

Decoration Day in Olathe.

Bright sunshine favored the day set apart for paying the respect of a nation to the heroes of the late war, and a vast assemblage of people gathered to offer their tributes of flowers and songs and words of praise in memory of the fallen who rest in Olathe's quiet cemetery.

The program of the day, published last week, was fully carried out, without hitch or hindrance, and much credit is due the marshals of the day for the efficient services rendered in organizing and keeping in order the vast throng which gathered on the occasion. The march to the cemetery took place at two o'clock. On the arrival of the multitude, here and there little groups scattered over the grounds, and paid their tributes of sweet flowers to the memory of loved ones; but the greater portion of the throng gathered at the soldier's quarter, where a stand had been erected for the speakers.

Mayor Bruner offered some appropriate remarks, addressed mainly to the veterans of Franklin Post No. 68, through whose instrumentality a handsome and imposing monument in the form of a marble statue of a soldier in military dress, with musket at "parade rest," has been placed in the soldier's quarter to mark the resting place of the mighty fallen. Mayor Bruner's remarks were most appropriate, and were delivered in the graceful, easy and impressive way that is characteristic of the man. Col. Burris followed with an oration, on the unveiling of the statue. It was a strong effort, teeming with reminiscences of present and past ages, full of tenderness and pathos, and touched responding chords in the hearts of the listening multitude.

The beautiful ceremony of scattering the mute tribute of flowers was gone through, and the hero-worshippers dispersed.

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Last Saturday evening the G. A. R. committee, heretofore appointed to arrange a suitable program for the proper observance of Decoration Day, held a meeting for that purpose.

It was expected that Major William Warner, of Kansas City, would deliver the oration of the day, but a letter from him was read, containing the information that a prior engagement prevented his acceptance of the invitation extended. An invitation was thereupon sent to Hon. Lewis Hanback, of Argentine, to fill this item of the program.

An invitation was extended to Judge Burris, to deliver the address at the unveiling of the soldier's monument.

Rev. A. V. Stout was invited to deliver a memorial sermon Sunday, May 28th.

Arrangements were made for the erection of a speakers' stand at the cemetery.

Will Shinn was charged with the responsibility of organizing a vocal quartet for the occasion, and an invitation was given the East End brass band to add its aid in furnishing suitable music. A general invitation to attend and participate in these exercises was extended to all other bands in the county.