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WASHINGTON LETTER.

News of Interest from the Gay Capitol.

That Cuban Revolution - Free Silver Sentiment - The Tariff Debate - Re-creation of Civil Service Rules - The President is Very Busy.

Washington, May 24th.—When it comes to expressing their sympathy for Cuba, or showing their confidence in President McKinley, the Republicans of the House stand with the President. They know that it is not necessary to pass the Senate resolution declaring that the belligerency of the Cubans should be recognized, in order to convince the country of their sympathy for Cuba. They also know that the adoption of that resolution at this time would unnecessarily embarrass the President, who is working out a policy that will be of some practical benefit to the Cubans, which it is far from certain that the recognition of belligerency would be. This being the situation, it is not likely that the House will act upon the belligerency resolution or take any other action relating to Cuba, until President McKinley has had time enough to formulate and announce his policy. The real friends of Cuba want more than a recognition of belligerency; they want to see the island independent; and to that end they are steadily working, meanwhile, the money appropriated by Congress for the relief of ex-territory Americans in Cuba, is being used for that purpose by the United States Consuls. There is no good reason for any undue haste in taking the next step, especially when haste might defeat the very object sought, the ending of bloodshed in Cuba. President McKinley has promised to act in a short time, and Republicans are willing to accept that promise and wait.

Republican Senators hold a caucus today, in order to smooth down little differences as to modes of procedure during the tariff debate, now open. There was a general inter-change of opinion, and, while there was no attempt to bind anybody, a general understanding was reached that no time should be devoted to lengthy speeches by Republicans. At the caucus of Democratic senators, it was decided to open their fight on the tariff bill by moving to strike out the entire internal revenue section of the bill, in order to try to carry favor with the brewing interests. Republicans do not believe the motion will carry.

The Republicans are constantly talking about the increase of free silver sentiment in the country and saying that the result of last November would be reversed were there a National election held now. Of course everybody knows that sort of talk to be more bluff and bluster. If proof was needed, it is furnished by the fact that the Democratic leader of the House—Bailey, of Texas—and other prominent Democrats have gone into the first congressional district of Missouri to speak and work for the election of a Democratic successor to the late Representative R. P. Giles. The silver sentiment is growing so fast in the silver State of Missouri, that stump speaker of National prominence are needed to make sure that the Republicans do not carry a district that last November elected a silver Democrat. Facts like this are more convincing than any talk, just as a man is always judged to a larger extent by his actions than by his words.

President McKinley has been so occupied with other matters that he has not had time to decide what to do about revoking the extensions of the civil service rules, made by Mr. Cleveland, but he has heard the complaints of many prominent Republicans concerning the injustice of the most of these extensions and there is very little doubt that when he takes the question up, some, if not all, of these extensions will have to go. Some idea of how some of these extensions are regarded by prominent officials, who know by experience just how they are working, may be had from the following vitriolic language used by Assistant Secretary Ryan of the Interior Department: "The civil service law has been perverted and dragged into mire to serve partisan ends; but even that is not the worst of it. A new administration has come into power, pledged to carry out policies which in many important respects are directly contrary to those of the last administration, and it finds itself confronted on the very threshold by an army of official incumbents hostile, or at the very least, indifferent, to its aims and purposes—an army entrenched behind newly devised rules and regulations which were never contemplated or dreamed of by the framers and supporters of the civil service law, whose design was to elevate and improve the efficiency of the clerical service in the executive departments of the Government." Mr. Ryan was a member of the House when the civil service bill was passed and he voted for it, and still believes in it, but he thinks the partisan harness put upon it by Mr. Cleveland will have to be scrapped off or the country will become disgusted with the entire law. More evidence of the partisan

working of the rules under the last administration has been submitted to the Senate Investigating Committee, and a number of bureau chiefs, including Commissioner of Patents Butterworth have added their recommendation that the present rules be modified.

BRIEF MENTION.

—Spring Water Ice is the legend a new wagon bears which "Doc" Steele has put on his route.

—Sacrament of the Lords Supper will be administered in the Presbyterian church June 5, at the morning service.

—Jes & B. Shoemaker were informed has resigned the position of fish warden of the county, to which he was appointed some time since.

—In the Presbyterian General Assembly now in session at Winona, Ind., a warm discussion is in progress over the New York Mission building.

—The Knight Templars of Pennsylvania held their annual convocation at Easton this week. Large numbers from all over the state were in attendance and the ladies assisted in receiving.

