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THE SOLDIERS. What do you care for the soldiers, and what do you need to know Of the deeds they did and the cause they won full fifty years ago?

Put them aside—the soldiers, and tell them they've had their day. For the land is great and remembrance short, and their lean lines melt away.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY. Doubtless God could have made a better berry than the strawberry, but doubtless God never did.—Dr. Parr.

HOW TO BUILD UP (?) A TOWN. S. A. Fishburn, secretary of the Texas Associated Commercial Clubs, has issued the following rules on how (?) to build up a town.

NOTES AND COMMENT. The mob is still cheering Madero. "Poor Madero," exclaims the Omaha Bee.

To the Electors of the City. In view of the fact that certain queries are being made through the newspapers as to the propositions that are to be voted on in this City and as we have no other desire than to frankly discuss all objections that are seriously made as to matters affecting the welfare of the City, we hereby invite any elector whomsoever having in mind any objection that he considers serious or who seriously desires to arrive at a sound and correct conclusion as to the merits of said measures to meet with us at our rooms, No. 15 North Fifth Street on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday night at 8 o'clock as we will be glad to discuss and explain fully all of said matters to the end that we may all act together for the City's best interest.

KEOKUK INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.

In a Missouri town the other day a committee to select a pastor asked a candidate: "Could you live a Christian life on \$5 a week?"

Senator O. B. Courtright of Waterloo is mentioned as a probable candidate for the Republican nomination for governor.

We are told every day that the basic conditions are good. Noting this, the Cedar Rapids Republican declares that there has been nothing the matter with the basic conditions for some time, but the political fly has been prominent in the business ointment.

DESACRATING MEMORIAL DAY. It is well to bear in mind that under the laws of the state, Memorial day up to three o'clock in the afternoon cannot be used for sports of a desecrating nature.

THE CARE OF BABIES. That mothers should militate against the peaky housefly to save their babies from disease, to which the latter are generally exposed in summer, is the warning emphasized in health bulletins issued in many cities of the country.

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movements for the general good of the town, even if you are the largest property owner in it. This will spur on to greater exertions the public spirited citizens your town now has and induce the coming of others.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK. Tomorrow will be given over by a large section of the country to an annual observance of Memorial day.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

J. O. Stevenson in Waterloo Court: Fifty years ago the party system of government was chaotic. The thorough-going adherents of slavery had nominated and cast 345,763 votes for J. C. Breckenridge, the party of the union with slavery, which included the majority of the northern Democrats, had nominated and cast 1,375,157 votes for Stephen A. Douglas, a third section, styling itself constitutional, and vainly hoping to shut out the question of slavery and save the constitution, had nominated and cast 589,581 votes for John Bell; a new party calling itself Republican had nominated and cast 1,866,352 votes for Abraham Lincoln, who was there-by elected President of the United States.

There could be no mistake about the significance of the election by northern votes of a President who looked forward to seeing slavery "put where the people would be satisfied that it was in the course of ultimate extinction," consequently fifty years ago the nation was rent in twain by the organization of a confederacy which included eleven southern states.

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Speaking of that army, Goldwin Smith says, "In intelligence no army, except perhaps the Athenian, can have ever equalled or approached that of the north. Most of the soldiers carried books and writing materials in their knapsacks, and mail bags heavily weighed with letters were sent from every encampment. As an army it was vastly superior in mechanical invention and skill; every regiment was full of mechanics, some of whom could devise as well as execute." The ultimate victory of such an army was a foregone conclusion.

It is to be remembered that the second shot of the war was fired in the streets of Baltimore where the Pluguglies rose for slavery, and attacked volunteers on their march to the defense of Washington. April 19, 1861, the Sixth Massachusetts regiment was mobbed in the streets of Baltimore. Had Douglas sulked in his tent, or had he come out against the war, no man can tell what the result might have been.

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