

GRAND ARMY DEPARTMENT

The First Strong Marmors of Reunions Yet to Be. BIG CROWDS BOOKED FOR WASHINGTON Program of the Encampment of the Sons of Veterans at Helena, Mont.—Interstate Reunion at Superior—Short Stories of Veterans.

The reunion season is almost at hand. Announcements are beginning to come, and the hum of preparation is heard in the land.

Enterprising Superior is among the first to announce the programme for the fourth annual interstate reunion, to be held there commencing August 22, and continuing six days.

The camp grounds are located in Lincoln park, a charming spot overlooking the Republican valley, well timbered and watered, combining shade, merrily running brook and ample accommodations. Prizes will be offered for various accomplishments in military tactics.

A number of the most prominent orators in Nebraska and Kansas have been invited to address the reunion.

Sons of Veterans National Encampment. The eleventh annual encampment of the Sons of Veterans of the United States begins in Helena, Mont., August 8, continuing to the 14th.

Monday, August 8—Morning: Session of the council-in-chief; afternoon: Public reception at the auditorium; evening: Ladies' reception at the Hotel Broadway.

Tuesday, August 9—Morning and afternoon: Session of the commandery-in-chief; grand campfire at the Auditorium.

Wednesday, August 10—Morning: Session of the commandery-in-chief; afternoon: Grand parade of Sons of Veterans, assisted by National Guard of Montana and civic societies; evening: Military band concert at Hotel Broadway.

Thursday, August 11—Session of the commandery-in-chief. Friday, August 12—Afternoon: Competitive drill for \$1,500 in cash prizes at the state fair grounds; evening: Reception and grand military ball at the Auditorium.

Saturday, August 13—Excursions to various points of interest. Sunday, August 15—Commandery-in-chief and party will leave for the Yellowstone National park.

The National Encampment. Chairman E. J. DeLoach of the executive committee in charge of arrangements for the national encampment of the Grand Army, which begins in Washington September 22, estimates that at least 100,000 veterans will be present.

Applications for quarters have already been received from 7,500 members. It is expected that 80,000 to 100,000 men will march in the procession, which will be the greatest turnout of veterans since the famous "last review" at the close of the war.

So rapidly are the veterans passing away in these latter years of "fame's eternal camping ground," and into the "hygiene of the dead," that it is altogether likely that never again will an encampment of the Grand Army be held equal to this.

Thousands of the veterans who marched down Pennsylvania avenue in the grand review at the close of the war will repeat that march, though they will be gray heads and bent shoulders oftentimes where there were erect figures and bronzed faces bearing the glow of health and vigor.

There is no questioning the fact that for such an affair Washington has a significance and associations that do not pertain to any other city in the land.

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"I was quite well acquainted with Sidney Dillon, and he, knowing that I had once laid three miles of track in one day, wanted me to come west and take hold of the work on the Union Pacific, which was then in the hands of the Erie and Lake Shore well enough to be sure of plenty of contracts and did not take to Mr. Dillon's suggestion.

"Afterward I met him and Mr. Durant at Erie on the way to Omaha and rode westward some distance with them. They insisted on my taking the contract out here, and I did not want to commit to my wife. They thought that strange, but I explained that our house was one of equal rights and that generally my wife outvoted me.

"The result was that I came to Omaha in 1865 and rode over the proposed line as far as Kearney to study the lay of the land. The road had been constructed to about here, but it had been a desperate struggle to build a mile a day, even with night work, and the projectors wanted to make a change of heavy wagons and the four and six horse teams being to line the streets leading from the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley tracks, where the long circuits were not cut and a narrow track had been transformed into a veritable city of canvas.

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Governor Patterson and General Snowden for their tyrannical course during the present trouble, and we believe that such a course, tending as they do to the debauchment of American labor, is inimical to our interests as a people and a nation.

SIX BOYS DROWNED. They Lost Their Lives While Bathing in the Kentucky River. LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 31.—Near Winchester six boys were drowned in the Kentucky river by the overturning of a skiff.

The Aquarium Lie Nailed. The cross road show advertises a "royal aquarium." It has not even a smoked herring in a pail of Missouri water, and if there is nothing floating around in a water red iron and the "aquarium" is a "royal" falsehood.

Not Good Enough for Barnum's. There is not a manager, operator, or commonplace animal in the Million-in-the-air menagerie that would be given care room in Barnum & Bailey's great collection.

Attention, Knights of Pythias. All members of Triangio lodge No. 54, Knights of Pythias, are requested to meet at the South Nineteenth street on Tuesday, August 2, at 8 o'clock a. m., sharp, to attend the funeral of our late brother, H. O. Bancroft.

