

# CHILDREN PLAN BIG FESTIVAL

Gilbert, McKinley and Neighboring Schools to Have Elaborate May Celebration.

## SEVERAL HUNDRED PUPILS IN PATRIOTIC SPECTACLE

Affair Will Take Place on Memorial Day and Will Be Noteworthy.

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GILBERT, May 26.—The schools of Independent School District No. 18, comprising Gilbert, McKinley, Genoa, and Elba locations, are making elaborate preparations for a grand May festival to be held on Memorial day, lasting throughout the day.

At 9 o'clock in the morning the children will assemble in their schools and form in line for the annual parade with flags, banners and floats. The reviewing stand will be erected at the intersection of Iowa avenue and Broadway. Here the school bands will be stationed and to this point the two divisions of the parade will march from eastern and western sections of the city, each headed by student drum corps, and student marshals of the day mounted. It is estimated that there will be 1,200 children and teachers in the line of march.

The schools will render the following choruses: "America," "Marching Through Georgia," and "The Star Spangled Banner." Five minute addresses will be given by local pastors, Rev. Thomas B. Shorts, George S. Turner, D. D. Tibbetts and Rev. Father Piernat. The McKinley school children, numbering 200, will recite in concert Lincoln's Gettysburg address. The Sparta, Gilbert and McKinley students will give in concert MacDowell's civic creed, and the flag salute, and "The Flag Goes By." Viola Kieren of Gilbert will read Van Dyke's "Home Thoughts From Europe." Lempi Liljebloom of Sparta will render Whittier's "Barbaric Fritchie."

At the close of the patriotic exercises the students and citizens will have out door luncheon on the high school and primary school lawns.

### Festival in Afternoon.

At 1 o'clock the May festival proper will begin with a grand march, in which over 1,000 children in costumes, representing flowers, will take part. The costumes are being made of crepe paper in the industrial department of the schools. The march will end with the crowning of the May queen. Swedish dances in costume will be given by students of the Gilbert grades under the direction of Miss Frankell Wade, physical director for girls.

The high school bands, orchestras and choruses will be represented on the program. The kindergarten orchestra of 5-year-old children will render several selections. There are 36 instruments in this orchestra, which is under the direction of Miss Georgine Minder.

The Sixth grades of Gilbert will give a Robin Hood archer contest. There will be kite flying contests with over 200 kites entered. Miss Wades' department will give several Irish lilts, and the drills will end with three Maypole drills given simultaneously. On will be an immense poie to be wound with the school colors by high school girls. There will be smaller poles on either side, wound by kindergarten children with the colors of the spectrum, five kindergartens participating.

The annual field day exercises of the grades and high schools will follow. These will consist of relay races, dashes, jumping, pole vaulting and other contests. H. B. Hursh, principal of the Gilbert elementary school will also exhibit some very fine work by his Sixth grade boys in gymnastic feats, consisting of tumbling and feats with gymnasium apparatus.