

DECORATION DAY

Oh! who would stand where hostile weapons gleam,
Where campfire glows, and destinies are cast,
Or tread that misty bridge which spans the stream
That sweeps between us and the tragic past:
To see the glare of crimson on the sky,
Or hear the woods resound again with clam'rous battle-cry?

Would'st view once more the heaps of mangled flesh,
Where rise the smothered moans of men in pain?
Would'st see the wounds of martyrs bleed afresh,
And red-mouthed trenches gaping for the slain;
The shivered saber and the crushed cuirass,
The hoof-flail'd grain, the riven earth, the powder-blackened grass?

No! rather seek some consecrated court,
Where surpliced choir, with organ's solemn note,
Chant requiems for the dead; or boys in sport
Peer down the cannon's dark and rusty throat;
Where scents of roses drench the summer air
On ruined moat, and black and yellow tiger-lilies flare;
Or find the rent redoubt, where ivy creeps
O'er shattered shell and broken bayonet;
Planting its leafy standard on the steeps,
To win the grim, dismantled parapet;
Making a conquest none the less complete
Than when the savage slope was pressed with wounded, weary feet.

The past has left its heritage of hate
To souls still grieving for the dead adored,
But who would turn the dial-hand of Fate
To cancel legacies so golden-stored;
Or rouse the ranks from fratricidal field,
To place again the blot of bondage on a Nation's shield?



BOUQUETS FOR HEROES AT REST.

Memorial Tributes Which San Francisco Will Render.

BLOSSOMS AND MUSIC.

Impressive Ceremonies to Take Place at the Presidio Cemetery.

SUPERB MILITARY DISPLAY.

The Main Procession in the City and Review on Van Ness Avenue.

The idea of Memorial day which General John A. Logan had in mind when the subject was first brought to the attention of Congress is in fair way of fulfillment. He believed that the time would come when all citizens, without regard to section, society or pursuit, would in time observe the day in paying tribute to the memory of the dead. Now it is the custom of many families, societies and organizations wholly outside of Grand Army circles to reverse the holiday and to accept the occasion as one fitting for the bestowal of memorial tributes.

This universal observance of the day is regarded with special favor by veterans of the Union army, and many express the hope that in time every State and community in the Union will honor the custom.

In San Francisco to-day the League of the Cross Cadets will act as escort to the Grand Army, but the cadets will not forget to decorate the graves of their own comrades. A solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated this morning at St. Mary's Cathedral, Van Ness avenue, for the repose of the souls of all deceased members of the League of the Cross Cadets. The celebrant at the mass will be Rev. F. C. York. He will be assisted by the chaplains of the cadet organizations.

Company B, First Infantry Regiment of the National Guard, one of the most honored military organizations of the State, will decorate the graves of comrades in the various cemeteries.

One of the most unique scenes ever witnessed in a synagogue will be presented this evening in the Geary-street temple of the Congregation Beth Israel, where Garfield and Lincoln posts, G. A. R., will assemble to participate in the memorial services to be held there.

Rabbi M. S. Levy will deliver the oration, and a special musical programme has been arranged. The decorations will be magnificent and fitting to the occasion.

All Grand Army men are specially invited to be present, and seats will be reserved for them, and the public generally is invited to attend.

To-day respect will be paid to the memory of veteran firemen. Laurel Hill Cemetery is the resting place of 220 of San Francisco's volunteer firemen. Fred Kohler, the first Chief, and David Scanlon rest side by side. The graves of these

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE AT THE PRESIDIO

The Memorial-day observance at the beautiful National Cemetery, Presidio, will be exceedingly interesting and impressive and will doubtless assemble a large concourse of spectators. The exercises at the cemetery will be conducted under the auspices of George H. Thomas Post No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic. The procession will move from the Presidio at 10 o'clock A. M. sharp. The column of troops will be commanded by General William M. Graham, U. S. A. Music will be furnished by the Fifth United States Artillery band. Four batteries and one light battery of the Fifth United States Artillery, commanded by Major John A. Darling, and twelve companies of the First Regiment, National Guard of California, commanded by Colonel William Macdonald, will present a military pageant of unusual splendor. The First Regiment will consist of three batteries, commanded respectively by Majors Boxton, Sims and Tilden, and headed by the splendid regimental band.

