helmets, and the tall drum major, with a white rose in his button hole, led the line. After them came the Union Veteran corps, and then the G. A. R. posts, ladies' decorating committee, and Veteran Corps' cadets. The band played a dead march as the line was forming, and when all was ready the procession moved to the graves of the unknown soldiers. Here they paused, and a new dirge was played. From here the line moved to the graves, and the ladies, under direction of D. R. Turnbull, of post No. 3, scattered through the long avenues made by the even rows of white headstones. As the ladies' committee was passing through one point a white haired lady stepped from the line and exclaimed, "Oh, here Joe's grave, I must put a flower on it." Joe was her son.

The ladies then began decorating, and soon every white headstone showed a bunch of flowers placed there by tender hands. Standing under a large shade tree, gazing intently at the work of decorating, was Postmaster General Gresham, Secretary of War Lincoln, Will Carleton, the poet, Gen. Hazen, Mrs. Secretary Teller, Adjutant General Robinson, I. M. G. Shakespeare, of Michigan; Department Commander Hogan, of Ohio; Dr. Basil Norris, Rev. Dr. Nailor, Gen. McKee Dun, Representatives Wynant, Edwards and Taylor, of Ohio; Col. John A. Joyce, Capt. J. M. Nesbit, Messrs. Hawkes, Crosby, Corson, and Col. Batchelder. While the work of decorating was proceeding, the band played some appropriate selections.

The services at the amphitheater were to have begun at 1 p. m., but it was half an hour later when Department Commander Alexander called the assembly to order. The immense inclosure was filled to overflowing, and about a thousand people were unable to get inside. On the stage were seated the invited guests, speakers, an octette under the direction of Mr. S. H. Jecko, reporters, and members of the various committees.

An invocation by Dr. Rankin was followed by a song by the octette.

Mr. Will Carleton was then introduced. He recited his decoration poem, written for the occasion, in a clear, firm voice, and was loudly applauded. The choir then sang the Decoration day hymn, by Mr. C. A. White.

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford was next introduced. He delivered his oration in a free, eloquent style, and said: "In all ages men have come with flowers and song and praise to mark the graves and honor the names of dead heroes. Among such graves we stand to-day, such heroes we, too, would honor. Men have never died for better cause than that in which these fell. Courage and suffering have ripened into harvests of life, love, and gladness. Peace reigns in all the land. Our nation lives. Our flag is in the heaven. Beneath that flag there clanks no fetter and there creeps no slave. The nation lives because these men have died. Around this great city these men built a living rampart with their bodies, and let Him who watches over us hear this message from the living to the dead. As the night is gone and day is come so is the passion of war gone."

"Sleep Soldier, Sleep," a song by S. H. Jecke, was then sung, after which benediction was pronounced by Rev. Ben Swallow, while the Marine band played "Old Hundred" as the assemblage left.

During the excitement caused by the departure a fight took place between some white men and negroes, but no one was hurt.

A young man, named Milton, was arrested and taken to Alexandria for cutting the flag staff.

A large number of the visitors remained at Arlington until quite late enjoying the quietness. About 7,000 people were present.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

At the old Soldiers' home the observances were peculiarly interesting. The ceremonies there took place at 10 o'clock, and the crowds that throng these grounds on such occasions went early. By 9 o'clock the Seventh street route was lined with pedestrians and vehicles, all pilgrims to the new Mecca where life and gratitude pay the hemage of annual song and speech and flowers to the valor and the death that consecrate these beautiful grounds.

There were observed many improvements since last year. A new road has been cut in the meadow to the north of the superintendent's house; a new gateway, arched in stone arabesques, leads from the road directly to the speakers' stand; and the stand itself has been changed. Last year it was a frame structure hastily erected. Now it is a Doric temple of stone upon a solid brick foundation. Covered with flags, the stern simplicity of its Doric chapters harmonized beautifully with the green grove in the midst of which it stands, and with the thousands of plain white slabs that mark the graves of the dead.

There was something in the day or the surroundings that lent its influence to the large assembly present, and almost a Sabbath stillness covered the scene.

The exercises commenced with the shrill sound of the fife, and down the road to the cemetery past the white wilderness of headstones marched the old soldiers, two abreast, limping and halting veterans of many battles, sentinels of the cemetery to which they were rapidly hastening. The procession was mournfully interesting, and a fitting prelude to the ceremonies that almost immediately afterward commenced. Drawn up around the rostrum it seemed as if these aged veterans were listening in advance to their own funeral orations.

