

BLUE AND GRAY JOIN HANDS

Country Stands United at the Graves of Its Heroic Dead.

DECORATION DAY A NATIONAL EVENT

Veterans of the North and South March Side by Side in Honoring the Valor of Their Fallen Comrades.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—In the center field of the "Bivouac of the Dead," the great amphitheater of the national cemetery at Arlington, President McKinley and three members of his cabinet today joined 6,000 other citizens in doing honor to the patriotic dead.

The ceremonies were held simultaneously in several parts of the cemetery, but the main ceremonies were in the amphitheater close to the old Lee mansion. There some 2,000 or more people gathered, while on the platform was a distinguished company headed by President McKinley, Vice President Hobart, Secretary of War Alger, Secretary of the Treasury Gage, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and United States Senator Thurston, the orator of the day.

Just back of them sat commissioner of Pensions Evans and chief of the Chinese minister and the Korean minister and parties of their legations.

Prior to the services there was a procession of members of the Grand Army, the Sons of Veterans, the Woman's Relief corps, ex-soldiers and sailors and the general public, headed by the Fourth Artillery band, halting for a minute for brief services at the "tomb of the unknown," the band meanwhile playing a dirge, and then marching through the grounds, proceeding to the work of decorating the graves.

The president and party were prompt in arriving, and soon after they reached the platform the assembly was called to order by Commander Arthur Hendricks of the Department of the Potomac Grand Army of the Republic. The exercises embraced a number of addresses, poems, singing by a quartet and the customary reading of orders.

The feature of the ceremonies, however, was the address of Senator Thurston of Nebraska, who was introduced as one always ready to lend his aid to the cause of liberty and patriotism.

His oration was listened to most attentively by the audience, and prolonged applause greeted his reference to the absence of sectionalism and to the presence of Admiral Dewey in the harbor of Manila.

Senator Thurston said:

"How clear the brave who sink to rest, By all their country's wishes blest, By fairy hands their knell is rung, By forms unseen their dirge is sung."

Blessed are the dead whose memory is perpetuated by the flower service of a grateful people, and how truly immortal are those who give their lives for liberty. To have lived long, purposeless, neutral, to have nothing to have lived a few glorious hours, to have bravely faced the infinite, to have calmly met the Master in humanity's cause is sublime.

Why mourn these dead of ours? They sleep in the bosom of the land they loved. Here where the ground once shook beneath the tramp of contending hosts they are at rest. The sentinels no longer patrol the banks of the Potomac. Grant and Lee both lived to attend the funeral of a God who preserved the union. And over the river on the beautiful dome of the nation's capitol lifted toward the ethereal blue—kissed by the sun of a day of peace—floats the flag of the greatest nation of the earth.

Why mourn for those who slumber here? Their epitaphs are written in the grandest history of the ages. Before them will reverently pass the procession of the centuries. And every halcyon roundabout, turban and every nation, will be given an honorable place in the mighty monument that is to commemorate the ennobling and uplifting of the human race.

A third of a century has passed since our heroes fought, since our loved ones fell. A third of a century in which the realized people of a common country have realized the inestimable blessings of peace. We have shared together in the beneficent fruits of a progressive development and prosperity which stands alone in the annals of all the world. From this vantage ground of the years, in this sacred spot, on the borderland where internecine conflict raged, in this hour when the hearts of the people are thrilling and throbbing as never before at the bugle call of the world's humanity and the nation's duty, we will offend no American who will fittingly honor our dead.

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lattle was but the echo of God's footsteps marching on. I am a believer in ever-rising Providence, in the infinite wisdom that guides the destinies of nations as of men. I am deeply impressed with the thought that this great western hemisphere, this continent under the especial guidance of God's great plan; that we as a people are struggling upward and upward to the fulfillment of a supreme purpose. It was God's providence that kept the new world in all its might strength and beauty until the restless races of men had reached a civilization fit to be transplanted here. It was God's providence that gave strength and courage and victory to the little band of sturdy patriots who wrought the mighty miracle of American independence. It spoke in every line of the Declaration of Independence, it inspired the principle of emancipation and the sword of Appomattox. Columbus, Washington, Lincoln, Grant. Did chance select them each for his glorious work so gloriously performed? Let the fool answer how he will. I prefer to see the finger of supreme design. That great master, he, even now moving toward another man; a man who shall lead our triumphant hosts to a glorious victory for liberty and humanity, who shall wreak vengeance on wicked, cruel, merciless Spain, and drive from this hemisphere the last vestige of tyranny and oppression. And it may well be that some sword sheathed in defeat by the judgment of God, that liberty might be the heritage of God, that a child, will now, by command of Jehovah himself, leap from his scabbard to defend liberty and self-government to the oppressed and down-trodden people of the beautiful island of Cuba.

