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CARBON COUNTY'S TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

The Patriotic Citizens of Red Lodge Join in Honoring the Memory of An Immortal Statesman and Ideal President.

In common with other cities all over the land Red Lodge yesterday paid a beautiful tribute of honor and love and respect to the memory of the murdered chief executive of the nation. It was a spontaneous outburst of love and affection for the martyred president. All classes of citizens, without respect to creed or sect or race or political affiliation, turned out and lent their sympathy and presence to the sorrowful occasion and solemn ceremonial.

The initiative in the matter of conducting memorial exercises in this city was very appropriately taken by the Grand Army veterans, headed by H. J. Purcell. A mass meeting to appoint committees and arrange details was held at the court house Monday evening. Mr. Purcell called the meeting to order and Senator W. F. Meyer was elected chairman and J. A. Metcalf secretary. On motion the chair appointed a committee on arrangements, naming Mayor Larkin, chairman, Samuel Taggart, C. C. Bowen, E. J. McLean and J. A. Metcalf. A committee on resolutions was appointed, consisting of Sydney Fox, chairman, H. J. Purcell, D. G. O'Shea, A. Sandstrom and M. E. Coen. Auxiliary committees, consisting of one representative from each society and organization in the city were appointed as follows:

Elks—George W. Pierson.
Knights of Pythias—B. E. Vail.
Woodmen of the World—George H. Bailey.
Odd Fellows—W. W. Owens.
Red Lodge Labor Union—Ed Nolan.
Masons—F. Frohman.
G. A. R. M. H. Lunas.
Miners' Union—James Allison.
Modern Woodmen—Elihu Akitt.
Congregational Church—Rev. W. H. Watson.
Catholic Church—Rev. Curran.
A. O. U. W.—A. V. Fluhrer.
Public Schools—Prof. J. M. Kay.
City Council—A. E. Flager.
County Officials—E. E. Esselstyn.
Italian Society—John Juli.
Episcopal Church—Frank Sell.
Methodist Church—Rev. M. E. Coen.
Knights of the Maccabees—W. F. Meyer.
Fire Department—Thomas Skelly.
Royal Highlanders—David Hawthorne.
Finn Temperance Society—C. O. Grandstrom.
Mrs. Sprague and Messrs. Matt Lukala and E. E. Esselstyn were appointed a committee on music, while H. J. Armstrong, L. O. Caswell and Keyser Brown were named as the finance committee.

The arrangements committee met Tuesday evening and outlined a program. Captain Keyser Brown, one of the Grand Army veterans, was selected as marshal of the day, J. Z. Venne, a Spanish war volunteer, who saw actual service in the Philippines, as assistant marshal and Rev. W. H. Watson of the Congregational church as chairman of the memorial exercises. Mr. Venne, Jake Jarvey, James Campbell, Miss Margaret Deegan, and Mesdames Harney and Pratt were appointed a committee on decorations. It was decided to ask Revs. W. H. Watson, M. E. Coen, A. Sandstrom, Kime and Curran and Senator W. F. Meyer, County Attorney L. O. Caswell, D. G. O'Shea and Attorneys Geo. W. Pierson and Sydney Fox to deliver short addresses. The band committee reported that the Miners' City band had volunteered their services gratuitously.

In the meantime Mayor Larkin had issued the following proclamation:
In common with patriotic citizens in every part of our great country, the people of Red Lodge were inexpressibly shocked and saddened when the dread news finally came that our beloved president, William McKinley, had passed away in Buffalo.
In worthy admiration of the blameless and spotless character of the martyred president, we seek in some manner to give expression to our deep feeling of sorrow and distress.
Therefore, in fulfillment of the proclamation of the Honorable Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, and the Honorable J. K. Toole, governor of the great state of Montana, I hereby appoint Thursday, Sept. 19, the day when the last sad burial rites will be spoken above the bier of our departed president, as a day of mourning and prayer in the city of Red Lodge.
I earnestly request that business houses of all sorts may be closed on that day from the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. and during the remainder of the day and that the people with one accord may assemble in the opera house at 3 o'clock p. m. with the common purpose of ren-

dering a token of respect for the passing of our noble executive.

WILLIAM LARKIN, Mayor.

