

—T. L. Sutphen G. A. R. Post No. 41, of this city, took the second prize banner offered at Madison for the largest per centage of members present the 4th, which was \$60 in cash or a banner costing that amount. Six more members from this post would have secured to them the first prize which was a \$75 banner or the same amount in cash, which was awarded to the Varona post. The third prize of \$50 was awarded to the Stoughton post. We think it was no fault of the members of the Evansville Post that they did not get the first prize, for many expected to take the 9:15 a. m. train from here which would have arrived at Madison in ample time, but was taken off for the 4th *only*, which many were not aware of and could do no better than to wait for the 11:20 train which arrived in Madison about 30 minutes late, but we think that a few of these "*I can't*" or "*We can't*" kind of members should take warning by this and say "*We can*" or "*We will try in the future.*"

July 5, 1892, the Tribune, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

—The Grand Army Post had a jolification meeting Friday night, and a presentation of a prize, a banner worth \$65 for being the second largest Post of membership in good standing, in the State, on the 1st of June, 1892, and the best showing, at the Madison grand army gathering early in the season. The Post from Verona won the first prize, a banner worth \$75. The Department commander, C. B. Welton and several other distinguished officers were present. Several hundred were present including the Relief corps. Eight gallons of Blass' ice cream, and numberless toasts drank with sparkling water, with speeches, did the festive part of occasion.

"The man who was furthest away when the flag was won, was nearest the table when the feast begun."

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—Comrade J. H. Whitney, Asst. Adjt. Gen., of Madison, inspected the G. A. R. Post of this city last evening and reported having found everything in a very satisfactory condition. After completing his inspection, he gave the comrades a very good talk which was duly appreciated. The election of officers for the coming year then followed, resulting as follows:

Commander.....	J. O. Aller
Sr. Vice Commander..	Geo. Hayward
Jr. Vice Commander....	J. H. West
Surgeon.....	Dr. J. M. Evans
Chaplain.....	W. H. Walker
Quartermaster.....	G. W. Dibble
Officer of the Day.....	W. S. Atalin
Officer of the Guard...	H. W. Smith
Trustee.....	J. C. Brown
Delegate to Dept. Encamp- ment.....	Dr. C. M. Smith
Alternate.....	G. W. Dibble

With this very worthy staff of officers, we bespeak a very prosperous season for this very worthy society which should meet with ever patriotic citizen's support.

December 9, 1892, Enterprise, p.

—Installation of officers was held at Grand Army hall, at a meeting held January 13th, by Sen. Post Commander, J. R. West. The following are the officers for the current year:

L. B. Beebe, Commander.

J. O. Aller, S. C. V.

Geo. W. Hayward, J. V. C.

W. H. Hamilton, Q. M.

W. H. Walker, C.

W. S. Austin, O. D.

J. C. Brown, Adj.

Dr. C. M. Smith, Surgeon.

H. W. Smith, O. G.

Following the installation was a nice oyster collation sumptuously served by members of the craft.

January 26, 1892, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville,

Wisconsin

Evansville, Wisconsin

Program for Decoration Day.

The following will be the order of the procession on Decoration Day, subject to change.

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Asst. Marshal, Elmer Bullard,

Evansville Band.

Civic Societies.

President of the Day, L. E. Gettle.

Speaker, W. L. Jones, and other clergy in carriages.

Singers in carriages.

Decorating Committee — Twenty-four Boys and Twenty-four Girls.

Drum Corps.

T. L. Sutphen Post No. 41 G. A. R.

Disabled Veterans in carriages.

Citizens in carriages and in column.

Line will be formed in front of City Hall at 2 P. M. sharp.

PROGRAM AT CEMETERY.

Exercises at Soldiers' Mound.

Music by the Band.

Decorating of the Soldiers' graves.

Music—Male Quartette.

Prayer—Rev. Webb.

Recitation—

Music—School Children.

Oration—Rev. W. L. Jones.

Music—

Reform in column and march to the village.

May 5, 1893, Enterprise, p. 4, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

—The G. A. R. and W. R. C. held an interesting meeting last evening, preparatory to Memorial or Decoration Day. It is hoped that all citizens and civic societies will show their sympathy and good feeling toward these societies in joining with them upon this occasion. *Let the old soldiers of Evansville know that they still have many warm friends among you.*

May 5, 1893, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

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MEMORIAL DAY.

