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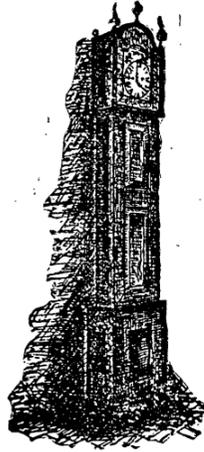
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It Rained, But Crowds Didn't Care.

Monday was circus day for Mount Vernon, the attraction being Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show which exhibited during the afternoon and evening on the grounds at North Fulton avenue and Grand street. At 10 A. M., the parade began and proceeded through the principal streets of the city. All the schools but the High School were dismissed at 10 o'clock and as a result Fourth avenue contained quite a throng of spectators, notwithstanding the chilling rain.

Although the rain came down in torrents it did not prevent a large crowd from attending the afternoon performance and in the evening the audience numbered several thousand persons. Had the day been a clear one the tents would doubtless have been packed.

As to the exhibition itself a description of it is unnecessary. It included all the wonderful scenes and startling feats for which it is noted. It was a complete reproduction of the performance given in New York and other cities.

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Mr. James T. Robertson's Surprise.

Last Saturday evening Mr. James T. Robertson, of 257 South Seventh avenue, went to the post office, according to his usual custom, between 7 and 8 o'clock, and on his return found his house captured by a number of friends. As he approached "Jim" noticed the extra illumination, but thought nothing of it until he entered his home, when he was very pleasantly reminded of the fact that he had been ten years with Dr. Edward F. Brush.

After a very pleasant season of congratulations, reminiscences, social chat, etc., Miss Bessie Brush invited all into the dining room, where refreshments were partaken of. A feature of these was a fine large cake made by Miss Beers containing the lettering, May 21, 1888, to 1898.

Mr. Robertson's ten years' faithful service were further remembered with a handsome solid silver pitcher, presented by Dr. and Mrs. Brush. The beautiful token of esteem is inscribed "James T. Robertson, 1888 to 1898."

The jolly party of intruders included Dr. and Mrs. Brush, Mrs. P. T. Kempson, Mrs. E. Whidden, Miss Katie Beers, the Misses Bessie, Minnie and Laddie Brush. The Misses Marion and Hazel Robertson were brought down stairs to enjoy the cream and cake.

Equalization of Assessments.

The Fifth Ward Alliance, besides taking an active part in the proposed franchises for trolley extensions, also purposes to take up the matter of securing a uniform system of assessed valuations, some of the members claiming that the Fifth ward is discriminated against.

Hollywood Inn Field Opening.

The Hollywood Inn Athletic Club of Yonkers will have a grand field opening Monday afternoon at Dunwoodie. There will be a flag raising at 2; field events at 2.30 and a baseball match between Hollywood Inn and the Mount Vernon Athletics at 3.30.

DECORATION DAY PLANS.

Memorial Day Exercises by Farnsworth Post and a Ball Game by Aldermen.

The Memorial Day observances virtually begin Sunday, on which day Farnsworth Post, G. A. R., C. J. Nordquist Camp, S. A. V., and the Epworth League of the First M. E. Church will attend morning service at the Baptist Church and evening service at the First Methodist Church.

On Monday morning Farnsworth Post will assemble at the Post room at 9 o'clock, and from there the following details will go to the various cemeteries and decorate the graves of deceased comrades:

For Woodlawn—Comrades W. A. Anderson, John M. Dearborn, George H. Brown and E. J. Tilley.

Bronxville Road—Comrades George Beil and Wm. Mitchell.

East Chester—Comrades S. P. Hunt and J. P. Kraher.

New Rochelle—Comrade David Lyon. Contributions of potted plants will be appreciated, which may be sent to the Fifth avenue school Saturday or the Post room before 9 A. M. Monday.

THE BALL GAME BETWEEN ALDERMEN.

The special public holiday feature of the day will be the great inter-municipal contest on the diamond between the aldermen of Yonkers and Mount Vernon, to take place at the Y. M. C. A. grounds, corner of South Tenth avenue and Sixth street, and to begin at 3:30 o'clock sharp.

Many changes have been made in the line-up of the Mount Vernon team as published last week. In the first place, Mayor Fiske, who was to be first baseman, has declined to play. Still having in mind last year's struggle, in which, owing to his heavy avoirdupois, he suffered greatly from the heat and exertion, he has decided that it would be more fun to be a spectator than a participant in this year's contest. Several of the aldermen have followed his example and also withdrawn. Their substitutes will be Commissioner of Public Works H. P. McGraw, Plumbing Inspector Thomas Houlihan, C. Bauersfeld, an assistant in the city clerk's office, and Thomas F. McGrew.

