

# GERMANS GATHER IN CELEBRATION

## Big Crowd Commemorates 224th Anniversary of Settlement of Germantown.

Commemorating the 224th anniversary of German settlement in the United States at Germantown, Pa., the German-Americans of Superior held forth at the Grand opera house last night, where, under the auspices of the Germania society an elaborate program of addresses, music and other features was presented. The dedication of a handsome silk flag presented by the ladies of the Damen section was one of the most interesting events of the evening, being participated in by a number of young ladies and deputations from several uniformed ranks of lodges and societies of the city.

An address of welcome by Mayor Linley of Superior, an address on "The German-Americans" by Congressman J. J. Esch of La Crosse, and one by Louis Bohmrich of Milwaukee, in the German language, made up the principal speaking portion of the program. This was interspersed with vocal selections by Misses Harriet Nobles, Elizabeth McGraw and Angeline Schweitzer and Messrs C. Luse and H. Applehagen. The Grand opera house orchestra rendered several numbers including the opening overture of "My Dear Old Germany."

The stage was elaborately decorated with the flags of the United States and Germany together with potted plants, cut flowers, etc. The officers of the society and a number of citizens occupied seats near the speakers' stand. The presentation of the flag was made by Miss Elvira Lingren of the Blaine high school, assisted by Misses Rose Kranz, Lillian Kranz, Anna Gutzelt, Carrie Gutzelt, Frida Reifke, Lizzie Strange, Lillian Brenner, Jennie Flynn, Elsie Lange, Nannette Hertlein, Angeline Schweitzer, Elsie Krause, and the following uniform ranks: Company A, Redmen's league, Improved Order of Redmen; Allouez Palmer post, No. 179, Grand Army of the Republic; Company I, Third infantry, Wisconsin National guard; Royal camp, No. 4508, Modern Woodmen of America; Canton Superior, No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Whaleback camp, No. 779, Modern Woodmen of America; Guard of Polish Uhlans, Superior; Guard of Polish Uhlans, Duluth.

A tableau of "Germania" was presented by Mrs. K. Starha in the title-role, with Mrs. L. Albenberg as "Music" and Mrs. G. H. Waddell as "Art."

In the course of his address Congressman Esch lauded the German-Americans, dwelling upon the work which they had done in the early days of this republic and how well they had accomplished it to the benefit of the whole land. They shared, he said, the dangers and hardships of the revolution side by side with comrades of English blood who chafed under the rule of the mother country. He related several instances of Germans who had won honors on the field in behalf of the republic. Among those on this roll of honor he named Baron Steuben, Colonel Mahen, Peter Muhlenberg, the minister who afterward became major general, Shott, Hillages and Lutterloh.

The speaker then entered upon a narrative of the causes and effects of the increase of immigration to this country from Germany after 1830, up to which time there had been few Teutons who had sought a home here. They came, he said, not because of religious persecutions or restrictions, as the other colonists had done, but to better their condition. Then in 1848 came the famous "Achtundvierziger" who fled from their native land because of the defeat of the party seeking the unity and liberty of Germany. These naturally sought out the German settlements and in after years made their influence felt in many states.

Urging his hearers to be loyal to their adopted country, to cherish and defend it, the speaker closed amid great applause.

This evening the Germania society will close the celebration with a grand ball and supper at Maryland hall. Admission will be by card issued by the members to their friends.

Congressman Esch was yesterday the guest of the society on a ride around the harbor in Robert Kelly's yacht, Sorrella. He will return home today.