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## REWARD OF THE OLD SOLDIER

Judge Shabugh's Address to the Douglas County Veterans' Association.

MEN WHO FOUGHT ENTITLED TO CREDIT

Saviors of Their Country Should Not Be Neglected at a Time When Their Incapacity for Work Has Come.

When the Douglas County Veterans' association held its reunion at Elk City last month, the members were addressed by a number of speakers, among whom was Judge W. W. Shabugh of Omaha. The full text of the judge's remarks, which were very well received by the old soldiers, follows:

Veterans of the Civil War: Again you meet in annual encampment; to renew old friendships; to talk of the scenes of other days; to tell again the story of your hardships and privations; to call the roll and note absentees; those who have fought well life's battle and are promoted to that place where the tocsin of war is never sounded, and where there are no loadings, no partings, no hours of long and weary watching and waiting; no longing for home and kindred, no death far from home and kindred, no graves marked "unknown."

Those who braved the shot and shell in defense of "liberty, home and country"—he who established in his sacred appointments "liberty, home and country" will hold sacred and inviolable and will mark all as "known." And, in fact, to all patriots of our common country there are no unknown heroes of the war. Deep in the sacred precincts of the heart, on memory's tablet is inscribed as in letters of blood the words which apply to all our soldiers, living or dead. "Our heroes, defenders of liberty, home and country."

Some may ask why I am here today to participate in this anniversary occasion; to sit with you around the camp fire in days of peace; to hear you relate the scenes from 1861 to 1865, to catch more and more of the inspiration of loyalty and patriotism; to observe and mingle with those who did so much for my country. My answer—it is our common country. I am a lover of the land in which I live, and of which I am a citizen. Love of country is love of those who saved it, whose blood was offered and which was freely given to wash away the stain of slavery.

All Citizens Are Interested. I, with my fellow countrymen, participate in the beneficent results that followed your patriotic struggles. My children and their children, will, like myself, inherit of the good of your labors. Then why should not I, and all true citizens of this republic be interested in what you have done, and to you, who have so nobly wrought. And as that flag must be perpetuated and preserved, so must the memory of those who fought for it and won, and more firmly fixed the stars upon its azure blue and made it possible for others to join the galaxy in that grand constellation, "The United States."

You bled more than you know, as do all who contend for sacred rights and principles, and out of whose effort grows, and is strengthened by their blood, the tree of liberty, whose branches, buds and blossoms bear fruitage, unthought of, but adapted to a progressive people and to nations yet unborn. History has immortalized the 300 Spartans, who, under the leadership of Leonidas, at the gates of Thermopylae withstood the foe until all but one had died, and Napoleon's Old Guard, who, in 1805, fought the battle of Austerlitz, and never surrendered. And the poet Tennyson sang of that courageous and indomitable band of 600 at Balaklava, who rode into the valley of death. But deep enshrined in our hearts, written by the blood of heroes, and sealed by crystalized tears, are the principles for which you fought, but they did not, "Liberty, home and country."

I did not fight with you, but I can fight for you. I did not experience your sufferings of camp life and battlefield, but I can tell of it to my children. I did not participate with you on the battlefield in the integral maintenance of our country, but I can tell to others of your courage, fortitude and patriotism and of our country's cost. I did not follow that great host into the valley of death or up the mountain of victory, but I can protect it now.

Test of True Patriotism. For the courage, fortitude and unselfish sacrifice of those who fought in our country's wars, for its existence and maintenance, are examples to future generations to make them stronger, better and more patriotic, without the taint of ordnance and battle. I can just remember those days, when fathers with tearful eyes, but buoyant with courage, prompted by devotion to country, separated from wives to brave war's dangers and sufferings; when fathers crowned in their mothers' arms, while mothers wept, and later, when that same mother fainter and awed at the sight of her husband's return, wrapped in his country's flag, but dead. Yes, there was then, also, courage and fortitude and suffering at home. The poet then sang:

The wife who girds her husband's sword, Mid little ones who weep and wonder, And bravely speaks the cheering word, The very heart of patriot's heart, Doomed nightly in her dreams to hear The bolts of war around him rattle—Has shed an sacred blood as he.

Has poured upon the field of battle.

The mother who conceals her grief, While to her breast her son she presses, Then breathes a few brave words, and brags, Kissing the patriot brow she blessed; What though her heart be rent asunder, To know the pain that weighs upon her, Sheds holy blood as e'er the sod.

Revered on Freedom's hallowed shore. And it seems in the light of today that little was thought of or studied looking to the soldiers' ease and safety. Grim visage war at home stared us in the face. Our whole land was convulsed and in its throes. All eyes were turned to the field of battle with hope for victory. No one was left at home inclined and disciplined to study military safeguards and conveniences, and when the most terrible and sanguinary of all wars, seen over the past war, forever in view, with all its loss of blood and treasure, Our nation's gates of peace were open with no dream of future internecine strife or thought of international war.

