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From the Editor

The Ashland Show was as outstanding success. More tables of GAR items than we ever expected to see in our lifetime. Next year it will be the first weekend in May. Make plans now, motel rooms are booked at the Surrey Inn already. Registration for tables will start in January.

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Copy of General Order Instituting Memorial Day.

GENERAL ORDERS.
 No. 11.

HEADQUARTERS
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5th, 1868.

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but Posts and comrades will, in their own way, arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our Regulations tell us, for the purposes among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late Rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts as a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or the coming generation that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If others eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it warm as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude—the soldier's widow and orphan.

It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades.

He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department Commanders will use every effort to make this Order effective.

By COMMAND OF JOHN A. LOGAN, *Commander-in-Chief.*

N. P. CHIPMAN, *Adjutant General.*

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The following letter, from B.F. Stephenson, to the editor of the original Great Republic settles the reasons for the absence of a G.A.R. National Encampment in 1867. Mr. Stephenson is replying to another letter to the editor from "C.M."

"H'd Q'rs G.A.R.
Adj. Gen. Office,
Aug. 21, 1867.
Editors of the Great
Republic:

In your issue of the 18th. inst., there is an article signed "C.M.", reflecting upon the management of the GAR, and which I think is unjust and unkind. "CM" claims to have been a delegate to the Convention at Indianapolis - he also truly states that Jan. 1st. is the beginning of the GAR year - but he has forgotten that said convention was held at Indianapolis on the 20th. and 21st. days of Nov., 1866. only 40 days before the beginn'ng of the year. If "CM" had been as attentive to the workings of the convention as he is anxious to have the Headquarters migrate eastward, he would remember that the convention provided for a National Convention to be held yearly, at such time and place as the Commander may determine. It would have been unwise for him to have called a convention immediately on the heels of the one at Indianapolis, besides it was understood at that time, that all of the Department were to be organized by the 1st Jan. ensuing, and that prior to the expiration of 1867, the Commander-in-Chief should call the GAR together. A provision was also made for delegates to said body. If on the ground that a convention has not been called, "CM" can justify his threats of making it his business, not mine, but I must



be allowed to differ with him.

Another statement made by "CM" is, that letter after letter has been sent to Springfield on this subject, and that no replies have been received. I have only to say that this charge is false - entirely so. Whenever there is a convention it will be fully shown whose fault it is that matters at times at these Headquarters seemed to be neglected, and an apparent negligence prevailed. It will also be shown at whose cost all the expense of Hdqrs., including rent, clerk hire, fuel, light, & c., have been sustained. It certainly was not from the Departments, for it is the truth that over and above the cost of

the Rituals, & c, furnished to the different Depts., the money received has been insufficient to pay for the postage stamps used in the ordinary course of our business. Maj. Gen. Hulburt ordered an assessment of 10 cents on each paying member to be placed in the hands of the QM Gen. (Gen. Willich) on which he might draw to pay the expenses of these Headquarters. Most of the western Depts. have ordered the assessment. As yet we have received nothing. All the eastern States have entirely repudiated the order - that is, as we are credibly informed - and yet the demands made upon these Hdqrs. are but little short of those on the War Dept at Washington. Would it not well for "CM" (and by the way, what is his name) to look upon both sides of the question before he flags us alive. We are entirely anxious and willing to have the eastern men take charge of the Order and can promise them we will not 'mutiny,' not threaten such a course. Neither will we repudiate any legal authority or command.

Fraternally Yours,
B.F. Stephenson,
Adjutant General, G.A.R.

FORM OF CEREMONY ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

It is recommended that Posts use the following ceremonies, as far as practicable, on MEMORIAL DAY,

The children of the Sunday and public schools should be invited to take a prominent part in these ceremonies. Where there are several cemeteries, assignments should be made, and the hour named for the children to be at each.

They should be arranged in two ranks, facing inward on the main avenue of the cemetery, each child having one or more bunches of flowers. When the Post has nearly arrived at the entrance, it will be formed in two ranks, and then pass between the lines of the children, the comrades receiving flowers from the children, who at the same time should sing an appropriate selection.

