

BEDECKING THE GRAVES OF THE SOLDIER DEAD

Impressive Exercises Held in the Cemeteries of the City.

BIG PARADE OF THE AFTERNOON

Many Veterans in Line--Thirteenth Regiment Held the Position at the Head of the Column--Speeches and Songs in the Evening.

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led by the men in line as they passed along the court house square, where ranks were broken and the parade ended.

AT ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Patriotic Speech, Songs and a Poem on the Battle of Gettysburg.

An enthusiastic meeting was held under the auspices of Lieutenant Ezra S. Griffin, post, No. 123, at the Academy of Music last night, when an excellent programme of music was rendered by the members of the Elm Park Church Quartette.

In opening the exercises the quartette sang "Memory Day Ode," a delightful piece of music written for the Grand Army by H. B. Carrington, United States army. The rendition so pleased that an encore was demanded and responded to. Miss Winifred Sullivan sang "My Father's House" with much pathos. A poem, written for the occasion by Editor John E. Barrett, of the Truth, entitled "The Flag of Gettysburg" was read by the author, who also acted as an enthusiastic reciter.

Mr. Barrett's poem reads as follows:
Here perish the Union, in one grand endeavor;
Here triumph secession, for good and forever;
They said, as the scene, like a fan, spread before them;
They saw not the cloud of disaster hung over them;
They felt that no power in the land could defeat them;
They knew not the sinews of steel that would meet them.

They were hopeful of heart and defiant of bearing;
With the dash of the chivalrous South in their daring;
Their manhood was grand, and their courage was splendid;
But worthless the cause that their valor defended;
And they came, like a surge from the depth of the ocean,
Impelled by the strength of a fatal devotion,
To rivet the chains of the slave and to sever the bonds of the Union forever.

But patriot hearts were on hand to receive them;
And with the warmth of a welcome that could not deceive them;
And "Old Glory" waved high o'er the holy endeavor;
To cherish the Union for good and forever.

Then the outbreak of war, like Vesuvius roaring,
When its torrents of lava on Pompeii was pouring,
Filled the field with its dead, and the day with its sorrow;
'Till the sun from the night seemed its darkness to borrow.

The legions of Lee, with a fierceness appalling,
Rushed on 'mid the carnage where thousands were falling;
Then stood brave Ben Crippen, his color above him,
Ah! long may his comrades and countrymen love him,
And he held up his flag and defiantly waved it;
Then fell like a hero; he knew he had saved it;

For his brother in Blue held their own 'mid the thunder,
Where the torrents of lead tore battalions asunder;
Oh! Gettysburg's field was a prize worth the winning;
And the desperate foe made a stormy beginning;
But ahead was the spirit that never surrenders;
Ahead was the flag and its gallant defenders;

Ahead was the spirit of Crippen, defying the foe;
The loss of his country; their cannon re-plied;
The spirit of Winkler, famous in story,
The spirit, immortal, of courage and glory!

Ah! Gettysburg, Gettysburg, dire was the slaughter!
When the blood of the brave on thy slopes flow'd like water,
When heroes and men fell where fate would fling them;
War's fearful machinery broken among them;

Walter Deane, like an avalanche, swiftly descended,
And scattered its wrath 'mid the hosts that contended,
And the whistling of bullets, each other defying,
Their last fearful messages bore to the dying!

ing comparison of the magnitude of the wars of the ancient times and those of modern days. After discussing the numerical strength and fatalities connected with the battle of Marathon, he pointed out the conditions under which later battles were fought, and instanced the battle of Blenheim, where 11,000 English soldiers and allies were opposed by 40,000 soldiers. Next, he mentioned the battle of Moscow, where 11,000 soldiers were slain every hour while the contest lasted, making it "the bloodiest battle of recorded times."

This battle he compared with the battle of Fredericksburg, where two Union soldiers were slain for every Confederate. After making comparative statements of the fatalities of great battles, there followed a recitation of the battle of Gettysburg, and a recitation of the conditions under which it was fought. The speaker said that the battle of Gettysburg had proved a Confederate victory, the European countries would have recognized the Southern victory, and the social spectacle of two contending republics in the same country would have been witnessed.

Speaking of the prominent warriors of the world, the speaker referred to the gallantry of Sir Henry Havelock in the Sepoy rebellion, where, with a handful of English soldiers, he fought against thirty times their number. Marching in the scorching heat, which reached 100 degrees, 1,000 English soldiers followed the well-fortified city of Delhi, where 80,000 well-prepared Sepoy soldiers were ready to do battle. The incidents of the siege were recited with telling effect. The defense of the residency at Lucknow by Sir Henry Havelock was also graphically described, and the devoted soldierman repeated Sir Henry's dying request that the following words only should be inscribed in his tombstone: "Sir Henry Havelock, who tried to do his duty; may God have mercy on his soul!"

Ferocity of Napoleon.

Referring to the personality of Napoleon, he remarked that the English were the only people who had not conquered Napoleon. He said that the Corsican, exiled at St. Helena, was due to two things; viz. the rain which delayed the opening of the battle, and the cannon road, of the existence of which Napoleon was not aware.

Mr. Barrett also drew vivid pictures of the campaigns of Stonewall Jackson, Napoleon, General Grant and other celebrities of the battle field, his address throughout being followed with the closest attention.

Miss Ella Marie Dräger sang "The Flag They Died to Save" in a manner which drew forth the warm plaudits of the audience.

THEY ALSO CELEBRATED.

Programme Under Auspices of Colonel Monies Post.

The members of the Colonel William N. Monies post, No. 315 Grand Army of the Republic, held a memorial entertainment at the Young Men's Christian Association hall last evening, when a well-arranged programme of vocal and instrumental selections were rendered.

The Saengerbund of the club gave a number of choice selections and a male quartet, under the leadership of William Evans, sang "Comrades in Arms" and "The Soldier's Farewell." The tenor solo of H. B. Bowen rendered the "On Money Banks" with much credit, and the humorous numbers were well rendered by Job Whitcomb.

The features of the evening was a patriotic address delivered by Post Commander P. De Lacey, who spoke in glowing terms of the increasing observance of Memorial Day and eloquently urged the young people to more patriotism in observing it as a day to improve the memory of the veterans whose lives had been devoted to maintain the glory of the old flag. The address throughout was enthusiastically cheered, and made a deep impression.

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We need not repeat the incidents of the novel. After Tess has killed the man who ruined her, and the pursuers find her sleeping on one of the great slabs at Stonehenge, watched by her husband, she rises, and in the trial, the conviction and the execution; but the book closes as follows:

The city of Wintonoway, that fine old city, after-time called the West of Wessex, it is true, but not the West of Wessex, it is true, and its brightness and warmth of a July morning. The gabled black-and-tile fronted houses had almost dried off for the season their ingredients of brick, mortar and lime, leaving the houses gradually behind. Up this road from the precincts of the High street, from the West Gate-way to the medieval cross, and from the medieval cross to the bridge, that leaguely darning and swooping was in progress which usually ushered in the festive market day.

From the western gate a road led to the highway, as every Wintonowayian knows, and as every Wintonowayian knows, of the exact length of a mile, leaving the houses gradually behind. Up this road from the precincts of the High street, from the West Gate-way to the medieval cross, and from the medieval cross to the bridge, that leaguely darning and swooping was in progress which usually ushered in the festive market day.

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DAYS OF RESTING.

July 23, Pioneer Day, is a holiday in the State of Idaho.

Sunday is a legal holiday in all the States.

May 10 is Memorial Day in North Carolina and is a holiday.

March 4 is a legal holiday in New Orleans. It is called Fremont's Day.

September 5, Admission Day, is observed as a legal holiday in California.

November 25 is Labor Day in Louisiana and is a legal holiday in that State.

April 25, Memorial Day, is observed in the States of Alabama and Georgia.

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