

assigned me But I put my trust in of Gidcon. your generosity to-day, just as cheerfully | Born amid the sorrow and travail of and just as unhesitatingly as we all did a seven years' most sanguinary stragele. in the Great God of Battles on many a at last our nation stept upon the world's well contested field in days still fresh in stage under the wings of this same spirit our memories.

Five long years have come and gone prosperity and progress were unparalsince we turned our sabres into plow elled. But even they who wrote the shares: five long years since abandoning flaming words of the Declaration comthe pomp and circumstance of war, promised with themselves, and slavery we have each pursued the even tenor of fastened itself upon the pillars of our his way in the quiet avocations of civil temple, mildewing and corroding the life. Five long years with their joys and body and soul which had its origin in the their sorrows, with all the bitter and all ever memorable truism that "all men the sweet, with all their multitudinous are created equal; that they are endowed changes. There is not one of us who by their creator with certain unalienable looking back from to-day to the time we rights : that among these are life, liberty, parted, each wending his way to a chosen home—there is not one of us I say, who, looking through those years, can lay his hand upon his heart and say life is all thorny or life is all rosy. Since we trysted friendship at our last parting. we have, each of us, met with varied escutcheon with slavery, forget, al in an fortunes, and some are not here ; some, evil moment that we owed our victories whose warm and generous hearts beat to Him who had inspired Jefferson with responsive to friendship's holiest impul-ses have gone before us, they have heard their last "Reveille." There is no re-the very Heavens, and at length, with n union for them on earth; but there is a our own day, we saw man armed with higher and holier re-union above, where the avenging sword of God's majesty they have joined the army of heroes who and wrath, and the good ship Union poured the erimson life tide out upon the battle fields of the south that Lib-tempest moved passions of the people.

the Magna Charta from the tyrant John | tion over their sons. The mother, was | vote for suffrage. The staves, however, | i.u. It. at Runnymede. The same which in- the sister, the yating wife, and the affi- had to vote; it was only the free colored grounds of the South, on the hill top and scribed upon the Paritan Banner. The ancel bride, sont up their offerings and ine who excreded this high right. Of in the vale, in the garges and boside the sistance to tyrants is obedience to God? appeals for help to the throne of grace, which preached through Milton and sang during all these trying hours of our Terk. Bland, New Hampshite, leagth and breadth of that land, our

which guided the arrow of Tell safely to people to feel that the national existence South Carolina, Varginia and Georgia their cars. When disaster threatened the apple on his own boy's head and the other for the tyrant Gesler. It hovered o'er the helm and filled the sails of the o er the helm and filled the sails of the pilgrim fathers on the May Flower.— It is the same spirit which inspired the pen of Jefferson to write for all mankind the "Credo of Human Rights" in the Declaration of Independence. It guided Washington as "the boon of Providence to the helm and heled the sails of the pilgrim fathers on the May Flower.— It is the same spirit which inspired the the "Credo of Human Rights" in the Declaration of Independence. It guided to the world in those trying hours of our to the burned high providence to the human race." In the dark hours national life. Dark indeed, and most distance slavery failed in these four terrible track into the en my's ranks, of his worst reverses it filled his soul gloomy, grew the future of this Union. States. The other States vacillated be-

You have seen fit to confer on me the great honor of addressing you on this most interesting occasion—the first re- mantown, Monmouth, Camden, Ticon- the first re- mantown and the You have seen in to confer on the the great honor of addressing you on this mantown. As Brandywine, Ger-nost interesting occasion—the first re-union of Nebraska's citizen soldiery since we were mustered out of the service of that country whose life we contributed that country whose life we now cele-I cannot but feel most deeply and most and on the field of Yorktown, it counted army of the Union, while our merchant her blacks vote for sixty-two years ; and from the craggy peaks above the thun

of freedom. For nearly eighty years its

the shores of the western sea, from the serv lines upon the lips of the people, gulf, who constitute this American Gov- les-ness to their first pledges had turned whole be preserved," No stone can be taken and All-seeing G. d of Justice would hold -treason.

erty might reign on earth. Such, com rades, is life! and yet I doubt not that all this weavy time, in your hearts as in prime, there was a longing desire that we erty might reign on earth. Such, com rades, is life! and yet I doubt not that all this weary time, in your hearts as in mine, there was a longing desire that we might meet again, as our fellow soldiers of other States met, to live o'er again the scenes of the past, to take one an-

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through Shakspeare; the same which in-spired Alfred to drive the Danes from the shores of Albion. It is the same the shores of Albion. It is the same