The line-up of both teams is given below:

MOUNT VERNON POSITION.	YONKERS
Howe.....r. f.....	Costello or Walsh
Ulcht.....l. f.....	Pagan
Houlihan.....3 b. Mayor Sutherland	
McTague.....1 b.....	Ferguson
Anderson.....c. f.....	Hackett
Bauersfeld.....s. s.....	Houston
McGrew.....c.....	Southwick
Cline.....3 b.....	Garrison
Hoyt.....p.....	Reynolds

The Yonkers team, beside Mayor Sutherland, includes only four aldermen, they being Aldermen Southwick, Houston, Reynolds and Hackett.

The proceeds are for the Young Men's Christian Association of this city which is deserving of a substantial sum. The tickets are being rapidly disposed of which indicates a large crowd of spectators. Reserved seats can be had at the Y. M. C. A. building.

Memorial Day in The Schools.

The Memorial Day exercises in the public schools were held this morning in connection with the regular opening exercises.

On Monday, as is their custom, the scholars will decorate the Soldiers' Monument with flowers.

Decoration Day Train Service.

The following trains on the Harlem Road will not be run:

From New York to Mount Vernon—5.45 A. M.; 5.20, 5.35, 5.45, 6.25, 6.45 and 7.05 P. M.

From Mount Vernon to New York—5.18, 5.49, 6.56, 6.49, 7.21, 7.58 A. M.

On the New Haven Road the full train service will be operated.

Decoration Day at White Plains.

At the fair grounds at White Plains there will be two horse races in the 2.17 and 2.27 class and a balloon ascension by Prince Leo. He will vary the ordinary balloon ascension by being carried up on a bicycle which he will perform on in midair and then by means of a parachute descend, all the time riding the wheel.

Kindergarten Exhibition.

There will be a public exhibition of the work done by the children of Miss Robbins' private kindergarten during the past year at Willard Hall, Monday morning the 30th beginning at 9.30. On Tuesday forenoon the children will enjoy a picnic at Cranford Grove, the residence of Prof. E. N. Vallandigham.

THE TROLLEY EXTENSIONS.

To-morrow (Saturday) evening, the Common Council will give a hearing on two applications for trolley franchises. This is a question of vital interest to Mount Vernon residents and any objections to the routes designated below should be made at the meeting to-morrow evening.

The Union Railway seeks to extend its present lines by placing single or double tracks on South Fulton avenue from Third street southerly to the city line; also northerly on Fulton avenue across the railroad bridge to Elm Place to Park avenue to Prospect avenue to North Fourth avenue to the Eastchester line; also to extend the First street terminus to South Fulton avenue; also to run a spur across the proposed Third avenue bridge to Prospect avenue.

The New York, Westchester and Connecticut Traction Company asks permission to lay single or double tracks on South Fulton avenue from the Old Boston Post Road to the railroad bridge, thence on North Fulton avenue to Elm Place to Park avenue to Prospect avenue to North Fourth avenue to Bridge street to Lincoln avenue to Oak street to North Terrace avenue to Mount Vernon avenue to city line; also on East and West Fourth street from South Fulton avenue to Eleventh avenue, thence across private property to Woodlawn Station; also on North Fourth avenue from Bridge street to the Eastchester line.

OUR "BOYS" IN THE ARMY.

Mount Vernon Is Well Represented in the Troops That May Soon Fight.

Mount Vernon now has about 30 of her citizens among the United States Volunteers. Nine of these are with the Eighth Volunteers, being former members of the Eleventh Separate Company of this city. The 14 recruits from New Rochelle who are also with the Eighth, have not been accepted as members of the Eleventh Separate Company by the authorities as their applications for membership in that company were not made out on the regulation blanks. The applications were typewritten, as there were no more blanks at the armory, and on this account were rejected.

The following is a complete list, as far as can be learned, of the men from this city who have enlisted in the Country's service, and the companies with which they are connected:

Eighth Volunteers. Company M—Captain, Frank R. Curtis; First Sergeant, Marshall G. Hatfield; Privates Henry J. Badenhausen, J. Haslett, Patrick Condon, Doughton Kimble, William Bonn, Robert Noshier and Charles White.

Seventy-first Volunteers. Major, John H. Whittle. Company B—H. A. Merriam, W. Higgins, L. Bert Henderson. Company E—William R. Farmer, Seymour Peterson, Nelson Harding, E. H. Hannaford, D. W. Lapham, Jr., George Rowlandson and H. P. Kane. Company L—S. A. M. Ives. Hospital Corps—Dr. A. St. John Shephard.

Forty-seventh Volunteers. Company L—Lieutenant, C. L. Gerould; Quartermaster Sergeant, John Moncrieff; Corporal, A. Scott Anderson.

The Seventy-first Volunteers are at Lakeland, near Tampa, Fla., and the Eighth is at Chickamauga where it arrived Wednesday.