We are greatly pleased to note that at the committee meeting held in the G. A. R. hall last evening to arrange for Decoration day every church and school in the place was represented and good committees selected to look after the various departments. Rev. J. Scholfield very magnanimously offered the free use of his church and choir and to decorate the same for Memorial services on Sunday the 28th, also resigned from his appointment to preach the sermon upon that occasion in favor of Rev. J. C. Steele, pastor of the F. W. Baptist church, which was accepted. Prof. L. E. Gettle President of the day on the 30th, John Winston and Elmer Bullard mounted marshals, Rev. W. L. Jones speaker of the day. The Evansville band sent in a proposition to play for the usual price of \$2 each, which was promptly and justly rejected.

The Magnolia people will have their services on the morning of the 30th at 9 o'clock where two bands, one of marshal music and one brass band, will play free and all of our citizens were invited to join with them which was accepted, and it is thought that the same bands will come here in the afternoon for a nominal sum with patriotism sufficient in their hearts to make up the balance.

It was decided to hold the exercises in the cemetery provided the day was pleasant, otherwise in Magee's hall.

It was our desire in inviting all churches to have each church represented separately, especially their Sunday school departments as has never been before, but it was the sense of the committee that we get what we could from the schools as heretofore and the churches will furnish flowers, floral offerings etc., as they may see fit. Each member of the school joining in the procession will be furnished with a flag. The prospect of a large turn-out is very flattering and we will give our readers a more complete synopsis when the committee on program have reported.

G. A. R. and W. R. C. Literary Monday
Evening Nov. 20, 1893.

The grand army of the republic and woman's relief corps of this city, unite in a literary social, camp fire and a general good time, at their hall on Monday evening, the 20th inst. All members of both societies are expected to be present and especially all old soldiers and their families, whether members of said society's or not. Refreshments will be served free and a general reunion is expected and desired. The following is the progaam:

Opening Song "Rally around the flag"

.....by all present.

Recitation, "Stolen Custard".....Robbie West.

Duette.....Kittie and Floyd West.

Recitation... ..Will Hamilton.

Instrumental.....Lola Blood.

Select Reading.....Lina Austin.

Duette.....Lina Austin and Maud King.

"The Suspended Pension".....Jessie Cook.

Song.....Maud Fordice.

"When Sherman Marched down to the sea"

.....Ellen Gaffney.

Song.....Maggie Walker and Winnie Wolf.

Intermission.

Music.....by M. E. Sunday school Orchestra.

Remarks.....by Rev. J. S. Davis.

Music.....by M. E. Sunday school Orchestra.

All unite in a general social and lunch.

Program for Memorial Day.

At 1:30 p. m. the band will take position in center of Main street front of Central House. Their first notes will be the signal for the I. O. O. F. to form line followed by school children who will have formed line on North Main street. Fire company and other societies will form in proper line on South Madison St. The line of march will be from center of Main and Madison directly to cemetery, headed by President of the Day and speaker. 1st by Sons of Veterans, 2nd G. A. R., 3rd school children, 4th band, 5th I. O. O. F., 6th K. P. 7th M. W. A., 8th citizens in carriages.

Prayer by Post Chaplin at the Cemetery decorating graves etc., Further exercises will be given in Magee's Opera house. Prot. L. E. Gettle will deliver the speech. Music by the choir. H. L. Austin, President of the Day. John Winston, Marshal, Ray Gillman assistant Marshal.

May 18, 1894, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

MEMORIAL

It was very encouraging to the old soldiers when they saw how well filled Magee's Hall was on the occasion of their Memorial services, every seat being occupied, they can no longer think, nor feel that they have no friends in Evansville.

The stage was handsomely decorated with flags, bouquets of flowers and portraits of noted men of the war giving all an appropriate appearance and a welcome to all, to the soldiers' feast of remembrance of their fallen comrades.

After the usual G. A. R. services, Rev. J. S. Davis led in prayer, followed with singing from the Baptist choir. A collection then resulted in 60 cents more than was charged for use of hall.