—The Reformed church at Bushkill was struck by lightning during the storm Monday evening, which was severe at that place. Considerable damage was done to the building.

—Jake Schorr of white hot fame will also distribute the congealed fluid to those who desire the beverage in that form. Milford can keep cool this summer with ease and comfort.

—A burglar broke in to the store of Van Cole at Montara, last week and renewed his war with by taking a pair of trousers and suspenders also a little change to the amount of twelve dollars.

—An easy shoe is one of the comforts in walking, or riding a wheel, in fact necessary to the enjoyment of either of these pleasures. Nowhere in this section will be found a better assortment of such foot wear than at Johnsons, Port Jervis.

—A horse belonging to M. B. McCarty of Conshongh took a lively little race Tuesday starting at Mitchell's store and ending at C. W. Bulls. The wagon and harness were badly damaged, and but a few parts of the way, but no more serious injury done.

Farmer's Institutes.

The County Board of Farmers' Institute Managers, will meet at the County Commissioners' office on the second Tuesday of June, to arrange for the place where institutes are to be held this season. All of our people who desire institutes, ought to attend this meeting and present their claims. This board is composed of the Local Members of the State Board of Agriculture, and one representative from each County Agricultural Society, the Pomona Grange and County Alliance. If you find that you cannot attend this meeting, address a letter with your request to Chairman of Board of Institute Managers, care of County Commissioners.

A suitable hall for the meeting ought to be provided, free of charge, by the locality wishing the Institute. The meeting will be held June 8 and probably 2 p. m., would be the most convenient hour. It would be highly gratifying if a number would manifest an interest and attend. If not practicable to do so send a postal. These institutes are for the benefit of the farmer, but they can be made helpful only by the active co-operation of that class. Come out or write. The Press has received a schedule of dates and places for holding the institutes in the county to be returned not later than July 1, to the Department of Agriculture. Any place desiring an Institute should attend the above meeting by a representative or send word fixing the preferable date.

Did Facing the Fox.

On Memorial day, as on no other day of the year, our hearts go out to those who met their fate while the cannon was booming in their ears and rifle bullets were hot. Every battle has its story of heroism. Every veteran to-day can tell you of some comrade who was killed with his face to the foe; of some officer who, rushing at the head of his men, entreating them not to falter, fell, and in falling did all that he could do for his country's cause.—Selected.

Two Funeral Flags.

The museum at Governors island, New York harbor, is full of glorious relics of old battles, but to the student of history the splendid collection of flags is by far the most interesting. In front of the collection of battle-flags are two small stands, and on them are two flags carelessly displayed. One of them is the funeral flag of General Grant, the other that of General Hancock.

Father Sebastian Kniepp, founder of the cures bearing his name, died recently in Germany at an advanced age.

OLD TIMES RECALLED.

Memorial Day Will bring to the Veteran Memories of Battles Long Ago.

The gray haired veterans of 1897 will review their hard, dusty marches, long tedious drills, picket experiences, camp life. They will bear again the scattering fire of the first skirmish line they approached. They will remember how white the faces of their comrades were, how trembly their own knees and hands were, and, by my soul, I believe many of the old fellows will dodge as they think how those first whistling, zip, zip, zipping bullets sounded and made their dodge.

They will recall the orders of the officers in that first contact with a shooting enemy. They will hear, and as distinctly as they did a lifetime ago: "Steady, men! Keep in line! Let no man fire until orders are given. Sergeants, see that the men stand to their work when the fight begins." Then they hear the colonel of their regiment give the commands: "Halt! Ready! Aim! Fire!" The roar of that volley was just what the new soldiers needed at that moment of terror. Up to that minute they had been in mortal fear, or most of them had.

The loud noise, smell of powder and excitement incident to the occasion stopped their teeth from chattering, their knees from knocking together, their hands from shaking, and brought back some of the departed color to their faces. How well they remember the next orders of the colonel: "Load! Front rank fire! Rear rank fire! Load at will! Load! Keep firing!" By this time the company ways have found their speech and are saying things that make these men who a few minutes before were too scared to breathe comfortably break out in laughter, though there was not much laughing in that regiment for some days. The burial of the dead, caring for the wounded and mourning for men never again to answer at roll call were dreadfully solemn business in those first battles, whatever they were when battles and slain multiplied.—Chicago Times Herald.

A lot of new straw and felt hats at W. & G. Mitchell's.

Value of Sacrifice.

