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With Solemn Tread, Soldier and Civilian Honor Dead

JOIN IN TRIBUTE TO DEPARTED HEROES

GLEAM OF GRAY AND GLINT OF GOLD MARK IMPOSING PARADE OF DECORATION DAY IN DALLAS.

Twelve Veterans of Civil War March With Firm Step to Music of Funeral Dirge; 368 School Children in Line; Exercises at the Armory are Impressive.

Under the smiling skies of a perfect summer morning with a gentle breeze just sufficient to ripple the folds of the many flags, and kiss with loving and tender caress the countless blossoms that decked the mounds in the silent city on the hillside, the Decoration day parade of yesterday morning was one of the most inspiring spectacles which the people of Dallas have beheld in many days. To the solemn strains of a dirge played by the Dallas band, the parade moved through the streets of the city, led by company G. O. N. G., under command of Captain Walter L. Tooze, Jr. Following the band marched the veterans of the civil war. Silver gleamed in their honored locks and the marks of time showed plainly upon their furrowed faces. But their steps were firm withal and in their eyes was the gleam of loyalty and devotion to the starry flag whose draped and honored folds carried by one of their number proved the inspiration of yesterday as it did years ago on Southern fields amidst the shriek of shot and shell and the dying groans of brothers and sons who fell. But 12 of them there were, where a few years since there were hundreds, but the loyalty and the love of their fellow countrymen went out to them in undying devotion and respect for the work they did and the privations they faced while hundreds of the present generation were yet unborn.

Many School Children.
One of the pleasing and inspiring features of the parade was the school children from the public schools of the city. There were 368 in line in addition to their teachers and they presented a thrilling sight. Each one carried a flag and the flashing folds of the emblems of liberty added to the bright costumes formed a spectacle which will linger long in the memory of those who saw it.

At the Armory.
An appropriate setting for the services held this morning sacred to the memory of the veterans of the war, was found in the new Armory, the home of the soldier of today. Over an improvised stage a picture of the man held dearest to the hearts of his countrymen, Abraham Lincoln, spread its peace and benevolence over the spacious building which was crowded to its greatest seating capacity.

On the platform were crossed arms, sabres, tents, canteens and flags which gave it the appearance of a camping ground. Seated among these were Mayor J. R. Craven, Rev.

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Calling on Old Friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Miller, formerly residents of Dallas but now living at Forest Grove, were in the city Monday visiting former friends. At one time Mr. Miller was the proprietor of the Hotel Gall, the hostelry being named after their daughter. Later Mr. Miller was engaged in the hardware business here.

France May Have a War In Morocco on Her Hands



AFTER all the delicate negotiations which endangered the peace of Europe, but resulted in giving to France a free hand in Morocco, it appears that the French protectorate over the north African sultanate is likely to be maintained only at the cost of a long campaign. Recently the inhabitants of Fez, the capital, rose and massacred French soldiers and civilians, the pretext for the outbreak being that the life of the sultan was threatened by the French. Fearful barbarities were perpetrated upon the inhabitants of the Jewish quarter as well as upon Europeans, and some of the worst offenders are said to have been Moorish women. General Monnier, the French commandant at Fez, has asked for re-enforcements, which have been promised him. One prominent French military authority says that it will require twelve years to subdue Morocco.

Sells-Floto Show Proves Magnet That Draws Crowd

Perfect Weather Assists in Outpouring of People; Show is Creditable Performance and Menagerie is Interesting; Baby Elephant is Feature

Complete with its full equipment of red and blue balloons, its carmine lemonade, and its crowds, circus day in Dallas yesterday was all that could be desired. The circus itself was by far the best that has visited this city in many years and the "clouds of canvas" spread at the grounds in North Dallas were filled with crowds both afternoon and night. Some very creditable acts were seen and the menagerie was well worth investigating. The baby elephant was the cynosure of all beholders and one of the feature attractions of the show.

The parade of the morning, which was purposely delayed by the circus people until after the Decoration day exercises at the armory, was one of the best ever seen here. It was notable because of the large number of bands and fine horses displayed. The latter especially calling forth many commendatory utterances from the crowds which packed the streets in the business section.

The general opinion that the Sells-Floto show is one of the best of the smaller circuses that is traveling today and we have heard no complaint from any quarter. There was a noticeable absence of petty grafting and the usual crowd of

toughs and sharpers formerly believed to be inseparable from the ordinary circus, were conspicuous by their absence.

