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### Decoration Day.

Another Memorial Day has come and gone. In Loup City nothing was left undone that should have been done in honor of the occasion. The program as announced was carried through without a break or flaw in its perfect management.

About ten o'clock in the forenoon the school children to the number of perhaps one hundred and fifty were formed in marching order on our principal streets and then taken in carriages to our beautiful cemetery, where they strewed sweet flowers over the graves of our departed ones. It was a beautiful and refreshing sight to see the rising generation, from the sweet little tot of infant years to the boys and girls just budding into manhood and womanhood called to perform such precious tasks. The ceremonies at the cemetery were simple and impressive, with patriotic songs, the decoration of graves and guard salutes in honor of the heroes.

In the afternoon the opera house was filled to do honor to the day. Short patriotic addresses were given by Judges Wall and Nightingale, whose eloquent words found lodgment in most appreciative hearts, not one of whom perhaps listened to their noble patriotic utterances without memories coming to them of graves of loved ones lying in the far off sunny southland, unknown and unhonored in many instances, while in others being covered with flowers by stranger hands. Cruel, cruel past. God grant that the rising generation may never have to suffer the heart sorrow of those whose heritage it was to lose their loved ones in the fearful days of the misty past and whose memory we are now called upon to mourn.

### COMMENTS ON THE DAY.

C. J. Tracy, as marshal of the day brought order in everything, and proved just the man for the place.

Most commendatory were the remarks of our people over the proficiency in drill and maneuverings of our National Guard.

Judge R. J. Nightingale's address was most interesting and instructive and delivered in his usual persuasive and earnest manner that carried his audience with him.

Loup City people showed their patriotic spirit by finely decorating their stores and residences with bunting and a profusion of the folds of Old Glory. The decorations could not have been bettered.

It was a beautiful tribute Judge Wall paid to the patriotism of Japan, and the unpatriotic education of Chinese come in for a healthy scoring in his Memorial address, while the lesson American youth could take from his contrast of the two countries in patriotism was most edifying and instructive.

Only the constitutional modesty of the writer prevents his returning thanks to Senator Wall and Judge Nightingale for their perspicacity in ascertaining an unknown quality of eloquence in the gray matter controlling the mind of one who shifted the burden of responsibility upon their shoulders Decoration Day.

One of the pleasant incidents of Senator Wall's address was of a soldier boy belonging to General Sherman's army. The story told how the young soldier was selected to carry a message from General Sherman to a point through forests and across rivers and past Confederate lines to a point where the message would reach a signal station and be sent from hill-top to hill-top to encourage a besieged Union fort. The climax was nearly reached and the interest was intensified when the senator proclaimed that that message contained those immortal words: "Hold the fort, for I am coming," and the young soldier who carried that message now stood in their presence, an aged veteran, whose hair was whitened and whose form was broken in part through the hardships, perils and privations of that great national conflict. But the acme of all came when he led forth the hero of his story in the person of Comrade S. S. Hoyer and proclaimed: "This is the man." Then it was that every patriotic heart present responded to the hearty applause which followed while Father Hoyer blushed as prettily a young girl in the presence of her first lover and hastily withdrew behind the convenient wings.

### Memorial Sunday.

Memorial Day exercises were held at the opera house, last Sunday, at 10:30 o'clock. The stage was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting. The pulpit was draped with a flag sent from the Philippines by U. S. S. Apprentice Chas. Gibson of the Wisconsin. At the rear of the stage was placed a fine specimen of the American eagle. Along the front of the stage was a profusion of beautiful potted plants and flowers, composed of ferns, begonias, snowballs, geraniums, foliage, oxalis, fuchsias, flowering maples and love-in-a-tangle. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, the front seats being reserved for the old veterans of the rebellion, the boys of the Spanish-American war, the National guard, and last, but not least, the ladies of the Relief Corps. The exercises were opened with prayer and reading of the scriptures by Rev. Kennedy of the Baptist church, followed by choice music by a double quartet taken from the Methodist and Baptist church choirs, the Mesdames Angier, Mellor, Holcomb, and Miss Moom and the Messrs. Douglas, Smith, Mellor and Zimmerman. The Memorial sermon was then delivered by the Rev. John Madely of the Methodist church, and was the grandest, most eloquent and loyal tribute to American patriotism it has ever been our good fortune to hear.

It behooves the Republicans of Nebraska to be on their guard. The democrats and populists, aided by disaffected republicans here and there, will bend all their efforts to defeat Gov. Mickey's re-election and to capture the coming legislature. The fact that Gov. Mickey could not be owned and controlled by a certain rule or ruin element, brings to the surface undoubted proof that said element will join with the opposition in attempting his defeat, but they can win only through the apathy of the individual voter throughout the state. Every Republican voter who believes in a good, clean, able, honest administration, such as Mickey has given, and wants such an administration continued and a certain class of bosses given a back seat, should by all means see to it that they and every honest Republican voter is at the polls on election day. This is no day dream, but a cold hard fact. Watch the maneuverings of the opposition, and remember the warning here given.

H. A. Babcock, deputy state treasurer died at his home in Lincoln last Sunday morning. He was elected state auditor in 1892, and since that time he has served as deputy auditor under Auditor Weston and later went into the state treasury department under Mr. Mortensen. Mr. Babcock is one of the most widely known and respected men in Nebraska and his death will be mourned as a public rather than a private loss.

Henry Lehr of Boone county has been selected as chairman of the Republican state committee. He is said to be a good organizer and will prove a good man for the place. The headquarters of the committee has been changed from Lincoln to Omaha, which may prove to be a mistake. We reserve comments till later.

Senator M. S. Quay of Pennsylvania died last Saturday afternoon. Senator Quay was one of the widest known public men of the country, and it will be a long time before his equal as a political organizer will be found.

A mass convention of democrats of Sherman county was held at the law office of H. M. Mathew, last Saturday, pursuant to call published in this paper. The convention was called to order at 3 o'clock and organized by electing A. N. Conklin temporary chairman and R. L. Arthur temporary secretary, the temporary organization being afterwards made permanent. The convention selected the following gentlemen as delegates to the democratic state convention, which was held at Omaha yesterday: W. H. Hickman, M. C. Mulick, B. K. Parkhurst, R. L. Arthur, Louis Rein, J. B. O'Bryan and A. N. Conklin. The Kansas City platform was endorsed by the convention, but the delegation went to the state convention unimpaired.

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