The Post Commander or Committee of Arrangements should, prior to Memorial Day, select the most advantageous spot in each cemetery for the principal ceremonies, and the Post, school children, societies and citizens should be formed in a square, enclosing a number of soldiers' graves.

At the most prominent of these, on account of location, the Post Commander and assistants, with the Color Guards, will take position.

The Band or Choir should also be inside the square.

If the oration is to be delivered on the grounds, a slight elevation may be prepared for the orator, but beyond this there should be nothing to disturb the general appearance of the burial-place, or interfere with the quiet respect due the last resting place of humanity.

A printed programme of the order of exercises should be distributed, containing the hymn to be sung, with the request that the audience join in singing.

The comrades who are to take an oral part in the ceremonies should be previously selected by the Committee of Arrangements, *should memorize their parts perfectly, AND SPEAK IN CLEAR AND DISTINCT TONES.*

Undue haste, indistinctness, or slurring of parts, will sadly jar on the feelings of those present, and disturb the solemnity of the occasion.

The flowers to be used for the special services should be arranged in wreaths.

ABSOLUTE SILENCE should be imposed on every one not assigned speech in the proceedings, and the slightest tendency to applause or disorder should be promptly suppressed.

The part assigned to the Post Commander may be taken by any other comrade, when so delegated.

All things being in readiness, the Post Commander will say:

COMRADES AND FRIENDS:—We are now about to decorate with flowers, and honor with fitting ceremonies, the graves of comrades who are buried here, who served with us in defense of our country during its terrible trial. We meet for no empty show or useless parade, but to testify from full and overflowing hearts that the remembrance of their sacrifices has not grown dim with passing years.

Standing by their resting-places, with bowed heads, we can recall the unselfish devotion of the men who fell that liberty might live, and that the government, bequeathed as a heritage by our patriot fathers, might not perish from the earth.

We are not here to glory in the victories of the past, nor to stir up the hot blood by the recital of our comrades' valor. We have buried the animosities and hate engendered by the war, and we desire rather to forget all, save the good in the past, whilst we renew our inflexible purpose to maintain the government saved by the devotion of our comrades.

Here is the fitting place to call to mind the men who with us stood guard over the nation; to think of the charge some comrade died in repelling; some terrible leaden shower that smote him by our side; some prison pen, where, dying, he still prayed for God's fair land; and to show that the love of Union and liberty was not laid aside when the battle-flags were furled, and the swords laid by to rust.

As, then, we scatter earth's fairest emblems, life's fitting symbol, upon these graves, the world shall know that the humblest of our slain comrades has a crown of remembrance brighter and more enduring than the diadem of kings.

A Dirge by the band, or an Appropriate Ode, or both.

In the selection of music for an ode, the effect will be heightened if tunes are selected in which the audience can join. The request for their assistance should be upon the programme, to prevent directions being given during the ceremonies.

[The different clergymen should be invited to participate, especially in the Church cemeteries. The Chaplain may offer voluntary prayers instead of the form, if preferred.]

Prayer.

Almighty and most merciful God, we approach Thee at this hour and implore Thy benedictions to rest richly upon us and our country. We beseech Thee to bless the offices of love which we this day perform. Grant that the memory of our brave companions in arms, who now sleep in death, may be to us and to our countrymen beautiful and fragrant, like the flowers which we now strew upon their graves. May their blood impart new life to the nation. Save our beloved country throughout all the ages of time, and grant that it may be evermore exalted before Thee in righteousness. And we beseech Thee to look lovingly upon us, the surviving comrades of the brave men who sleep in honorable graves. Give unto us and to all the assembly of people here with us Thy blessing evermore. Guide us unto death, and afterwards receive us to glory. We ask all for Christ's sake. Amen.

Dirge by the Band, or an Ode, as may be previously arranged.

A comrade, previously designated, will now advance to the receptacle of flowers, and taking from it a wreath, place it upon a grave, and say:

In memory of the honored and heroic dead, whose remains here find shelter and repose, I deposit these flowers, thinking not of the creed or color, politics or nationality or rank of the comrades sleeping below, knowing only they were patriots who bravely served where duty called. May the lesson of purity which these flowers symbolize rest in our hearts, and keep alive in us that patriotism which was exemplified on all the battle fields of the civil war.