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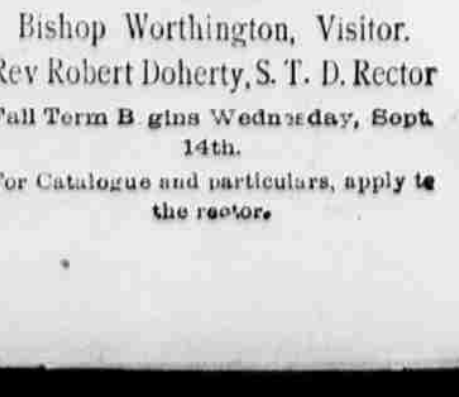
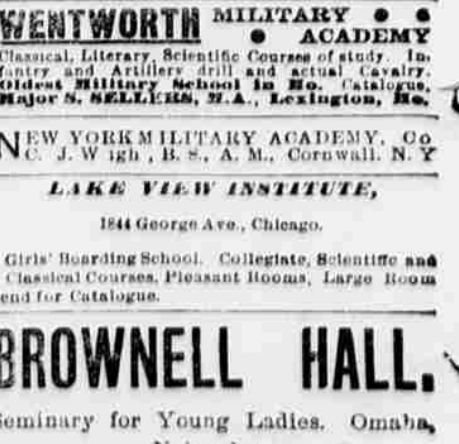
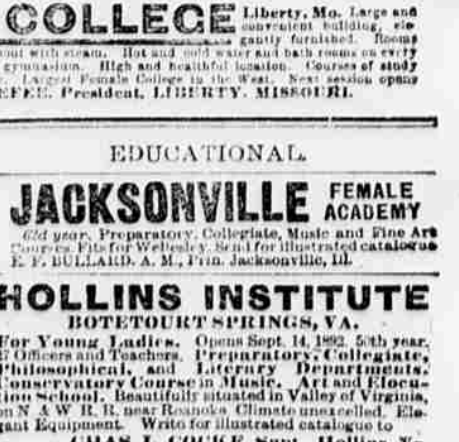
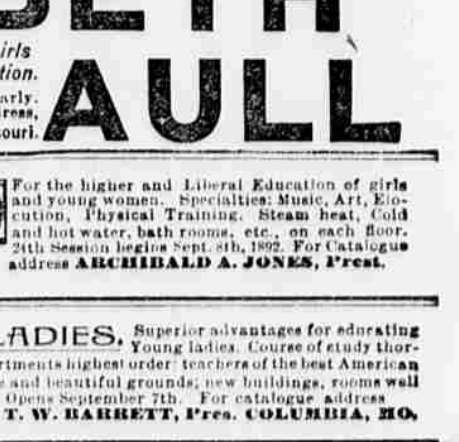
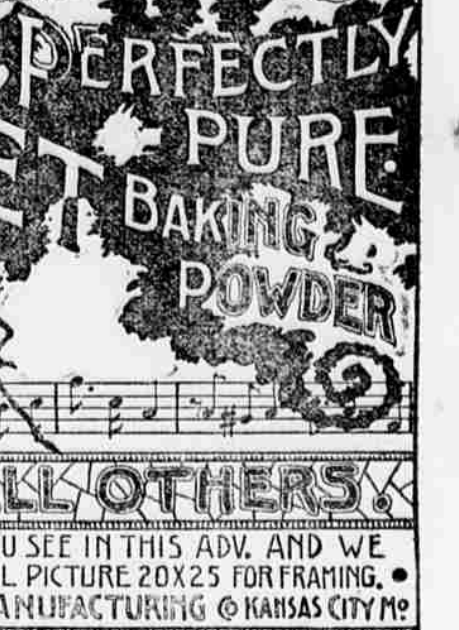
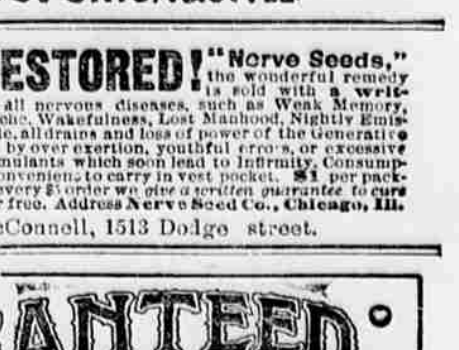
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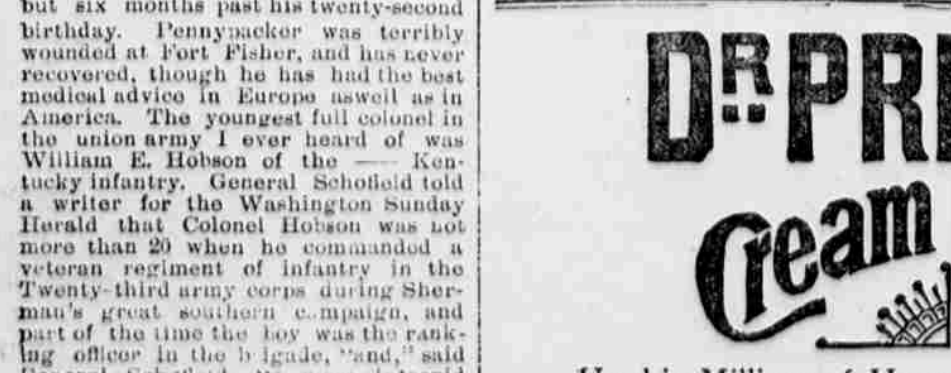
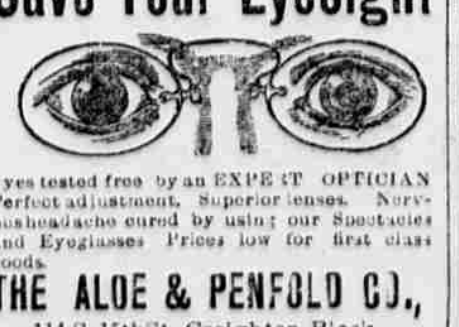
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