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## THE G. A. R. REUNION

The Eighth Annual Gathering of the  
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### THE ATTENDANCE IS NUMEROUS

The Reunion is Replete With Interest and  
Pleasure--The Artillery Company  
Was a Prime Attraction.

### BRIEF NOTES OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

Many Notables Present and Speak--  
Fine Music--Sports Galore--  
Decorations Pretty.

The eighth annual district reunion of the Southwestern Nebraska G. A. R. as we go to press, Friday afternoon, is largely a matter of history. While the reunion has not been quite all its most enthusiastic friends had hoped it might be, it has been, considering the times and circumstances, one of the most successful gatherings in the history of the association and reflects highly creditably on the people of McCook, who have made ample and generous provision for the success of the reunion, the entertainment and comfort of the old veterans in attendance.

#### MONDAY.

The opening day of the reunion found not a few already present and ready to go into camp. The day was largely taken up in making assignments of tents and grounds. The evening being devoted to a concert by the Brigade band and a camp fire, which was addressed by Comrade Britt, editor of the "Veteran", published in Omaha, and a number of others.

#### TUESDAY.

The forenoon was taken up in organizing by states and regiments and registering attendance. In the afternoon Comrade Britt again addressed those present, being followed by Rev. J. A. Badcon and others. Comrade Britt is an earnest, eloquent speaker and always entertaining. The attendance was somewhat circumscribed by the high wind of the day. In the evening Comrade Britt and quite a number of the old soldiers took part in the camp fire, which was preceded by a concert by the Brigade band.

#### WEDNESDAY.

The day opened with superb weather and an increased attendance marked the proceedings of the day. The roll call of regiments by states and a review of the veterans occurred in the morning. This was "Children's Day," and the afternoon session opened with a parade of the children of the public schools of the city. About 700 of them with waving flags marched from the public school buildings to Camp Merritt in a body, in grade order. It was a sight that cheered every heart and was one of the most enthusiastic incidents of the reunion. At the camp Governor Holcomb, who arrived on the morning train, addressed them, in appropriate terms, entertaining both school children and adults present by the timeliness and simplicity of his address.

Following the speech by the governor to the school children, the exercises of Wednesday afternoon were conducted by the ladies of the W. R. C., and consisted as follows:

Solo.....	John Selby
Recitation.....	Stella Norval
Address.....	Mrs. A. J. Clute
Recitation.....	Mrs. A. P. Welles
Address.....	Reid McKenna
Duet.....	Mrs. T. L. Ketman
	Messrs. Burgess and Selby

These exercises received an appreciative hearing. The different numbers were patriotic in sentiment, and were warmly applauded.

At the conclusion of the formal program the ladies served refreshments in their headquarters, and held a formal reception in which many participated with pleasure.

The camp fire, Wednesday evening, was addressed by F. O. Saylor, the Republican nominee for state superintendent, Comrade Russell and Mrs. Brown. The remarks of the next superintendent were especially well taken and happy. Mrs. Brown is a former southern woman and spoke from that side of the late war to the evident appreciation of many. There was the usual band concert.

#### THURSDAY.

On account of the wind, the morning exercises were not carried out but the afternoon was replete with interest. Speeches were made by C. E. Adams, M. L. Hayward, T. L. Mathews and others. And they were all ringing, patriotic addresses that appealed to every heart, and brought forth generous applause and hearty approval from the old soldiers and others in attendance.

At the conclusion of the speeches, Morro Castle was assaulted and taken. This was a thrilling scene in which company "A" light artillery participated, supported by the Rough Riders under Colonel Byers and a company of old soldiers commanded by Captain Budig.

A large crowd witnessed this action amidst the utmost interest and enthusiasm. The only incident of the successful storming of the stronghold was the spraining of Chester Walker's ankle. He

was one of the large detachment of Spaniards defending the castle. The Roxby battery was also used in its defense. The scene embraced the hospital tent and the work of the Red Cross.

The camp fire was addressed by M. L. Hayward, T. J. Majors and others. But the chief attraction of the evening was the rendition of a musical allegory, "The Civil War," a realistic tone picture of the war between the north and south, by the Brigade band, assisted by a chorus of local talent, soldiers, sailors, etc. This was simply superb and delighted everybody. Old soldiers formed the infantry part of the program, the Mosquito battery handled the artillery effects, Stayer's drum corps the navy. The costumes and effects altogether made a splendid setting for the music, which, it will be remembered, carried away the people at the Omaha exposition. Fireworks added to the general effect.

#### FRIDAY.

This morning, Congressman Sutherland and State Treasurer Mervin will speak and this afternoon Senator Allen and Secretary of State Cornell will deliver addresses. The drawing card of today will be the sham battle, which will be followed by the civic parade and the celebration of the "Peace Day Jubilee." A concert and camp fire will tonight practically conclude the reunion, and tomorrow will be good-bye.

#### BUGLE CALLS.

A group picture was taken of the old soldiers, Wednesday morning.

Comrade Russell's roast, Wednesday night, quite took Bulger's breath.