In the observance of Memorial day we learn the value of self sacrifice for the good of others. The glossy marbles and everlasting granite of our graveyards often mark a sleeping dust, and none so poor as to do it reverence. But from beneath the flowers that cover the graves of those noble men, from beneath the daisies that grow on the unknown tomb of many a soldier who perished in the malaria of Libya in the famous Andersonville, in the bullet swept forests of the Wilderness, will rise memories that will make their names forever sacred. Not only as brave soldiers, but in the bright calendar of philanthropists and martyrs. Self sacrifice is the essence of every reformed religion that has ever reached and secured the worship of humanity. Not even the Son of God would found his divine religion without this. At the beginning of duty is the consecration of Bethlehem, the sufferings of Gethsemane, and the accursed death of the cross, and all this that "he might give his life for many."—Rev. H. O. Rowlands, D. D.

Just try a 10c box of Cascarets the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

Attention! Veterans!

The members of Col. John Nye's Post, G. A. R. will meet at their room in the Court House on Saturday, May 29th at 1 o'clock p. m. sharp. The procession will then form and proceed to the Milford cemetery where the exercises will be held. Addresses will be made by the pastors of the Milford churches and the choir will sing appropriate hymns. The veterans will then proceed to Montague, N. J. where exercises will be held.

Gramophone Concert.

The Junior Epworth League will give a Gramophone concert on Monday evening May 30, at 7.30 o'clock in the basement of the M. E. church. If very stormy the concert will be given on Tuesday evening. Admission for adults 15 cents; children 10 cents. All are cordially invited.

Summer Homes.

The Erie Railway Company has really outdone itself in its latest issue of a list of summer homes along its lines. The book is filled with cuts of scenes and houses, all gotten up in the highest style of the art. The book is very pretty and attractive but the places represented are more so in reality. Art can vie with nature only to a limited extent, and the city domain traveling over the Erie and viewing the magnificent scenery along its route or locating at one of the places named, Milford, for instance, would discover that the half had not been told, but only hinted at in the profuse decorations and interesting descriptions in the book.

AMONG THE HOTELS.

A List of Guests Who Are Now Staying at the Various Hotels in Milford and Vicinity.

(Proprietors wishing a list of guests published, will please send them in not later than Wednesday evening.)

FAUCHERRE HOTEL.

Fred P. Washburn and wife, Hackensack; William H. Frank, wife and son, H. M. Libbey, A. D. Walker, Mrs. Thos. Sew York; J. M. Morrison, Brooklyn; Eugene Sandelin, Samuel Blumery, Calvary Barr, G. Thornton Warren, M. J. Sathamer, W. Innow, W. Dolans, New York; H. G. Chin Nalley, Edwin C. Powell, East Orange; Fred Ingraham, W. R. Freese, T. F. Beaumont, W. E. Clowes, C. H. Norris, J. W. Williams, Richard Ingraham, Hempstead, L. I.

CHRISTMAN HOUSE.

W. L. Millsap, G. H. Isaman, H. E. Brewer, Middletown, N. Y.; Miss Hatte Ward, Mac Maguire, H. C. Lukens, Newton, N. J.; W. R. Willis, C. H. Fessenden, Port Jervis; Louis Deitz, Chas. Long Kuriz, Philadelphia.

Listers and the Great Eastern Fertilizers at W. & G. Mitchell's.

Secured to Heroes.

This day is sacred to our heroes dead. Upon their tombs we have lovingly laid the wreath of spring. This is a day for memory and tears. A mighty nation bows above its honored graves and pays to noble dust the tribute of its love. Gratitude is the fairest flower that sheds its perfume in the heart. To-day we tell the history of our country's life, recount the lofty deeds of vanished years, the toil and suffering, the defeats and victories of heroic men, of men who made our nation great and free. \* \* \* On this day the story of the great struggle between colonists and kings should be told. We should tell our children of the contest—first for justice, then for freedom. We should tell them the history of the Declaration of Independence—the chart and compass of all human rights—that all men are equal and have the right to life, liberty and joy. This Declaration uncrowned kings and wrested from the hands of titled tyranny the scepter of usured and arbitrary power. It superseded royal grants and repealed the cruel statutes of a thousand years. It gave the peasant a career, it knighted all the sons of toil, it opened all the paths to fame, and put the star of hope above the heads of the poor man's babe.—Colonel Ingersoll.