Irving M. Scott is to be the orator of the day at the Presidio.

The main celebration to be formed in the city under the auspices of the general memorial committee from Lincoln, Garfield, Meade, Cass and Liberty posts will be escorted by the First United States Infantry, Captain O'Connell commanding. The review will take place on Van Ness avenue. The services at Odd Fellows' Cemetery will be impressive. The column will form at 9:30 o'clock and move on New Montgomery and Market streets at 10 o'clock. The Grand Marshal is Theodore Vincent Brown. A feature of the procession will be the marines and sailors from the Philadelphia and Monadnock.

To-morrow evening General H. Thomas Post, by invitation, will visit the Emporium, and perhaps literary exercises will take place there.

AN ARMED MANIAC.

John Williams, an insane prisoner, uses a pocket-knife.

John Williams, a negro, was arrested on Thursday evening on Market street and charged with being insane. Yesterday morning when Judge Sanderson and the Commissioners of insanity went to Williams' cell to inquire into his mental condition the negro sprang upon Steward Bucher of the Receiving Hospital and made a savage slash at him with a knife that he had succeeded in concealing in his clothes. The blade cut a long slit in the steward's coat.

Deputy Sheriff Riley sprang upon the maniac and his coat also was badly slashed. It took the combined strength of eight men to overpower and disarm the maniac. A little later Williams succeeded in breaking out of his straitjacket, and he was not overpowered without another severe struggle. He was sent to the asylum at Stockton.

CAN SEE THE BOOKS.

Judge Belcher has affirmed the fine of \$50 levied upon James Fisher by the Police Court for refusing to show the books of the Mutual Electric Light Company to one of the stockholders. Fisher is secretary of the company. He said the stockholder made a general demand—he did not ask for any particular book, but he was given a sum of money and the law gives a stockholder the privilege of seeing all the books at any time.

HOLD THE ARMY PURSE STRINGS.

Military Posts of the Harbor Officially Inspected.

PRESIDIO WATER PLANT.

The Hill May Be Pierced by a Tunnel to Increase the Supply.

MORE BARRACK BUILDINGS.

Quartermaster-General and Military Secretary of the War Department in the Field.

The visit of Brigadier-General R. N. Batchelder, quartermaster-general of the United States army, and Major George W. Davis, military secretary of Daniel S. Lamont, Secretary of War, excites special interest in military circles of this department. It transpires that Mr. Lamont expected to make the tour across the continent with General Batchelder, and participate in the inspection of military posts, but pressing duties at Washington impelled him to forego the journey. He sent, however, his military secretary, Major Davis, to make careful observations of the condition of the leading military posts.

Last Thursday General Batchelder and Major Davis, accompanied by Colonel A. S. Kimball, chief quartermaster of the department, visited the Presidio, and made a careful inspection of the batteries, including the mortars, the dynamite guns, the 12-inch rifles and the 10-inch disappearing rifles. They also examined the stable site and the site of the fill on the marsh lying between the roadway to the wharf and the eastern boundary to the reservation.

A special study of the water plant was made. The officers visited Mountain Lake and Lobos Creek and considered the proposition to tunnel the Presidio hill for the purpose of developing an unlimited supply of water for the post—a supply equal to all the requirements of a very large garrison.

A visit was paid to Alcatraz Island and there the prison, the barracks, the fortifications and quarters were inspected.

Angel Island was inspected and the possibility of future improvement discussed. The quartermaster-general seemed delighted with the improvements made at the Presidio. He has authorized an expenditure out of the appropriation of the next fiscal year to build two more double-barrack buildings, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.

The water supply question engrossed the attention of General Batchelder in a large degree. In the process of collecting data in this line he visited the artesian well and works at Golden Gate Park and noted the supply of water there.

The trip of the visiting party was extended to the Sutro baths, and the maps of the city via Point Lobos and Twenty-fourth avenues and Lake street. They left their carriages at Twenty-fourth ave-

A BIG RATIFICATION.

The Republican County Committee is Arranging One.