(RETIRES.)

Another comrade will then advance, and, taking flowers, will place them on a grave, and say:

In honor of our comrades slain in Freedom's battle, yielding up their lives in prison pens, dying in hospitals from wounds or disease, who now sleep in graves far away and unknown, I place these flowers upon this grave. These beautiful flowers will fade, this green mound will be leveled with the plain, but the historic stream by which our comrades fought will be dry and the battle mountains where they bled will be washed by the sea ere the story of their valor dies out, or the result of their heroism cease to affect mankind.

(RETIRES.)

Another comrade will then advance, and, taking flowers and placing them on a grave, will say:

Death will come to all of us; none can evade its relentless mandate. The highest potentate and the humblest toiler must at last take their places in the bosom of the earth, and it becomes us all to be ready for the messenger whose summons we must obey.

Our Comrades, whose graves are scattered all over the land wherever our armies marched or fought—who calmly sleep beneath the waters until the sea gives up its dead, or in the quiet hamlet, where the sound of the battle-call was never heard—performed the noblest of duties—the defense of their country and the upholding of its starry banner.

As the grass will spring anew after the storms of the winter, as other flowers will come forth to take the place of these so soon to fade, so be it ours, and future generations, to keep bright with each succeeding year the memories of our fallen comrades.

The Chaplain will then advance, and, taking WHITE flowers, will say:

May the example of our departed comrades and the lesson of their sacrifices remain with us, and constantly teach us that next to the duty we owe to the giver of every good and perfect gift unselfish patriotism and manly devotion to the country which shields and protects us are the highest attributes and surest signs of that true nobility which raises man to be but little lower than the angels and binds upon the brow the ineffaceable mark of the hero. May wisdom from on high shine into the hearts of our rulers, and so direct all their actions that the people may honor them, as to-day they honor the memory of the country's defenders; and from this silent city of the dead may we carry to our homes and prove by our actions the determination to be true to the charges left upon the nation's gratitude, "to care for him who has born the battle," and for the widow and orphan of the fallen. In remembrance, then, of the holy cause for which our comrades gave the full measure of their devotion, I now place these white flowers upon this grave.

(RETIRES.)

The comrades, assisted by others, if desirable, will then strew flowers on the graves of soldiers in the cemetery, each of which should have been previously designated by a small flag, care being taken that none of the graves shall be overlooked.

When practicable, it is suggested that an armed soldier should be posted at every grave, standing at a parade rest during the ceremonies.

Where the formation of the ground and the number present will admit of it, a good plan will be to have the Post arranged at one side or end of the cemetery as skirmishers, and advance at the sound of the bugle, winding around among the different graves. The band should play a dirge during this portion of the ceremonies.

After the decoration of graves the "assembly" will be sounded and the Posts will form in proper order at the place designated, where the oration is to be delivered (if one is to be made on the ground); if not, a hymn should be sung by the choir, and the audience be then dismissed with the BENE-

General Instructions.

Should there be no comrades under arms, the same relative formation will be observed.

If the Post be accompanied by a military escort which is without music, the escort will form, when in line, four yards on the left of the Post band, and will occupy the same relative position when in column. If provided with music, the military escort will form on the right of the Post band, the left of the escort two yards from the right of the said band, and will occupy the same relative position in column.

In formation in line or column of two or more Posts, they will form in their numerical order at four yards interval or distance.

Posts will be divided into two equal platoons formed in *double rank* and counted off in fours.

Other organizations not military in their character should follow the Post.

SALUTING.

The wearing of swords or belts outside the Post rooms by Post officers, except those connected officially with firing parties, is prohibited.

When in march honors will be rendered by dipping the colors only. None of the officers or comrades will salute with hand when in column or on the march.

When standing in line honors will be rendered by dipping the colors, the officers and comrades saluting with the hand at the command *present arms*. At the command *arms*, comrades will carry the right hand smartly to the vizzor of the cap, palm of the hand to the front, thumb and fingers closed and extended, the forefinger touching the vizzor. The hand will be retained in this position until the command *carry arms*, when it will be dropped smartly to the side. The command Post salute will be used *only in the Post room*.