A salute of thirty-seven guns from the United States second artillery was the signal for beginning the exercises. In the grove were gathered an immense audience, who paid respectful attention to the proceedings. On the stand were perhaps a hundred ladies and gentlemen. Among them were Gen. R. B. Ayres, United States second artillery; Gen. S. D. Sturgis, governor of the home; Gen. Park, U. S. A.; Gen. Wright, of the old sixth corps; Gen. W. H. Browne, the poet of the day, and Mrs. Browne, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Trueil, Mrs. Richard Middleton, Mrs. Colby, of Chicago; Mrs. Spalding, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tupper, Admiral Almy and daughter, Hon. Wm. T. Price, of Wisconsin, the orator of the day; Rev. Rush R. Shippen, Mr. Loughran and Miss Shackford, of the Boston Ideals; Col. Batchelder, U. S. A.; Col. Chandler, U. S. A.; Gen. Hazen, Messrs. John Middleton, Jenks, Durkin, Parker, Plunkett, and others. The Memorial Day octette, under the direction of Mr. S. H. Jecko, also occupied seats on the stage.

After the salute the 2d artillery band, Richard Donovan leader, played the "Cujus Animam," from Rossini's "Stabat Mater," following which Mr. E. M. Trueil called the meeting to order. Gracefully and briefly stating the object of the meeting, he called upon Rev. Rush R. Shippen to open with prayer. The rendition of a suitable song by the Memorial Day Octette club followed, and then Gen. W. H. Browne read his poem of the "Soldiers' Home," written for the occasion.

Then followed the oration of the day, from Hon. William T. Price, of Wisconsin, preceded by a selection from the octette. Mr. Price treated his subject with skill. Nothing new of course could be said on the occasion, but he rung the changes on the old so well that his audience paid him the unusual compliment of wishing that the speech had been longer. A song, "Sleep, Soldier, Sleep," beautifully rendered by the octette, and a benediction from Rev. R. R. Shippen completed the purely formal part of the ceremonies. Then the real work of the day, the decorating of the graves, took place.

The tongue of the orator was eloquent, as he pictured the sacrifices of the heroic dead, and the poet's rhythmical lines were melodious in their tribute to the departed soldier, but those rows of silent white headstones, in their dumb, voiceless eloquence, showed orator and poet a speech more powerful than their own. Only one thing seemed fitting to the solemn silence of those stones—a flower. And flowers they brought. Nearly all that vast assembly stayed, and with gentle, lingering hands, as if loth to disturb the dead, laid flowers upon each grave. There was hardly an incident that occurred at the ground or on the road that might mar the solemnity, which people remarked as being unusually impressive even for such a scene. Once a ripple of laughter went over the outer circle of those on the stand. A little terrier dog had early taken a position on the platform, which he kept during the entire ceremony. He was a well-behaved dog and acted with becoming gravity. During the recitation of Gen. Browne's poem, as the ringing voice of the poet clothed a stirring idea in unusually melodious verse, the dog leaped to his feet and uttered a yelp, as if to express an intensity of feeling he could no longer repress. Beyond this the scene, the day, and the congregation were in perfect keeping with the solemnity of the occasion.

Back to the [illegible] came many of those who had participated in the ceremonies, and the roads grew dusty with the everflowing stream of people on their way home. People on foot, people in vehicles, people on horseback, old, young, black, and white, people with baskets of flowers, people with bouquets, people with simple bunches of flowers, which they designed to add to the roses and daisies already bestrewing the graves. The last to come was a little ragged colored boy, with a sad and honest face, who held up a trampled and withered rose bud and said, pleadingly: "Please, sir, may I put this on the soldiers' graves?"

THE BATTLE GROUND CEMETERY.

A mile beyond the Old Soldiers' home, out the Seventh street road, and a little to the right of it, is the Battle Ground cemetery, where lie buried some forty or fifty of the nation's heroes. It occupies a part of the ground where was fought the battle for the capital between Early's men and the old sixth corps in the summer of 1864. The country leading to it is one of quiet pastoral loveliness, and at this season especially beautiful. In the cool, grateful splendor of yesterday vegetation put on its glossiest green, the woods at a little distance were swathed in blue and purple shadows, and the whole air was filled with fragrance. The ride therefore to this most distant of the cemeteris around Washington was a pleasant one yesterday morning.

