BIG CROWD AT UNION MEMORIAL

Rev. Herbst Makes Strong Plea for Better Memorial and Higher Patriotism.

AT UNION SERVICE

Churches Observe Memorial Sunday at Congegational Church.

Very interesting and most appropriate Memorial services were held at the Congregational church yesterday morning. An audience was present which filled the building. The organ loft and pulpit platform were decorated with beautiful flowers and the national colors. The Congregational choir, with Mrs. O. J. Henderson at the pipe organ, furnished splendid music, assisted by Sterling Alexander, flute soloist, who played an obligato to one of the fine anthems and also an artistic solo during the offering.

In the absence of the pastor of the church wherein the service was held, the Rev. A. W. Phillips, of the United Brethren church, presided. He also delivered the invocation. Dr. R. T. Chipperfield, Methodist pastor, read the scripture lesson. The Rev. Manson E. Miller, of the Christian church, made the opening prayer.

The members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. occupied seats in the front center of the church auditorium.

Rev. J. M. Herbst, of the English Lutheran church, delivered an able sermon. He made a strong plea for a better understanding of Memorial day and its stricter observance. He also asked for a deeper sense of patriotism—the patriotism that has imbued the leaders of the nation since the time of Washington.

The scripture lesson was from Exodus, twelfth chapter, the institution of the passover. The text was the 25th verse—"And it shall come to pass, when ye become to the land which the Lord will give you, according as He hath promised, that ye shall keep this service."

The general theme of Rev. Herbst's sermon was "The Meaning of This Memorial." He spoke, in part, as follows:

The idea that lies embedded in the word "Memorial" is as old as civilization. As far back into the records of the past as the spade of the archaeologist has enabled us to go, memorials of many kinds are found.

One thing we learn that is of enormous value to us of today from these self same memoirs, indicative though they may be, of a monumental and selfish pride, these indubitable records of men and events substantiate and verify, in a most satisfying way, many of the statements concerning ancient conditions we find in the Bible.

In the Bible itself, we find records of memorial objects and institutions, but with a different motive and spirit. The Old Testament patriarchs in their journeyings erected altars and memorials, of one kind or another, never to commemorate their own achievements, but always to commemorate their experience of the goodness of their God.

Our scripture lesson is the account of the greatest of these memorial institions.

The text is the question that would arise during succeeding years as to its meaning. There was a very definite purpose in view, and a very positive answer was to be given. "It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, and when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying what is this, thou shalt say unto him, by strength of hand, the Lord brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage." The memorials of the Bible were of God's goodness to men.

Meaning of Memorial Day.

It is fitting in these days to ask, what mean ye by these services we are now holding?

First, it is proper to acknowledge that had there not been such an organization as the Grand Army of the Republican, there would have been no such an institution as Memorial day.

In a recent issue of "The National Republican," Mrs. John A. Logan has an article upon this matter. The article states, that "to properly appreciate the establishment of Memorial day, readers should know about the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic. The comradship and patriotic principles which prompted the organization of this, the greatest organization the world has ever seen, inspired Gen. John A. Logan to write general order No. 11 while he was commander-in-chief, in which he set apart the 30th day of May, 1868, for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating, the graves of comrades who had died in defense of their country during the rebellion."

The order goes on to say—"It is the purpose of the commaner-in-chief to inaugurate this observance, with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year."

This has been done. And in these days this observance has an intensified meaning.

Somehow, we believe the eternal sleep of our buddies will be more peaceful, if all the living should give all of Memorial day to them. For Memorial day is their day, not ours.

This expresses one part of the answer for us to the question, "What mean ye by this service."

It is to lend the sanctions of religion to the observance of Memorial day.

Commemorate Sacrifices.

This Memorial day commemorates the great sacrifices that were necessary to destroy the last great stronghold of legalized human slavery. The sacrifices that seemed necessary to pay the redemptive price of the slave. As the immortal Lincoln declared, "Fondly do we hope, frevently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled up by the bondsman's unrequited toil shall be sunk, and every drop of blood drawn by the lash shall be paid with another drawn by the sword; as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, 'The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

As sacred a task as this may be, this emphasizing of Memorial day, as highly important as this lesson, this meaning of this service, there is yet a move important lesson, a greater meaning.

It is the recognition of the beneficent providence of God in our national history, our national life.

God Fearing Leaders.

Let us remember that all our greatest leaders in every national crisis have been men who gave God a large place in their thought, as ruling in natural destiny, and to Whom belonged the issues of each crisis.

Grant said, "The Bible is the sheet anchor of our liberties." You all know well the statement of Lincoln—"I am not concerned as to whether God is on my side, but I am deeply concerned as to whether I am on God's side in this matter."

From the day Lincoln bade farewell to the people of Springfield as he was about to leave for Washington, with the words, "I hope you, my friends, will pray for me that I may receive that Divine assistance without which I cannot succeed, but with which success is certain," to the day of his death his faith in Almighty God was the source of his ability to bear the superhuman burdens he had to carry.

This recognition of Almighty God as the Arbiter of our national destiny must not be purely a matter of sentiment. It must be a solid, permanent conviction that will impel us to aggressive fighting for the right. It must inspire us with a profound respect for constitutional law. It must inspire us with mighty indignation, a righteous indignation that will compel punishment of those, in low or high position, who openly flout the laws of our land.

Two Boys.

Some years ago there grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, two boys. They were inseparable. They played together, attended the same schools, kept together through their school life, finally graduating together from the same high school. Now, there came a change in their life. The one under the influence of a Christian home began attending the Sunday school of a nearby church, in which he learned lessons about God and Christ, honor, purity, truth and righteousness. The other, because of vicious influences, also began to attend what was also called a Sunday school, called such only because it was held on the Lord's day. In this school this had learned lessons in anarchy, infidelity and radical socialism. He studied a catechism in which the question was asked, "What is your duty to God?"

The answer was, "I have no duty to God. There is no God."

The first boy mentioned, finally entered Oberlin college, identified himself with a Congregational church, entered the Gospel ministry, became pastor of a Bohemian church, and today there is no greater power for good in the great city of Cleveland among the foreign speaking people, than Rev. John Puncha. The other boy was none other than the notorious Leon Czolgosz, who shot President McKinley to death.

And of the schools that produced Czolgosz there are many in the United States today, attended by thousands of children. These children have ten commandments which they recite, but there is nothing about God in them. They study lessons with such titles as "Bloody Sunday," "Capitalist Murders," "French Revolution," and "Red Flag."

Need of Faith.

In these schools God is blasphemed, the Bible denied, and the Gospel parodied. And it is resported that there are such schools in our own fair state. This indicates to us the greatness of our task, the great need that we be mindful of whence and how we, as a nation, have come to be, and to the acceptance, with profound and heartfelt faith and conviction, not what the preachers declared when our constitution was adopted, or when our national unity was in jeopardy, but what Benjamin Franklin and Abraham Lincoln declared. When Franklin introduced his resolution that the constitutional convention be opened with prayer, he said, "I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of the truth that God governs in the affairs of men, and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

And Lincoln declared, "But the God of our fathers who raised up this country to be a refuge and an asylum of the oppressed and downtrodden of all nations, will not let it perish now. I may not live to see it, but God will bring us through safe."

Palsied be the vandal hands that would attempt to remove the Bible, the Sabbath, the church and the Christian home, and substitute for them as the foundation for our republic, infidelity and anarchy.

Under pressure from without, and by reason of the insidiously destructive influences within our nation, if we be kept true to the principles that have made us a great nation, we must have men and women citizens of the republic with convictions and courage to dare and do in civil life as the soldiers of the Republic have done in time of war.

Attention Farmers.

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Real Estate Transfers.

First Methodist Episcopal church of Jewell to E. A. Westre et al trustees—lot 9 blk 3 Add to Jewell Jct.—$1,600.

Burnice R. Brown and wf to Ernest S. Johnson—e ½ lots 1 and 19 blk 9 O. & W. Add W. C. and vacated street—$13,500.

T. C. Birch and wf to Security State Bank of Rockwell City—se 3-88-24—$1,651.04.

Webster City Savings Bank to Louis Frank—e ½ lot 5 blk 30 W. C.—$18,000.

Lewis M. Newgaard and wf to Gilbert T. Knudson—sw 20-88-23—$1.00.

Battery recharging—Willard—phone 390. 5-23d1mo

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Owenson and daughters, Mrs. E. K. Erickson and the Misses Alice and Josephine, all of Story City, are county seat visitors today.

"God's Crucible," from Ralph Connor's great drama of family love, will be shown at the Boy Scout movie benefit Tuesday and Wednesday at the Orpheum. Buy your tickets from the scouts and help them to earn their way to camp. 27d2

Shoes at Lower
Than Usual Prices

This special selling offers an unusual opportunity to purchase shoes for immediate wear at a worthwhile saving. Styles are the most popular of the season. Shoes that will give full measure of service and satisfaction.

The size range is unusually complete.

Ladies black kid and brown calf strap pumps, very neatly finished and with fashionable heels—the pair **$4.50**

Ladies brown kid oxfords, military leather heel, rubber top lift—the pair **$3.75**

Ladies black kid oxford, Cuban leather heel, rubber top lift—a good shoe to wear—the pair **$3.50**

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Women's Comfort Shoes

Black kid oxford, low heel, medium wide toe, single sole, specially priced **$2.19**

Black canvas oxford or one strap pump with leather sole and low heel **$1.75**

One strap leather sole, light weight **$1.98**

Black kid Juliet, plain toe, rubber heel **$2.50**

Black kid Princess, rubber side and heel **$2.85**

Girls' Shoes

Girls' patent, brown and black kid one strap pumps—
Sizes 5 to 8—$1.48 Sizes 8½ to 11½—$1.48
Sizes 11½ to 2—$1.85

Girls' patents, one strap, two button—
Sizes 8½ to 11—$2.25 Sizes 11½ to 2—$2.50

Girls' brown calf, one strap, two button—
Sizes 8½ to 11—$1.45 Sizes 11½ to 2—$2.25

Girls white canvas one strap pumps—
Sizes 5 to 8—$1.45 Sizes 8½ to 11—$1.65
Sizes 11½ to 2—$1.85

Boys' Shoes

Boys' Brown Calf Oxfords—
Sizes 8½ to 11—$1.75 Sizes 11½ to 2—$2.25
Sizes 2½ to 5½—$3.50

Choice New Spring Dresses
Very Unusual Values

They're delightfully wearable. Their Springtime fabrics are so fresh and cool looking. These new tub frocks are made of fine tissue and imported ginghams, in combinations of plain gingham, and contrasting colors of plain organdie, dotted Swisses, and plain linen, in bright color effects. We have not forgotten the stouts in this line, up to size 50.

Mina Taylor Dresses

Crisp gingham frocks made of softest weaves, in every possible shade—suitable for home, porch and marketing wear—$3.50, $3.98, down to **$2.98**

Finer Mina Taylor and other gingham dresses—trimmed in sheerest organdies—have novelty girdles, yarn embroidery and other dainty accents—$10.00 and **$5.50**

Remarkable Value in Silk Dresses $15.00

There seems to be no end to the demand for these very attractive little priced frocks. Our New York buyer is sending us extra special values to sell at this price, almost daily. Don't fail to see them.

Silk dresses of printed crepe, Canton crepe, taffeta and Pheil crepe, in colors of jade, Mohawk, navy, tan, perriwinkle and brown. Stunning creations—$35.00, $25.00, $19.50 and **$15.00**

New arrivals in foulards and georgette combinations—practical, and dressy as well—$19.95 and **$17.95**

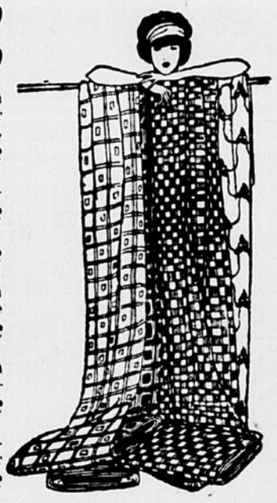
Tissue gingham in varied patterns and clever styles—$10.00 and **$8.95**

Dotted Swisses and Normandy voile dresses—dark and light colors—$12.50 and **$10.00**

Shadow-Proof Petticoats

Shadow proof Petticoats of satine and wash satin, in white and pink—$2.50 and **$1.69**

Dry Goods



40 inch all silk crepe de chine **$1.69**

36 inch Pine Tree silk taffeta **$1.69**

34 inch silk and cotton georgette, suitable for ladies underwear—flesh, tan, grey, white **59c**

36 inch checked nainsook—flesh only—39c and **50c**

32 inch checked and striped flaxons **45c**

40 inch fancy voiles, in checks and figures—the best buy of the season **48c**

32 inch Scotch gingham—a good selection of colors—fast colors at **65c**

36 inch percales—the newest patterns—the best for the least money at **25c**

36 inch fancy cretonnes—very suitable for trimming aprons, curtain drapes, or comfort tops—new designs—39c and **25c**

Crash towelings, bleached and unbleached, bath towels and huck towels, in a large variety, **at prices that will please.**

64 inch full bleached, mercerized table damask—good quality **69c**

72 inch half linen table damask, in a large number of patterns—extra special **$1.75**

70 inch all linen bleached table damask—at the new prices—$2.75 and **$1.98**

36 inch curtain scrim, colored border— **25c**

36 inch dotted Swiss **35c**

36 inch unbleached muslin, round thread, made from fine Sea Island cotton—15c and **12½c**

36 inch bleached muslin, round firm thread free from fillings 18c and **15c**

Bed Spreads, Pillow Cases and Sheets await your inspection—**values supreme.**

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Ladies Vestees, with and without collar and cuffs, Girdles, Belts, Fringes and Trimmings, are here for your approval.

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Big special in ladies fine leather handbags. This lot includes values to $6.00—for the week **$2.98**

New Creations is Our Specialty

BARGAIN ANNEX

If you have not yet learned that you can buy at less prices in our Annex, it is not our fault. SEE BELOW:

5 dozen children's straw trimmed hats at **50c**

2 dozen ladies trimmed hats that sold to $7.50—choice **75c**

Full made full length night gown—nice quality nainsook **55c**

Finely trimmed nainsook slipover gown embroidered in color **75c**

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Envelope chemise—elaborate silk ribbon and lace trimmed, in colors at **85c**

Kayser's fine gauge bloomers for ladies and misses, flesh and white **59c**

36 inch curtain scrim in white or colored borders **10c**

Children's good full cut muslin drawers at **25c**

27 inch heavy cheviot shirting, in shorts—the yard **16c**

32 inch plaid and checked gingham—shorts **16c**

26 inch standard gingham, in shorts, stripes and assorted colors **12½c**

32 inch standard percales—light and dark **15c**

30 inch plissee crepe, white, flesh and assorted figures—shorts—at **25c**

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Special value in ladies fiber silk sweaters—week only at **$4.29**

Tuxedo and slip on models, in navy and black, as well as all the bright shades—in fancy weaves—$4.98, $6.95, $10.00.

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40 inch unbleached muslin—shorts at **10c**

32 inch mercerized middy cloth—value of this cloth is 50c—this is a big special—all the best colors at **25c**

27 inch mercerized poplin—all the best shades—worth much more **25c**

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One table 24 inch pieces dyed chambray, cretonne, gingham and cambric—all shorts—at per yard **8c**

24 inch percales and standard calico at **10c**

19 in. wash crask—bleached or brown **15c**

42 piece dinner set **$8.98**

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8 and 9 inch hand painted, imported salads—nice line of patterns **50c**

Fostoria, fine blown cut glass—beautiful new designs—at lowest price in five years.

White cups and saucers—per set **$1.00**

Pie plates, white or decorated, each **10c**

12 inch platter **50c**

Good clear water glasses—6 for **35c**