

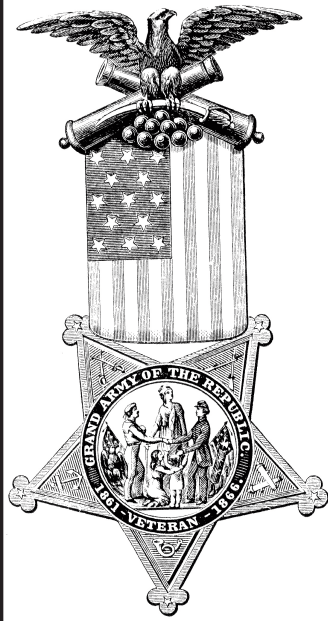
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Railroad Town, Nebr.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: A beautiful custom, and the higher authorities have decreed that May 30th of each year be observed as "Memorial Day",

Therefore, The citizens of Railroad Town, one and all, are hereby invoked to duly observe the same, that proper respect may be shown the memories of the heroes, whose actions while living now permit us a nation and city to enjoy the peace and prosperity of 1892. It is earnestly requested that all places of business within the city of Railroad Town be closed during the hours of the exercises announced, for the said day, and all unite with the Grand Army of the Republic in a due observance of Memorial Day.

Respectfully,
L. Miller, Mayor

OUR MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day Observance

Monday May 30

*11:30 A.M. Morning
Cemetery Services*

*Under the auspices of
Railroad Town's
Horace Greeley Post No. 126,
Department of Nebraska,
Grand Army of the Republic.*

Please gather on South Front Street in front of the Bandstand in Railroad Town by 11:15 a.m. if you plan to walk in the procession to the church cemetery. Procession departs for the cemetery at 11:30 a.m.

Introduction

*Remarks - Commander Hunt,
Horace Greeley Post No. 126*

*Solo - Judith Nelson, Horace Greeley
Corps W.R.C.*

Prayer - Post Chaplain Miller

Remarks - Commander Hunt

Poem - Horace Greeley Corps W.R.C.

*Remarks - D. Rathman, Vice Commander,
Sons of Veterans (O. A. Abbott Post)*

Prayer - Post Chaplain Miller

Salute to the Dead - Guard of Honor

All Sing: America

All are requested to join in the singing

*Benediction - Post Chaplain Miller
Announcements*

All are encouraged to bring flowers for the Memorial Mound and add a tag to your offering if you wish to remember a particular soldier.

Afternoon Public Exercises in Railroad Town

Concert at 2 P. M.; Programme at 2:30 P.M. Under the auspices of Railroad Town's Horace Greeley Post No. 126, Department of Nebraska, Grand Army of the Republic with assistance from the Horace Greeley Corps Woman's Relief Corp.

*Opening Concert - Railroad Town Silver
Cornet Band*

Introduction

*Origin of the Day - Mrs. P. Patton, Horace
Greeley corps, W. R. C.*

*Call to Attention - Commander W. S.
Hunt, Horace Greeley Post No. 126*

*General Orders - D. Rathman, Vice Com-
mander, sons of Veterans (O. A. Abbott Post)*

*Salute & Remarks - Commander Hunt
Music - Battle Hymn of the Republic*

*Words of Scripture - Commander Hunt,
S.U.V. Vice Commander Rathman, Post Chap-
lain Miller*

Taps

*Decoration - Horace Greeley Corps W. R.
C. & Children of the Community*

Salute to the Dead

*Oration - Mrs. Gerrard. Cynova,
Horace Greeley Corps, W.R.C.*

Music - Amazing Grace

Salute to the Dead

*Benediction - Post Chaplain Miller
Announcements*

*Veteran's are asked to present
themselves at the conclusion of
the afternoon's Memorial Exer-
cises to be recognized.*

*We honor all who served.
We remember all who made the
ultimate sacrifice.*

The Little Flag-Bearer—

Among the many acts of heroism told of those engaged in the fight up the Arkansas River is that of a mere youth, a little boy, who was attached to Tappan's Arkansas regiment, and carried two mimic flags, one in each hand. The regiment was driven to the water's edge, and the enemy poured in a terrific volley, killing many of them, who fell into the river; and such as were not instantly killed met a watery grave. Among those struck was the little boy, who bore the flags. Giving one last hurrah, which was cut short by the ebbing flow of his young life, he waved the flags over his head, tottered into the river, and was seen no more. The incident, says the narrator, was witnessed by whole regiment that was crossing the river at the time, and not one member of it but shed a tear at the sight.