The ceremony of decorating these graves was intrusted to a committee under the direction of J. C. S. Burger, of Post No. 2, and of John P. Church, of Post No. 6. The exercises were held early so as to give those participating an opportunity of joining in the ceremonies at the old Soldiers' home.

The assembly, quite a large one considering the distance and seclusion of the cemetery, and the earliness of the hour, was called to order at 9 o'clock by Comrade John P. Church, who briefly explained the purposes of the meeting. Rev. W. E. Parsons, of the Memorial Lutheran church, offered prayer. He was followed by Mr. S. R. Boud, of the Washington bar, in an oration. Upon his concluding, Miss Hattie L. Cole recited a poem, and the congregation then joined in singing "America." Rev. Mr. Parsons then closed the formal part of the exercises with the benediction, and the audience, mostly members of the Grand Army, and their families, with visitors from the adjoining county, decorated each lonely grave with a profusion of choice flowers.

This is understood to be the first time that the graves in this cemetery have been formally decorated.

THE CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY.

At the Congressional cemetery the platform exercises took place at 10 a. m., and lasted for about three-quarters of an hour. There were a large number of persons within this beautiful and silent city of the dead.

The choir, consisting of Mrs. Shaw, Miss Mundell, and Messrs. Simonds and McGowan, under direction of Mr. D. F. McGowan, opened the exercises by singing "Honor the Brave." Comrade George J. P. Wood then called the assembly to order, and the Rev. H. R. Naylor offered prayer. The choir sang, "They Died for Me and You." The Hon. Charles Murphy read an original poem, after which the choir sang, "Our Loyal, Tried and True." The oration was delivered by Comrade H. J. Gifford, of Post No. 3. The choir then sang, "Under the Flowers," and the exercises were closed by the benediction pronounced by the Rev. H. R. Naylor. Mr. Hutchinson was the organist.

At the conclusion of the exercises the graves were strewn with flowers, the following ladies and gentlemen acting as the decorative committee: Messrs. George J. P. Wood, John O'Connell, D. M. Goodacre, and C. E. H. Holmes; Mesdames A. M. Bielaski, M. A. McCulloch, John O'Connell, Annie Lewis, —— Gorbert, George J. P. Wood, and Misses Alice Holmes, Emma Goodacre, Annie M. Wood, and Lizzie V. Kelley. Mr. J. B. Cross, superintendent of cemetery.

The graves of prominent generals and officers of high rank in the United States army and navy were designated by small United States flags together with the flowers.

Many of the people in the cemetery left at the conclusion of the exercises and grave decorating and went over to Arlington.

The scenes at the Congressional cemetery were altogether of a peaceful nature. There was no clamorous report of booming cannon or the presence of military uniforms or muskets as reminders of war. Several generations of families, from grandfather and grandmother down to the small children, all neatly attired and bearing baskets of flowers, could everywhere be seen kneeling at the graves and tenderly placing their offerings upon them. Some eyes were suffused with tears as a number of freshly made mounds were passed covered with fragrant and lovely exotics.

Among some of the more imposing monuments which received attention, was that erected to the memory of Joseph Gales, for more than half a century the leading editor of the *National Intelligencer*. The monument was erected by representatives of the American press in Philadelphia, New York, and Boston. The monument erected to the memory of Dr. William Gunton, who died in Washington, December 15, 1880; the tomb of Gales Seaton, who died February 9, 1857; the monuments to Gen. Daniel Parker, who died in Washington, April 5, 1846, and the one to Isaac and Charles W. Chauncy, U. S. N., are noticable among the veterans. The grave of Gen. A. A. Humphreys was profusely decorated. Adjoining the lot of Gen. Humphreys is one on which tombs are erected to the memory of Samuel Humphreys, chief constructor of the navy, who died in Georgetown, August 16, 1846, and Joshua Humphreys, lieutenant in the United States and confederate navies, who died in Fredericksburg, Va., November 19, 1873. On Coombe avenue is the imposing marble monument, erected to the memory of William Wirt, who was attorney general of the United States from 1817 to 1829. The senatorial and congressional memorial cenotaphs upon Congress avenue are always objects of much interest.

OUT OF TOWN.

