

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED.

Norfolk Pays Tribute to the Soldier Dead.

FLOWERS DECORATE GRAVES.

Flags are Placed at Half Mast and Business is Generally Suspended During the Afternoon—Program at the Auditorium.

From Saturday's Daily

Memorial day was perhaps more generally observed yesterday than it has ever before in this city. Not only were the members of G. A. R. post interested in strewing blossoms of remembrance over the graves of departed comrades, but the public generally became very much interested in the day, those who had loved ones gone before, entering into the spirit of the day and making it a Memorial for all who rest in the silent city of the dead.

The weather was particularly disagreeable, a raw south wind making it more like a November day than one of the last of May, but the weather did not prevent a large attendance at all the services. Early in the day carriages commenced carrying people to the cemeteries, where the graves of fathers, mothers, husbands, wives and children were decorated with beautiful blossoms. At Prospect Hill there was scarcely a grave that was not remembered.

During the morning every flag pole in the city was adorned with the national colors at half mast and residences displayed the red, white and blue. Besides these the store fronts and windows showed bunting and designs appropriate for the occasion. Business houses remained open until noon, at which hour all those that could be were closed for the remainder of the day.

MORNING.

Pursuant to the call issued by Mathewson post, G. A. R., members of that organization and of the W. R. C., gathered at G. A. R. hall, and at 9:30 the parade formed, under direction of Colonel H. Gerecke, marshal of the day. Company L, N. N. G., under command of Captain Barnes, marched from the armory and joined the old soldiers, acting as an escort in the line of march. Citizens in carriages and on foot brought up the rear of the parade.

At 10 o'clock the procession moved west on Norfolk avenue to Thirtieth street, thence north on Thirtieth to Prospect Hill cemetery.

Arriving at the cemetery the procession marched to the soldiers' lot, where a temporary monument had been erected.

Chaplain J. C. S. Wells led in prayer, using the beautiful ritual of the G. A. R., and he was followed by Adjutant Wildman, who read the names of the soldier dead.

J. W. Bovee, commander of the post, decorated the monument to the unknown dead, placing upon it flowers in commemoration of those who sleep in graves unmarked but not unmourned.

Then the G. A. R. and W. R. C., armed with baskets of flowers, divided into two squads and proceeded to decorate the graves, which had been marked by American flags, while a detail visited the Kidder and St. Paul Lutheran cemeteries and decorated the graves of comrades found in those.

Following is a roster of departed soldiers who sleep in Norfolk cemeteries, whose graves were remembered yesterday:

- Wm. Isham, First Michigan battery. Major Joseph Mathewson, Eighteenth Connecticut. Joseph Pleasant, One Hundred and Ninety-first Pennsylvania. John P. Sullivan, Gen. Grant's cypher clerk. Daniel Desmond, Eighth New York cavalry. W. S. Glass, One Hundred and Forty-first Illinois volunteer infantry. Daniel Farmer, U. S. navy from Connecticut. Wm. Bishop, Illinois volunteer infantry. John Kyner, Seventy-third Ohio volunteer infantry. George Brady, company and regiment unknown. Uriah Gregory, Forty-third Wisconsin volunteer infantry. W. H. Roberts, physician Twentieth Ohio volunteer infantry. John Bondurant, Fifty-first Missouri volunteer infantry. D. A. Amario, Twenty-third Iowa volunteer infantry. Rev. Philip McKim, division chaplain. Capt. Plummer, Sixteenth Ohio volunteer infantry. Capt. Hill, company and regiment unknown. John Geiger, Mexican war veteran. George Gordon, company cook. Prof. J. F. Ellis, Ohio regiment. George Davenport, First Ohio light artillery. J. W. Smith, Company I, Forty-second Ohio volunteer infantry. Wm. Winter, company and regiment unknown.

- The graves decorated by members of the W. R. C. are as follows, those resting there being mothers, wives and daughters of veterans of the civil war: Mrs. W. P. Powell. Mrs. Jane LaFarge. Mrs. M. Kidder. Mrs. George Correvon. Mrs. J. Green. Mrs. D. Amario. Mrs. W. H. Lowe. Mrs. Glass. Mrs. Allen. Mrs. Glenn. Mrs. F. Ladhoff. Mrs. W. R. Beswick. Mrs. G. A. McArthur.