FOR RENT—A furnished house on Hartford street. Modern conveniences, large grounds, plenty of shade, good garden, fruit, etc. Address PIKE COUNTY PRESS, Milford, Pa.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you wish to quit tobacco using easily and forever, buy and use, "Cascarets," the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. One 10c box to the face of your face, drugists, under guarantee to cure, 50c or \$1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Stirling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Memory Grows Stronger.

As the men who fought the battles of the Union on land and sea pass away the memory of their splendid deeds grows stronger year by year, and the generations whose institutions they defended are touched with a larger sense of gratitude and reverence and sacrifice. Loving hands on Memorial day cover all the scars of war beneath a wilderness of flowers. The resting place of every soldier will receive the fragrant token of a grateful nation's tenderness, and the land from sea to sea will thrill with a sharpened sense of obligation as the thinning ranks of surviving veterans march feebly past to pay another tribute to the memory of the comrades who have gone before.—Selected.

A fine assortment of new millinery at reasonable prices at Miss Mitchell's.

Insolent Patriotism.

At this season there should be no alloy in the golden tribute of our country to the soldiers. Their memory should be cherished, their bravery extolled and their examples emulated. It is impossible to value too highly their deeds on southern battlefields or to speak too emphatically of their patriotic motives. The inoculation of the lessons of patriotism is as much a duty as the defense of the country. The anniversary of the day when the graves of our beloved heroes are strewn with the flowers of a nation's love should be observed with all the fervor which a patriotic and home loving people can command.—Selected.

Where They Sleep.

The Jefferson Barracks National cemetery—once an old military post but enlarged—contains the bones of 11,682 soldiers, including 1,106 Confederate prisoners taken in the early battles of the war in Missouri. At the Marietta (Ga.) cemetery repose the remains of 10,160 Union soldiers collected from various parts of Georgia, and at the Beaufort (S. C.) cemetery rest 9,276 bodies of soldiers and sailors who died on the sea-boards of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Half of these are unknown.—Selected.

COLUMBIAN WOMEN.

A Complimentary Notice to One of Milford's Young Ladies.

In the Washington Evening Star of May 22nd appears an article on the graduating class of the Columbian University of that city in which it is said that this year will graduate the largest class of women in the history of the university. There are eleven, brilliant and versatile, not one a laggard in study, nor yet a member of the dry-as-dust school, or a bookworm, in the obnoxious sense of the term. Besides delving into mines of classical lore, they mingle with people of affairs and keep up to date in the literature and ever-changing panorama of the day.

A cat appears of Miss Helen R. Biddis, daughter of our former townsmen, Hon. John D. Biddis, and this very complimentary, but wholly deserved favorable notice.

Miss Biddis was born in Milford, Pa. She prefers history and the classics and is strong in these branches. She has gained a reputation for literary work and skill as a debater in the Eucostian society, her deep rich voice and ever varying expression add to her oratorical effectiveness. She is strong in her advocacy of a higher education for women and co-education. Miss Biddis is a scholarship student, having received that honor for her work in the High school.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, purges and refreshes to the taste, acts gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleanses the entire system, dispels colds, cures headache, fever, habit, constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of G. C. to-day. Cascarets Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Contributions to Bauer Road.

Following is the list of those who have contributed to the building of the new piece of road at Bauer's on the Dingman road, which has practically abolished all the hill at that point:

TEAM WORK.

John and George Warner, 4 days 6 hours; John Detrick and son, 3 days 1 hour; Conshongh House, 1/2 day; Paul Bourisquet, 1 1/2 days; John Finney, 1 day; J. H. Westbrock, 3/4 day; Wm. Dusenberry, Jacob Van Tassel, 1 1/2 days; J. H. McCarty, 1 day; George Brothers, 7 hours; G. E. Hackett, 1 day; Schomus, 8 hours; H. B. Wells, 8 hours; F. Pinchot, 3/4 day; John Ryder, 1/2 day; P. F. Steele, 3/4 day.

LABOR.

Louis Gavoline, supervisor, 8 hours; Frank Christman, 8 1/2 days; Ban Van Gordon, 1 day; Henry Tissot, 3 days; Mitchell Brothers, 2 days; Thomas Armstrong, 3 days; Wm. Frank, 1 day; James S. Gal, 1 day; Ed Canno, 3 days; T. R. Klein, 1 day; James W. Pinchot, 3 days; W. P. Beck, 8 hours; Schomus, 4 days; John Detrick and son, 3 days 1 hour; Conshongh House, 1/2 day; Warner, 3 days 6 hours; George Wheeler, 1 day; J. C. Wallace, 1 day; Ernest Wood, 1 day; Jacob Klavir, 1 day; Alex. Bivler, 1/2 day; Frank Dewitt, 3/4 day; J. H. Van Katen, 1 day; George A. Frish, 1 day; George Baumann, 1 day; J. Hart, 1 day; C. O. Armstrong, 1 day; John Selzer, 3 days; L. W. Armstrong, 1 hour; P. C. Riman, 4 hours; John H. McCarty, 3/4 day.