A Thrilling Incident.—A. Z. Reeve, of the Iowa army, gives the following in a letter from Germantown, Tenn., March 12, 1863:

"We have been here about six weeks, protecting the railroad. Col. Richardson, a rebel guerrilla, has been hovering in the vicinity for some time, capturing forage parties and tearing up the road wherever opportunity offered. When pursued, he retreats to the swamps, and his command, dispensing in small squads, generally evade all attempts to discover them. To make the matter worse, they frequently dress in Federal uniform.

On the morning of the 9th of this month, our regiment and the Fourth Illinois cavalry started out with a guide for the retreat of the guerrillas. Before we reached the rebel camp, the Sixth Illinois cavalry, with flying artillery attached, attacked the rebels from the opposite side, killed twenty-five of them, took some prisoners, and burned the camp and garrison equipage. In their headlong stampede, the rebels came well nigh running into our hands. While in hot pursuit, we came to the residence of one Robert C. Forbes, who, intrenching himself in the house, commenced firing on our flankers as they approached. The flankers then charged on the house, effected an entrance, and discovered that Forbes had taken shelter in an upper chamber. The desperate man was called upon to surrender, but refused. He had already killed one member of the Fourth Illinois cavalry, and had

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wounded another. He also had received a wound in his right arm, which disabled him to such an extent that he could not load his gun. His wound was received through a shot fired up through the floor. Still the desperate man refused to yield. As a last resort the house was set on fire. This compelled the man to come down, but he still obstinately refused to surrender. He was immediately surrounded by the exasperated soldiers, who refrained from shooting him on account of the certainty of shooting their comrades. Meanwhile the old man clubbed his gun, and although his arm was badly lacerated and bleeding, he ferociously kept the soldiers at bay. At length one of the officers ordered the soldiers opposite him to get away, and give him a chance "to shoot the old secession scoundrel."

At these words the gun dropped from the old man's hands, and he earnestly inquired:

"It is possible? Have I been fighting Union soldiers all this time?"

"Of course we are Union men," replied the officer.

"My God! Why didn't I know this before?" said the old man in a voice of agony; "I am a Union man, too. I thought I was fighting Richardson's guerrillas!"

The soldiers did not believe him at first, but in brief time he proved to them beyond all dispute that there was no counterfeit Unionism about him. He had been an incorruptible patriot during the war. At the outbreak of the rebellion he had been arrested by Confederate authority, and placed in chains. His crime consisted in telling the rebels that they were traitors, and deserved hanging. When Gen. Hurlbut passed through this part of the country, the old man joined him, but came back occasionally to see his family. He was on a

brief furlough from the Federal army when the raid was made on his house. Richardson had sworn vengeance against him, and he had resolved never to be taken alive. Owing to the fact that guerrillas were in the habit of prowling about in Federal uniform, the old man was led to mistake our soldiers for rebels.

The explanation came too late to save the house. It was consumed with all its contents. There was not a quilt left to defend the mother and children from the cold. They had fled from the burning building just in time to save their lives. It was a sad spectacle. The old man begged to be taken along with us. He told his wife to get to the Federal lines as soon as possible. A braver and truer man to his country does not exist

than Robert C. Forbes. I gave the mother and children ten dollars in greenbacks and my blankets. The other soldiers contributed to relieve the distress of the family. Many sympathizing tears were shed by us all. I have not witnessed a scene so affecting since my enlistment.

**Apocalypse.
"All hail to the Stars and
Stripes!"
Luther C. Ladd.***

Straight to his heart the bullet crushed,
Down from his breast the red blood gushed,
And o'er his face a glory rushed.

A sudden spasm rent his frame.
And in his ear there went and came
A sound as of devouring flame.

Which in a moment ceased, and then
The great light clasped his brows again,
So that they shone like Stephen's, when

Saul stood apart a little space,
And shook with shuddering awe to trace
God's splendors settling o'er his face.
Thus, like a king, erect in pride,
Raising his hands to heaven, he cried,
"All hail the Stars and Stripes!" and died.

