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BLUE AND GRAY.
Reunion of Those Who Fought the Battle of Pilot Knob.
Over Two Thousand People Gathered at the Old Fort on the 27th Ut.
Addresses by Some of the Heroes of the Memorable Struggle.
Judge Emerson, Gov. Fletcher and Col. Murphy Among the Speakers.
Letter Read From Gen. Thomas Ewing.—Personal, Etc.

[St. Louis Republican, Sept. 28th.]
The special train with the excursionists for Pilot Knob left the new depot on the Iron Mountain road, corner of Fourth street and Chouteau avenue, yesterday morning for Pilot Knob shortly after 9 o'clock. Mr. J. J. Frey, Assistant General Superintendent of the Iron Mountain road, accompanied the party, in order to see that it had proper attention. At De Soto about forty more excursionists got aboard and joined the St. Louis party. The run to Pilot Knob was made on time. The weather was cool and crisp, the scenery noble in fields green and brown, with here and there a blush of red, and a few sombre haystacks occasionally gave tone to the fields.

PERSONNEL.
The following officers, who held the fort on the great historical occasion, were on board the train, their names and titles being given as they stood in the fort, eighteen years ago: Col. Thomas C. Fletcher, in command of the Forty-seventh Missouri Infantry. Capt. P. F. Loneragan, Assistant Provost-Marshal in command of the enrolled militia organized for the fight, four companies of whites and one of slaves. Capt. Loneragan, it may be added, enlisted as a sifter in Gen. John B. Henderson's brigade at Louisiana in 1861 and gradually rose to the rank of Colonel. Lieut.-Gov. Campbell said of him, that he could either play a fife or command a brigade. Capt. H. B. Milks, of Company H, Third M. S. M., detailed as chief of cavalry on Gen. Ewing's staff during the battle and retreat. He was the last officer to leave the fort. He was ordered at 12 M. to remain in the fort one hour after the command left, and at 1 P. M. he fired the magazine and blew up the fort. He laid the "train" 150 feet long over the draw-bridge. Capt. Milks ordered Sergt. Wm. H. Moore, now of Clark county, Dunklin county, Mo., to touch the candle that he had lit to the end of the powder train. When the Captain gave Moore the order he said, "There is no use in that, Captain, for there is plenty of fire back of me." Pointing over his shoulder, the Captain cast his eyes back and saw a blaze coming out of the magazine seven feet high. Every man then set upon his horse, the anti-fuse flying away like rockets. They had not got away more than 200 yards from the fort before the magazine exploded, filling the air to a great height with flame and bursted shells. Among the other officers on the train were Col. David Murphy, Adjutant of the Forty-seventh Missouri (Col. Fletcher's regiment), who, by Capt. Loneragan's orders, took command of the artillery in the fort. For his bravery and gallantry during the fight he was ordered the highest medal of praise by Gen. Ewing and all that officer's command. Capt. H. D. Wood was Lieutenant and Assistant Commissary of Subsistence on the first day's fight. He kept the stores as long as possible.

Fred Fichte was a soldier in one of Loneragan's companies and helped defend the fort. Among other prominent officers were Maj. C. C. Gardner, who was in the Twenty-seventh New York Cavalry, Sixth corps, Army of the Potomac, in the first battle of Bull Run, and in all the battles of the Peninsula under McClellan, and who was wounded at Gaines' Mill, was on board the train. He is now a resident of St. Louis.

