

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS

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Honors to the Soldier Dead.—The rebels are not to have the monopoly of honoring their dead who have died of wounds received in the late war. General John A. Logan, "Commander-in-Chief" of the organization known as the "Grand Army of the Republic," has issued the following order:

"The 30th day of May, 1904, is designated for the purpose of observing with flowers or other decorations the graves of soldiers who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and who were killed in action, or in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but poets and orators will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit."

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their graves and with flowers and other decorations honor the memory of the brave soldiers who died in defense of their country.

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.

Cheyenne Station.—From this day forth Cheyenne has degenerated into a station. It may be a whopping big station, round house, foundry, machine shop, repair shop sort of a place, but with all that it is simply a station on the great highway from ocean to ocean. In view of this fact, it may be refreshing to our readers to note that the distinguished visitors and pilgrims from the East will have to stay over here one night for supper and a bed, and that the travelers from the West will have to have to stay over here one night for supper and a bed, and that the travelers from the West will have to have to stay over here one night for supper and a bed.

Cole's Mysterious Murder and Robbery.—On the 12th inst., a daring murder and robbery was committed in the Blaine Hills, between Dale City and Fort Sanders. Mr. John H. Wymple, of the branch house of Marsh, White & Co., Wyoming City, and a man named Wheeler were on their way to Wyoming with a load of freight which Mr. Wymple had shipped. Wheeler, near Dale City, observed two men resting by the wayside, whom they supposed to be railroad hands. These two men came towards the train and walked alongside of it for a short distance. Mr. Wymple laid aside his rifle to go and pick up a box of peaches which had rolled into the road from the wagon. As he was in the act of picking it up, two revolvers were presented to him, and he was commanded to deliver his money (\$15.00) which he did. The highwayman, who had previously secured Mr. Wymple's rifle, with his pistols cocked and leveled approached Wheeler who was on the driver's seat, and demanded his money, which (\$20) he handed to them. One of the wretches then fired at Mr. Wymple, the ball passing through his thigh. At this Wheeler screamed and jumped from the wagon, and ran towards the train. The robbers called and shot him, and while they were engaged with him, Mr. Wymple ran in the opposite direction. After shooting at the robbers again, turned their attention to Mr. Wymple and fired several shots at him, but the balls missed, over him. Finding that he was getting away, they switched the horses from the wagon and fled. The body of Wheeler was taken by train from Laramie to Cheyenne. The above particulars were gleaned from the Cheyenne Journal.

Horrell's Visit to the Court.—From R. L. Campbell, Esq., just returned from a visit to Tootie County, we learn that the grasshoppers have commenced their ravages at Tootie County, but the citizens, believing in the old saying that self preservation is the first law of nature, are taking steps for the destruction of the pest.

At Grantsville, they have not made their appearance, and it is consequently believed that they will not be troubled with them in that particular locality, not the slightest indications of their presence having yet been observed. This season the people of Grantsville have put in fully one-third more of their time than the average of former years. It is already knee high and presents a very promising appearance.

Grasshoppers.—Joseph Birch arrived last night from St. George, we were pleased to learn that the crops through the southern settlements of our Territory are very promising. It is expected that about ten thousand bushels of wheat and fifty thousand pounds of cotton will be raised on the Muddy. The wheat is now about ready for cutting. The crop of wheat in and around St. George will not be very heavy, but the grain is looking finely, and it is consequently expected that abundance of grapes will be raised. Preparations were also being made, when Br. Blich, left, to plant a large quantity of corn. The Rio Virgin and Santa Clara were extremely high, and the straggling down at Washington had been washed away, and the crops were in good shape.

The health of the people is pretty good, a whooping cough, which has been prevalent among the children, was disappearing. Trade is pretty good, merchandise from California and traders from Nevada being very willing to buy cattle and provisions that the people were willing to sell. We hope the people will heed the advice given through the columns of the News on this matter, and do their best in the cash market, where they have a surplus that they feel they must dispose of. On the 6th inst. a grand May-day celebration, postponed from the first on account of the weather, took place at St. George. At 10 o'clock in the morning about 30 children, with three bands of music, assembled at the St. George Hotel and went in procession to the residence of Frank H. Erastus Snow, in front of which a large number of children and ladies were present. The ceremony of the coronation of the May queen was then performed, a beautiful wreath of roses and other choice flowers being placed on the head of the one selected as queen, after which the procession was dismissed, when nearly the whole of the people of St. George, the old ladies and young in all about 500 persons, were present in the morning at the city that had been selected and prepared for the day's amusement.

Here under a bower 150 feet long, that had been erected for the purpose, various amusements were freely indulged in during the day. There was jumping in water, running races with wheelbarrows, blindfolded, climbing the greasy pole, swings for the children, etc., until evening closed the sportive scene. The utmost harmony prevailing throughout the entire proceedings, and the day is one that will be long remembered by the people of St. George.

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