Died grandly; but before he fell,
(O, blessedness ineffable!)
Vision apocalyptic

Was granted to him, and his eyes,
All radiant with glad surprise,
Looked forward through the centuries,

And saw the seeds that sages cast
In the world's soil in cycles past,
Spring up and blossom at the last;

Saw how the souls of men had grown,
And where the scythes of Truth had
mown
Clear space for Liberty's white throne;
Saw how, by Sorrow tried and proved,
The last dark stains had been removed
Forever from the land he loved;

Saw Treason crushed, and freedom
crowned,
And clamorous faction gagged and
bound,
Gasping its life out on the ground;

While over all his country's slopes
Walked swarming troops of cheerful
hopes,
Which evermore to broader scopes

Increased with power that comprehends
The world's weal in its own, and bends
Self-needs to large, unselfish ends.

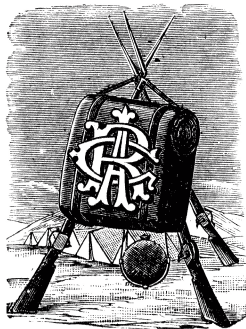
Saw how, throughout the vast extents
Of earth's most populous continents,
She dropped such rare heart-affluence,

That, from beyond the farthest seas,
The wondering people thronged to seize
Her proffered pure benignities;

And how of all her trebled host
Of widening empires, none could boast
Whose strength or love was uppermost,



In Memory of All Our



Fallen Comrades

**Do Not Forget!
The Fallen**

**Do Not Forget
The Sacrifice**



Because they grew so equal there
Beneath the flag, which debonnaire,
Waved joyous in the golden air;—

Wherefore the martyr gazing clear
Beyond the gloomy atmosphere
Which shuts us in with doubt and fear;—

He, marking how her high increase
Ran greating in perpetual lease
Through balmy years of odorous Peace

Greeted in one transcendent cry
Of intense passionate ecstasy;
The sight that thrilled him utterly;—

Saluting with most proud disdain
Of murder and of mortal pain,
The vision which shall be again;

So, lifted with prophetic pride,
Raised conquering hands to heaven and
cried,
"All hail the Stars and Stripes," and died.
Clarence Butler

*Killed at Baltimore, Md., April
19, 1861

DO YOUR DUTY

On Memorial Day, our people are fulfilling the great duty of gratitude to those who sacrificed their health and their lives for the honor and the existence of our nation, and for the welfare of the whole people, even that of the South not excluded. The memory of those men, who sacrificed so much for all the generations, who came and will come after them, ought to be kept fresh in our minds, and their brave actions ought to be taught to the young people, who did not see them. We ought to do that, not only out of gratitude to the men, who by their gallantry saved the union and our liberty, but also for the security in the present and future time, because the threatening cry of disunion is heard again even in congress, and we ought to do more than that. The great exploits of those whom we honor on Memorial Day ought to tell us that it is our duty to complete their work, which is only half done. The men who died for our union and liberty, did all they could for us, but the union must be better secured against foreign and internal foes, and our liberty must be better protected in order to be safe for all future time. The memories of the men whom we honor, tell us, that we must do our duty as well as they have done theirs, and that we must not be satisfied with decorating their graves.

The dead men speak to us in louder tones than any living man can speak:

DO YOUR DUTY!

STATE NEWS Continued...

Omaha, May 24—A lively skirmish took place in the Methodist general conference between those who favor and those who oppose the admission of women. It arose over a resolution introduced by Dr. Potts.

Dr. J.M. Buckley, is straining every nerve to shut the question out as long as possible.

Beatrice, May 25—The next meeting of the Nebraska Columbian Commission is to be held at Beatrice, Wednesday morning, June 1st, and the next subsequent meeting will be held at Grand Island. Said arrangement having been already determined upon.

Omaha, May 25—The waters of the Missouri river are receding rapidly, and are more than a foot lower than the point reached last Saturday. Reports from the upper river show that it is going down at all points and clear weather is the rule. The only danger now is from the numerous disease breeding pools that are left.

Omaha, May 26—The American Protective Association of Catholic-haters have a large sized scandal on their hands. The state deputy of this order in Nebraska, a Mr. Winspear, is accused of having received a bribe of \$1,500 at the last election in order to make all the benighted members of that order vote for F. E. Moores for clerk of court.