Mrs. J. C. S. Wells. Miss May Wells. The grave of Willis Dean, a deceased member of Company L, was remembered by his comrades with a beautiful floral tribute.

After the graves had been visited, the people gathered again at the soldiers' lot, where taps were sounded and the benediction pronounced.

AFTERNOON.

The afternoon exercises were held at the Auditorium, which was filled to its seating capacity. At 2 o'clock Mathewson post and the W. R. C. marched from the G. A. R. hall, and Company L from the armory to seats which had been reserved.

The stage of the Auditorium had been attractively decorated in national colors and flowers, and at the front facing the audience were portraits of Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley, martyr presidents, while on either side of the platform were portraits of Lincoln and Grant, all active factors in the great war of the 60's. The stage was occupied by members of the G. A. R., the W. R. C., Co. L, N. N. G., ministers of the churches and the singers.

The mayor and city council occupied the lower right hand box.

Commander Bovee called the meeting to order at 2:30. The male quartet, consisting of Messrs. Gow, Ryder, Bullock and Parker sang an introductory selection, and then Rev. W. J. Turner of the First Congregational church led in prayer.

H. C. Matrau read the national general orders and the thrilling address of President Lincoln, delivered at Gettysburg, November 19, 1863.

Commander Bovee gave a short history of Memorial day, of its establishment a third of a century ago, showed the growth of respect for the day, and closed his remarks by offering a resolution stating it as the sense of those present that Memorial should be kept as a funeral day and condemning the practice of having sports, games and kindred recreations on the day. In response to his invitation to vote upon this resolution, nearly every one in the audience arose in approval of the sentiment.

There was another song by the quartette, and then the orator of the day, Dr. F. M. Sisson, was introduced.

Dr. Sisson is a strong speaker, and the subject with which he was dealing interested him intensely and he held his audience in closest attention from the beginning to the end of his address. He said there never was such a war as that of the 60's and there never will be again. Then the men who wore the blue and the men who wore the gray, were of the same people and the same nation, each as determined as the other. Referring to the well kept condition of the national cemeteries in the south and the unkempt state of the confederate cemeteries of the same localities, he said the day will come when the graves of those who wore the gray will be as well cared for as those who wore the blue.

The personnel of a people gives character to its flag. The boys who maintained and sustained the flag and the constitution in the 60's were making the possibilities of the twentieth century, and the happy condition of this country now attests the value of the great sacrifices of those days.

The speaker briefly reviewed the wars which this country has been engaged in, every one of which has been to maintain some lofty principle. The war of 1776, in which 10,000 brave men laid down their lives, originated in the principle that there should be no taxation without representation, and resulted in the independence of the union. The war of 1812 was a contest as to whether a citizen under the flag should have the protection of the nation on land and sea, and in maintaining this principle 3,500 gave up their lives. In the Mexican war 1,500 Americans laid down their lives for their country. The war of the 60's was begun over the question of state's rights, and the principle that the union is one was maintained. This conflict was more far reaching than anyone had expected at the beginning, as it determined that no slave should live on free American soil. It cost 303,000 lives as the price that was to be paid that the nation should be united. It was a measuring of strength, a trying of men, who fought for their country, to protect their churches, their school houses, their homes, that the flag might remain in the heavens and that wherever there was an American citizen that flag should protect him. The Spanish-American war was fought by worthy sons of noble sires who engaged in the conflict of the 60's, a splendid army of young men, and in the short time of the conflict many heroes were developed.

Mr. Sisson closed with an impressive tribute to the soldier of 1860, his wife and mother. Well may we close our places of business and go with the soldier to strew with flowers the graves of his departed comrades.

The quartet then led in the national song, in which the audience joined, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. F. Poucher of the M. E. church.

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SCHOOL DAYS ARE ENDED.

Nine Pupils Graduate from Norfolk High School.

COMMENCEMENT LAST NIGHT.

The Class of 1902 Closes its Text Books and Makes Entry into the Busy, Throbbing World—Address by Superintendent O'Connor.

From Saturday's Daily

There was a fair attendance of those interested in educational doings at the Auditorium last night when the class of 1902, Norfolk High school, took their farewell of the public schools, and an interesting program was given in a manner to reflect credit on the class and others who took part. The stage had been beautifully decorated with potted plants and the class colors of pink and green, and was occupied by members of the class, members of the board of education and Superintendent O'Connor. No slight diversion was furnished by the two classes that are to be advanced as a result of the graduation of the seniors. The juniors occupied the two boxes at the right of the stage which were decorated in their colors and the sophomores were in the upper, left hand box, and both carried their class rivalry on during the evening. A pleasing characteristic of the program was brevity, the audience being held little more than an hour.

The evening's program was opened by Misses Florence Gaylord and Clara Berner, in a piano duet, rendering Rossini's overture, "L'italiana in Algeria," in a pleasing and effective manner. The invocation of the Divine blessing was asked by Rev. Franklin Baker of the Second Congregational church, and Miss Kathryn Shaw gave a splendid interpretation of "Midsummer Night's Dream"—Mendelssohn-Smith.

The salutatorian was Miss Elva E. Masters, who welcomed friends, relatives and acquaintances to the closing exercises of the class in a generous manner and with dignity. She also expressed regret at the severance of school ties that had been so pleasant and profitable and indicated the pleasure of the class in the interest that had been taken by the public in their school work.

The address of the evening was by Superintendent D. C. O'Connor, which was learnedly constructed and effectively delivered. The speaker devoted his time to a comparison of educational results, the development of educational thought and laid particular emphasis on the value and achievements of the American public school system. He told of the growth of nations that had taken hold of educational work and spoke of the power and influence they have acquired through the intelligence of the masses as the result of educational privileges. He characterized the American public school system as ahead of anything the world has ever known as the medium through which the masses might come into a knowledge of educational subjects and held that the wonderful wealth and power of the nation has for foundation the public school system. To it he attributes the credit for the wiping out of foreign colonization schemes, and the obliteration of classes that are of disadvantage to so many of the nations of the old world. People who come here as English, Irish, Germans, French or other foreign peoples are quickly transformed into patriotic American citizens through the operation of the American public school system. The system is developing into an ideal one and although it has been of comparatively recent origin it has spread its influence and effect to the remotest portions of the country. Speaking of the Norfolk schools, Mr. O'Connor explained that the common school course is eight years, during which time the education of pupils in common branches is completed. This is followed with a four-years' course in the high school where the advanced studies are taught. The aim has been to intensify the work here and make the system as near perfect as possible according to modern ideals. The value of the course is best emphasized by the record in public life of those who have graduated in past years, the graduates being an honor to the school. Of the present class the speaker stated that they averaged high and their record has been a little above that of any of the classes that have previously graduated.

Dr. P. H. Salter, chairman of the board of education, being absent, Dr. A. Bear presented the diplomas to the class, in a nice little talk in which the change of program was explained. Miss Eva Mohrman of Pierce favored the class with an expressive rendition of "Polonaise in E" by Liszt. John D. Read, the valedictorian of the class, was well fitted to undertake the responsibilities of that honor and expressed the regret the class felt in severing the ties that have bound them to the public school, in an impressive address. He conveyed the thanks of the class to the patrons, the board of education and the instructors in choicely constructed phrases and with becoming self-possession. He also expressed the hope and belief that the conduct of members of the class in the future will be a credit to the school.

Secretary Matrau of the school board was called on and gave an interesting statement of the condition of school district's finances. It showed that the indebtedness of the district was being overcome at a rate that will in a few years wipe out outstanding unpaid warrants with which the district has been burdened for several years.

One of the most popular and pleasing numbers on the program was the quartet singing of Mrs. S. H. Inlay, Miss Nellie Dingman, Preston Ogden and Mason Frazer. Their selection was "Come Where the Lilies Bloom" and the approval of the audience was manifest by a vigorous encore to which, however, they declined to respond. The audience was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. W. J. Turner of the First Congregational church.

The members of the class of 1902 are: Jennie B. Mills. Agnes B. Stafford. William G. Oxnam. John D. Read. Bertha E. Pilger. Frances E. Viesle. Nellie Hyde. Elva E. Masters. Arthur L. Overton.

Class Flag Fight Continues.

The sophomore class of the High school is still on top, as far as their class banner is concerned, in the competition that has developed with the juniors. Thursday morning when they put their colors up, they nailed them fast and liberally greased the staff with a quantity of axle grease. The juniors, however, about noon, secured a pair of climbers used by linemen and, in spite of the axle grease, succeeded in tearing the sophomore colors down. The "soph's" were on deck soon afterward and again secured their emblem to the staff, besides placing another on the highest point of the steep roof of the school building, near the chimney, where it is expected to remain until the elements remove it. The door leading to the roof was fastened shut and the sophomores stood guard for a considerable time, keeping the juniors off by main force. After the ball game of Thursday they beat the juniors to the building and prevented a repetition of the tearing down process. At the present writing the juniors appear to have given up the contest, except for the one on the flag staff which was removed to give place to the national colors raised because of Memorial day and the colors of the sophomores wave triumphant. Both classes discovered some grief yesterday morning and the members of the one naturally suspicion those of the other. The sophomore banner and the junior shield were each missing from the school room and it is believed that they were stolen by members of the rival classes. The grand finale was enacted at the graduating exercises last night when the stolen emblems made their appearance. Before the program commenced one of the sophomores jumped into the junior box from the stage and attempted to tear down the new junior banner that adorned the upper box. He did not secure a good hold and met with failure, to the gratification of the juniors. Just as Superintendent O'Connor had finished his address, the junior shield, draped in crape, attached to the point of the sophomore pennant, was dropped from a point above the scenes and was swung out over the center of the stage, where the sophomores welcomed it with applause which was joined in by the balance of the audience. The juniors, probably not realizing the significance of the occurrence, were also led into applauding. It went through motions of approval following the numbers on the balance of the program, kept time to the music, and in other ways emphasized the fact that two classes of energetic pupils are approaching graduation. It was understood that one of the juniors went up to remove it but there were too many sophomores on guard and he was overpowered and bound until the conclusion of the exercises. After the program was ended the juniors attempted a demonstration with their class yell, but were answered by the sophomore yell with such vigor that they gave up the effort and the sophomores had "the last word" as it were.

Junior Exercises.

The junior day program was given in the High school room Thursday night and were listened to by a good sized audience. The program was interesting and well rendered, each taking their respective parts with credit to themselves, the class and the school. The room had been appropriately decorated, class colors being liberally used and beautiful flowers were employed in the scheme with fine effect. The following is the program rendered: Piano solo—H. Mazurka, Schumann; Valse Brillante, Bohm—Clyde J. Bullock. Class Poem—Nan. E. Stafford. Vocal solo—"Answer"—Frances Daventport. High School Calendar—Loretta Masters. Oration—Ancient and Modern Oratory—G. Geraldine Neilson. Recitation—"Naughty Zell"—Nellie Handley. Mandolin solo—"Broken Hearts"—Loretta Masters. Reading—Eugene Field—Ethel Hartley. Farewell to Seniors—Clyde J. Bullock. Response—Jennie Mills. Class song.

NAVAL CADETSHIP. Applicants to be Examined in Norfolk June 20 for a Vacancy.

There is a vacancy in the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., from the Third congressional district of Nebraska and it is incumbent upon Congressman Robinson to nominate a suitable person to fill such vacancy. He has therefore determined to hold a public examination in the High school building, this city, beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of June 30, at which time a committee will announce a program of examination and pass on the proofs of residence, certificates of good character and physical qualifications of the applicants. The examination for mental qualifications will commence on the morning of June 21 and may be written in part and oral in part as the committee may determine, but all shall be public. The recommendation of candidates made by the committee will be approved by Congressman Robinson.

Each applicant for examination must present a statement in writing and upon oath that he has been an actual and bona fide resident of the congressional district for at least two years immediately preceding June 30, 1902, and a certificate of good character signed by the county judge of the county of his residence. A copy of the "Regulation Governing the Admission of Candidates into the United States Naval Academy as Cadets" is now open for inspection at the offices of the several county superintendents of public instruction throughout the district. The government officials are very exacting in their examination, both as to physical and mental qualifications and it is for the best interests of the persons selected to attend a preparatory school and do honest, faithful work that they make a good showing when it comes to the government examination.

The following named gentlemen have consented to act as a committee on examination for Congressman Robinson: County Superintendent C. W. Crum of Madison; Superintendent D. C. O'Connor of this city, Prof. J. M. Pile of Wayne and Dr. J. H. Mackay of Norfolk.

Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice May 27, 1902:

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