

**Programme for Decoration Day in  
Petoskey Monday, May 31st, 1886.**

Col. Lombard Post No. 170 G. A. R. will meet promptly at their hall at 1 o'clock p. m. on Mitchell street near Clifton House. Procession will be formed by the officer of the day.

First.—Band

Second.—Members of the G. A. R. and visiting comrades.

Third.—All other citizens in two or four ranks.

Fourth.—Young ladies as decorating committee.

Fifth.—Carriages containing the speaker of the day and the mayor and council of the city.

Sixth.—Carriages and wagons, etc., will march to the grave yard. A committee will be appointed to decorate the graves with the National Emblem. Arriving on the ground a hollow square will be formed at the center of the cemetery. Prayer by the chaplain Dirge by the glee club. The decorating committee will decorate the graves. The G. A. R. guard will fire a salute over the nearest grave after the ceremony of the G. A. R. The procession will again form and march back to Mitchell Hall, where an address will be made by the Hon. H. Hudson, an old soldier and member of the G. A. R. of Mancelona, and an eloquent speaker, and others of Petoskey.

All parties who wish to donate flowers for the above cause will please hand them in to the store of Grimes & Son during the forenoon of said day. It is expected that the business houses will be closed from 1 p. m. until 3 p. m. All are invited.

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In spite of the promise of the morning, the day proved pleasant; and had proper arrangements been made, and the management placed in the hands of the proper person, Decoration Day would have been an eminent success. Although the Sunday schools as organizations did not turn out, there were many children on hand to fill up the few wagons provided, and the procession attained respectable proportions when all the private carriages had fallen into line. At the cemetery the usual ceremonies were performed and on the return to Mitchell Hall, a stirring and patriotic address was made by Hon. H. Hudson, of Mancelonia, to the great pleasure of his large audience.

No attempt whatever was made by the post to decorate the stage; but Mrs. C. B. Henika had prepared a surprise for them in an exquisite bit of floral work which did great credit to her taste and skill. It was a miniature tent pitched upon one of the new fashioned square topped center tables, upon a ground of pansies. The tent was trimmed with small green vines relieved by white daisies, and below it hung an old army canteen covered with green leaves and flowers. The whole effect was very beautiful, and it was greatly admired by all present.

The stores were generally closed from 1 to 5 p. m.