MERCHANTS.

G. G. Tanker, \$2.50; John Saxon, \$1.00.

The thanks of the public are due Henry Canne for the inception and prosecution of this great public benefit. He labored assiduously, and if there were more evincing the same spirit the hills on our otherwise beautiful highway would soon be relics of the past. Carl Bauer, through whose land the road runs, generously and with commendable public spirit gave full privilege to make the change. Those scanning the above list closely may wonder why some apparently most benefitted are not more prominent, and the only way any such curiosity can be satisfied will be to make enquiry of those whose names are wholly missing or whose contributions seem greatly disproportioned to their presumed direct interest.

Christening in High Life.

The Duc of Orleans stood godfather by his proxy the Duc of Lague, at the christening of a nephew of Mrs. C. E. Stewart recently. His present to his little god-son was a full table service in gold and silver with the arms of the House of France engraved thereon. Mrs. Stewart will be pleasantly remembered by many as a visitor at Milford.

Keeping Memory Green.

The purpose of Memorial day has widened as the years have passed, and that anniversary which was once devoted solely to keeping green the memory by adorning the graves of the nation's dead has now come to be recognized as a sort of national All Souls' day, when gentle and simple, rich and poor, strew flowers in memory of those that have gone before.—San Francisco Examiner.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder for the Week Ending May 28th.

Westfall, Frank X. Reilly to Charles, John and Annie Martin, dated May 19th, containing 5 acres, con. \$32, ent'd May 20th.

Lackawaxen. C. W. Hall, et. ux., to Peleg Edwards, dated May 3, 2 acres, con. \$200, ent'd May 21st.

Westfall, Frank X. Reilly to John Froese, dated October 24th, 19 acres, con. \$135, ent'd May 23rd.

Westfall, Frank X. Reilly to George L. Gay, dated Nov. 4th, lot 45, con. \$25, ent'd May 25th.

Westfall, Frank X. Reilly to Albert Gay, dated Nov. 4th, lot 49, con. \$25, ent'd May 25th.

PERSONAL.

Miss Eveline Thomas was seriously ill at her home on Water street.

Arion Cortright of Matamoras visited the shire town Tuesday.

Rev. Pickles of Dover, visited at the Wheeler Cottage this week.

Mr. William Angle and son, Walter visited the Metropolis last Monday.

Jacob Kleinhaus has been quite seriously indisposed for a few days this week.

E. N. Millen of Deckertown, N. J., and family drove through Milford Wednesday.

Mr. E. L. McMurray is confined to his home with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Bertha Reed accompanied by Mrs. H. Reed, mother of Dr. H. B. Reed is at Overbrook.

Mrs. Maria Andrews is not in good health and is confined to her home on Hartford street.

Mrs. Van Vechten and family will spend the summer at the Boyd cottage on Broad street.

Mr. Wolf and wife of Binghampton, N. Y., are visiting their daughter Mrs. E. B. Wenner.

Bertha Williamson again smiles on friends here after a protracted visit among relatives in New Jersey.

Dr. Alexander Hadden President of the Forest Lake Association of Lackawaxen was a visitor at Milford last week.

Wm. H. Armstrong, Esq., who has been spending the winter in Washington will arrive in Milford to-morrow.

Mr. Huntington of Lackawaxen, who represents the Preferred Accident Insurance company was a caller here Tuesday.

Harvey Kiser upon whom an operation for appendicitis was performed at the Presbyterian Hospital New York last week, is recovering.

Donnis McLaughlin owner of the Schimmel place on Broad street, is here superintending the improvements being made on his property.

Representative of the Union, Frank Percival and Frank Wood, of the firm of Anderson & Wood, druggists Port Jervis were in town Wednesday afternoon.

John C. Cornelius spent a few days in Milford last week. John is, we are glad to learn, prospering in his business, which is that of a traveling agent for a book concern.

John Carr who with his family last year occupied the Mott house on Broad street visited his family at the Fauchere House over Sunday.