In accordance with the above proclamation all business was suspended yesterday afternoon and a vast audience gathered at the opera house at three o'clock to honor in song and eulogy the memory of the martyred president. Owing to the illness of Captain Brown, Mr. Venne performed the duties of marshal of the day and was assisted by J. L. Armistead. A monster procession, typical of the brain and brawn of the country and consisting of the various civic, fraternal and other societies of the city, formed in line in front of the court house, and, headed by the Miners' City band, with the Grand Army and Spanish war veterans having the places of honor, marched with muffled drum beat to the opera house, where appropriate and impressive memorial services were held. It was an imposing parade, with between 600 and 800 people in line, and pomp and pageantry combined to give the moving memorial column a splendid appearance.

The walls of the opera house were draped with the national colors and festoons of red, white and blue hung from the stage, while a large picture of the martyred president, surrounded with plants and out flowers, adorned the archway. As the crowd surged in and took their seats, the hush of death seemed to take possession of the vast audience. The stillness was impressive and bespoke the solemnity of the occasion. Rev. W. H. Watson acted as chairman and the memorial services began with the rendition of a medley of national airs by the Miners' City band, after which Chairman Watson read the proclamation of Mayor Larkin and made a few appropriate opening remarks. He said there had never before been such a gathering in this city and hoped there never would be another such an occasion for such an outpouring of people. He spoke of the significance of the gathering and declared that we are a part of one great family plunged in grief, seeking to pay homage and honor and respect to the immortal memory of a pure president and noble citizen. President McKinley, said he, was an ideal executive and the highest type of American statesmanship. He expressed his abhorrence of the assassin and his foul crime and said that one result of this great national disaster would be to more firmly cement the ties of national unity.

The quartet then sang the martyred president's favorite hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," and a fervent prayer was offered up by Rev. M. E. Coen, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church.

County Attorney L. O. Caswell then made a few remarks. He declared that the assassination of McKinley had in it the elements of a double tragedy, in that one blow was aimed at the heart of the president and another at the liberties of the people.

The audience joined in singing "Nearer My God to Thee" and Rev. A. Sandstrom, pastor of the Finnish Lutheran church, addressed the audience. He emphasized the fact that McKinley was a good man, a noble minded president and a wise statesman.

He was followed by State Senator W. F. Meyer, who employed a pretty simile in illustration of the point that the shots which ended the life of this nation's president were heard around the world. His address was as follows:
"The tourist in California, when visiting the city of Pasadena, is taken up to a point called Echo Mountain. To demonstrate to the visitor the appropriateness of the name the guide fires a pistol shot. Immediately the report is returned from another mountain side and again from another point and another, continuing from crag to crag, from wall to wall, until it seems that the report will be repeated forever—and the visitor is wrapped in wonder.
"This echo, wonderful as it is, pales into insignificance beside the echo of that fatal shot fired on the 6th day of this month by the dastard assassin of our loved chief. It dinned and reverberated 'round the world as it was caught up and returned by every organized state government. It came to and from every human heart, fraught with its load of sorrow, regret, admiration, its abhorrence, shame, indignation, to and from every human breast the wide world over, save only the black heart of the anarchist and nihilist. In this foul, dark

depths of malevolent hate and treacherous murder there was no sympathy with the echoes and from it came only the response of fiendish glee. This echo, I presage, will continue on until the gates of Castle Garden shall be forever closed to the onrushes of government and order and opened only to him who can distinguish between liberty and license and entertains an appreciation of the priceless value of American citizenship; until the broods of anarchy are weeded out of our cities and destroyed; until freedom of speech and press shall no longer be abused. Then only may this echo die.

"Our country is one vast funeral today, cast in the gloom of sorrow and grief for the passing of our new martyred president. Our people are in distress, sore trouble and dismay over the attack upon our government and her institutions; apprehension and uncertainty cloud our political sky. But every night has its morning, every cloud its silver lining. Already the east is aglow with a glorious dawn. Theodore Roosevelt assumes the reins of government with the promise to pursue unbroken his illustrious predecessor's policy, and the press of the country, regardless of political complexion, vies in its expressions of confidence in the wisdom and patriotism of our new chief executive.

"William McKinley, our president and our friend, has gone. When time shall have lent perspective to the events of his administration and the various acts of his long continued statesmanship, and history shall give to him his proper niche in the temple of fame, his veneration countrymen then reviewing all the noble dead, pausing before the statue of William McKinley, will say, 'And this was the noblest Roman of them all.' And the student of biography, reading of the tender, constant care bestowed on an invalid wife of the faithful Pythian devotion to friend, of painstaking labor and conscientious honesty in the performance of duty of the strength, dignity and scope of character, will say, 'There was, there is, no gentler, stronger, manlier man.'"

