, if some of those Boches had been there, our state of cheer and contentment might have made us so mollycoddled like as to tempt us to let them lick off our empty ice cream spoons. Really, folks, war has some side issue compensations that tend to make us forget the Shermanian version.

The greatest patriotic day in Medford's history with its immense outpouring of people at the depot in the afternoon to welcome home the members of the Medford unit of the 65th artillery, and the brilliant patriotic party and welcome home of all soldiers and sailors who have so far returned from service and which was attended by throngs of persons, thousands of them, was wound up late last night in a final blaze of enthusiasm and glory at the natorium by a patriotic tableau with the electric spotlighting of a beautiful, waving American flag and all the great throng joining in with the Medford choral society members in singing "America."

Two Entertainments

Thus came to an end for the majority the most brilliant public social affair in its immensity ever held in this city, although many of the merry makers continued to dance for hours later, including the soldiers and sailors and their sweethearts, relatives and friends.

For that matter all the night there were two entertainments going after the big party had formally been opened with Mayor Gates' address, the one in the main natorium hall being a continuous dance from then on, and the main entertainment with serving refreshments taking place on the lower and rink floor. Lauspaugh's orchestra furnished music for the dancing and the high school band and orchestra discoursed on the lower floor. The immense throng of people was about equally divided between the two floors although perhaps a little the larger crowd was jammed in on the first floor. In addition the smaller halls and cozy corner were filled all night with people. Flags and foliage decorations were everywhere.

Absence of Friction

Altogether it was one of those nights that will live long in the minds of the war veterans and the others in attendance. A remarkable part of the record breaking gathering was that in spite of the jam of humanity and difficulty in moving around every body was good natured and there was a total absence of friction, and this despite that there were few or no arrangements for handling a crowd of this immense size.

From the time when the doors of the large structure were opened at 7:30 o'clock the crowd began assembling quickly and by 8:30 when the patriotic party was opened by Mayor Gates in the large main hall the building was comfortably filled and still the people were coming in droves.

The wives, mothers and next of kin of the soldiers and sailors were ranged along the sides from the entrance and along the stairs, as a reception committee, and through this lane of welcome all persons entering the building passed.

G. A. R. Background

On the small stage forming the background was an assemblage of white and gray-haired G. A. R. veterans, while Mayor Gates was supported on the right by Colonel Sargent and Lieutenant Floyd Hart, representing the army, and on the left by Lieutenant Walter Browne and Larkin Reynolds representing the navy. In the midst of the G. A. R. men appeared on a banner the words: "The Boys of '61-65 welcome home the boys of 1917-18."

Mrs. Walter M. Van Scoyoc sang Van Dyke's "Home Again," and then the mayor made his address on behalf of the people of Medford, welcoming home all soldiers and sailors, an entirely informal address lasting less than five minutes.

"Oh boy ain't it a grand and glorious feeling," said the mayor in commencing his address, "Isn't it splendid, boys, to be home again from the war, and folks, isn't it grand to have from 150 to 200 of our soldiers and sailors again around the home fires, and the hundreds of others soon coming. Let us rejoice and enthrone."

Gates' Welcome Remarks

"And boys, don't you think that when on battlefield abroad, or in camp or cantonment in this country you were often homesick and lonely and longed to be home again, you were the only ones that felt lonely. Why, this is the happiest day in Medford's history. Medford has been the dearest place for two years. There was an awful lonely gn on our streets between the old men and boys that made our hearts ache."

The mayor expressed appreciation for what the returned soldiers and sailors, and the others who were yet to come, had done for us during the war, and announced that with all the boys home Medford would begin life with new vigor and renewed hope. In closing he announced that the first dance would be for the soldiers and sailors and their sweethearts, mothers or lady friends.

Danced Until Late

That was all the formal program, and soon the dancing was on to continue to after midnight. In the meantime the big crowd on the first floor while waiting for the amusement entertainment to begin was being delightfully entertained by the high school band, and the ladies of the refreshment committee and their corps of assistants were in position behind the long counters to begin to serve the multitude with refreshments.

The entertainment program which was in the nature of a cabaret was given in the big rink pit, with tables arranged around the sides of the rink at which were seated soldiers and sailors and close relatives, the G. A. R. men and other guests of honor. The program, which was delightfully varied, artistic and pleasing, included the following:

The Cabaret Program

Banjo duet with piano accompaniment, C. E. Root, H. Alford, H. Harcke.

Popular songs, Fletcher Fish.

Song, Lucille Jones.

Lady's Day, (Lilac Domino) Leona Wilson and senior High School choruses.

Piano solo, Mrs. Irene Hampten Isaacs.

Quartette, Fletcher Fish, George Mattox, William Vawter, H. Corliss.

Berquerettes, Miss Adele Brault.

Songs, William Vawter.

Duet (in costume) Mrs. Edna Isaacs, George Andrews.

Song, Mrs. Florence McElhose.

Patriotic Finale, Choral club.

The people of Medford and all parts of the county responded so liberally to the call published in the Mail Tribune for the donation of cakes to last night's celebration that in all 600 big cakes of all kinds were generously given, as well as myriads of cookies and like goodies. Every one of the great throng was given a generous plate of cake together with a dish of ice cream and spoon, and still there are about 230 cakes left uncut.