It is whispered that James R. Bull will soon become a benedict. The happy young lady in the case is Miss Mary Wakeman. Both are well known in town, the prospective groom having grown up here and the lady a frequent visitor.

W. A. H. Mitchell has accepted a situation in Boston with the Newspaper Syndicate Co., and left Monday morning to assume his duties. The Press wishes every Milford boy who seeks a wider field of labor abundant success.

W. R. Willis who with his family has been a regular visitor at Milford for several summers was in town this week making arrangements to occupy the Mott cottage on Ann street where they will be domiciled for the season.

A marriage license was granted by clerk Westbrook May 21 to Gabriel S. Razer and Mary Jane Cron, of Delaware, and a certificate of marriage has been filed stating that the knot was tied by Rev. Chas. H. Whittaker at Bushkill May 24.

THE COUNTY BRIDGES.

The Law As To Approaches Stated.—A New Departure.

A decision of the Supreme Court rendered in January changes the law as it has heretofore been understood with regard to the maintenance of approaches to county bridges. It is now held that under the acts of June 13, 1836 and April 13, 1843, it is the duty of the county, and not of the township to repair a county bridge and maintain it in safe condition; and this duty includes not only the repair of a bridge, but of the approaches and wing walls leading thereto. The fact that the supervisors of a township have repaired the approaches and wing walls of a county bridge will not relieve the county of the consequences resulting from the dangerous condition of the approaches and wing walls, or impose liability upon the township for such consequences. Judge Dean says in the opinion it was the duty of the county to build this bridge of which the wing walls were a part, and keep both in repair; this was a duty imposed by statute; no duty was by law there after on the township in the matter; the supervisors could not, without express statutory authority, assume the duty of another territorial subdivision of the State, and thereby impose liability for neglect of that duty on the township. They were elected to supervise and keep in repair the roads, highways and bridges of the township only to the extent the law imposed that burden on the township; to this extent, and no further, was the township answerable for their neglect.

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Schools will close next week here and trouble of that nature will be suspended to the great relief of pupils.

Is Mr. Kessler Fishing?

On the final passage in the House of the bill to authorize school directors to levy and collect a per capita tax annually for school purposes Mr. Kessler did not vote. Also the following did not receive his support or disapproval. An act to provide for a house of detention for juveniles in cities of the first class. Grading streets and highways in boroughs. Licensing of stationary steam engines. Act to reform the penal law. Private property for public park purposes. Salaries of deputies sheriffs. Regulating election districts. Assessment and collection of special taxes. Election and appointment of road supervisors. Official newspaper advertising in cities of second class. Erection of county buildings or bridges. Collection of costs, etc. for municipal improvement. Printing of Lexow report.

Time's Healing Balm.

Time, stretching out its hand in blessing, has healed the scars of war and assuaged the grief for the departed heroes, but comrades of those nation saviors whose tents are pitched upon the eternal camping ground on Memorial day make to blossom the graves of fallen soldiers and in respect, love and reverence garland their memories. Sacred custom, that has made Memorial day the most hallowed of American holidays, renews the testimony the country is glad to pay the mourned dead.—Chicago Post.

Memorial Day.

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Softly the south wind comes from haunts afar And brings its charm to waiting hills But now it is not redolent of war, Of grasshopper hum and heart-breaking tales.

For Peace, with her fair white uplifted wings, Relates now unhindered east, west, north and south; The green spring turf unto the plowshare clings, And o'erlooks late the bronzen cannon's mouth.

No more are scented hosts in battle drawn; No more are brothers mangled in bloody strife. The tragic, devastating war is gone, And new era dawns to stir the life Of this great nation, to uplift the race, To forward freedom, to enfranchise man, To give the lowliest a chance and place For each to do the very best he can.

Not in the realms of ancient Rome and Greece, Nor in the idyls of Utopia Can there be found or pictured states like these, Or any power of such benignant sway.

But this brave land, sprang not at once, full born, Nor found its heritage without a price. Through battle's blaze, through toil and hate and scars, Our great Republic had its glorious rise.

To-day we meet to honor those whose scars—And death were given that freedom should not die— Heroes of dark, blood red and cruel wars, Who won for us the final victory.

Bring from fair gardens and the mountain side Flowers for their graves touched with the south wind's breath, And their best deeds may in our hearts abide And honor crown their sacrificial death.

Fling out the flag! Let speech and music flow! May grateful hearts praise and the cheer of day Be brought for tribute till the whole world know The sacred import of Memorial Day.

JOHN BENTON.