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The Democratic banner. (Mt. Vernon, Ohio) 1898-192?

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as did our ancestors in order that the future generation might enjoy liberty and freedom, as we do today.

It was not just a welcome home that the boys were here today, but a tribute, a lasting tribute that might give tears to the eyes of the sturdy warriors and one which they will remember as long as they live.

ROWD ARRIVES EARLY

Early this morning, as the sun high looked down upon our forefathers, 142 years ago, looked down this great nation, a scene of activity was discernible.

Never before in the history of Mt. Vernon was there ever such an enormous crowd as there was in the city.

Throngs and throngs of people filled the streets, jostling and pushing one another in a good neighborhoodly manner.

Every highway and road in the city leading to this city was packed crowded from early morning on to the afternoon with automobiles, wagons and buggies, filled with persons headed for Mt. Vernon.

They could do their bit in paying homage and reverence to the men who fought, bled and died for their country, and gave us victory and liberty.

Every nook and corner in the city, the crowd came, bringing lunches packed in baskets, boxed every conceivable container, persons who seldom leave their homes the year round arrived early in the morning and were prepared to stay until late in the evening.

NO STRANGERS

There were no strangers. Everybody spoke to everybody else, for everybody met on a common ground.

The resident of the extreme western end of the county shook hands with those living in the eastern end, and exchanged greetings.

The veterans of the world war were led by in the parade the rich stood shoulder to shoulder with the poor man, and paid tribute with bowed heads to the conquerors.

It was a remarkable celebration beginning to end and one which will live forever in the memories of those who witnessed it.

FEELING OF REVERENCE

It was the intention of the Home Day celebration committee to encourage everyone to be reverent and enjoy themselves, a feeling of reverence prevailed.

Everyone felt that they were not gathered together merely to celebrate and enjoy themselves, but to pay honor and honor to the men who will offer their lives and want to go to the very brink of the beyond, in order to save us the crushing heel of the tyrant.

The great throng remembered that there were many mothers in the vast assembly who could see only the spirit of their brave boys as the khaki-clad heroes marched by.

It remembered that there were other mothers there who silently wept as their sons, some perhaps armless, or without a leg, hobbled along—all a part of the cost of freedom.

The sacrifice was perhaps priceless and it was for that, and that reason alone, that the great vast crowd had gathered.

CITY IN HOLIDAY ATTIRE

The city was in its gala day attire. Everywhere Welcome Home signs, American flags and streamers greeted the eye. Buildings were gaily decorated.

The public square was a kaleidoscope of colors. Flags of all nations, mingled with the green trees and grass of the park and the gaily decorated buildings, gave an enchanted appearance to the entire view.

The great masses of people who crowded the square appeared from a distance to be great waves of many colors rolling slowly back and forth.

The brilliant colors of the dresses of the women, intermingled with the army khaki and the navy blue all served to make the spectacle more brilliant.

NOTHING MARS CELEBRATION

There was nothing to mar the brilliancy of the day. From early morning until late in the afternoon the sun shone bright and there was not a cloud in the sky throughout the entire day.

The speeches, entertainments, amusements and tributes to the boys were carried out as planned.

The celebration started with a gigantic parade composed of four divisions.

Almost every boy who served from Knox county marched and received the cheering plaudits of thousands of persons who lined the streets over which the parade moved.

HEADINGTON LEADS MEN

Captain Julius W. Headington, who made such a wonderful record as a soldier during the war, headed the world war veterans.

His sharp commands, as the veterans marched over the streets, recalled the days when the boys were leaving for places unknown, not knowing whether they would come back, but willing to lay down their lives gladly if necessary in order to insure freedom for their mothers, wives, sweethearts, and the future generations.

This impression, however, lasted with Lieut. Col. Ralph D. Cole, chief speaker of the day.

Following the mayor and Mr. Cole, came Cincione's famous band of 25 pieces, leading the veterans of the great war. Headed by the famous band the young vets commanded by Capt. Julius W. Headington brought tumultuous cheers and cries from the crowds. Everywhere along the line of march, the din sent up by the great multitude almost drowned out the music of the band directly in front of the warriors.

Immediately in back of the world war vets came the Red Cross women clad in their blue dresses and red crosses on their arms. The sight of the khaki clad warriors followed by the Red Cross nurses, as they were on the battlefields, was very pretty.

SECOND DIVISION STARTS

As the end of the first division passed across West street, the second division which had formed on South West street swung in behind the first division.

This division was composed entirely of labor organizations, which marched in the following order:

- Bolter Makers Union.
- R. R. C. of A.
- R. R. Clerks Union.
- Barbers Union.
- Structural Iron Workers Union.
- I. F. of M.
- Plint Glass Workers Union.
- G. B. B. A. Union.
- Typographical Union.
- Musicians Union.
- Iron Molders Union.
- Carpenters Union.
- Plumbers.
- A. W. Glass Workers Union.
- Blacksmiths Union.

Many of the organizations were represented by beautiful floats which added to the picturesqueness of the day.

THIRD AND FOURTH DIVISIONS

The third division fell in the parade at Sandusky street and was followed immediately by the fourth division. The third division was composed of various fraternal organizations. It was led by the Centerburg band and Col. L. G. Huitt, who is a member of the G. A. R.

The U. R. K. of P. came first with Timon lodge of the K. of P. immediately after, with the Masons, Elks, K. of C., Eagles, Moose, Red Men, the Odd Fellows, and Woodmen of the World following.

All of the organizations made a splendid showing, having large floats in the parade and being dressed in costumes for the occasion.

The fourth division was in charge of Fred Farrison and was led by Garfield Snow's Silver Cornet band of 14 pieces. The feature of the division was the Red Cross float, though all the other floats in the parade were beautiful.

BY BIG FIRECRACKER

Martin Spohn of West Sugar street had his hands badly burned while attempting to light a large firecracker Friday afternoon. He was attended by a physician.

COW EATS CLOTHING OF FAIR SWIMMER

Details of a True Story Enacted In Our City On Fourth of July

Sent Home in A Barrel or The Trials and Tribulations of a Girl Reporter

A three act motion picture scenario, filled with comedy, mirth and laughter.

Scene 1—The Kokosing river, above Riverside park.

Girl dons bathing suit in the tall timbers. Makes motions with her hands that she is going in bathing. Smiles, as she takes off her brand new Fourth of July clothes.

Scene 2—Gentle old cow, eating grass, in field.

Scene 3—Girl enters the water and has a great time splashing about.

Scene 4—Cow comes nearer to her

BY BIG FIRECRACKER

—Mr. Paul Yarmar road went to Columbus to spend several days on an elementary as a delegate to the City Methodist church. Mrs. Lula Porter street went to West street and spent several weeks at Dr. Anderson. Mr. Charles Lawton, D. C., formerly guest of Mrs. Martha Gual days.

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