Samuel Town
Assistant Adjutant General.

Directions for the Proper Formation of Posts and Military Escorts.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18th, 1881.

The following instructions are hereby issued for the formation of Posts in line and in column, and will be observed on all public parades, funeral and other occasions of ceremony:

FORMATION IN LINE.

The Post Commander will take position four yards in front of the centre of the Post, the Adjutant two yards in the rear, the Senior Vice Commander two yards in front of the centre of the right platoon, and the Junior Vice Commander two yards in front of the centre of the left platoon.

The music will form on the *extreme* right.

The Post G. A. R. color bearers will take position two yards to the left of the band.

Comrades under arms will take position two yards on the left of the Post G. A. R. color bearers. The Post officers will take position two yards on the left of the comrades under arms in the following order: Officer of the Day, Surgeon, Chaplain, Quartermaster, Officer of the Guard; in their rear National, Department and visiting officers and Past Post Commanders.

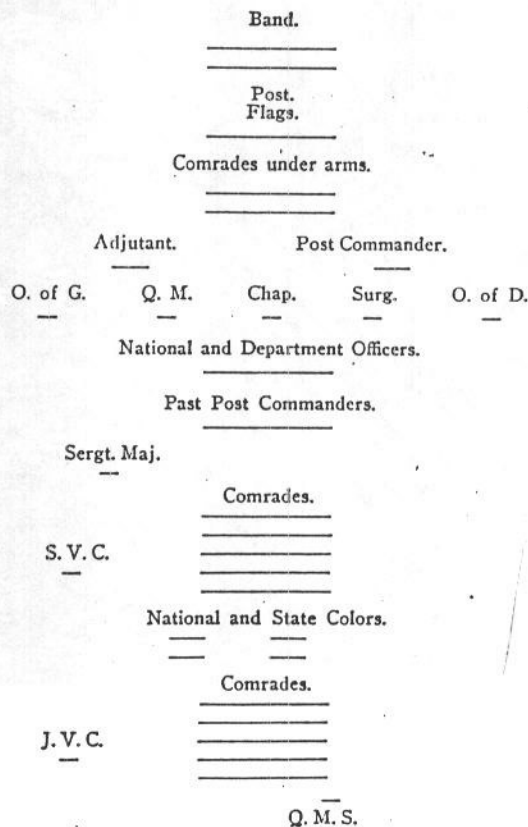
The Post will form three yards on the left of these officers, with the Sergeant Major on the right, the Quartermaster Sergeant on the left of the front rank, the National and State colors on the left of the right platoon.

Corps flags will be distributed *equi distant* along the line, and will be carried by No. 4 of the proper section.

The Sergeant Major and Quartermaster Sergeant will carry the Post *guidons*.

FORMATION IN COLUMN

On wheeling into column, the Post Commander will take position immediately in rear of the comrades under arms, the Adjutant taking position on the left. The accompanying diagram will show the position of the other officers and of all the colors.

