

## MEMORIAL DAY AT HOPE.

Memorial Day was observed in a very fitting manner in this city. Most all business houses and private residences were bedecked in the National colors and the exercises both at the cemetery and City Hall were well carried out.

It was about 9 o'clock when the crowd from the surrounding country and towns commenced to arrive and by the appointed time for the procession to form in front of the city hall a large crowd had assembled. The procession was at least three quarters of a mile long, headed by the Hope Cornet Band followed by the Geo. P. Foster Post G. A. R., school children and citizens in carriages.

At the cemetery the beautiful and customary services of paying floral tribute was carried out by the G. A. R. and school children. First, the reading of the order of the day, prayer by the Chaplain, music by the band, "America", floral decoration while the band played a beautiful funeral dirge.

The exercises at the City Hall at 2:30 were very fine. First on the program was a song by the quartette, prayer by Rev. Killen, music by the band, Serenade "Twinkling Stars." Address of Abraham Lincoln delivered at Gettysburg Nov. 19th 1863 by H. L. Moody, music by the ladies' quartette, followed by the oration by the Rev. Dingle, of the M. E. church of this city. The oration was of a high order and the speaker left traces on the minds of the large audience which greeted him which will last for many years to come. The Rev. Dingle is a very pleasant speaker and won many words of praise for the eloquent address on this occasion. After the oration the band played a number of old war tunes which brought back to the minds of the old veterans the days of hardship and war.

The exercises as a whole were the best held in Hope in many years.