The local Republican organization is not sleeping while quietly waiting for the National Convention to meet and set the campaign going. In this City, as elsewhere, the party enthusiasm and the party efforts will suddenly burst into play when the work of the convention is done.

The County Committee is planning a monster ratification meeting to immediately follow the nomination of the Republican standard-bearer and to that end is placing itself in full preparation to call the Republican organizations of this City.

In the course of this process the following circular has been sent to all the members of the County Committee:

Dear Sir: It is the intention of this committee to hold a grand ratification of the Republican party immediately upon receiving the result of the Republican National Convention, which meets at St. Louis on the 16th day of June.

In order to make the ratification meeting a grand success it is important that we should have, as soon as possible, a complete list of all Republican clubs organized in your district.

Enclosed you will find five cards which you will please fill out in full and return to each club and return immediately to the secretary at these headquarters, 850 Market street, room 1. Yours respectfully,
JOHN JACKSON, Secretary.

A CLUMSY SWINDLER.

Money Obtained by Impersonating an Officer of the Health Department.

The Health Office has been notified that another swindler, representing himself to be a Health Officer, has been victimizing people in the neighborhood of Howard and Main streets. His notices for the abatement of nuisances are written on dirty brown paper, but in spite of the manner in which he does his work, he has obtained a sum of money from unsuspecting property-owners. The Police Department has been notified to be on the lookout for him.

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"In answer to the conflicts of his country, Longfellow said 'faith.' In answer to the problems of his age, his answer was still faith. It is impossible to over estimate the power of such teachings." The speaker described how in his youth he had been despised and rejected by his contemporaries, how the term, "literary lapidary," used by one of his critics, had stuck to him for years, and how gradually his poems grew in popularity, till they reached the hearts of the English-speaking peoples.

"This man, who, in his youth, had been laughed at as a 'literary lapidary,' had come to be the best-loved poet of his age," Mr. McNaught concluded his address by saying "that men will never willingly forget the songs of the singer who sang of faith in heaven amid the skepticism of his time," and he read "The Day Is Done." There was frequent applause during the remarks on Longfellow, and at the conclusion the speaker was again very warmly applauded.

The musical part of the programme was excellent. Messrs. A. Solomon (first violin), A. Savanah (second violin), A. Gwynn (viola) and Adolph Lada (cello) played an andante and idylle by Beyer and an allegro movement by Gottschalk in good style; David Maniloff sang with great applause; Adolph Lada played Raff's "Cavatina" as a cello solo with considerable expression; Miss Annie Roney's singing was also appreciated; Miss Frances Luse was recalled for her recitation; the Plymouth Quartet sang "The Bridge." The rest of the programme, which was as follows, would certainly have all been encored, but for the occasion of the lateness of the hour the

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CAPITAL.

Amount of capital stock paid up in cash.....	\$250,000 00
ASSETS.	
Real estate owned by the company.....	\$379,480 49
Cash market value of all stocks and bonds owned by company.....	1,384,870 00
Cash in company's office.....	5,312 65
Cash in banks.....	41,780 51
Interest due and accrued on all stocks and loans.....	2,655 19
Reserve for reinsurance deposit (cash in company's possession).....	7,808 41
Total assets.....	\$2,141,086 72

LIABILITIES.

Losses in process of adjustment or in suspense.....	\$409,547 98
Losses reserved for unexpired policies.....	1,842,929 07
Due to other companies for reinsurance.....	5,742 10
All other demands against the company.....	14,171 73
Total liabilities.....	\$1,772,390 46

INCOME.

Net cash actually received for premiums.....	\$2,500,958 35
Received on interest.....	102,310 31
Received for profits on securities sold.....	410 21
Total income.....	\$2,603,678 87

EXPENDITURES.

Net amount paid for losses.....	\$910,653 10
Dividends to stockholders.....	40,000 00
Paid or allowed for commission or brokerage.....	665,249 55
Paid for salaries, fees and other charges for officers, clerks, etc.....	234,007 44
Paid for State, National and local taxes.....	45,423 94
All other payments and expenditures.....	519,784 00
Total expenditures.....	\$2,415,318 03

GEORGE F. SEWARD, President.
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Received and sworn to before me this 30th day of January, 1896.
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