A spirited address delivered by Rev. O. P. Bestor gave excellent satisfaction and when we say that the last duet sung by Mr. Fish and Miss Clemmer was just as nice and well rendered as it could be, we are but putting it tame. The quartette done their part well and we only hope that the exercises Wednesday may pass off as good. Sixty members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. were present, twenty-three of the latter, which adds unusual laurels to the credit of the G. A. R. it being very seldom that they turn out in superior numbers to the ladies.

MEMORIAL DAY.

It was a nice, large, quiet crowd that assembled upon the streets of this city Wednesday to assist and sympathize with the old soldiers in doing honor to their departed comrades. Although it was a solemn occasion it was also one of pleasure to the old soldiers to know and feel that this great and glorious government had set apart this one day of all the year sacred to them for this purpose, and that so many, so willingly, as though it was a pleasure to them also, joined with them.

Business places were closed and most beautifully decorated as was most of the residences throughout the city, with flags, buntings and such emblems as denote "A Land of the Free, and the Homes of the Brave."

At 1:30 o'clock the procession formed led by the Evansville Black Hussar Band, High school children following first, then the crippled comrades keeping step as best they could, numbering in all about forty, a long train of carriages and the side-walks swarming with friends encouraged them on. Reaching the cemetery entrance they were welcomed by the ladies of the W. R. C. in line on either side. Surrounding the soldiers mound the usual G. A. R. services were rendered and all returned to Magee's Hall where we listened to one of the most masterly stirring speeches from Prof. J. E. Gettle, ever delivered. Perfectly fitted to the occasion, picturing so vividly the real soldiers life in battle and in camp that not a dry eye was to be seen in the vast audience, which crowded the hall to its utmost capacity, unless it be a heart of adamant.

Thanks are due to Mr. Henry Austin, who introduced the speaker, in a very able manner, Rev. O. P. Bestor, Chaplin, the band, Prof L. E. Gettle and others, which will be put in proper shape and published later by G. A. R. Post committee.

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Decoration Day Program.

Officers of the day, President, Wm. Stevens, Vice President, P. C. Wilder, John Winston and Fred Gillman, Marshalls.

The line of march will be from the square on Main and Madison streets to the cemetery as follows:

Band.

President of the day and City Council in carriages.

G. A. R.

W. R. C.

M. W. A.

Primary dep't of E. H. S.

Students of the High School and Seminary.

Citizens on foot.

Citizens in carriages.

Line will form at 1:30.

Line of march will be formed as follows:

The band will head the column on the square and move forward, followed by President of the day and City Council, who will have formed on N. Madison street.

May 27, 1897, Evansville Review, Evansville,

Decoration Day Program.

Officers of the day, Wm. Stevens, Pres.; P. C. Wilder, Vice Pres. Marshals, John Winston and Fred Gillman.

The line of march will be from the square on Main and Madison streets to the cemetery as follows:

Band

President of the Day and City Council in Carriages.

G. A. R. and W. R. C.

Modern Woodmen of America.

Primary Dept. of E. H. S.

Students of High School and Seminary

Citizens on Foot

Citizens in Carriages.

Line will form at 1:30. Line of march

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and city council, who will have formed on N. Madison street; they will move

forward to give place to G. A. R., who will have formed on S. Madison street; they will move forward followed by

W. R. C. who will have formed on Madison street, they will move forward followed by M. W. A. who will have

formed on S. Madison street; they will move forward, followed by the primary

department of the High school who will have formed at the city hall. They will

move forward and give place to the students of the High school and Seminary

The primary department will march in the R. R. track, where carriages will

be in waiting to convey them in line to the cemetery. The students of the Seminary

and High school will form at the city hall, move forward giving place to

citizens on foot who will have formed on W. Main street; they will move forward

and give place to citizens in carriages who will also form on W. Main street

rear of footmen.

In this manner the column will be as formed to the speaker's stand in the

cemetery, where the following exercises will take place: Decoration of

Soldiers' Graves; the band will play while the graves are being decorated.

From the stage the following program will be given:

Music.....By the Band

Singing.....

Recitations.....

Singing.....

Address.....Rev. C. C.

Singing.....

The line from the cemetery will be the same as going.

Decoration Day.

Decoration day dawned bright and pleasant and continued so throughout the day, greatly to the satisfaction of all, for the drizzling rain of the previous evening promised an unpleasant day following. An unusual large number assembled at the appointed hour, and especially from the surrounding country and towns.