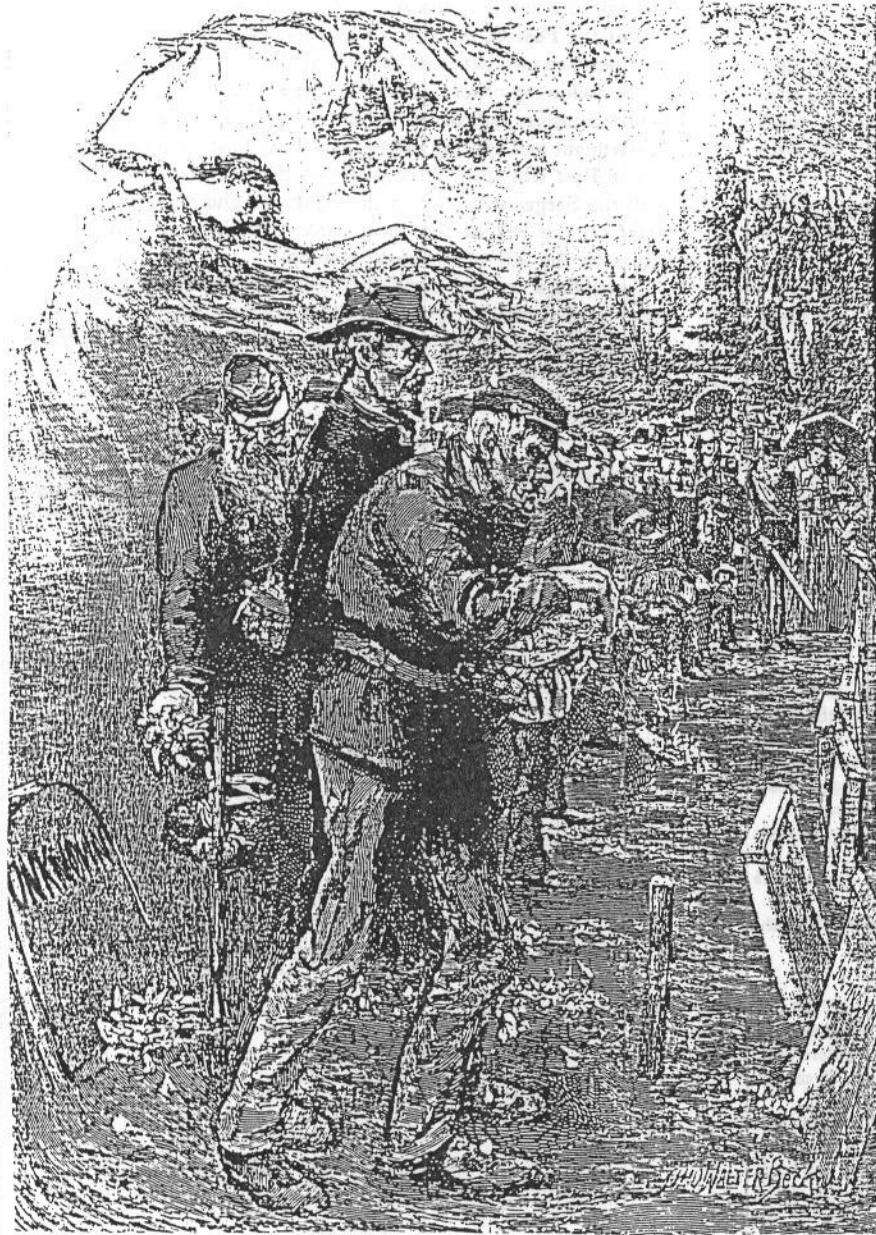


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Coleraine April 22nd 1876.

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Orator, HON. L. G. PALMER.
Chaplain, REV. JOHN GRAHAM.

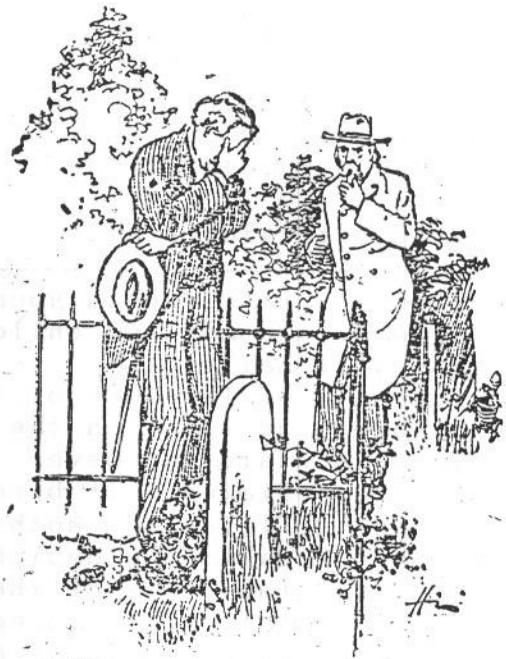
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OF THE

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OUR SOLDIER-DEAD
AN ADDRESS
ON
DECORATION DAY
Northville, Michigan
May 30th. 1884
by
George Duffield, A.M.

Ever welcome Spring! Both young men and maidens, old men and children bid thee, All hail!

This 'renewing of the face of the earth,' is something to which the most stolid of mortals can never become wholly accustomed. It breaks up the monotony of life like nothing else. Instead of naked and unsightly skeletons, all the trees of the field, and the forest, are dressed in the full magnificence of leaf and flower; and in this there is an intimation of something higher than earth.

