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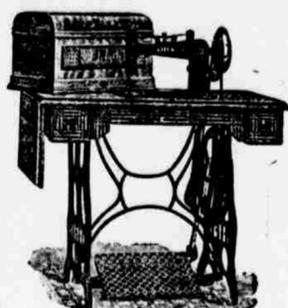
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MONUMENT UNVEILED.

Decoration day, May 30, 1904, will be a day long remembered by the Grand Army, Woman's Relief Corps and other citizens of Red Cloud and vicinity.

Extensive preparations had been made for the observance of the day, and early in the morning farmers and visitors from surrounding towns began to pour into the city. The crowd was the largest the city has seen since the dedication of the McKeighan monument, when W. J. Bryan was the orator of the day.

Congressman G. W. Norris, orator of the day, arrived from McCook at 10:30 and was escorted to the Royal hotel, where he was entertained during his stay in the city.

Members of the G. A. R., Relief Corps, old soldiers and veterans of the Spanish-American war met at the G. A. R. hall at 1 o'clock and formed the procession, which was headed by the firing squad and drum corps. The parade started shortly after 1:30, D. L. Groat, marshal of the day in command. The column marched north on Webster street to Sixth avenue, west on Sixth street to Cedar street, south on Cedar, west to Walnut, thence south to the cemetery.

The column marched through the driveways in the cemetery, and details from the Grand Army Post and Woman's Relief Corps decorated the graves of the fallen heroes.

Following the decoration of the graves came the principal event of the day—the unveiling of the handsome monument erected to the memory of the unknown dead. The members of the Grand Army and Relief Corps formed a hollow square around the base of the monument and with bared heads awaited the signal for the unveiling.

Miss Ruth Warren, representing "Columbia," and Miss Berenice Potter, as "Liberty," removed the drapery from the monument.

Following the unveiling of the monument the Relief Corps went through with the ritualistic service of the order in decorating the monument to the unknown dead, placing wreaths and garlands of flowers around the base of the monument. Rev. G. H. Rice pronounced the benediction on the work of the Relief Corps.

Rev. J. M. Bates followed with a short address, "The Unknown Dead," which was attentively listened to by those within range of his voice.

Mayor E. W. Ross, on behalf of the citizens of Red Cloud and Webster county, in a few well chosen words presented the monument to the veterans, which was responded to by Post Commander J. S. White, Past Post Commander Joseph Garber and others.

The members of the Grand Army and Relief Corps then withdrew to the speaker's stand, with the exception of the firing squad, which remained to fire a salute of three volleys in honor of their departed comrades.

At the speakers' stand Rev. E. L. Hutchins delivered an appropriate prayer, which was followed by a very pretty drill by Miss Winnie Sherman's Kindergarten pupils, who acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner and were liberally applauded.

Little Vaughn Smith recited a neat little piece about "Here's a hand to the boy who has the courage to say no," which was accorded hearty applause.

Joseph Garber, in a few fitting words of praise, then introduced the orator of the day, Hon. George W. Norris of McCook, congressman from the Fifth Nebraska district. Mr. Norris was a baby in arms at the breaking out of the rebellion, but his only brother enlisted while yet in his teens and died far away from home, from wounds received in battle. He told of how his mother, when living, at each recurring Decoration day, would retire to her own room to read again and weep over the letters from the son who was lost in battle, the last one of which was written when he knew that he would

Monument to the Unknown Dead.



(Photo by Bradbrook & Schultz)

The above cut represents the handsome new monument which was dedicated last Monday by the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps. The monument is the product of Overing Bros. Monumental Works of this city and is a fine piece of work. The foundation is red Colorado sandstone, 6 feet square, 8 inches extending above ground. The first base is 4 ft. 8 inches square by 1 ft. 4 inches high, four sides rock faced, washes fine tooled. Second base, 3 ft. 8 inches square, 1 ft. 6 inches high, four sides rock faced and margined, washes fine tooled. The die

is 4 ft. 7 inches high, 2 ft. 9 inches by 2 ft. 9 inches, fine grit finish. Inscriptions on the die are: East face, "To the Memory of the Unknown Dead of the Union Army and Navy. 1861-65." North side: "On Fame's Eternal Campground Their Silent Tents Are Spread. G. A. R. Post No. 80." South side: "In Memory of Those Loyal Women Who Gave Their Lives to Aid Their Country's Defenders. W. R. C. No. 14." The surmounting statue represents a soldier at parade rest, and is 6 feet 2 inches in height. Total height of monument, 14 feet 8 inches; weight, 14,775 pounds.

never again see his home and kindred. Mr. Norris told of the causes of the rebellion, and paid a glowing tribute to the firmness and wisdom shown by President Lincoln during the dark days preceding the breaking out of the war. He painted a glowing word picture of the promptness with which the flower of the country responded to the call for arms; the courage displayed in battle; the sickness, starvation and sufferings through which the loyal "boys in blue" passed in their struggle for the preservation of the union. Mr. Norris told the oft-repeated yet always new story in a manner seldom heard here, and was liberally applauded throughout the entire course of his speech. He was a clear, distinct delivery, and was easily heard far out into the vast crowd which had gathered to hear his address.