I cannot but feel most deeply and most gratefully the high trust you have thus bestowed on me: and were it not that the earns which the army of Conwallis to the army of Conwallis to the army of Conwallis it ever must surrender to the army of convences us here to the other, and banded our hearts and banded our hearts and banded our hearts and bave marched, fought and bivouacked side by side can fully understand—I might well shrink from the task you have the sword of the Lord and side by side can fully understand-1 might well shrink from the task you have assigned me. But I put my trust in Gidcon. this so? It was because the bulwarks of resentatives in Congress, the bowie knife, galaxy of brave and true hearted gener-American Freedom are founded in the the pistol and the bludgeon were resorted als, who stamped rebellion out of exist hearts of the people. The wisdom of to. Persistent efforts were made to na-those great and good men who affixed tionalize the ulcar apon the whole people. He swept it from the west as with a besom of fire and then like an eagle their names to the Declaration of Ameri- The nation seemed to have lost its faith he swooped down to the cast, hurling it can Independence, has been proven and in the over-ruling and omnipotent God back, back through the tangled woods of

attested for all time to come upon the who permitted the armies of the revolu- the Wilderness, where the foot fairly slipbattle fields of the rebellion. It is you and I and all of us, from the Atlantic to ings of the "father" were trite, as nurpamattox it collapsed, and the flag of our Union once more float: I from every flag showy north to the orange groves on the but in their hearts the canker of faith- staff and every housetop in the land .-A nation's gratitude has placed him in $\begin{array}{c} \text{gain, who constructe this American cover} \\ \text{ernment. Pre-eminently a people's gov-} \\ \text{ernment as founded by the fathers, when it was as ailed, you and I and all of us were threatened. We, the people, are the individuals, and the acts of gov- if immoral- were threatened. We, the people, are the immoral reflect the people; if immoral- have each find the thread have each from the the thread have each from the thread have$ government ; and we the pe ple will ever ity, deceit and foul corruption corro le people forever. Like Washington, he

constitute the army for its defence. How sublime the spectacle! What a study for the philosophic mind! For y millions of God's children, each filling such individuals. The causes given, the ages when our children's children will his appointed place in the magnificent results are inevitable. Our fa hers were feel their greatest pride to be that their a God-fearing people, but their children | fathers followed the victorious battle flag Truly said that grand old hero, An-drew Jackson, "the Union must and shall toms. They forgot that the Everlasting upon the hydra-headed and foul monster

from the temple feedom without en-dangering the who's. Let there be no But at last it came, and through appalling from the terrible ordeal testing We have, as it were, but just emerged moss upon the fair fabric constructed by discomfiture and terrible disappoi our ability to govern ourselves. The the fathers. Let the sentine's upon the watch-towers of liberty see to it that no fungus growth attaches on our temple to blot, disfigure and eventually disute-grate this government of a free people. Eternal vigilance, we are told, is the process of the to concur in the verdict of the slave power of liberty. It therefore heaven are to concur in the verdict of the spenate fight right nobly. the fathers. Let the sentine's upon the ment, we slowly learned that there was long roll and the blast of the bugle still watch-towers of liberty see to it that no a God of Ju tice. At last the chastise-mingle in our dreams. We realize to-

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past, to take one an- Smith and Pictairn fired upon the citizens within our memories, and but for the bly seized the traitor's sword as a last ar dacken the land with weeds of mournother by the hand and pledge each other of Massachusetis, eight Americans, born timely rally of the people we had been biter. Oh ! in concrade, what a cause ing. We, too, have suffered fearfully, anew that enduring friendship which had to inherit freedom or die, fell a sacrifice robbed of this fair heritage. Tamper for which to d uge this beautiful coun- our penalties have been great and our

I rejoice in my inmost heart that at been tried in vain, at last forbearance last you thus assemble. It is meet and ceased to be a virtue; blood, American proper you should, and I most sincerely blood, the blood of Liberty's chosen trust that, from this auspicious day for- children, had flowed beneath a dastardly ward, until the last one of us answers to attack, and we, even at thi distant day, the roll-call of another world, we may can almost see the hurrying to and fro of gather together once in every year, keeping fresh in our memories the deeds of the past, and handing down to our child-to village—the groups of cager listeners ren's children, unimpaired and untarn- with compressed lips and knitted brows ished, the same love of the dear old flag |-the hasty examination of old guns, which has so often carried it in triumph and the drawing of sabres from rusty through the smoke and din of battle .- scabbards-the hearts of the people It is right, it is good, that all of us were fired and burned with indignation. should thus come together! The gal- Dashing on through the village streets, haut yeomanry of Nebraska was among fire flashing from beneath their heels, the first to step to the front in the hour their sides fleeked with foam and their of danger, keeping time to the music of nostrils dilated, the gallant steeds rushed the Union. and I repeat it, it is emin-ently proper that to-day we should where a Christian people were devoutly gather from afar and near, on such an praying the God of rations to avert the occasion as this, and congratulate one an- te rible calamity of war and imbue their other as we look abroad upon the fruits persecutors with a sense of justice and of the great work which we took so active mercy. We can almost see the riders as a part in rendering triumphant. Yes, they flung themselves from the saddle, comrades, even until there be but two and, rushing into the house of God, probent forms, with silver locks, dimmed claim the electrifying news War has beeves and halting steps, to meet and grasp gun !!! The women clasp their little each other by the hand beneath yon tat- ones closer, but the men spring to their tered, war-worn flags, the last of all, feet, shouting to arms, then ! liberty or which, in some future years, may be left | death ! And how was it in '61? Why, of us. Still let us hope they will not the citizens of Massachusetts again fell fail, though their years be many and martyrs to liberty before the dastardiy their comrades gone to rest ; Yea, until assault of traitors upon the streets of all are laid away. I hope we may meet Baltimore. No need of swift horses annually to commemorate the deeds of now. The lightning had been rendered the past, and drop a soldier's tear over those who answer not to the roll-call. subservient to man, and with the speed of its flash, the country far and near was

