

THE MAY DAY PARADE.

The citizens of Lincoln gave a grand May day parade last week. Several parts were of interest to the students of the university. The parade lead to the front of the university grounds on R, there to take part in the dedication of the Spanish cannon. This relic of the late war is located on the campus just south of the library building. C. O. Whedon was the orator of the day and as he began his talk the cannon was unveiled.

The cannon is mounted on a pedestal built of brick, capped with stone to fit the bearings of the gun.

Several university people took part in the parade. P. H. McPherrin of the law college impersonated General Scott. L. R. Ewart impersonated General Grant. Many of the soldiers in these two divisions were university boys. George Bartlett was flag bearer for the veterans of 1812.

The battalion of cadets and university band took a prominent part in the parade.

Mr. Whedon during his speech gave a short history of the cannon. It was as follows:

"At the time of its creation the place where it now rests was Spanish territory. At that time, the population of the United States did not exceed three and one-half million people.

"It came from the hands of the manufacturer when Charels III was King of Spain, that timid monarch who, fearing the effect of independence upon his own colonies in America, refused to unite with France in open espousal of the cause of the American colonists; at the same time, apprehensive of losing by his refusal the friendship of France, secretly contributed 1,000,000 francs in aid of our ancestors then engaged in their memorable struggle for liberty and independence.

"When from this gun the first shot was fired Napoleon Bonapart, who afterwards placed his broth upon the throne of Spain, was a lieutenant of artillery. It had been in commission for ten years when the remains of Columbus were placed in the cathedral of Havana, there to remain until the treaty of Paris extinguished the last remnant of the sovereignty of Spain in the new world which its subject had discovered."

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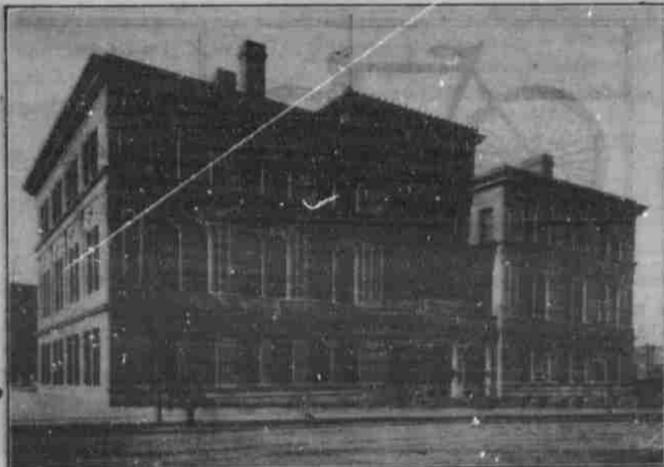
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