In the Naval Reserves Mount Vernon is represented by Frank B. Vanderbeck, Jr., Henry G. Sloat Bertrand G. Bertnett and Arthur D. Brittingham.

Jacob Gescheidt of this city is the chief gunner on the Monitor Terror which is with Admiral Sampson's fleet.

Mr. W. J. Youmans, who was the editor of The Sentinel during its brief existence, visited Mount Vernon friends on Saturday. He has enlisted for service in the war, being a member of the Birmingham, N. Y., Separate Company.

Garments For Cuban Relief.

The Mount Vernon Branch of the Needlework Guild of America held a special meeting at the residence of Miss Carrie B. Tilton, 120 South Second avenue, on Wednesday afternoon. It was decided to appeal to the members, asking each one to give a new garment which will be used for Cuban relief. It is hoped to secure at least 300 garments in this way for the Cubans.

One Stage Nearer the War.

The Eighth Regiment left Camp Townsend, Peekskill, on Monday for Chickamauga. It is Company M of this regiment in which 22 members of the Eleventh Separate Company enlisted. The captain of the former company is Frank R. Curtis of this city, formerly a lieutenant in the Eleventh.

FIGHTING THE TROLLEY.

Property Owners Will Object to Having Residential Streets Marred By Trolley Lines.

There is very determined opposition developing against the granting of the trolley franchises as outlined in the applications, and which are elsewhere referred to.

A number of residents of Chester Hill are decidedly opposed to having any of the choice residential streets of that section invaded by trolley lines. This was apparent at a meeting held last evening at the residence of Mr. P. J. Murray, of the Fifth Ward Alliance, called for the purpose of considering the trolley franchises.

A number of prominent taxpayers were present, such as Aldermen A. W. Wallander, Messrs. George Howard, George McCaw, Alonzo Hebbard, Brower F. Zuker, J. Utz, A. and J. J. Koenen, Peter McGowan, H. F. Giers, H. D. Low, Matthew Hawe, W. W. Bradbeer and others.

Mr. Murray, the president of the Alliance, presided, and briefly stated the object of the meeting. Mr. Hawe was appointed secretary pro tem.

In the discussion that ensued it was shown that the line on Lincoln avenue toward White Plains and New Rochelle, that on North Fourth avenue to Bronxville and on North Third avenue to Lincoln avenue would possibly be advantageous and at the same time comparatively unobjectionable. To permit lines, however, on Fulton avenue, Elm Place and Prospect avenue was something of no advantage to the city at large and of irreparable injury to Chester Hill.

A resolution was finally offered by Mr. George Howard to the effect that no further franchises should be granted to trolley companies on any thoroughfare until the company should obtain the consent of all property owners along the line. This was seconded by Alderman Wallander and carried. A resolution was also adopted empowering the president to appoint a committee of five to represent the Alliance at the Common Council hearing to-morrow evening.

The Board of Trade has also taken the matter in hand and a committee will meet to-night to consider the subject.

The residents along the line of Fourth street are up in arms against the proposition by the New York and Connecticut Company to run a line on that thoroughfare from Fulton avenue to Eleventh avenue, and a petition against granting such a franchise has been signed by practically all the owners along the street.

The Chautauquans.

The second May meeting of the Mount Vernon Chautauqua Circle was a "Dickens Evening" and was held Monday evening in the usual place. A paper on Dickens and his works was given by Mrs. Ferguson and answers to roll-call were selections from the most popular works of that author. Among those chosen were "Nicholas Nickleby," "Tale of Two Cities," "Dombey and Son," "Bleak House" and "Our Mutual Friend." Mr. Charles M. Miller gave a reading from Mark Twain's "Pompeii." The Review of "Medieval Europe" for lack of time, was postponed to a future meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cooper will entertain the Circle on the occasion of the first June meeting, at their home, 223 South Fifth avenue.

Edelweiss Circle met for its patriotic session Monday evening in a room very prettily decorated with American flags, at the home of Miss May Stevens. The weather somewhat affected the attendance, and owing to an unfortunate failure in notifying some of the members of a change in the programme, one or two of its numbers were necessarily impromptu.

In the absence of the president, Miss Walker presided and conducted the opening exercises. Patriotic quotations were appropriate and inspiring, and were followed by a number of entertaining Lincoln anecdotes. A brief review of the readings was conducted by each member asking a question on the same.

Several points of interest in the readings on "Medieval Art" formed topics for a general discussion. "Dissected Songs" proved to be separate lines of various patriotic songs. Members were requested to find those who held the other verses of their particular songs, and each group was asked to sing its song. The idea was not fully carried out, however, and the programme ended with the Circle forming one group around the piano and joining heartily in the stirring war melodies.

Bicycle Meet Postponed.

The bicycle meet which was to have been held yesterday at the residence of Mrs. William Hitchcock, East Chester, has been, on account of the storm, postponed until next Thursday, June 2.