The circus train arrived during Wednesday night from McMinnville and left late last night for Salem where the show is exhibiting today.

Ceases to be "Tentacle."

Will White has disposed of his interest in the Itemizer Realty concern and has given up the job of being one of its "tentacles." He has not decided upon his future course but will take a vacation for a few months before going into business again. He says he does not intend to leave Dallas permanently, although he expects to take a trip to other climes for a while.

Patriotic Display.

The Dallas Mercantile company had a pretty and appropriate display in their South window yesterday in honor of Decoration Day. On a green ground there was displayed a picture of Abraham Lincoln around which was strung a number of red and white roses. The window attracted considerable attention and favorable comment from the big crowds in town yesterday that saw it.

Has New Son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John C. Uglow, on Wednesday, May 29, a son. It is related that John has already instructed his son regarding the various and sundry makes of automobiles.

CELEBRATION MASS MEETING

Dallas Business Men to Meet to Consider Plans For Celebration of July Fourth.

A mass meeting of the citizens and business men of Dallas is hereby called to meet at the county court room in Dallas Tuesday night, June 4, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of determining whether a celebration of July Fourth shall be held in this city and, if so, to make arrangements for same. This is an important matter and the attendance of every business man especially is urged.

J. R. CRAVEN, Mayor.

NEW FACTORY FOR DALLAS NOW ASSURED

COMMERCIAL CLUB AGREES TO HELP ADJUSTABLE ELECTRIC SOCKET COMPANY IN SECURING SITE.

CLUB TO DONATE SITE

Manager Minnich Makes Request For Dallas to Do as Well as Other Towns; Is Left With Committee; Club Recommends Celebration For the Fourth of July.

Decision to assist the Adjustable Electric Socket company to the extent of not more than \$300 in securing a site for a factory which the company proposes to erect somewhere in Dallas, was made at a special meeting of the Commercial club held on Wednesday night. There was a very good attendance of club members and the matter was discussed fully. C. W. Minnich, manager of the company, was present and explained at length the plans of the company.

He stated that the company was ready to begin the construction of the factory at once and would do so as soon as a suitable site could be secured. He said that he had found the location he wanted and supposed that he had had a clear understanding with the owner regarding the sale of the lot, but later found that he declined to sell. The location in question comprised a lot about 150 feet square owned by J. G. VanOrsdal near the plant of the Dallas Lumber and Logging company.

Would Enter Agreement.

Minnich said that the company would at once begin the construction of the factory and would enter into any sort of an agreement with the club to meet all requirements asked for within reason, in return for the donation of a site. He said the company did not ask for a site because it could not purchase one itself, but rather because he believed that the company was entitled to this concession. He called the attention of the club to the fact that he had been offered free sites in Salem and in Independence, but that he preferred to locate in Dallas. He said that he would employ only a few men but, if the business grew to the extent he hoped, it would give work to between 40 and 50 hands by the end of the first year of its existence. He was willing, he said, to have the club place this condition upon their donation of a site and, in the event that the Electric Socket company did not live up to its portion of the agreement, then the land was to revert to the club.

To Make Other Articles.

In connection with the manufacture of the adjustable electric socket, the company proposed also to manufacture several other useful household articles.

The universal sentiment of the club appeared to be favorable to the request. It was pointed out that the mission of the club was to secure manufacturing enterprises for the city and, as Mr. Minnich had agreed to demonstrate the ability of his

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Industrial Parade by Dallas Business Men to be Feature of Artisans Big Picnic Day

Led by Dallas Band Display of Floats Promises to be Most Complete Ever Seen in County.

Program For Day Now Complete;

Parade to Move at 10:15 a. m.; Interesting Exercises at City Park Promised; Address By Governor West and Prominent Officials of the Order; Ball Games and Motorcycle Races in Afternoon; Band Concert in Evening.

Program for Saturday, June 1,

when the Artisans picnic will be given in Dallas will start at 9:30 o'clock in the morning with a concert by the Dallas band, and from that time on to the time when the shades of evening fall, there will not be a dull moment, time only being allowed for meals. If the weather shall hold good there is no doubt but that the affair will be the most successful of the kind ever held here. The committees of the Artisans have been working continually and the business men have responded enthusiastically to their request for float representation in the parade which gives promise that this feature of the day will not be neglected.

Morning Program.

The band concert will be given near the business center and will last from 9:30 until 10 o'clock. This will be followed by a high wire performance on one of the business streets by Harry Dubarro, world champion high wire expert.

