

Suburban Squibs- Items from Surrounding Towns and Villages-... Sidney...

Sidney is taking practical steps looking to the erection of a township soldiers' monument in Mt. Hope cemetery. The fund will be started with a patriotic concert May 30th, and it is hoped to have the unveiling of the monument July 4. The following committee has the work in hand: S.A. Porterfield, D.R. Magill and G. W. Fenimore of the G.A.R., Mrs. George Toy, Mrs. L.A. Schindler and Mrs. Jos. Coddington of the W.R. C. and R. H. Steele, J.A. Garrett and Dr. W. F. Burres of the citizens. G.W. Clinkenbeard is secretary and W. P. Jones treasurer.

The Champaign Daily News, May 10, 1898, page 3, column 2

TOWNS AROUND CHAMPAIGN – What is Said of Them That Interests Our Readers_

Sidney, Ill., June 3, - The grand patriotic war concert which was held at Cole's hall in this place Monday night under the auspices of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. was a huge success and the net proceeds, which will go to the soldiers' monument fund, were large. An immense audience was present and enjoyed the entertainment hugely.

The Hall was profusely decorated with flowers and flags and hung with pictures of Lincoln, Grant, Hancock, Garfield and other national heroes. The background scene was a battleship painted expressly for the occasion. After a patriotic selection by the orchestra, Rev. Gilmore Cunningham's version of "The Battle Cry of Freedom" by M.L. Porterfield, James Epperson, D.L. Jones, Roy Youngblood, George Gust, Rev Cunningham, Frank Freeman and Frank McKay, was greeted with prolonged applause, being one of the hits of the evening.

The appearance of Prof. J. H. Brownlee of Carbondale was the signal for a cheer from the audience. He gave four readings, expressing each in a natural and creditable manner. The professor was enjoyed by everyone and was heartily applauded.

Miss Oral Bocock, the charming little elocutionist who Sidney is proud to own, gave the difficult gypsy piece "Zingarilla," surprising even her old friends.

The only vocal solo on the program, "What Did Dewey Do to Them?" sung by Miss Madge Rukenbrod, pleased her audience immensely. Miss Helen Smith accompanied her.

The Champaign Daily News, June 3, 1898, page 4, column 3

The Twin Cities- Champaign -

---C.N. Clark & Co. have been awarded the contract for the Sidney township soldiers monument, which will be erected at that place. It will stand 20 feet high and will have on top a bronze soldier standing at parade rest. ...

The Champaign Daily News, Monday, August 22, 1898 page 5, column 4

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Sidney

The committee on construction of the soldiers' monument are working at the foundation and will have it completed this week.

The Champaign Daily News, September 2, 1898 page 2 column 2

Sundry Suburban Squibs – Items from Surrounding Towns and Villages- Local, Personal and Social...

Sidney...

Some of the stone for the soldiers' monument has arrived. The work is being pushed and the monument will be unveiled in November.

The Champaign Daily News, September 24, 1898, page 2, Column 4

Sundry Suburban Squibs – Items from Surrounding Towns and Villages- Local, Personal and Social...

Sidney ...

--"Jedediah Judkins, J. P.," will be given by local talent for the benefit of the Sidney soldiers' monument fund at Cole's hall, Thursday evening, Nov. 10.

The Champaign Daily News, October 29, 1898 page 2 column 4

Sundry Suburban Squibs – Items from Surrounding Towns and Villages- Local, Personal and Social...

Philo...

--The Sidney people will play "Jedediah Judkins, J. P.," Friday evening, Nov. 18, at Philo opera house. The proceeds go for the benefit of the soldiers' monument at Sidney

The Champaign Daily News, November 16, 1898, page 2, column 3

Urbana Local News-

--- E. P. Hall and A.A. Clark went to Sidney Monday to erect a soldiers' monument.

The Champaign County News, May 7, 1902, page 8, column 5

Dr. J. A. Gehrett of Homer will deliver the Memorial Day address at Sidney, at which time the new soldiers' monument in Mt. Hope cemetery will be unveiled.

The Champaign Daily News, May 21, 1902, page 4, Column 4

Memorial Day to be Observed - ...

Committees at Sidney

Sidney, Ill., May 26 – Memorial exercises will be held at Cole's hall Friday at 2 o'clock. Rev. J.A. Gehrett of Homer will make the address. The exercises this year are expected to be more elaborate than any in the past. S. H. Robbins has charge of the music. U.D. Hecox is looking after the finances.

The following committee has charge of making the wreaths and decorating the hall: Mesdames Amanda Hess, Dave Magill, Swift, Harry Youngblood, Will Eaton, Robins, Frank Freeman, Joe Mitchell, Ples Mitchell, James Johnson, Mat Busey, Frank Swartz and Cook; Misses Eva Helm and Daisy Swearingen.

Those selected as flower gatherers are: Hazel and Agnes Helm, Elsie Busey, Fanny Johnson, Vern Johnson, Helen and Joe Dalton, Walter Eaton, Edith Swartz, Grace and Harry Cottrell, Edna Gregory, Sela Hooker, Delber Hooker, Elsie McElwee, Hazel Harris, Hedis and Mildred Harris, Mable Youngblood, Ida Hess, Oral Bates, Willie and Gene Palmer, Clarence Bonnell, Carl Bonnell, Wayne Clark, Edward Palmer, Fay Morgan, Bryan Cole, Edith and Ethel Gibson, Flossy Mitchell, Cherbe and Oakley Graybill, Oral Jones, Paul and Dale Witt, Cedric Hecox, Verne Wrisk, Jessie and Howard Driver, Madge Fisher, Fern Griffin, Fay and Jessie Johnson, Dan McElroy, George Boone, Vera Hess, Mary Lawson, Bertha Watson, Dan and Josie Goodpasture, Frank and Clint Henderson, Fanny Clark, Elsie Thompson, Minnie Kirby, Clint Crump, Nellie and Lare Gust and Alma Aufdenkamp.

The Champaign Daily News, May 26, 1902, page 1 column 3