

# Rev. Lantz Gave Splendid Address on Memorial Day

Memorial Day was observed in Binford Friday morning, not alone by veterans of the World War, but by people of our town as a whole. That was the idea with which the observance was planned by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary.

While it is deemed eminently proper and fitting by those in charge that veterans of past wars should pay homage to the memory of those who have passed before, it is considered fitting and proper that relatives and friends of these veterans and the school children comprising the rising generation should take a prominent part in the observance.

The local band opened the program of the day with a well rendered program. This was the band's first appearance in public and their music was very much enjoyed on this occasion. At the conclusion of the outdoor concert the exercises were held in the opera house. In the absence of Rev. L. M. Halling, who was ill, Rev. A. L. Lantz gave the invocation, after which the male quartette sang "America, the Beautiful." Rev. Lantz then delivered a splendid address. In his talk he reviewed the history of the wars in which we have been engaged, the reason in each case why we took part, and the result. Mr. Lantz is an ex-service man, and a speaker of no mean ability. The committee in charge was very fortunate in getting Mr. Lantz to take part in the program. The speech was followed by a solo nicely rendered by Miss Florence Greenland. As an observance of Memorial Day would not be complete unless we recall to mind that great speech made by Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg, Mrs. W. E. West recited the address in her usual able manner. After a solo by I. P. Larson, and a recitation by Euelah Burseth, the male quartette sang the "Call of the Flag," and Rev. Lantz pronounced the benediction, which closed the program.

A parade was then formed, with the Legion boys in the lead bearing the national colors, followed by the band, the Legion Auxiliary, members of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah orders, school children and citizens, who marched to the cemetery, where fitting services were conducted by the Legion over the graves of the soldier boys. Hans Hogle and Hans A. Helland. Flowers were placed upon the graves, a firing squad fired a volley and "taps" were blown.

The schools were closed for the day, the banks and business houses suspended work and business generally paused for observance of the holiday.