John C. Gammill, the old war horse from Frontier county, was among those in attendance.

The dance hall management has as much business as a cranberry merchant in pumpkin time.

Dutton's drum corps furnished some stirring music. They were not numerous, but made lots of martial music.

The twice-daily drills and gun practice of the artillery company always drew the crowd. The boys did good work, firing with remarkable speed.

Some of the battery "A" boys got a little gay and hak to be called down by the police and their commander. But for the most the boys have been gentlemanly.

One of the old soldiers fell off of the "merry-go-round", but was not injured much, as was at first supposed. Either the old man or the "merry-go-round" was slightly off the center.

Governor Holcomb's address to the school children, Wednesday afternoon, pleased not only the little ones, but was highly commended by the adults present who regarded his remarks as very appropriate and fitting.

Dr. Gage and his Red Cross assistants added a pretty dash of color to the sham battle of Thursday afternoon. James Fowler, Oliver Thorgunson and Ray McCarl were in the thickest of the carnage with him.

The work of decoration was somewhat dilatory, but the final effect was quite attractively patriotic. Some of the displays were very pretty and tasteful. "Old Glory" and red, white and blue bunting served for the most part as the basis of the decorative effects.

Private Parsons of company "L" has two small alligators, brought by him from Jacksonville, Florida, where the Third regiment has been encamped. The regiment has been moved about thirty miles to the beach in better camping grounds, it is stated.

Comrade Britt of the Omaha Veteran was with the old vets., Monday and Tuesday, leaving for home on Tuesday night. He spoke on Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon, delivering some of the most characteristic and forceful and eloquent words of the reunion.

One of the hits of the reunion was the playing of the rearranged "Omaha Exposition" march by the band. Dr. Beach rearranged the music to fit the G. A. R. reunion occasion. The march was rendered every evening, and was repeated almost every evening by the insistent applause of the people.

The reception held by the ladies of the W. R. C., Wednesday afternoon, was a very pleasant affair, indeed. The refreshments were toothsome and were tastefully served. The tables were nicely decorated appropriately to the occasion. Music was rendered during the continuance of the reception. The ladies are to be congratulated upon the affair.

The injury to Comrade Horner from near Palisade, in the assault on "Morro Castle," Thursday afternoon, is regretted by all, perhaps more by Chester Walker who, in a fit of anger and pain, struck the old comrade on the head with a gun rammer, than by any one else. Walker's ankle was sprained by having a gun carriage run over it. The old veteran's injury is not severe.

A woman by the name of Mrs. George Conners, hailing from Kansas, created quite a sensation on the grounds, Thursday afternoon, by assaulting a young girl who was riding on the "merry-go-round" with her husband. There was quite a mix-up between the husband and wife. The police brought the woman before Police Magistrate Babcock, who fined her \$5 and costs.

### Where Money is Very Mixed.

Although all accounts are kept in dollars and cents (American standard) in British Guiana, there is no existing coinage to correspond. Gold is rarely tendered, all larger sums being handled in bank notes, kept so long in circulation that they become almost unrecognizable in their filthy fragmentary dilapidation.

The silver coinage consists of the most incongruous varieties. Besides British a number of coins, fractions and multiples of the "gilder," enter largely into circulation. These are known as the "bitt" (4d.), "half bitt," the "two bitts," the "gilder" (being 32 cents, or 1s. 4d.), and even a peculiar three half-penny piece is still extant, although eagerly sought for by collectors.

All these coins are of great and interesting variety, incident on the transfer of the colony from the Dutch and the once distinct governments of Berbice and Demerara and Essequibo, long since amalgamated.

Of copper coins the penny is known as a "gill," while the humble baaboe becomes a "cent." Farthings were once introduced, but were regarded with contempt and suspicion, except by a few Chinamen, who succeeded in passing them in their brightness for half sovereigns.

To instance the confusion resulting, 11½d. is here described as "two bitts and a half and a gill and a cent."—London Tit-Bits.

### Parents Are Unfair to Teachers.

"That existing methods of educating the young fall short of the ideal there is scarcely any question," writes Edward Bok in The Ladies' Home Journal. "The most prominent educators of the land admit this fact. Every effort is undoubtedly made to better prevailing systems. But the fight is single handed. As teachers and educators constantly say: 'We are alone. Parents give us no assistance. They do not even give us the benefit of ordinary interest.' And this is true—lamentably true. Parents are all too lax about the methods pursued in educating their children. In hundreds of cases they do not even know what the methods are. They know nothing about them. There is no co-operation of the parent with the teacher. However much we may be able to improve modern methods of education, the best results to our children cannot be reached until parent and teacher shall come into closer relations than they are at present."

### Frenchwomen as Wives.

Max O'Rell considers that Frenchwomen make better wives for poor or struggling men than do the women of other nationalities. Their ambition and keen sense, he says, are great helps to a man's efforts, and they never allow themselves to weary in their endeavors to be cheery and charming. Mr. O'Rell says that the women are naturally exceedingly energetic and endowed with that vivacity which is so great a support to their own spirits, and that this enables them to impart animation and courage to others.