Omaha, May 26—In Omaha the forces of the Proprietor of the Paxton hotel, Mr. Paxton and those of the landlord, Mr. Eastman, who rented the house are arrayed against each other. The landlord, it seems has not paid the rent due to the proprietor of the hotel and the latter proposes to foreclose the mortgage. Mr. Eastman refuses to leave the house.

The Laymen Win.
Result of a Big Fight in the Methodist Conference.
And Women Are Victorious.

Omaha, May 26—The most important item of business considered in the general conference at the forenoon session was the report of the committee on lay representation. The report recommended that the laymen should be given equal representation with the ministers in the general conferences of the future.

A determined effort was made by the ministers to defeat the adoption of the report, but it was carried by a vote of 143 laymen for to 11 laymen against, and 198 ministers for to 108 ministers against.

After a recess, the regular order was taken up, being the report of the committee on deaconess' work. The committee recommended that the deaconess order be a continuous organization, incorporated under the laws of the various states. A minority of the committee submitted a report protesting against the organization on the grounds that the Woman's Home Missionary society covers the ground.

M.S. Hard moved to lay the matter on the table, and it was almost unanimously carried.

GRAND ISLAND & HALL COUNTY NEWS.

Mrs. Thralls has opened a new dining hall and boarding house 2 doors west of Bank of Commerce. Rates popular and meals excellent. 5 13d3t

Warm biscuits served gratis by Mrs. Field at Glover & Pike's today.

Ex-Governor Thayer is visiting in Grand Island.

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There will be a young men's social at the first M. E. church Saturday evening. A literary program will be rendered followed by refreshments.

Why is it that we hear so little of our bicycle club? The roads will be in rideable condition in a few days and it is about time that some interest is manifested in this healthful sport.

Nebraska food products should be given first place in every household.

The beautiful souvenir program for Memorial Day, now in press in the Independent, will be out tomorrow. Watch for them.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday and today: John J. Ritter and Lizzie Mickish both of Grand Island; Stephen C. Hoover of Lincoln and Vinnie C. Coulter of Underwood, Neb.; James Harder and Francis Polman both of Grand Island.

A grand good time will be enjoyed today and tomorrow in Lincoln on the occasion of the Silver anniversary celebration.

A grand ball will be given by the Ott Hose Co. at Hann's park, the evening of May 30th. Don't miss it.

One of the finest awnings in the city of Grand Island has just been put up on Wolbach's store. It represents a U.S. flag.

The G.A.R. boys visited the cemetery in force yesterday, and marked and prepared the graves for decoration day.

Anyone wishing to donate flowers to be used in decorating soldiers' graves will please take them to the G.A.R. hall by eight o'clock Monday morning.

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Going West		Ar.	Lv.
Train No. 1, Daily.....	6:50p.m.	6:55p.m.	
" No. 3, Daily.....	10:45p.m.	10:50p.m.	
" No. 5, Daily.....	4:20p.m.	4:30p.m.	
" No. 7, Daily.....	12:20a.m.	12:25a.m.	

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" 16 Freight.....	" 6:00a.m.		
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No. 46, Daily.....	5:35p.m.		
Passenger West		Ar.	Lv.
No. 41, Daily.....	4:10p.m.		
No. 43, Daily ex. Sunday.....	12:25a.m.		
Freight West		Ar.	Lv.
No. 45, Daily.....	7:20a.m.		
No. 47, Daily, ex. Sunday.....	7:00p.m.		
Nos. 45 and 46 will carry passengers only to or from Lincoln, Seward, York, Aurora and all stations between Aurora and Ravenna.			
THOS. CONNER, Agent			

The ladies of the Immanuel Baptist church in Grand Island will give a musical and literary entertainment in the auditorium of the church June 2nd. A special feature of the evening will be a Live Doll exhibition. Watch for further notices.

The social of the Lutheran society at the residence of H. T. Jul. Fuehrmann was a complete success. A very fine program was rendered and Mr. F. in character of the German Professor added much to the merriment. All felt that another success was scored in the way of Luther society socials.

The marriage of Miss Emma Aye to Mr. Hermann Hebnke took place Thursday evening at the residence of the groom's parents. Only the relations and the most intimate friends of the contracting parties were present.