Mt. Vernon, as is usual on Decoration day, attracted many persons, and the steamer Corcoran made two trips to accommodate the visitors. The tomb of Washington was almost hidden by flowers. Standing in front of the iron doors was a large floral sword and shield. Other handsome tributes were placed in the vault. The local committee of the regents held divine service in the mansion at noon, which was largely attended. A quartette rendered several selections. The visitors returned to this city about 8 o'clock

About two hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen accompanied the "Saturday" evening club to Marshall Hall on the steamer Mary Washington, which made two trips.

The memorial services at the National cemetery at Winchester, Va., were attended by a large company, including many from this city. The procession started from Market street at 2 o'clock and moved to the cemetery in the following order: Mounted police, Chief Marshal Robinson, with his assistants; Maj. J. H. Wotring, confederate veterans, and Maj. George W. Green, federal veterans; Union Cornet band, Winchester Light Infantry, Confederate Veteran camp, No. 4, followed by the carriages containing the speakers and decorating committee. When the cemetery was reached the graves were strewn with flowers, after which the following order of exercises was carried out: Dirge, by the band; prayer, by Rev. R. F. Bishop; dirge, by the band; address, by Hon. John L. Thomas; poem, by Miss Mollie Ebersole (the Blue and the Gray); chorus, by the Union Cornet band, with brass accompaniment.

The B. & O. carried about 500 people up to Pen-Mar park at 8 o'clock and brought them back at 9 last night, all tired, but well pleased with their trip. Friendship lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. M., accompanied the excursion.

A basket picnic and excursion attracted about two hundred people to Belmont park, a new summer resort on the Washington and Ohio railway. Trout fishing and other amusements were indulged in, and the party returned about 7 p. m.

The visiting Good Templars, who are holding a convention here, went to Glymont as guests of the local lodge yesterday and spent the day. Several speeches were made by members.

About two thousand people visited Prospect Hill cemetery yesterday, and the graves of the many veterans buried there were strewn with flowers. Among the soldiers who found their last resting place there are the two men from the 8th battalion, District of Columbia volunteers, who were the first soldiers from this district who fell during the war. The veterans of the 8th battalion, preceded by three of the old drummers of their old organization and with their old battle flag, met at Loeffler's garden at 3 o'clock p. m. and marched in a body to the cemetery, escorted thither by the German Maennerchor. After a short address by Capt. H. Eicholtz, Mr. Habercom was introduced by him as the orator of the day, and the latter delivered a fine address, closing with touching allusions to the example set by the departed heroes. Mr. Burkhardt read a poem, and the Maennerchor rendered several appropriate songs.

The soldiers' graves at Oak Hill were decorated by a committee of ladies. There were a large number of visitors to the cemetery, and nearly all of these brought flowers, which they heaped on the graves of departed friends.

Although there are but few soldiers interred at Glenwood, the few graves were profusely decorated, and there were large numbers of visitors.

The burial grounds devoted to colored people, including the Columbia, Harmony, and the Graceland, were not forgotten, and the graves of the colored soldiers and others were heaped with flowers.

The colored Washington Cadets, with martial music playing "Oh, Susannah," and other plantation melodies, paraded up and down Pennsylvania avenue during the afternoon. The battalion wore their white helments and marched well.

THE DAY ELSEWHERE.

NEW YORK, May 30.—Decoration day opened with bright, blue skies, but the air was somewhat chilly. Different posts of the Grand Army of the Republic decorated the statues of Lincoln, Washington, Lafayette, Farragut, and others. At the Lincoln statue a prayer was offered, a poem read, and an address was made by Judge Tourgee. The line of march of the parade was down Fifth avenue. This thoroughfare was lined with people. The procession started well on time, and was received with approbation all along the route. The 7th regiment had the largest number of men in line. Gen. B. F. Butler rode in a carriage with Gen. Martin T. McMahon and received an ovation from the time he took his place in the line. The decorations along the line were very sparse. A few houses had flags out, but there was no effort at display. The graves of Alexander Hamilton, Gen. Phil Kearney, Charlotte Temple, Capt. Lawrence, and Robert Fulton, in Trinity church yard, were profusely decorated with flowers today. Numerous flags were flying from the public and private buildings in Brooklyn today. Gen. Sheridan, with his staff, came over from New York early, and his appearance was the signal for cheers from the spectators. A salute of seventeen guns was fired in his honor. At the residence of Joseph F. Knapp he met Gens. Grant and Sherman, Maj. Low, and other distinguished gentlemen. Later they all reviewed the parade under Col. Follett from a stand at Fort Greene. After the procession the regiments of the Grand Army of the Republic went to the different cemeteries and decorated the graves of fallen heroes.