The weather was perfect, and the only event to mar the exercises of the day came just after the close of Mr. Norris' address, when a team in the midst of the crowd became frightened and started to run away, knocking over a couple of tombstones and clipping a piece from the corner of the monument to the unknown dead. Right here it is proper to say a few words as to the purpose of erecting monuments. Monuments are symbols of love and respect for the dead; they are more than that, as they mark the advance of civilization and preserve in enduring form the epochs of our history. It is certainly a consoling thought to

assure ones self that the last resting place of dear ones gone before is permanently marked, and that their memory is preserved against the desecration and in some cases ultimate loss of the sacred spot containing all that is mortal of the one who not long ago gathered with us at the fireside of the family circle.

Each year shows us that the cities of our dead are given more hallowed care; not only are the monuments and other forms of memorials being given the most thoughtful consideration, but the grounds and surroundings are made to respond to the artistic touches of the most skilled in landscape arrangement.

This then will tend to illustrate, that the custom of erecting memorials to our loved ones and preserving the precincts of their sepulchre has the endorsement of mankind in general, and that the coming generations will doubtless perpetuate the system that has been in vogue and antedates the Christian era.

CORRESPONDENCE

Interesting Items Gathered by Our County Reporters

Bladen.

A fine rain visited this part of the country last Tuesday.

Mrs. John Jones returned from Hastings last Friday, where she had been

visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith, who have recently returned from Tennessee.

Henry Best returned from Grand Island Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Baker came down from Holdrege last Saturday and returned home Monday.

Ten car loads of cattle were shipped to St. Joe from Bladen last Sunday morning.

A Reed, who has been quite sick, is reported much better.

Rev. Priestly of Guide Rock preached the memorial sermon here last Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Spence of Upland was in this city visiting the first of the week.

Dr. Koehler had the misfortune to lose his cow last Sunday morning, caused by its eating too much alfalfa.

Robt. Boyd and Gilbert Woods drove to Blue Hill Monday.

Miss Ollie Warner, has returned home from York, where she has been teaching school.

Fred Reed and family visited at the home of Wayne Reed Sunday.

O. C. Andrews and wife visited at L. C. Cutler's Saturday.

John Fish and Mrs. O. Fish visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Solomon's last Saturday.

Omer Gagnon and family drove to Campbell Saturday.

Helen Hall visited at the home of her uncle south of town, a couple of days last week.

Mrs. Stricker and daughter drove over to Campbell Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chambers of Norman drove down Wednesday and are visiting at the home of Joe Widdersheim.

Joe Baker left last Monday for Peru, where he goes to attend the summer Normal.

Line

Good rain.

The farmers are busy cultivating corn.

Grandma Soderlin is not expected to live. She has been moved to the home of her son, Andrew Soderlin, where she will be taken care of.

Frank Van Dyke was doing business in line one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mountford were the guests of Richard Keagle Sunday.

The Wesleyan Methodists will hold their third quarterly meeting at Penny Creek, June 4 and 5.

Miss Viola Ward will teach a special private term of school at Pleasant Dale, district 29, this summer.

Notice To Farmers.

In going over the B. & M. in the central and western part of the state I note an unfavorable condition in a large percent of the wheat and oat fields, caused by the heavy rains in the early part of May.

The surface is packed and crusted, and spots of a greater or less magnitude in nearly all fields have a light green color, and the leaves are narrow and point straight up. While the drying out by evaporation has much to do with this, there is another trouble—the lack of air, which is shut out by this crust. The pores of this crust are daily being made smaller by the upward movement of the magnesia salts and alkalies. These are being brought to the surface by the moisture, which is, under this condition, fast escaping.

Don't get into grain that is six or more inches high when the dew is up. Wait just long enough in the morning for the blades to dry off—and do better. Set the teeth slightly slanting, not too much, and as a rule harrow crosswise of the rows. Break the surface thoroughly.

Grain that is six inches high or over; thick; with good width of blades and of good color; needs no harrowing. If this advice seems to radical, then just try part of your field, even a small part, and in two weeks be kind enough to report to me the results.

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