Between this season and youth, there is the strongest possible sympathy, and youth enjoy it, to the very utmost! No worm as yet on the leaf, no blossom faded and fallen from the bough, not a single winged seed wafted into air from its parent flower, not a solitary note silenced in the chorus of universal song: - the longest day is not too long to gratify the eye, and feast the ear; and night with envious veil comes all too soon.

With those, however, who have had a deeper experience of life, it is quite otherwise. In the glad chorus we can not fail to recognize a minor strain. We feel a shadow creeping over the landscape, that was once as bright to us, as to others. The beautiful season does not come altogether as it formerly did; a glory has passed away, that we would gladly have retained.

Many thing it returns with the birds, but there are many more it does not return. It gives a new and frest existence to the leaf, as if it had been just created in Paradise but once there were hopes, precious hopes - and where are they? It gives back the bud and blossom, as fragrant and as fair as ever; but

once there were affections, warm and dear as life itself; - does the spring every renew them? The incense-breathing south blows softly and opens the earth, and makes it soft with showers; but it opens not the grave; it does not restore the precious dust that we have there treasured, out of our sight. It is cold, and dark, and cheerless as winter itself, and still more silent.

It seem strange that the earth can be so beautiful, when those are absent who were once so dear; and who can no longer share with us, in its exuberant beauty; and whose companionship made life itself. In very deed it makes us sad to our inmost soul to see the earth so gay; when our loss has been to us nothing less than that of the spring out of year, -we almost wish that her next flowers may bloom above ourselves.

Thus it is, that to those who have lost friends in war, or by disease at home, the season naturally becomes one of mournful remembrance; and as there is no fellowship deep as that of suffering, the observance of each a custom as this, and at such a time, is equally natural and appropriate. I see in it nothing of superstition, but much of gratitude; nothing of ostentation but much of patriotism; and in the tender sympathy it manifests for the widow and the fatherless, not a little of pure and undefiled religion.....

Perhaps the feeling that underlies this beautiful custom first found expression on the 19th of April, 1861, when the memorable despatch was sent from Boston to the Mayor of Baltimore by Gov. Andrew-- "I pray you cause the bodies of our Mass. soldiers, dead in battle, to be immediately laid out, preserved in ice and tenderly sent forward by express to me. All expenses will be paid by this Commonwealth."

But when and where this day had its original observance is somewhat uncertain. The first notice your speaker had of it was at New Orleans and as Pere La Chaise is the parent

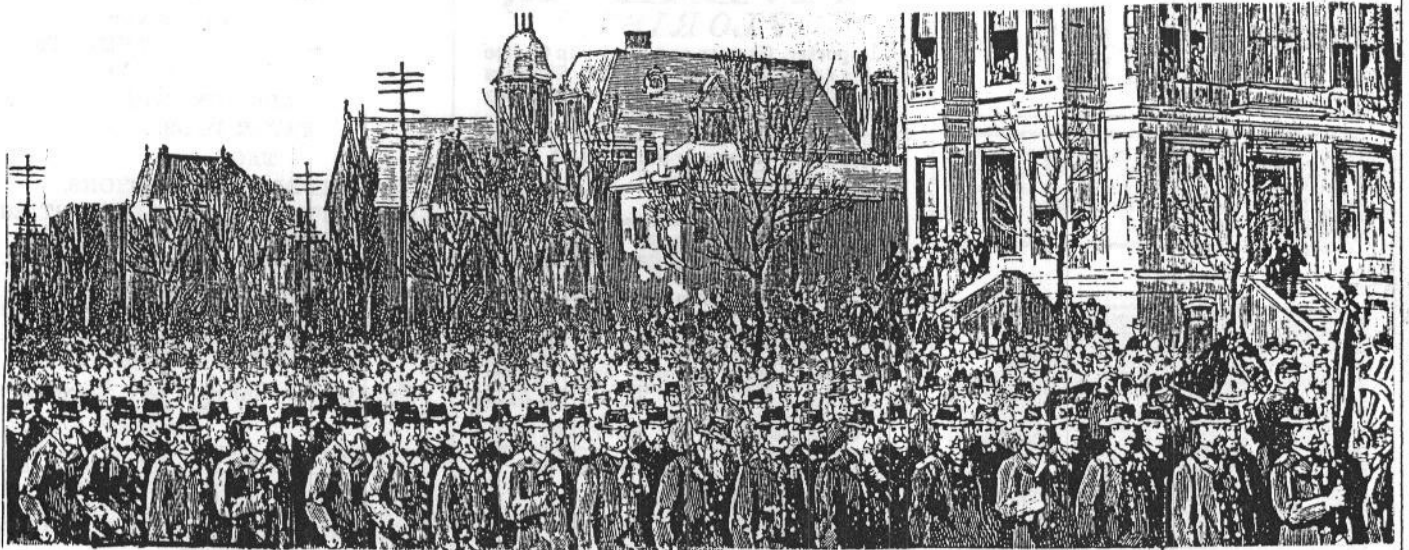
OUR SOLDIER DEAD - Continued
of modern cemeteries, so the custom of decorating the grave, and thus divesting it in some degree of that indefinable terror with which it is so apt to be regarded may be borrowed from the French.