President Arthur, Gen. Hancock, and Mayor Edson were escorted to the grand stand by the Old Guard. From this point they reviewed the procession as it defiled past them. The President was cheered by those surrounding the stand and took off his hat in response and bowed. On the stand were also the Siamese embassy, Secretary Teller, ex-Secretary Bristow, Gen. Sickles, and the Rev. Dr. Newman. It took the procession nearly two hours to pass the stand. When the procession had passed the stand the President returned to the Fifth Avenue hotel, where he held a public reception and received all callers for about half an hour. Then he was closeted with Police Commissioner French and Surrogate Rollins. It is probable that he will remain in town until Sunday evening, when he will return to Washington.

GETTYSBURG, PA., May 30.—Despite the raw weather the largest crowd ever assembled here on Decoration day gathered at the National cemetery to-day. Excursions brought hundreds of visitors from the surrounding country. There was a parade at the cemetery and ceremonies by members of the Grand Army. The graves were decorated by the children of the public schools. The oration was delivered by Hon. Martin Maginnis, of Montana.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 30.—To-day being cool, crisp, and sunshiny was very favorable to a general observance of Decoration day. The Grand Army and citizens generally crowded the various cemeteries, where wagon loads of plants, growing vines, and cut flowers were distributed among the graves.

CHICAGO, May 30.—The military and civic parade this afternoon as a part of the Decoration day ceremonies was the largest ever witnessed here on a similar occasion.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 30.—The national greenback committee held a long session last night, and organized by electing E. A. Gillette, of Iowa, chairman, and D. W. Teerlinde, of New Jersey, secretary.

PETERSBURG, VA., May 30.—National Memorial day was observed here by the closing of the different government offices. This afternoon the graves of the federal soldiers buried in the two cemeteries near this city were decorated. The exercises were of an impressive character.

WHEELING, W. VA., May 30.—A grand procession of the Grand Army of the Republic, the fire department, and Knights of Pythias preceded the public exercises at the monument. Gen. Horatio C. King, of New York, was the orator and William Leighton the poet of the occasion. The children of the public school sang several patriotic airs.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—Decoration day was celebrated by the customary observance here. The banks, government offices, and principal business houses were closed. The military procession was unusually fine. The interior cities and towns report that the day was commemorated in an appropriate manner. The stock exchange was closed till Monday next.

BALTIMORE, May 30.—The decoration of the graves of the union soldiers took place to-day in the several cemeteries in and near this city. Detachments from the posts of the Grand Army of the Republic were detailed to perform all the duty, except at Loudon Park cemetery, where the greater number of the dead repose. Wilson post performed the duty at Loudon Park. There were no formal ceremonies at any of the cemeteries, but the decorations were profuse and beautiful. At night memorial services were held by Wilson post at Holliday Street theater where an oration was delivered by Mr. Sylvester L. Stockbridge. There was also vocal and instrumental music. Dushane post held memorial services at its hall, consisting of music and an oration by Rev. A. J. Gill. The flags on the Grand Army post building were at half mast during the day.

At Annapolis the union and confederate veterans united in the decoration ceremonies. Hon. A. J. Warner, M. C., of Ohio, was the orator of the day.

At Frederick and Antietam due observances of the day were had, Gen. John A. Logan delivering the oration at Antietam.

Convicted of Murder.

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 30.—The trial of S. D. Hall, for the murder of C. A. Bower, in Montgomery county, in 1879, was concluded at Christianburg to-day. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. A new trial was refused and the prisoner was sentenced to be hanged Aug. 8. The murder was most atrocious. It was the result of an old feud. Bowyer, who was a large landowner, sold Hall a small tract of land. They quarreled over the settlement of the transfer and Hall waylaid Bowyer in a lonely spot in the woods and killed him with a shotgun. A woman and child who were passing recognized the men. They saw Bowyer screening himself behind a small tree and begging Hall to spare him. The woman called to Hall, but he, unmindful of her protest, fired and afterward fled. He escaped to North Carolina, and was absent eleven years. Hall was finally captured while secretly visiting his father. The woman and girl who saw the murder committed were the principal witnesses against the prisoner. The verdict was received with applause.

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