What an inspiring sight to see those who once fought against each other now rallying under one flag, citizens and soldiers, and the Sons of Veterans, Boys' brigade and all independent organizations and many school children took part. The day was partly cloudy, but no rain fell. All the cemeteries in this vicinity were visited, and the graves were decorated with flowers. There were no special decorations at the grave of Lieutenant Jenkins of the Maine, but the naval reserve fired a salute. The day passed without accident or special incident.

PITTSBURG, May 30.—Memorial day was more generally observed in Pittsburgh and vicinity than for many years, due, of course, to the war feeling. Not only the veterans, but the Sons of Veterans, Boys' brigade and all independent organizations and many school children took part. The day was partly cloudy, but no rain fell. All the cemeteries in this vicinity were visited, and the graves were decorated with flowers. There were no special decorations at the grave of Lieutenant Jenkins of the Maine, but the naval reserve fired a salute. The day passed without accident or special incident.

CLEVELAND, May 30.—The Memorial day exercises today exceeded in many respects all former ones of like character in the history of Cleveland. The present war with Spain has increased the general interest in the Memorial day exercises, and as a result a number of civic and semi-military organizations marched in the Decoration day parade for the first time. Appropriate exercises were held, and the graves of the dead in all of the various cemeteries were profusely strewn with flowers.

NEW YORK, May 30.—The celebration of Decoration day in this vicinity was the most notable since the nation has had the graves to decorate. Organizations which ordinarily take no part in the exercises turned out today and in addition to the Grand army men there were auxiliaries of school cadets and other military organizations.

According to custom, a detachment of the old guard hoisted the American flag at the battery at sunrise and other detachments of war veterans unfurled the flag at the old block house at Central park and Fort Horn. Then came the parade, which was reviewed by General J. P. S. Goble of Pennsylvania, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, with him on the reviewing stand were Mayor Van Wyck, General A. D. Shaw and General E. D. Atkinson, past department commander of the New York Grand Army of the Republic.

Graves of dead heroes in Woodlawn, Calvary, Cypress Hill, Trinity, Greenwood and the cemeteries in the vicinity of the city were visited by the soldiers and their families. Lafayette post No. 140 went to Fort Mill to unveil a statue of General Lafayette and to present it to the Daughters of the Revolution.

John A. Dix post had a program which included services at Trinity cemetery. The statue of Farragut, in Madison square, and the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, in Trinity, the soldiers' monument in the same place, Ericsson at the battery and all the statues and tombs of martyrs in the city were decorated.

U. S. Grant post held memorial services at the tomb of General Grant after the parade.

Geographical union No. 6 went to Mount Hope cemetery in the afternoon to decorate graves.

BALTIMORE, May 30.—Decorations day was generally observed today. Banks and business houses were closed, as were public offices. Throughout the state there was a general observance as in the city.

At Annapolis a funeral service was held on the famous battlefield and address was made by Mayor Maloney of Baltimore and Congressman McDonald of Rockville.

Memorial Day at Richmond. RICHMOND, Va., May 30.—Federal Decoration day was observed here by the local Grand Army post and others by going down to the National cemetery at Cold Harbor and decorating the graves there with flowers and banners. A patriotic oration from Captain B. C. Cook.

The observance of Hollywood Memorial day will long be remembered. The memorial associations of the city, the Confederate Veteran camps, the Sons of Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy and seventeen of the companies of Virginia volunteers now at Camp Lee marched to Hollywood in the morning to decorate the graves of the fallen. The public delivery of the program was returned to the city and the program was concluded at the Second Presbyterian church.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Hoge and then Joseph Bryan introduced the orator of the day, Governor J. Hoge Tyler, who spoke as follows:

"For the first time the confederate soldiers and the sons of confederate soldiers have had an opportunity to show that they, in union with the sons of the union soldiers, have a common country, a common cause, and right nobly have they responded. How gloriously loyal have been all the states of this union."

"Our dead comrades shamefully done to death, our flag unavailing to protect them, an oppressed people stretching out their hands yearningly toward the light of our glorious liberty—these things came home to me in the hearts of our heroes and they were ready to follow the flag to the end of the earth. However great the sacrifice required, we all stood ready to turn from our shops, our fields, our desks and give up our land again to disturbing war."

Then unholly ambition or avarice drove men to fight, and the country was drawn well expect them to fall apart again in strife, but when a pure and noble impulse of patriotism, when a desire to succor the suffering people at our door and avenge the ruthless slaughter of our sailors called north and south, east and west together in one solid phalanx then the ties are knit forever and in such a cause we can well repeat the refrain of the soldier's song:

"There is never a bond of love like this: We have drunk from the same canteen. 'Then henceforth let us love one another like citizens of the same great country. Let us turn our hearts to the hands of impartial charity the cause and needs of the confederate soldiers. That chapter in our country's life is closed, May the dark clouds of passion and the bewildering fogs of sectional prejudices no longer obscure the clear vision of truth, and I have no doubt when that hour comes, and I trust it is already upon us, that we shall be glad to stand forth in the purity of their motives and in the heroism of their deeds."