Comrades ! how pre-eminently proper | apprised of the fact that blood had again the day you have chosen for a permanent organization. Upon this day, nearly one land could be heard the spirit-stirring century ago, Tyranny received a blow drum and the ear-piercing fife. Men from which she never has, and with gathered from the hill-top and the vale. God's help, she never will recover .- The team was unhitched from the har-Trumpet-toned and reverberating in the row and the plow, and the yeomanry of hearts of God's down trodden children the land hastened from afar and near to throughout the earth, the noble words so hear the news. The spirit of our fore eloquently given to you by our comrade, Col. Savage, aroused a feeling among the swore the Union must and shall be premen of all nations which caused the des- served.

pots of all the world to tremble; which gave courage anew to the despairing and simulating the divine edict which called The red clouds of Wa o'cr our homesteads were of the army. Paul and Peter had u-tered the same doctrine by in-truction of long years of bloody contention, we p.id pire. Our father's God still encamps forth Light out of Darkness at the crea-soft Peace spread her wings and fied weeping Him who died upon the cross that you the terrible penalty for having tampered with us. His providence like the pillar tion, evoked the glory of man's destiny here below.

From that hour his mission became higher and holier, for his path was illuminated by the shimmer and sheen of laberty, and the long dried up fountains of his soul were renewed and gushed forth, let us hope in perennial streams of welfare to his kind. That great Magna Charta consigned women grew more lustrous, and brother That great Magna Charta consigned women grew more lustrous, and brother

That great Magna Charta consigned despotism to the tender care of the fabnlous son of Erebus and Nox. It placed the wealthy and the poor, the high and the lowly, the King and the peasant, upon the same eternal platform of Equal-ity. The great and everlasting God of the limitless Universe had made all men-equal and free, and our national declara-tion of rights but reasserted the divine edict. Hence sprang into existence a nation of freemen. With their faith in Him who doeth all things well, they seized their trusty blades and flung to

the breeze the first banner of American Freedom, and even as they endured all the ruthless hands of forsworn traitors the hardships and privations of army at Sumter, a million more were thrown life to the end that Liberty and to the breeze in the north. Reverses American nationality might prevail, so we in the dark hours of her existence, flocked to the front, eager to repel all attempts upon the nation's life. To the revolution, looking down upon their off patriotism of the first truly American ar- spring in that trying period of our counmy we owe the birth of this heaven-smiled-on nation-to ours comes the satis-much of it decked and clothed with the

your attention to the causes which del-uged this fair land with the blood of its ernment upon the enslavement and chat-and blood of death and tears; but it is bravest, and drained our treasure well (relization of the soals of God's poor;" | passed, and to-day all are once more nigh unto the last dollar. In days now and think of it, comrades, dwell upon it, united. Our fathers throw the arch of long since passed away, the imperious government of Great Britain caw fit to look upon its American provinces or onies as a more means of pecuniary File good ship. Union lected and stag- wide and far so that under its broad span gain. It taxed them without their con- gerea before the buffering waves, used we might all live content, and all prosper sent, and wrought so many grievanes | ca by this terrific timpest of unreason | in the sight of Him who watches over upon them that the colonial heart grew | and had well nigh pe ished, but that one | the sons of men, and none be left out.sick and faint beneath its oppressions - cause as if commissioned from on High But thanks be rendered to the eternal These wrongs have been ably recited to who, placed at the helm by the people, Jehovah! their children put the cap you by our comrade, Col. Savage, and at verer faltered in his duty throughout the stone in that arch when the shackles fell ast, and almost reluctantly, the colonies | terrible crisis, but stepted her finally into | from four millions American slaves. To determined to sever all connection with a haven or rest and security. God for- day, comrades, we can indeed say all he Crown of England, and thus, at one ever bless the hero of his age, the mar- men are born fice and equal, To-day, blow, strike down their many wrongs.— This was done, and in the Declaration of American Independence are found the deavored to point out the cause of the land—gathered here from the libertyreasons of the fathers for so doing .- late rebellion; it was not because slave loving men of all nations, with common Therein we read that they held these ry was north or south, or cast or west lights and common hopes-with stout rauras to be selfevident "that all men but because our fathers had made their and cheerful hearts let us do our duty.are created equal; that they are en | compact with the Ruler of all nations, | A living belief in God has at last lifted dowed, by their Creator, with cer- setting out with the doctrine that all men the nation out of a stupid sensuality, tain unalienable rights; that among were born free and equal, and it was he- and a sordid love of gold and personal these are life, liberty, and the pursuit cause they and their children, as part of aggrandizement. The public conscience of happiness; that to secure these the contracting parties, i cominiously begins to recognize questions of right rights governments are instituted sought to ignore this first grand princi and duty, and the single eye of honest among men, deriving their just powers ple of a free government. Had slavery jotent begins to discern, not only the from the consent of the governed; | existed in any other part of this Union. | purposes of God in all our past history, that whenever any government becomes and not in the south, the results would but catches gleams of the growing light destructive of these ends, it is the have been precisely the same; the antag- of His Providence which is opening up

right of the people to abolish it." onism between slavery and i redom, like our future. So long as this faith burn With these grand fundamental princi- that between fire and water, is eternal, in the public heart so long as we recogles the colonies sought to resist the gov- they are not twins, nor even of the same nize the presence of Him who ruleth ernment of Great Britain, which so far household one or the other had to over all throughout our past, so long will as they were concerned, ignored them all. | perish; in our case, the same spirit which | the nation march with a firm, reliant step To-day the student of history feels asnovered over the victorious eagles of along the high road of prosperity and tounded at the hardihood of the revolut Washington, hallowed and statetified the honor. Comrades, this nation cannot go tionary fathers, in an enpong to make cause of Emancipation. We triumphed backwards, beither can she stand still if headway against so powerful a nation a jout in that triumph, we were only the she would, either in her heroic defense never set. But, comrades, the battle i. Our fathers triumphed, because their learne l how good it is to make sacrifices not always to the strong. Those nobic cause was just, and their children con-words with which pur fathers declared quered for the same reason. There was by the faith born of such experience ! what were the rights of men became the no difference in the courage of the con- remembering ever that we are the head

beacon light of Liberty, the watch word- tending parties; our antagonists were of the column in the march of civiliza-"The war-dogs loosed from their leashes were

away." The tread of armed men resounded and I and all of us might be saved. No with justice. We were justly punished of hight of old, still leads the way. Let for having so long kept down the self- the Republic expand until she fills the everywhere, the clang of muskers and born utterances as the motioes of our accusing voice of guily conscience. But whole continent! but ever let her supthe flash of sabres could be heard and earliest battle flags, no wonder, I say, at last it came upon us, the fierce and port and corner-stone be the common seen in every hamlet in the north. Busi- that victory should finally perch upon bitter struggle, and ve suffered on the love and common sacrifice of all her citiness men took from their means without them-they fought oppression be use field, in the ho-pitals, and in the prison zens, north and south, east and west, saint, and poured their wealth out upon they loved liberty. Yet, at the same date pens of the South. Nearly half a mill-native and adopted, white and black,

and son were given up for their country's world that He who first gave these prin- before He who visits the sins of the fath- broken, white robed, with lustrous eyes, sake. Their delicate fingers wrought ciples unto men, would be with them in ers upon the children, even unto the and smiles that fill the soul with gladness, the wealthy and the poor, the high and the lowly the King and the treamt in the treamt

They announced boldly that all were armies to men who know not how to han- we have yet achieved. Work on then. Good surfaced Boards sold for thirty dollars per

born equal and pos-es ed of certain undie them. Reverses followed swift upon early and late, and never falter till all alienable rights: life, liberty and the each other, and the national heart almost | mankind like us to-day celebrte the birth pursuit of happiness. This declaration quaded beneath the burden of its woes, of Freedom. had been maintained throughout the until at last there came a man among great struggle which established this no- the contending hosts who never took a ble temple of liberty in the new world. Its back ward step. There was no pompodeepest and broadest foundation was this ity, no fuss, no feathers about the war Livingston down, merely giving the equality of rights, and on this was creeted hero of rebellion, the tanner of Galene. leading features of it to gratify many of the grandest and purest government that the world had yet seen. But alas for a mind endowed by his Creator, with a human purity, there came a shadow over grasp and comprehension pre eminently a copy. He was repeatedly interrupted

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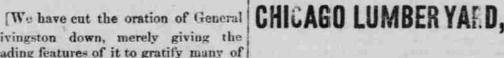
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