The Parker Bros. shoot for a \$65 hammerless Parker gun was won by J. R. Elliott of Kansas City. The Champion Team Gold Medal, was won by Parmalee and Kennedy representing Omaha. The shoot closed this afternoon with a citizen shoot, open only to citizens of Grand Island.

The injunction case of the Grand Island Banking Company against J. A. Costello and others which has occupied the attention of the District court for the past few days was finished Saturday night as far as testimony and submission of arguments were concerned. The court has as yet not rendered a decision.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railroad Company, for the choice of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting, will be held at the office of said company, in Elwood, Kansas on Tuesday.

The Sunday school convention was well attended and successful in interest and enthusiasm. Many dele-

gates were present from Doniphan, Wood River, and Cairo. Some very interesting papers were read on Sunday school work and the vest methods to be employed in furthering the work.

The ladies of Trinity M. E. church will hold a bazaar this week at Williams & Kerr building. They have a nice lot of fancy and useful articles which will be offered for sale. The bazaar will be open on the afternoon and evening.

The St. Joe & Grand Island morning train now runs daily bringing Omaha and Lincoln papers every morning, instead of six mornings per week as heretofore, connecting with the B. & M. flyer at Hastings. The change is appreciated by Grand Island people.

Mr. Harry Gassaway of Omaha and Miss Mary Dunphy of this city were married last Saturday afternoon at St. Philomean church in Omaha. Rev. P. F. McCarthy officiated. The young couple will make their future home in Omaha.

NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS

All consumers using water for lawn purposes are hereby respectfully notified that the hours for use of water for lawn purposes are from 6 to 8 o'clock a.m. and from 5 to 9 o'clock p.m. Any one using water between times is liable to arrest and severe penalty.

Yours respectfully,
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Water Commissioner.

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All citizens are advised to inform this editor of any out of town visitors, vague rumors and idle gossip in order to help

fill these pages with all items of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Vian were delighted with the arrival of a son on the afternoon of May 25th. The young gentleman's name is Maximus Lavon Vian and Mrs. Vian, the former Miss Beye of Railroad Town, has stated that young Master Vian's middle name is in honor of former Railroad Town Mayor, Lavon "Barney" Turnbull. A finer tribute, there cannot be.

Miss Anderson at Amanda Glade Millinery experienced an exceptional run on hats last week, with no less than three going to worthy new owners.

Mrs. Byerly, the former Miss Emily Kruse is returning to the area for a new teaching position.

Miss Brittany Blaser has greatly saddened her friends with the news that she will be relocating to a Kansas over the course of this summer. Sadness quickly turned to joy when it was announced that she soon will become wed to Mr. Michael Schwartz.

Mr. Dudley and Mr. Damitz have been compiling a rather long list of repairs they would like to accomplish in Railroad Town this spring.

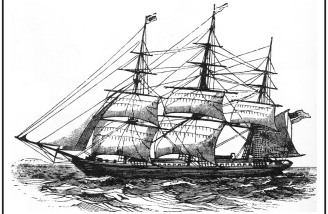
It is never too early to be thinking of the Fourth of July Celebration and the committee have things well in hand. They are once again planning to have a cherry pie eating contest.

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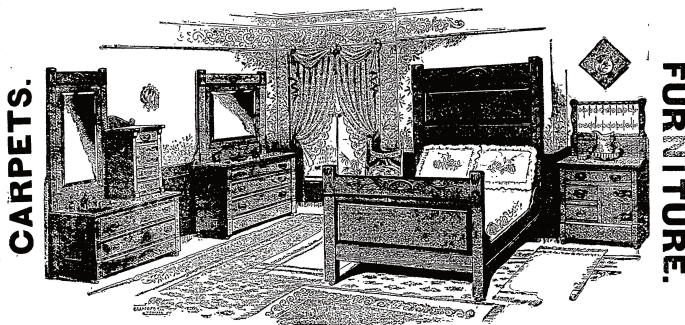
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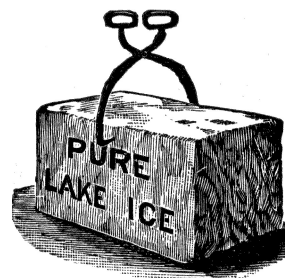
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