

ROMINGER, OF
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ELLSWORTH ROMINGER,
Bloomfield Attorney, Who Delivered
Memorial Address at Soldiers' Home.

MANY FROM CITY ATTEND
EXERCISES OF AFTERNOON

Colonel Horton President of the Day
and General Beeson Chief Marshal—
Phil Sheridan Post and Winchester
Circle in Charge of Program—School
Children Strew Flowers.

The annual observance of Memorial
Day was never more complete than at
the Iowa Soldiers' Home today, when
hundreds of people from the city were
present to join with the thousand
members of the state institution in
honoring the soldier dead. Ellsworth
Rominger, of Bloomfield, a well-known
southern Iowa attorney, delivered the
oration in Cottage Grove park, where
the main program was carried out fol-
lowing the observance at the home
cemetery.

Commandant C. C. Horton acted as
president of the day, and Adjutant B. A.
Beeson was chief marshal. The exer-
cises were in charge of Phil Sheridan
post, G. A. R., and Winchester circle,
Ladies of the G. A. R., both organiza-
tions within the home membership.
Great Delegation From City.
At 1:30 Bugler F. T. Nokes sounded
the assembly call and ten minutes later
the procession moved to the main gates
to greet the delegation from Frank M.
Thomas post and W. R. C. and chil-
dren. The procession moved from the
gates to the home cemetery, where the
preliminary exercises were held.
The program opened with a prayer by
Russell Lawton, acting chaplain of
the Soldiers' Home. Quartermaster H.
Bennett read Lincoln's memorable
Gettysburg address, and the pupils of
the Rogers school placed the flowers
in the graves of the soldier dead. Vet-
erans of the Spanish-American war
and sons of veterans of the civil war
acted as an escort to the children and
carried the flowers. While the decorat-
ing was in progress the soldiers' home
band played a dirge. Following
the strewing of flowers the band played
the numbers and Mrs. Harriet Brobst,
acting chaplain of Winchester circle,
read the prayer. The ladies of the circle
then gave their ritualistic work and
sang "Guard the Flag." A salute by
the firing squad and taps by Bugler
Nokes brought the exercises at the
cemetery to a close.

Rominger's Patriotic Address.
On finishing the program at the
cemetery the large procession marched
to Cottage Grove Park, headed by the
Rev. James Rayburn, pastor
of a Presbyterian church, offered the
prayer after which a double male
quartet sang.

Rominger was then introduced
to the address of the afternoon. The
speaker was given the closest attention
bringing a lengthy recital of history lead-
ing to the great civil struggle, a refer-
ence to the war itself, and a eulogy of
those who made the sacrifices. He
then went on to discuss the preservation
of the Union. Mr. Rominger paid his respects
to the unnumbered terms to those who
were responsible for the erection of a
monument to Captain Wirz, the An-
dersenville prison supervisor, especially
in view of the fact that the north had
refused to accept the divine idea of kings
in the hearts of American patriots. Eng-
land's fleets and armies, backed by her
gold, met defeat at the hands of the
revolutionary soldiers, and her military
genius that had received the plaudits of
all Europe faded away before the ac-
curate fire of the sons of free born
men. The name of Washington is for-
ever carved on the arch stone of the
centuries, and British gold found but
one Benedict Arnold, willing to darken
and mar the escutcheon of our national
loyalty.

Read Answer Aright.
"But in that hour of national accom-
plishment, 39,000,000 people found
themselves divided upon the question
of constitutional construction and na-
tional perpetuity. This nation can not
exist half slave and half free; were the
immortal words. Thirteen stars
slipped away from the flag. While the
south was in her pride in her arrogant
spring, and the sweet magnolia
bloom filled the atmosphere with the
nectar of life and joy, and the voices
of her birds were never sweeter, there
lurked that gaunt, hungry, demon of
treason, breathing his blighting
breath of death and destruction to hu-
man liberty. His poison seemed to have
permeated the halls of legislation; and
a statesmanship of which any people
should have been proud turned the
hand of statecraft against our father
land. The very pillars of this republic
shook in the throes of a shock of
earthquake power. This demon tore to
shreds the fabric of civil government in
thirteen sister commonwealths.
"Shall the government of Washing-
ton survive? Was the question an-
swered while men of my age were being
born. I take some pride in my humble
part in paying, as I believe, a deserv-
ing tribute to that generation, that
dared to answer aright. The answer
could not have been made at the ballot
box or in the hall of legislation. But
of necessity in the clash of bayonets,
on bloody fields of battle, in southern
prison pens, among the swamps and
camps of disease and death. Not for
hire or to gratify personal ambition,
but in a humble sacrifice that we might
live in a united country.

Flag of Treason Furlled Forever.
"We are reminded by the bronze but-
ton, that there were men who loved
their country and its flag. That knew
the demand of public duty, and dared
to perform it. Not in the blazing lights
of electricity and gas, surrounded by
all the luxuries of modern life, did
these men serve their country. But
away down among the southern paral-
lels of latitude, two brothers with com-
mon ties of inheritance, with the dag-

ger of war let the currents of Ameri-
can blood flow, where patriotism meant
giving up of life and home.
"In the presence of death and human
slaughter this generation which we
honor today were schooled in patriot-
ism. They loved Old Glory. They fol-
lowed that flag where many of us never
followed it, and I hope we may never
be compelled to, yet I remember there
is Irish in our veins yet. They climbed
the heights at Vicksburg and planted
it there. They carried it from Atlanta
to the sea. They followed it until every
household along the Mississippi was
dismantled. The march continued un-
til they replanted upon every flag staff
from the national capital at Washing-
ton to the Mexican border. When the
iron-souled Lee surrendered to General
Grant at Appomattox they saw the flag
of treason furlled forever, and they
sprinkled the United States every patriotic
American door post with the blood of
that sacrifice today. They followed it
until 100,000 men who wore the blue
were laid in nameless graves. They
followed it until 1,000,000 young men
were shattered in muscle and bone,
and returned to carry a great burden
beyond the pains and suffering of a cruel
war.

Scores Wirz Monument.
A few years ago the state of Iowa,
with other sister states, remembered
that many of their sons, never returned
from southern battlefields. Thousands
of dollars was appropriated from the
state treasury to build monuments of
granite, marble and bronze, upon which
to preserve the memory and deeds of
Iowa soldiers. On the old battle field
of Vicksburg, we marked the place
where Iowa soldiers fell. At Shiloh,
a beautiful monument glimmers in
the southern sun, a memento of Iowa's
love, at Lookout mountain and Mis-
sionary Ridge, we built our marble
shrines, as well as at other places. At
Andersonville, in southern Georgia, on
the site of the old prison hell, Iowa re-
membered the agonies and suffering of
her sons, who died that we might see
a national glory brighter than the
moonlight sun. With representative
executive, these monuments were chief-
est in solemn service with fitting
tributes of oratory and poetry. The
entire state faced the flag, while the
drapery of years dropped from Iowa
marble and bronze on southern battle-
fields—a fitting tribute to memory and
a great cause for noble men, so that
a great country might join in a uni-
versal verdict in favor of the righteous-
ness of the cause for which they suf-
fered and died. Every stripe of red,
white and blue was made a little
brighter by Iowa.

"But forty-four years have passed
and a dispatch tells us that on the
same field of murder a monument was
unveiled in memory of Captain Wirz,
a few days ago. This man tried, sen-
tenced, and hung at the close of war
for cruelty to prisoners, in violation of
the rules and usages of civilized na-
tions. A just penalty, if I should
write a treaty, I would say, "we
memory of a human fiend." We can
honor a man who believes in his cause
and makes an honorable fight, but we
should forget the memory of such a
man as Captain Wirz, who takes the
deliberate roll of a human murderer.
Old Glory may well blush. But we
must keep the memory of it, for it is
such a fate awaits every hand
of treason raised against the flag. Let
this generation bear the story, and let
the memory pass into an everlasting
oblivion.

Extols Abraham Lincoln.
"There are names that will always
live in history. The God of nations over
a century ago looked over into the state
of Kentucky, and among the humble
surroundings of a humble home found
the mighty character of history and the
name of Abraham Lincoln will live
thru all ages to come.

"These old soldiers made it possible
for us to erect the American republic
as a lasting monument to his memory.
I live on the old homestead unfettered
by the robes of official power, but it
presents a picture that is not found
on any canvas. It contains 90,000,000
happy people, and is the most pro-
gressive nation on the face of this
earth, made so by the heroic sacri-
fices of our fathers and our mothers.
"In the evening of your lives you
leave us a rich legacy of patriotism,
that is sung by 29,000,000 of pupils in
our public schools, and in every ham-
let of our land both north and south,
tributes of love and respect are today
being paid the memory of the soldiers
of 'My Country,' who dared to turn
their faces to a foe worthy of their
steel.

"May the lasting glory of all the
ages, shine upon you as you tread the
pathway of the sunset of life."
Tribute to Sailor Dead.
A song by the double male quartet
followed Mr. Rominger's address, after
which the posts, corps, circle, and
others went to the Iowa river boat
landing, where the members of Win-
chester circle, conducted exercises in
honor of the sailor dead. The benediction
by Rev. Mr. Rayburn brought the
exercises to a close.

VAN WERT HELD IN IDAHO.
Details of Why Legislature Case Was
Continued Over May Term Explained.
The details of why the federal case
against Mayor O. L. Ingledue and oth-
ers from this city was continued over
the May term of the Des Moines federal
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Van Wert, the interior department
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Americans vs. Americans.
"H. W. Beecher was speaking in
London during that great struggle, and
some one called out: 'I thought that
you were going to put down the 're-
bellion' in three months!' And you re-
call Beecher's reply? 'We are fighting
Americans.' That is it. When you
got there you found that you were
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cans fight Americans it is no picnic for
either. May it never happen again.

Righteousness vs. Wealth.
"One of the severest tests of faith
is that which requires a man to go for-
ward when the odds seem all against
him. And that is the way it looked for
the north at the beginning of the war.
Why it seemed that the south had
everything on her side, and it was
not until she was as it were, that the
north had the boys in blue, U. S. Grant,
Abraham Lincoln, and a righteous
cause. And many of you did not have
much time to consider what the out-
come might be. When the call came
you were at the door in the field. He
bared his arms, looked at the sleeping
baby in his cradle, met the brave eyes
of his wife for a moment—and was
gone. She watched him as far as the
eyes could see and then turned about
to take up the duties that she had a
moment before left—and the heroism
of the battlefield was well matched by
the heroism of that home.

No Hot Heads; No Cold Feet.
"You men were not anxious for war.
You were not spilling for a fight. It
has just leaked out that the late Presi-
dent McKinley was opposed to the
war with Spain, but some hot head
barged in and said that we were not
to be in the north back in '61 forcing
the civil war upon the country. But
when war was actually here, there
were no cold feet in the north either.
You loved the union and wanted to
see it preserved. You hated slavery
and wanted to see it killed. You knew
that we were going to purchase
liberty and wanted to see all men en-
joy it. Young, inexperienced, and un-
sophisticated were many of those who
composed the union army. But they
were old enough, appreciative enough,
and brave enough to die if need be to
preserve that priceless inheritance
won on other fields by those who were
bone of their bone, flesh of their flesh,
and blood of their blood. The spirit
of those boys, who fought the battles
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—Frank M. Thomas Post in Charge
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The observance of Memorial Day by
Frank M. Thomas post and W. R.
C., at Riverside this forenoon, attracted
a large number of people from the city,
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the soldiers' home. The procession
formed in front of the court house at
9 o'clock, and moved promptly.
Joseph Tuffree, Marshalltown's oldest
citizen and only centenarian, was to
have been honored by being made
president of the day, but owing to ill-
ness, was not able to be present. In
his stead L. W. Robbins, commander
of Frank M. Thomas post, served.
Cloud H. Brock was chief marshal,
and Rev. James McGee, pastor of the
First Baptist church, delivered the ad-
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McGee Delivers Fine Address.
At Riverside Rev. James McGee de-
livered a patriotic address that was
received with many pronounced ex-
pressions of approval. Rev. L. B. Hix
opened the exercises with prayer, and
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cell read Lincoln's Gettysburg address
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