Watching Soldiers' Comfort. But it was different in our war with Spain. There were those at home who waited and studied while our country's sons fought on a foreign soil, without a lull in our national progress. And the possibilities of combat with any part of the world were considered and the best means for accomplishing victory studied. We took in the world as a possible scene of conflict. And today, on the field of duty, it is no longer the "boys in blue." The term is more especially yours, earned by your service in its color. The military world has been slow in reforms in soldiers' uniforms. The keen and prophetic vision of Bishop Berkeley in 1746 promulgated and voiced change that the world at this late day is securing. In that day, over the signature of "Rabulus," in the Dublin Journal, he wrote: "The body of a man is an engine. Its force should be managed to produce its full effect when it is most wanted, and ought not therefore to be dissipated on useless ornaments. Sleeves, facings, capes, flaps, tail coats, double-breasted, laces, gorgets, cockades, pleated shirts, shoulder knots, belts and buttons, no more than enough, are so

many drawbacks to a soldier exerting his strength in the proper way, in marching, fighting and pursuing." He advocated the soldier's dress for the soldier, unless a better could be found, and said, "The civilized nations would, in time, look simply to utility and convenience in military dress, but the change would come slowly. In spite of his advice, British soldiers fought at Lexington and Waterloo in bearskin hats and cross belts, and our American brothers in Mexico in cumbersome, tall leather hats with stocks about their necks; worse enemies than the Mexican foe. Yet, the masters and makers of military dress should not in utility to such an extreme that the soldier objects to wear it. With somewhat of truth, but in a vein of humor, he was in rhyme:

We often sing in joyful strains, In admiration's loud refrain, Of Uncle Sam's boys in blue. That sacred color now must glow, And still be loved by every brow, And future praises must be doted Upon the boys in olive drab.

The blue that since the nation's birth Has waved and flew on earth, The color worn by hero sires In days of many battle fires, And honored by the nation's youth, Amid the roar of hostile gun, And under the charmed official stab And flees before the olive drab.

Day of the Virginians.

And that dear old flag, the most beautiful on earth. To you it needs no encomium from me. I seldom think of what it means to me, but that old story, familiar perhaps to us all, comes to me in my boyhood days. Your valor made it possible, and the valor of your sons in the late war with Spain made such scenes universal, if occasion demands. "Was on the Cuban coast, long years ago, a ship and crew, and a small band of Cuban insurgents. A mock trial was quickly had and the crew were condemned to die at sunrise on the following day. Among the number was a young man, from this north country, who shipped, not knowing the purpose or destiny of his voyage. He was a peace-loving man, but he was present early the next morning at the scene of the execution to save, if possible, the unfortunate prisoner. And just as the sun was about to rise over the eastern hills and was about to fall upon the pallid brow of him who faced the sunrise and was about to die, a stranger, far from home and kindred, but not far from friends, and just now as that same sun, perhaps, through an eastern window in his home land was shining on the golden curls of his little child, and on the face and features of his mother, as if soothing and calming her to meet the trying ordeal of the day's sorrow, and calling her over that long but certain sunbeam path back to the sun that shed its light of existence on her that same sunbeam route to the scene of longing for home and preparing for death in Cuba, and perhaps through another window that same sun in that same homelike glancing the gray hairs and wrinkled face of a mother, up to her eyes in tears, and for her custom for years, waiting and longing for her son's return, him who was her only support in her declining twilight years, and whose father at the dread call to arms in '61 obeyed, and imprudently took a kink on the moisture of his life, and the words of the Great Commander of life's battles called him, where the shafts of criticism are unheard and the enemies of patriot soldiers are unknown."

Time Heals the Wound. But time obliterates unjust criticism and memory of those who made it, and fills and covers the wounds made by the shafts thereof, as vegetation covers the holes in a forest, and as the sun dries the tears of the soldier and his dream. The deeds and words of the defenders of liberty, home and country, at home and abroad, may stand forth, examples worthy of emulation, praised by patriots everywhere, and sanctified by humanity. The blood of its defenders, exalted by God Almighty, who through another declared: "So speak and so do, as they who should be judged by the law of liberty, for he shall have judgment without mercy who has shown no mercy."

But when will war cease and its dread ravages be no more? Not until civilization covers the earth, and the people thereof in ties of brotherly love hold each other by the hand. Then will swords be turned to plowshares and bugles to dinner horns. The speedy and decisive blow of modern warfare in civilized lands by the government power, prevents successful insurrection, but will not prevent international wars, where each combatant prepares and equips for war. An armed crusade in a nation's gate demanding reparation, will continue until the captain of our consciences practicing the golden rule, in the realms of civilization, will with unselfishness, verify the words of the greatest commander of the greatest age, Abraham Lincoln, under whom you fought, who said: "With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations." Then will the young cub of which there were two, looked blankly into space and gave no token of interest. The lion cub, on the contrary, danced about like children in a telement district when a fairly good hand organ is made to play by its Italian owner.

Leopards Are Irresponsible. The leopards, strange to say, were as passive as the butt end of a log. It made no difference to them what kind of music was served; it might be sad or glad, fast or slow, the result was just the same, concern. Even the young cub of which there were two, looked blankly into space and gave no token of interest. The lion cub, on the contrary, danced about like children in a telement district when a fairly good hand organ is made to play by its Italian owner.

Minigled Joy and Sorrow. Your meeting here is surely one of mingled joy and sorrow. Joy in your reunion and memory's happy review. Sorrow in separations that have come and shall come. The trembling voice, the feeble step, the bowed figure, the dimmed aid in cultivated patriotic spirit among our young people, and in keeping alive your memory and the principles for which you so nobly fought.

Veterans' Aid Society. Another thing has impressed itself for years on my attention, until it finds expression today. As your memory and principles for which you fought, must live and be perpetuated, and to that degree which finds the richest fruitage in patriotic endeavor, and as best results come from active and harmonious organization, I shall long to see the day when a veterans' aid society shall be organized, and that society, composed of those who were too young to engage in the war, and who have or shall have been born since then, whose object shall be to promulgate and impress the principles for which you fought and to keep alive the memory of the dangers of our country, and to aid your organization while it exists, and to aid you with funds, labor and sympathy, all without bitterness or sectional feeling, but born, nurtured and maintained in the sweet peaceful and harmonious thought and feeling which finds an expression in Christian courage and true citizenship and patriotism and which seeks to strengthen and develop to the common good of our common country.

Many of you are advanced in years, too feeble to endure hard labor and unable to cope with virile youth, his strength and struggle for the wealth of today. Your best wealth is the realization and satisfaction of a worthy work well done. Our duty is to do, and reward those who made wealth today available and our country the greatest of the world. Our moment will be the kind recollections of a grateful people, more enduring, more significant, more inspiring, more helpful than marble, granite or bronze. What more could be asked? What more could be accomplished? For with that the country will grow still stronger and its flag will fly still higher, and people still better, and the notice and deeds of those who are called to battle for it and for human rights will not be criticized nor questioned.

Most Miserable of Cowards. No greater curse can come to a country, no more blighting influence nor demoralizing effect, than caring, cowardly criticism. A man, a brave, manly soldier and defender, by those who cowardly to brand; danger; too selfish to sacrifice; too ignoble to praise; too ignorant to learn the facts; warriors at a distance, whose weapon is the tongue or pen, and whose enemy is the valor and success of the soldier, whose bat-

tled in the enclosure of peace and civilization; who prefer to write their own political glory at the sacrifice of their country's reputation; or its peril, in the blood of its martyrs. Can you say, at our country's call, our beloved soldiers have fought in the last war of war from our martial history rather than append the words at its close, "all in vain." No, rather place instead the words, "For Liberty, Home and Country," and wipe the tear of regret from the wife and mother's eye, and smooth her wrinkled brow. Her husband and son did not die in vain. Her walls her care, her tears at parting, her hours of watching and waiting, his death, her sorrow, were not in vain. Tell to the nations of the earth among which the sacrifices and blood of her boy gave our country its proud and exalted position, and which view us as mighty men of valor, marvellously victorious for right, as if God himself was our leader. Tell them that was not "all in vain." For of the men of '61 the poet sang:

They mustered at their country's call, The nation and the prevailing hair of maidenly abundance. Even with this peculiarly susceptible animal, which has all the hall marks of gentle femininity, music was notable according to its degree of sadness and gladness.

For instance, when useful numbers were played the claud was a bundle of nervous interest, and was palpably pleased. This was evident in the graceful pose of head, the alert eye and the muscular tension of body that were eloquent of satisfaction. When the notes of music were sad, this same beautiful animal responded almost like a human being. The eyes became moist, the features drawn and the whole effect of animal nature, so far as it could be spelled from outward signs, was sorrowfully sympathetic in the extreme. The traits of the wild creature, made one think of a young girl of the feeling and tender nature who is made easily glad or sad.

Tigers' Tastes Differ. The tiger was a hard subject to solve. He is a manly beast in the way of form and self-esteem, and not an easy nut to crack on any account. Some animal students say he is brave, recklessly so, and others contend that he is not. The truth is, from the writer's point of view, he is a handsome brute with some of the instinct of human kind that makes this