About midnight with Mayor Gates as auctioneer, 31 cakes were auctioned off for the benefit of the fund to be raised for the homecoming celebration for the 69th artillery, and \$41.75 was realized for this purpose. Then 40 cakes were given for the big Elks homecoming celebration for the 69th artillery, and \$41.75 was realized for this purpose. Then 30 cakes were given for the big Elks homecoming to soldier and sailor members of the local lodge next Thursday night, and the 150 cakes remaining will be kept as a nucleus for the homecoming of the 69th artillery.

In all 50 gallons of ice cream were served last night. The refreshments were served from long tables and as the people passed along the tables in single file ice cream and cake and spoon on a wooden plate was handed each. Many small school boys had the time of their lives, making from three to a dozen trips each to the refreshment tables until they were discovered and ejected.

Daily Health Talks

Better Be Careful About Your Kidneys

BY N. B. COOK, M. D.

Foods taken into the stomach go through various chemical changes, and some of these changes are poisons that must be sifted out and disposed of. It is the duty of the kidneys to do this. When the kidneys do not full perform their vital work, death may be only a few hours away. Happily, Nature has provided warning alarms telling people when their kidneys are not well. These warnings come in the form of dragging pains in the small of the back, weak stomach, low spirits, chills, nausea, headache, scanty urine and frequent desire to pass it, short breath, numbness, cramps, coated tongue, bad breath, puffs under the eyes, thin blood, dry skin, ringing in the ears, spots before the eyes and many other symptoms. All come from the one cause of kidneys that are not filtering the poisons out of the system. To overcome these troubles, Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., compounded what he calls Anuric Tablets. No other kidney medicine is its equal in giving relief and re-establishing healthful work in the kidneys. The treatment is very simple, as you need nothing except water when taking Anuric Tablets—a glass of water with each tablet. This washes and flushes the kidneys while the medicine itself is dissolving the uric acid poisons and driving them out. Anuric Tablets are made double strength, so that they dissolve uric acid the same as hot water dissolves salt or sugar. Most people need Anuric Tablets because most people have uric acid. Better get that poison out of your body for safety's sake, and better begin today.

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Adv.

65TH GREETED ON RETURN BY GREAT DEMONSTRATION

One of the greatest demonstrations in local history took place yesterday afternoon at the Southern Pacific depot when thousands of persons gathered in honor of the return home of the Medford contingent of the 65th artillery and to bid the boys welcome. So great was the crowd from Medford and vicinity—in fact from all parts of the county—that when the long train stopped and the 15 65th boys, who were scattered throughout the various coaches and mostly in the rear, stepped off they were at once swallowed up by thousands closing in around them.

Although arrangements had been made to keep the crowd back from the train and give the wives, mothers and next of kin first chance to greet the boys, the second the train stopped the crowd broke through the lines, sweeping the many Elks aside who were acting as special police. Everything was chaos and haphazard after that. There was much cheering and flag waving, band playing and singing.

And all the time the multitude kept pressing closer until between the waiting train and the express company office and depot was packed a dense mass of humanity, all eager to catch even a glimpse of some of the overseas veterans.

But each 65th man was surrounded

closely by hundreds of well wishers and hand shakers, and in truth the majority of the immense throng did not even see one of these boys. Others only saw from one to three of these 70 days and nights of fighting on five sections of the western front, hurling 15,000 tons of steel at the German lines, losing three men killed and 99 wounded and cased and providing spectacular performances in moving a train three miles long on long stretches in record time.

And the regiment gained further fame through being the only outfit to use the famous heavy 9.2 field guns of the English and outside of the heavy guns mounted on railway trucks, the heaviest mobile ordnance in the American expeditionary forces.

In the meantime led by the high school band, the high school student body of 150 sang patriotic and popular camp songs and gave all kinds of stunts in the yell line. Many in the crowd joined in the singing as copies of the songs had been distributed. There were myriads of big and small flags scattered throughout the crowd which were much waved. The 1,300 school children of the city were present in a body, and so for that matter was almost everyone else of Medford and vicinity who was not hot ridden.

Finally the trainmen were able to move the train out from the depot and with its departure the fun came to a sudden close, the various 65th soldiers hurrying away to their homes, as did the crowd.

Most people present thought that only three Sixty-fifth soldiers came. About 10 had arrived home during the three days previous.

John H. Davis was among the Medford visitors from Phoenix yesterday.

TOFT CONVICTED OF SELLING BOOZE

The jury in the trial of Ray Toft, the Medford loan broker, charged with selling to William Smith a pint bottle of whiskey, brought in a verdict of guilty Monday afternoon in circuit court after having been out several hours. It was reported around the court house that from the start the jury stood eleven for conviction to one for acquittal. The case was given to the jury at noon and the verdict was not reached until late in the afternoon.

Gus Newbury, who is attorney for Toft, said this noon that it had not been decided yet whether to appeal the case or not. Unless an appeal is taken sentence will probably be pronounced by Judge Calkins next Saturday. The penalty is a fine up to \$500 or six months imprisonment, or both.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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