The next notice was in a dirge, by HENRY TIMROD, sung on the occasion of decorating the graves of the Confederate dead at Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, S. Carolina; where the victims of a fallen cause are apostrophized in strains more worthy of other and better martyrs!

Gradually the custom found its way along the Atlantic coast to Richmond, where to this very hour so many of her daughters dress in the

is a privilege they will not be denied.

Willingly do I accord to the men and women of the South, the right of a common humanity to mourn their dead, when and wheresoever they choose. I give the men of Stonewall Jackson's division and others, full credit for valor, desperate as was ever seen in all the annals of war; I freely award to those in the opposing armies the name of SOLDIER, they so deservedly possess in common. Heroes all! to depreciate their valor would in the same ratio diminish ours also. Within certain limits as defined by themselves, I do not deny them a sectional rather than American patriotism, that is



deepest mourning, which to the end of their lives they will never consent to lay aside.....

The univereal indignation occasioned by firing on the flag at Sumpter, has long since passed away, with the flags that then waved defiance from every loyal house-top; the deeper and more abiding resentment by which it was followed at the outbreak of a rebellion, so unnecessary and indefensible, has itself been followed by the calm and irreversible judgment of history; and there is no further occasion for crimination or recrimination. That day as this, in which for every patriot heart to bear their annual testimony on the point at issue; it

peculiarly their own. I can even wee how under the erroneous instructions of their orators, civil and religious, the decisive test that bound their conscience, was loyalty to the individual State, as ours to the country at large; and therefore in the due exercise of christian charity, I would in nowise impeach the sincerity of their religion. "With Malice toward none," like the martyred Lincoln, I certainly cherish toward them no unforgiving spirit. In the South the prevailing sentiment was hatred of the North; in the North not hatred of the South but love of the Union as a whole; then as ever, love more powerful than hate, and light than darkness!

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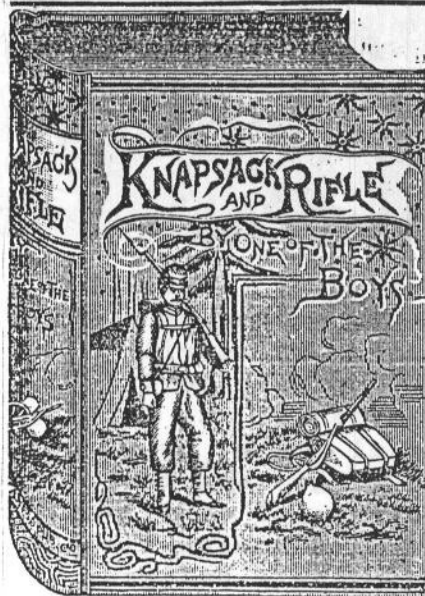
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Contributions sent to Lewis Youngblood, Past Commander and Treasurer of the Committee, will be received and acknowledged with grateful thanks on behalf of George H. Thomas Post, No. 45, Petersburg, Virginia.

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