McKintie Sends Regrets. Before introducing Governor Tyler Mr. Bryan read the following letter from President McKinley:

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Governor Tyler: I have your favor of the 25th inst. The kind invitation which you have so courteously extended in behalf of the women of Hollywood to the annual exercises of Memorial day is cordially appreciated and I am very sorry that I cannot send an acceptance, but it is impossible for me to leave Washington just now.

The observance of Memorial day is a fitting and beautiful tribute to our heroic dead. Every citizen of the country is privileged to take part in these ceremonies. The splendid patriotism exhibited in every part of our common country exalts the American name, and the spectacle of the north and the south marching under the old flag at the nation's call fills all hearts with pride and fraternal affection.

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Republican State Committee Intends to Fix Date and Place for Next Convention.

The republican state committee will meet in Omaha this evening for the purpose of fixing the date and place for holding the next convention. The membership of the committee at present is:

- First District—W. J. Halderman, Burchard.
Second District—Thomas J. Majors, Peru.
Third District—H. C. Freeman, Nebraska City.
Fourth District—W. H. Newell, Plattsmouth.
Fifth District—James Hassett, Paullion.
Sixth District—D. H. Wheeler, W. A. Saunders, Omaha; A. R. Kelly, South Omaha.
Seventh District—John H. Nesbitt, Tekamah.
Eighth District—D. C. Baird, Coleridge.
Ninth District—S. B. Moorehead, Albion.
Tenth District—H. H. Clary, Blair.
Eleventh District—John T. Bressler, Wayne.
Twelfth District—Henry Ragatz, Columbia.
Thirteenth District—D. H. Cronin, O'Neill.
Fourteenth District—R. W. Montgomery, Alliance.
Fifteenth District—F. M. Rublee, Broken Bow.
Sixteenth District—John T. Malville, Kearney.
Seventeenth District—George H. Thummel, Grand Island.
Eighteenth District—J. H. Mickey, Osceola.
Nineteenth District—George W. Lowley, Seward.
Twentieth District—J. L. Greene, University Place; R. J. Greene, Lincoln.
Twenty-first District—W. H. Edgar, Beatrice.
Twenty-second District—John Van Duyn, Warsaw.
Twenty-third District—Peter Jensen, Jensen.
Twenty-fourth District—W. E. Dayton, York.
Twenty-fifth District—E. E. Hatgrove, Sutton.
Twenty-sixth District—J. Galusha, Red Cloud.
Twenty-seventh District—C. P. McGrew, Hastings.
Twenty-eighth District—J. L. McPheddy, Minden.
Twenty-ninth District—H. H. Troth, McCook.
Thirtieth District—C. H. Bowman, Madrid.
Charles Callahan, Sidney.

Members of the committee said last night that there had been no conference in regard to the matters to come up and that no forecast in regard to them was therefore possible.

Expect an Expert Thief. Omaha Police Warned of the Approach of a Woman Who Steals Unset Diamonds.

Kittle Wells, an expert Chicago diamond thief, is known to be in Omaha. She left Chicago a week ago with the avowed intention of coming to Omaha. On her leaving Chicago the police there notified the Omaha police of her departure.

Her method of stealing diamonds is peculiar to herself. She enters a store and picks to see unset stones. She pretends to be near-sighted and holds the tray very close to her face while inspecting the jewels. This is simply a ruse as her method is to dart out her tongue and with it pick up a stone which she conceals in her cheek. The unsuspecting clerk has seen both of her hands, consequently returns the tray to its place while the woman has decided that she will carry away the stones.

The Wells woman is of slight build, quite handsome and dresses very stylishly. Her hair and eyes are black. She always wears a profusion of diamond jewelry.

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Painter Gets a Hard Fall. Chris Broderick, a painter, met with a serious accident yesterday afternoon while working on the Arch of States at the exposition grounds. His ladder was swung near the summit of the arch and he was engaged in putting the finishing touches to the decorations. The sustaining rope of one side was insecurely fastened and slipped through the pulleys, throwing Broderick from his seat. He made an effort to grasp the rope as it passed and his hand was caught, burned from the contact. His hold relaxed and the painter fell to the rough ground beneath the Arch of States at the exposition grounds. He was injured seriously, but Broderick was injured seriously. Broderick was taken to St. Joseph's hospital and the surgeons are unable to state as yet the probable outcome of his injuries. Broderick lives in Dallas, Tex., and came to Omaha several months ago to work on the exposition grounds.

Forming New Companies. John Hayward, a former lieutenant of the Thurston Rifles, has commenced the organization of a volunteer company and is enrolling the names of those who wish to enlist at the Thurston Rifles' armory. Last night fifty-six names had been handed in