Other writers have noticed this peculiarity of temperament in Frenchwomen. It has been said that Americans have it to a certain degree, that degree which compels a constant activity, but that lack of true balance makes womanly energy in the western continent fitful and uncertain, while the Gallic women will be found of more equable natures.—New York Tribune.

### "To Buy on Tick."

"To buy on tick"—that is, on credit—is something that does not seem to have much connection with the movement of a clock, and yet it is a figurative reference to the same thing. The syllables "tick-tack-toek" are used everywhere to represent sharp, quick sounds of various kinds, with the movements that cause them, whence the tick-tack of a clock or the ticking of any quick, light motion, as the stroke of a pen or pencil that "ticks" off our orders. Hence to take a thing "on tick" is to have it marked with a tick or stroke of the pen.—E. F. Andrews in St. Nicholas.

### The Kind of Bird.

The party with the long hair and starving family, not to mention lesser symptoms of the literary bent, was less servile than usual.

"How about my poem?" he brusquely demanded.

"She's a bird," replied the conductor of the magazine.

"What kind of a bird?" persisted the man of letters, thoroughly aroused.

And the other, saying nothing, merely indicated with a gesture the pigeon-hole above his desk.—Detroit Journal.

### One of the Evils of Slang.

Little Ruth—Mr. Thimth, who did you kill for thithta's diamond ring?

Mr. Smith—Nobody, dear. What makes you ask such a question?

Little Ruth—Why, Tom, he thaid she'd 'a' never got it if you hadn't hung thomebody up for it.—Jewelers' Weekly.

### What Changed His Mind.

"I had supposed until yesterday, doctor, that the days of the bleeding of patients were past."

"And so they are. But what changed your mind?"

"The bill you sent me."—Harper's Weekly.

### A Thorough Sport.

The Deacon—Young man, don't you know that there's a rainy day coming? Spendthrift—Mebby there is, but I've got \$5 that says the weather rian won't call the turn. Come, now, if you've got any nerve show your money.—Chicago News.

## LOOK OUT FOR THE PEDDLER

And Remember What He Tells You.

He may say that he will give you three or five years to pay for a range if he does, don't you believe him; he wont do it.

He may say that the paper you sign is only a receipt to show where the range is. Don't believe him. It is a note, and if you sign it you must pay it.

He may tell you that his company only wants 6 per cent interest, and that they will extend the time as long as is wanted. If he does, don't believe him. Thousands have been told the same story, and their notes had to be paid when due, or a law suit.

He may say that he will board out \$10 or \$20 with you. If he does, don't believe him. It is seldom, if ever, done.

He may promise to take your old stove in part payment, and that another man will come for it. If he does, don't believe him. It is never done.

He may say that his reservoir is better than the MAJESTIC's, which is not true, for the reason that it is connected by pipe and a large lock nut, which when once rusted, cannot be removed without cutting it out. It steams and it pounds, drips water on the floor, is uncomfortable in the kitchen, and rusts the water, unfitting it for use. The MAJESTIC movable reservoir don't fill with lime or mud, don't freeze or burst, don't rust the water, makes no noise, don't drip on the floor, and will last forever.

He may say that his range is made of malleable iron, and the MAJESTIC of cast iron. If he does, tell him it is not true; that it has more malleable parts than his range, and such parts are heavier and better.

He may say that his range has a heavier fire box. If he does, don't believe him. The fire box in the MAJESTIC is double the weight of that in his range.

He may say that the steel parts in his range are heavier than in the MAJESTIC. If he does, say to him that you know better, and that you have it from authority better than he gives.

He may say that his range is better than the MAJESTIC. If he does, don't believe him. It is not true. The MAJESTIC is heavier and better constructed, is made of better material, lasts longer, is more easily managed and consumes one-half less fuel. He may plead as a saint, but he wont tell you who follows for the money, and that it must be paid when the collector comes.

He may say that his company owns a mortgage on competitors. If he does, don't believe him. The only mortgages possibly owned are the ones on their customers.

He may say that repairs for the MAJESTIC RANGES cannot be had from dealers who sell them. If he does, it is false, as the dealer can be found at all times, and is responsible to you. Ask Mr. Peddler where he can be found after he leaves you.

He may tell you that, if his range is not satisfactory after thirty days' use, the inspector will come and get it, giving back your note. If he does, don't believe him. The inspector don't come; it is the collector, and, if you are responsible, he never leaves without the money, a mortgage, or a law suit.

He may say that his range is riveted and the MAJESTIC is bolted. If he does, he is a negotiator of falsehood. In the construction of the MAJESTIC it is solidly riveted, the only bolts used being for brackets and shelf.

He may say that he will take corn, wheat or stock at a high price for the range. If he does see that it is so stated on the face of the note, the time to be delivered, at what place, and that the terms are written with pen and ink plainly. If this is not done, don't sign his note. If you do, you will pay it in cash, as his verbal agreement is of no value in such matters.

He may say that his company is very wealthy. If he does, you might ask him if this money was made on the plan as now carried on wherever possible, regardless of the dealers and without paying taxes.

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