Rev. Father Curran of St. Agnes' Catholic church spoke at considerable length and indulged in flowery flights of rhetoric in his eulogium. It was an impassioned address, well delivered. He asserted that McKinley had won a triple crown—glory, honor and righteousness. If the imperishable fame of a mighty conqueror endures than the name of William McKinley will live forever, enshrined in the hearts of the people of the world. The red hand of anarchy has wrought a terrible calamity and the infamous band of anarchists, declared the speaker, must go down to the dust from which they sprang, "unwept, unhonored and unsung."

The quartet then rendered a sacred selection and D. G. O'Shea, resident manager of the Rocky Park Coal company, delivered the final address. The American people of all shades of political belief have a common impulse in these memorial services, said the speaker. They have met to express sorrow and sorrow at the death of the president and detestation of the vile assassin. President McKinley represented all the people and was the soul of honor. Unswerving in loyalty and pure in patriotism, his life is an inspiration and his death a national calamity. It is the duty of every man to frown down every form of lawlessness. The dastard's hand that struck the president down was uplifted against the nation and the miserable assassin thought to crush this mighty American republic by his impudent, senseless, cruel blow.

Attorney Sydney Fox, chairman of the committee on resolutions, then read the following:
Whereas, With the most profound sorrow and regret the people of Red Lodge received the intelligence of the dastardly act which culminated in the death of our honored president, and with the feeling in our hearts that mankind, the United States, the State of Montana, and more especially each individual citizen, has lost a true friend and an upright representative of a just government, we deem it proper and expedient at this time to express ourselves; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of William McKinley the nation, the state and the individual has sustained a loss the magnitude of which it is impossible to conceive.

As citizen, soldier, statesman and chief executive he ever acted with honesty and integrity of purpose, and in the belief that he did what he did for the welfare of the nation. In his personal

and domestic life he was all that a fervent and devoted husband could be, combining sincerity and unselfishness with the most sunny disposition.

His death, and the unlawful means by which it was accomplished, we do heartily deplore, in that it has removed from our midst a man among men, a true American among Americans, and a statesman among statesmen who was ever first to answer when the future of his country was darkened by clouds of adversity. We do denounce in unmeasured terms the fiend incarnate who, as the representative of the most infamous of clans, did execute a plan so foul that the universe shudders at the thought, and it is our fervent prayer that he receive his just deserts, and likewise all his ilk.

As a president William McKinley was all that was just; as a man all that was honest.

The exercises closed with the singing of "America" by the audience and the pronouncement of the benediction by the reverend chairman.

CAUSE OF DEATH ANNOUNCED.

Autopsy Reveals Fact That President Died as Result of Toxicemia.

Following is the official report of the autopsy conducted on the body of President McKinley:

"The bullet which struck the breastbone did not pass through the skin and did little harm. The other bullet passed through both walls of the stomach near its lower border. Both holes were found to be perfectly closed by the stitches, but the tissue around each hole had become gangrenous. After passing through the stomach, the bullet passed into the back walls of the abdomen, hitting and tearing the upper end of the kidney. This portion of the bullet track was also gangrenous, the gangrene involving the pancreas.

"The bullet has not yet been found. There was no sign of peritonitis or disease of other organs. The heart walls were very thin. There was no evidence of any attempt at repair on the part of nature, and death resulted from the gangrene which affected the stomach around the bullet.

"Death was unavoidable by any surgical or medical treatment, and was the direct result of the bullet wound."

This statement clearly exonerates the distinguished physicians who treated the president throughout his brief illness and sculds the belief, which seems to have gained popular credence, that the president's death was due to the fact that he had been allowed to take solid food into the stomach, before that organ had been sufficiently healed to perform its natural functions.

There is reason to believe that the bullet which ended President McKinley's life was poisoned or that its effect was practically the same as a poisoned bullet, though it may not have been prepared. A chemical examination of the remaining bullets in the revolver will settle the point.

When the autopsy was made yesterday by the physicians who had attended the president, a state of affairs was discovered which somewhat surprised them. It was discovered first that the bullet had pierced the top of the left kidney, carrying away the top second, that it had ridged the pancreatic gland, which supplies the pancreatic fluid to the intestines, which, mingling with the starchy and glutinous foods, renders them capable of assimilation. Third, that the tissue through which the bullet had passed were dead and gangrenous and that the poison of the gangrene absorbed by the blood and carried back to the heart was what had caused the president's death.

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