TAX PAYMENTS HIT HIGH MARK

PROPERTY OWNERS CONTRIBUTE TO COUNTY TREASURY.

All Former Records Surpassed; Only Small Sum Remains Unpaid on Big 1911 Tax Roll.

More than \$270,350 has been paid into the strong box of Polk county by the taxpayers of the county up to the present time which is a much better record than has ever before been made in this county. The exact amount paid in, up to Wednesday, May 29, including interest and penalties amounted to \$270,356.92, of which amount \$226.99 represents interest and penalties on delinquent payments. There remains something like \$35,422 yet to be paid to wipe out the 1911 tax roll which approximated \$305,000, while last year's roll only reached \$230,000.

Of the \$35,422 yet to be paid the greater portion of this comprises the half payments on properties from people who have taken advantage of that provision of the statute. From all indications the delinquent list this year will be very small.

New Standard School.

The Ballston school has become standard and was presented with the standard pennant by County School Superintendent Seymour.

The teachers include: J. A. Crowl, principal; Misses Leone Agee, Marguerite Kinderman, and Amy Carver. The board of directors are: N. E. Gregg, Jack Rand, A. B. Chandler and G. A. McCulloch.

Star Show Makes Good.

Walters & McKenzie's Merry Makers who are appearing at the Star theater this week, have scored a rare success and have nightly been greeted with good houses. The company is really above the average and are entitled to the patronage they are receiving. They will appear tonight and close their week's engagement tomorrow night.

The grand parade will move from headquarters at Woodman hall promptly at 10:15 o'clock, headed by the Dallas band and followed by the Artisans lodge and float, autos containing Governor Oswald West and other prominent officials of the state and of the order, the ladies of the committee of judges, and the floats and trade representations of the Dallas business men.

Line of Parade.

The parade will move west on Washington to Main street, north on Main to Court, east on Court to Jefferson, north on Jefferson to Mill, west on Mill to Church, north on Church to Oak, east on Oak to Main, south on Main to Court, west on Court to Levens and north on Levens to the City Park where the morning program will be observed, as follows:

Exercises at the Park.

Music, Dallas band.
Music, "America," by audience with band accompaniment.
Invocation, Rev. Chester P. Gates.
Address of Welcome, Mayor J. R. Craven.
Chorus, "Carmena," special choir.
Address, Governor Oswald West.
Address, J. W. Mills, Supreme Treasurer U. of A.
Chorus, "Love's Old, Sweet Song," special choir.
Address, Dr. J. B. Olmstead, Supreme M. D.
Music, Dallas band.
Dinner.

Afternoon Sports.

The afternoon program will begin promptly at 1:30 o'clock on the Dallas College campus and will open with a tug of war contest between Airlie and Dallas. This will be followed by a ball game between the married men and the single men. Five innings will be played.
2:30—Ball game between the high school teams of Corvallis and Dallas.
4:30—Motorcycle race, open to all amateurs. Course will be from some point on Main street to Levens street, north on Levens across the Levens street bridge and through North Dallas, returning to the starting point by way of the Main street bridge. First prize, \$5.00.
5:15—Pillow fight on Main street.
Supper.

7:00—High wire act on business street by Harry Dubarro.
7:15—Hose race and coupling contest on Main street.
7:30—Pie eating contest and pillow fight.
7:45—Band concert on Court House plaza.
9:00—Artisans ball in National Guard armory—everybody invited.

W. E. Williams, of Airlie, has consented to act as marshal of the day and the morning parade will be under his command.

Notice Artisans.

All members of the Artisan lodge will meet at the Woodman hall, Saturday, June 1st, at 9:30 a. m. to receive their badges. By order
F. W. WING, M. A.

Strawberry Season Short.

Strawberry growers declare that owing to the recent rains, the strawberry season will be exceptionally short this year and that those who expect to wait until the last of the season hoping to secure cheap berries are liable to be disappointed. The damp weather and following days of sunshine will develop the fruit very rapidly and it will require the hardest kind of hustling to harvest the crop.

Annual Alumni Meeting.

All members of the Dallas College Alumni association are hereby notified that the annual meeting and banquet for 1912 will be held at the New Scott Hotel on Wednesday night, June 12, at which time all members are requested to be present. Those who intend to participate in the meeting and banquet are urged to pay their dollars at once to the undersigned.

R. A. TEATS, Secretary.

E. F. Mier, of Newport, was in the city on business the first of the week.