OTHER ST. LOUISIANS
on board were as follows: Maj. H. D. Wood, Major and Commissary of Subsistence; Col. J. O. Churchill, Lieutenant-Colonel and Assistant Quartermaster; Capt. John S. Knapp, late Captain Seventeenth U. S. Infantry; Dr. J. McCutcheon, Col. Jno. W. Fletcher, Lieutenant-Colonel Forty-seventh Missouri Infantry; E. A. Boyler, A. W. McGregor, John E. McKinney, Third Missouri Cavalry; R. Hornberger, Lieutenant Fourth Missouri Cavalry; T. J. Delamere, Fortieth Missouri Infantry; G. M. Barre, Fifteenth Missouri Infantry; Capt. B. P. Carr, Captain Thirty-fourth New York Infantry; Arthur Dreifus, Ninth Ohio Infantry; Adam Fisher, Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteers; Charles F. Walther, Seventh Missouri Infantry; Thos. Thion, Illinois Militia; Josiah H. Conrades, Missouri Militia; August F. Donk, Edmond C. Donk, Ulrich Schwendener, Captain Fifteenth Missouri Infantry; M. S. Barnett, Third New Jersey Cavalry; John Schmidt, Ninth Ohio Infantry; E. J. Zwart, James A. Harris, A. Schelle, S. Kehrman, Captain Fourth Missouri Cavalry; John H. Baker, Dr. W. H. Grayson, Henry McNichols, Mr. Turley, Col. L. J. Rankin, Dr. Deardrick, Chas. T. Rankin, Judge A. Hammel, Baker Evans, Chris. Koenig, First Missouri Artillery; Wm. J. Powell, Fortieth Missouri Volunteers; Dill Buckman, First Missouri Artillery; E. A. Schmitt, First Missouri Artillery; Dr. W. H. Farrar, J. W. Maxwell, Wm. Bailey, J. G. Pukerton and E. A. McNair.

THE LADIES.
The following were prominent among the ladies accompanying the party: Misses Anna Tjion, Blanche Tjion, Kate Tjion, Mrs. Jno. H. Conrades, Miss Josie Conrades, Mrs. M. S. Barnett, Mrs. J. B. Paschal, Mrs. A. W. McGregor, Misses Addie Hinchman, Luella Cunningham and Blanche Cole, Mrs. Kate McNitt, Mrs. J. A. Harris, Mrs. Geo. H. McConnell, Mrs. Maggie Dexter, Mrs. Sarah McWilliams, Mrs. Jno. H. Berker, Mrs. Jennie Brown, Mrs. Dr. Grayson, Mrs. Turley, Mrs. L. Rankin, Mrs. Deardrick, Mrs. T. E. Fletcher, Miss Honey, Mrs. M. M. Wood, Mrs. Bartholow, Misses Annie Sands and Annie Rankin, Mrs. Chris. Koenig, Mrs. Wm. J. Powell, Mrs. Dill Buckman, Mrs. J. H. French, Misses L. A. Russell and Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. W. H. Farrar and Mrs. J. W. Maxwell. A large number of excursionists boarded the train at De Soto.

THE ARRIVAL.
On arriving at Pilot Knob the excursionists were greeted by a large crowd which had been in waiting numbering from 2,000 to 3,000 people from the town and surrounding country. The fort, which lies between the depot and the foot of the mountain, was gaily decorated with flags, which had been planted on the ramparts, and which flourished lightly in the breezes. The embankments remain the same as when constructed for defence 18 years ago. The excursionists met at the fort Judge Emerson and the committee of reception, by whom they were escorted to the interior, accompanied by the crowd of citizens. It has been fitted up with seats and a speaker's stand, the young trees that had sprung up since the war having been removed for that purpose. All was peaceful, and contrasted wonderfully with the past scenes of strife: "No sound of artillery smiteth the ear, No calm you can catch e'en on the fall of a tear." Here, in this quiet place, after the assemblage had been seated, prayer was offered up to the throne of grace by Rev. Mr. Wright, followed with music by the Ironton silver cornet band. Then Judge J. W. Emerson, of Ironton, delivered the following:

WELCOME ADDRESS:
COMRADES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—I am thankful to the committee who assigned me the duty of presiding to-day that they impose the other duty of making all the addresses and speeches on our eminent visitors and guests. The more pleasant privilege is mine on behalf of our committee, on behalf of all our citizens of every political party and every creed, of extending to our visitors and guests a hearty and most unqualified. We welcome you to these historic grounds, to these charming hills and valleys of ours. We do not assemble here, at this eighteenth anniversary of the memorable battle of Pilot Knob, in any spirit of sectionalism, in any spirit of partisanship, in any spirit of boasting over a victory won or a battle lost; we meet here as members of all political parties, men who fought here eighteen years ago this very hour; some under the old starry banner, others under the stars and bars, after 18 years of separation, to look at the old fort, to view the battle-field which was then the scene of a heroic struggle as graces the pages of Greek or Roman history; a battle in which the participants on both sides behaved so bravely and so heroically that the memory of brave deeds, of an undimmed civilization, so well performed, a cause of gratulation to them and their posterity forever. We meet for the nobler and higher purpose, too, of showing how it is that modern civilization, a spectacle that can be how brethren can dwell together in unity; how brave men can be enemies in war, in peace friends; to exhibit to the world one of the evidences of the grandest triumphs of modern civilization, a spectacle that can be seen in no other country save in this free America of ours—a people who have fought through and fought out the

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suddenly lay down their arms, return to peaceful pursuits, greet and embrace each other as brothers and live together as the warmest of friends, all alike earnest workers for the good of the world, all alike loving the grand old flag of freedom, the Constitution of our fathers and that matchless American liberty which these tipsily, welcome that spirit of fraternity, welcome to our guests. All hail to the flag; to Gen. A. J. Smith, the hero of a hundred fights, the commander of the fighting division; to Col. Thos. C. Fletcher, commander of the brave Forty-seventh Missouri Infantry, the crash of musketry, the explosion of shells, the burning furnaces and buildings, the cheers of charging legions—may, but we do the best we can. If it is less animated to-day, let me assure you it is decidedly more comfortable. We do better than then—we exhibit to you the triumph of peace, the miners' blast, the glow of the furnace, the steady clank of the engine, the electric light, the whistle of the locomotive and the swift cars of coal and iron. All in peace, all is plenty, all is happiness. Instead of marching armies and blazing guns we exhibit to you the loving smiles and the gentle eyes of sweet wives and our sweet hearts, and these we know by experience are more grateful to an old soldier than all the pomp and circumstance of war. And now with assurances that there will not be a misgiving voiced by any speaker, which will hurt you in mind or body, I beg you will join in the further festivities of the day.

During the delivery the Judge was followed by his hearers with the closest attention, his remarks being interrupted frequently by hearty applause.

GOV. FLETCHER
was then introduced and made the following address:
"In behalf of the survivors of the battle of Pilot Knob and their friends from distant localities, I am directed to return hearty thanks for the kind and cordial reception and greeting extended to us by the people of this valley. "We come to-day to stand amid this the grandest scenery in all Missouri, and with the gentle autumn breezes cheering and exhilarating us to renew old acquaintances and form new ones; to look over the ground once the scene of fearful and deadly strife, and to contrast the scene of eighteen years ago to-day with the present surroundings of beauty and peace and prosperity. We fought here to determine the principles in our government as to the supremacy of authority of the States and of the national Government. The fight at this place was only one of many battles of the war by which we settled forever the question that the national authority is the supreme authority; but it was an important battle to the national cause, because of the fact that it delayed the march of the Confederates and gave time for the preparations for the defence of St. Louis and of Jefferson City. It was a fight in which there was displayed

as much daring on the part of both forces as was witnessed anywhere in all the war. We had witnessed assaults and repulses at Vicksburg, Lookout, Mission Ridge, Ringold, Resaca, Dallas, and other memorable battles, but had always been of the assaulting party. Here, for the first time, I was of the assaulted. I had always wanted to be in a fort on the defensive, and here I had that wish gratified. The assault made here by the Confederate

forces was characterized by a bravery unparalleled. Up to within forty feet of the fort, which you see there surrounding the fort, they came with a daring so grand that I felt that they were too brave to be shot by our forces. "The history of the battle has been written, but the whole story has never been given. It will be the duty of the survivors of that battle to prepare and give to history this whole story. We have been lurching together and talking over the scenes and incidents of that day. The battle was fought against the orders of Gen. Rosecrans. We were ordered to evacuate the fort and fall back on A. J. Smith's command at Mineral Point and DeSoto, but decided to fight a little before we left. Before we had gotten through the day I believe it was generally felt, though not expressed, that we had better obeyed orders. Gen. Tom Ewing was ranking officer; I was next in rank."

Here the speaker referred in high terms of praise to Col. Murphy, then Adjutant, who took charge of the artillery, and to Lieut.-Col. Maupin, Maj. Emerson, Quartermaster J. W. Fletcher, Capt. Loneragan, Maj. Wilson, Capt. McMurtry, Powers, Montgomery, Lucas, Foster and others, constantly referring to incidents of the battle. He had the rapt attention of the audience for some time. Then turning to the surrounding mountains and pointing to Pilot Knob as the strategic post of solid iron in the world, drew an inspiring picture of the view from its topmost peak, and in a strain of lofty eloquence made a beautiful picture of the coming time when the industrial resources of that region should be utilized, and hoped that annually the men who had fought there and their descendants after them might meet and tell the story of the fight, and then and there form a new generation of the victors of peace. They would thus annually together re-enlist in the service of God, of humanity and of our common country, rejoicing together in the fact that we were made a nation, and were working together to win the victories of peace, rapidly hastening on to be one of the great nations of the earth. Tremendous applause rewarded the speaker at the conclusion of his remarks.

COL. DAVID MURPHY
was then called for and in response said:
COMRADES, LADIES AND FRIENDS—We have met here in the time of peace and prosperity, not for the purpose of casting a dark shadow over the beautiful picture of to-day, or to rekindle the passions and enmities of eighteen years ago. If there is any purpose in this commemoration it is to renew and foster the associations begun and maintained in an era of war and danger and from the experience had in those days be prepared to so conduct our deliberations and actions as to avoid every necessity for a repetition of the trying scenes and hardships so inseparable from a disturbed condition of society. Surrounded, as we are now, by your wives and children there is every incentive offered and presented to impress these lessons upon you. But these days of peace may not last forever. Every nation and land is in a constant dread of assault from other inimical nations and powers, and we must not feel too secure in our strength and powers of resistance. Our large cities have been made the theatre of strife and bloodshed, caused by a disregard of the lessons, one of which was taught on this very spot, and it is the duty of every citizen to keep his armor bright. We are here with our hearts filled with patriotism and love for the dear old flag that has so long witnessed the battle and the storm, and which the good people of Pilot Knob and Ironton have once more, after eighteen years, thrown to the breeze. My friends, the office of citizenship has its responsibilities as well as its privileges, and if the office is to be preserved and handed down to posterity, it must be guarded with great jealousy and care. Let us not by any neglect or indifference to the responsibilities of this life become another Egypt, to become the

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desirous of extending its territory and absorbing the wealth of the world. There is every difference between this grand nation and the insignificant principalities just mentioned, not on account of numbers, because the battle is not always to the strong, but to the vigilant and the brave. The lesson of Pilot Knob teaches that a few in numbers may bravely defend themselves against invasion and assault. The strength of the nation is in the love and affection of the people not only for the country and the flag but for one another, as fervently and as well. Patriotism is the strongest arm of the nation, therefore I can realize why it is that under the call of patriotism you, my dear friends, have abandoned your fields, your workshops and other places of business and study to commemorate this romantic spot where the people of this State assembled under the call of duty and patriotism and successfully defended this fort for twenty days against a force equal in numbers to the army which England has just utilized and mobilized for the conquest of Egypt. May we not then compare the events of to-day with the records of the past, and retire to our homes with confidence in the ability of our people to protect our country, our State and people from all assaults, come from where they may?

CAPT. WILLIAM T. LEEPER,
of Wayne county, was the next speaker, and was followed by Capt. Mills and Gen. John McNeill, who were all favorably received. A letter from Gen. Thos. Ewing was read by the Chairman:

NEW YORK, Sept. 21, 1882.
DEAR COLONEL—I have delayed answering your letter of 30th ult. in the hope that I may see my way clear to say that I would attend a celebration at Pilot Knob, should one come off on the 27th inst. I find now that I could not go under any circumstances, however imperative, and hasten to advise you of the fact. I have papers here from which I could rewrite the story of the campaign. My official report gives it somewhat in detail, but omits much that would be interesting to hear at such a celebration as that proposed. If the suggestion should be carried out this year please explain my absence and silence and promise for me that on some like occasion hereafter I will make it a point to be present and say what I may think worth saying, face to face with my comrades in that memorable fight. Sincerely yours, THOMAS EWING.

The meeting then adjourned, but many lingered on the place renewing old acquaintances. The excursion was in every sense a most successful and satisfactory one to all concerned, and was marked from beginning to end by the utmost harmony and good feeling. Although there were over two thousand persons, many of whom were women and children, within the fort, of different political sentiments, yet the blue and gray affiliated in the most cordial manner. The excursionists then dispersed; many of them climbed Pilot Knob, and in the evening the St. Louis people took the train for Arcadia, where they took supper, followed by a grand ball at the Academy of Music in Ironton, where the festivities continued until train time, nearly 3 o'clock this morning. From here the entire party were conveyed in carriages, furnished by the Committee of Arrangements, the Arcadia station, thence on the train the rest of the way to St. Louis.