The procession formed according to program published, and a more imposing and beautiful parade Evansville has seldom before enjoyed, and especially that part of it composed of the flower girls all dressed in pure white, under the supervision of their teacher Miss Johnson, and Prof. Kling. The line of march was conducted to the cemetery under the supervision of marshalls L. B. Beebe and Dr. J. M. Evans, Jr. The Porter band led the procession followed by the G. A. R., then came the Womans Relief Corps, mayor, city council and clergy in carriages, then the schools followed by citizens in carriages.

Arriving at the cemetery the usual ceremony was conducted in an able manner by Post Com. J. W. Morgan, Adj. A Babcock, Chaplain Rev. O. P. Bestor and comrade G. W. Dibble. The ladies of the W. R. C. and children provided an abundance of flowers for decorating the graves, and a handsome small bouquet for each living soldier. What would we do at such times without their assistance they are certainly very useful as well as ornamental on such occasions, and we feel to thank them all personally, especially for our buttonhole bouquet.

At the close all repaired to the rear and east side of the cemetery where a speaker's stand and seats had been provided, and listened to an able speech by Rev. Wm. Rollins, after which all returned to the city, led by the sweet music of the Porter band with which the exercises had been interspersed throughout, and they too are certainly entitled to great credit and thanks for their services without which the whole affair would have been very tame.

The city was crowded with people and teams throughout the afternoon and evening, and everything passed off so pleasantly that all seemed well pleased and satisfied with the tribute paid to the fallen soldiers of 1861-65.

Memorial Sunday Services.

Memorial services were held last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Methodist church. The audience room was beautifully decorated in the national colors and presented an appearance which lent inspiration to both the speaker and the auditors.

The few remaining veterans and their loyal supporter, the members of the W. R. C. marched to the church in a body where they listened to a very able address by Rev. Webster Millar. Reverends H. Sewell and M. C. Miner assisted in the services.

The musical renditions furnished by the M. E. choir were appropriate and impressive.

Aside from the two societies mentioned there was a very small attendance, the smallest ever remembered at this service. The general reason is thought to be the inopportune hour. It is to be hoped that this be the cause rather than that our citizens should from indifference fail to honor fallen heroes or the ones who are still with us.

War Heroes Honored

Decoration Day passed off very pleasantly in this city as it always does. Whatever enthusiasm is lacking among our citizens on other occasions, this day is one on which patriotic sentiment is contagious.

A long procession headed by the Porter band marched to the cemetery at 2 p.m. and their excellent program was rendered by the pupils of the High School and Seminary followed by a rousing address by Rev. Mr. Short. In spite of the intense heat and dust, the teachers and students of our schools from the youngest to the oldest marched from the school houses to the cemetery in the middle of the road, together with the veterans.

Every detail of the exercises from start to finish showed unity of spirit in honoring those to whom honor is due.

address.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps hereby extend their most sincere thanks to Rev. Webster Millar for the very able and appropriate sermon delivered for them on Sunday, May 27. also to Revs. Miner and Sewell for their assistance and the choir consisting of Misses Thompson, Stair and Eager and gentlemen Porter and Wood who rendered such good and appropriate music. Adopted and ordered published in the local papers by the above named societies through their committees.

June 2, 1900, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville,

Wisconsin

Grand Army men are dying rapidly; veterans of the Civil war are answering to the final roll call at the rate of one thousand per month.

February 5, 1901, the Tribune, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

A large number of the members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. surprised Comrade L. B. Beebe, Monday evening, it being the occasion of his 57th birthday, and made him a present of a beautiful hat rack, made by Comrade W. S. Austin, of polished horns. The Doctor was in bed when the party arrived, being somewhat more fatigued than usual from riding to Spring Valley and back the day previous and the party arrived rather late, but he was soon up and dressed and enjoyed the complete surprise very much.

April 22, 1902, The Tribune, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

A supper was given at the G. A. R. hall this evening for the benefit of the Baker Manufacturing Company band.
April 16, 1903, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

The Military Band cleared about thirty-five dollars at their benefit supper Thursday night. There was a large crowd at the dance and all report a fine time.

April 18, 1903, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin