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Memorial Day.

Gov. Hartranft has issued a General Order from the Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic in reference to Memorial Day, May 30th, and the decoration of the Soldiers' Graves. It suggests that in this Centennial year, especially when "we meet as a united people to commemorate the events connected with the birth of our Nation, the memories of our dead comrades, whose lives were required for the establishment of that peace, should be very near to our hearts, and command our choicest offerings." Where no Posts of the Grand Army are established, citizens are requested to arrange for a proper observance of this day.

Our Philadelphia Letter.

Special to the REPUBLICAN.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 12, '76.

The morning opened gloomily but by ten o'clock the sun had driven away the clouds and the noonday was as bright as could be desired. Long before nine o'clock the hour when the grounds were to be opened an immense throng had assembled and it was steadily increased by the arrival of thousands upon thousands every few minutes for hours. Various estimates have been made of the number of persons in the enclosure and they varied from 200,000 up to 1,000,000. The programmes laid down by the Commissioners was carried out exactly. When President Grant arrived Wagner's inauguration march was played and then Bishop Simpson prayed. The buildings were presented by Gen. Hawley to the President who responded in an address. The flag was unfurled; the Halleujah-chorus shouted. Bells chimed, and one hundred guns were fired to announce that the Grand Centennial Exhibition was July opened. Then a grand procession formed, and President Grant passed at the head of it into Machinery Hall, where, assisted by Mr. Curtis, he put in motion the grand Curtis Engine, which furnishes all the power needed on the grounds. The Vice President of the United States, all the members of the Cabinet; all the judges of the Supreme Court and most of the members of Congress, all the members of the Diplomatic Corps at Washington, and the Governors of nine States with many other officials and distinguished men, were present on the platform. The grounds were brilliant with uniforms, and the variegated dresses of the representatives of foreign nations. Every thing was not ready, as I have said in previous letters would be the case. This is more the fault of the Exhibitors than of the Commissioners, because goods have been held back to the last hour, and then rushed in at the rate of three hundred and fifty tons per day. So that it was utterly impossible to put them in place. Many of the exhibitors delayed too long in preparing the cases and fixtures in which to display their articles and quite a number of them are yet unfinished. There was mismanagement to-day somewhere in the admittance of visitors. Thousands paid to get in and when they did so found themselves in an immense mass of human beings crowded between the main building and Machinery Hall. Goliath of Gath, with his spear like a weaver's beam, could not have forced his way through this swelling mass of humanity, and thus thousands were prevented from seeing even the grounds to-day, and turned back disgusted; some of them being more emphatic than polite in their remarks upon the managers. Not accustomed to give away to obstacles I passed round between Machinery Hall and the fence, part of the way being exceedingly muddy, and by perseverance and a long walk succeeded in getting into the grounds. Who ever had charge of this part of the business made a mess of it, and had better give

way to some man who can attend to his duties.

The hackman and livery keepers of Philadelphia deserve a first class notice for their liberality. On the opening day they set the price of a carriage at twenty five dollars for a day. When the Devil gathers in his jewels, the brightest of his ornaments will doubtless be the Philadelphia livery men. I heard many an earnest wish to-day that he (the Devil) would come on at once and work fast until the last of the hack and livery men of this city were testing his warmest hospitalities.

The display of military on the ground was very fine. The Staff Officers particularly having an eruption of gold lace and epaulettes. About four o'clock it commenced to rain and gave us a heavy shower, driving most of the people home.

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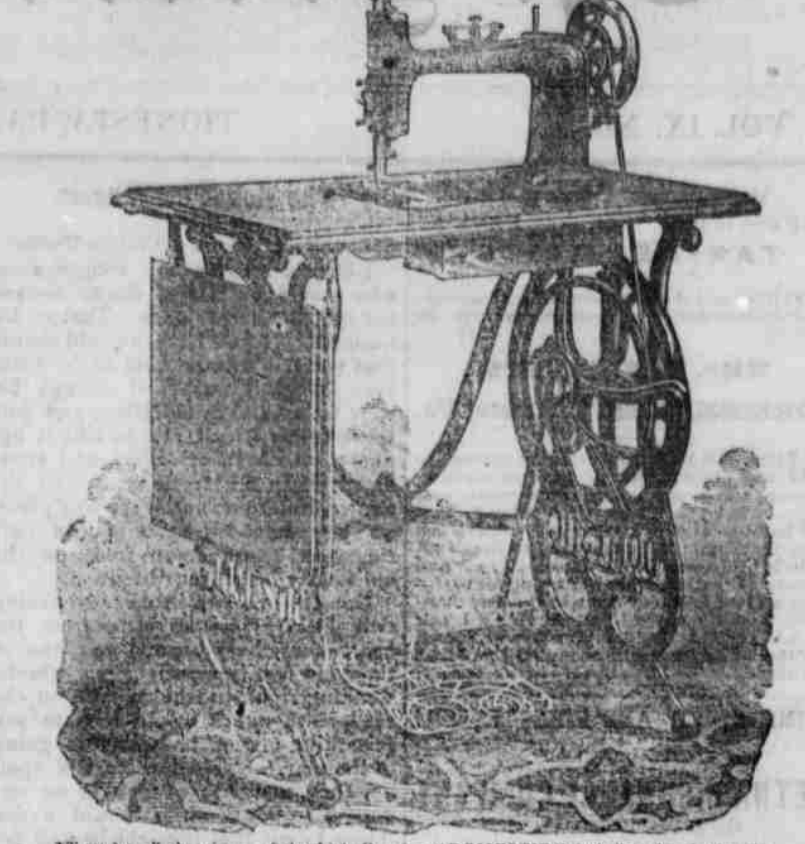
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