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OBJECT.

To preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together the Soldiers, Sailors and Mariners who united to suppress the late rebellion: To maintain allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for and fidelity to the National Constitution and laws: to discountenance whatsoever tends to weaken loyalty, invites to insurrection, treason or rebellion, or in any manner impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions, and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights and justice to all men, and to obtain through the ballot box, if necessary, the rights to which we believe ourselves entitled.

Headquarters Will County Union Veteran Association.

Our God, Our Country and Ourselves.

JOLIET, ILL., June 11 1894

A. W. Fourness Esq
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Dear Sir - The old soldier of the 12th Congressional District of Ill. will hold an encampment at Riverview Park near Joliet - for eight days from Aug 29 to Sep 5. Fourteen of the most prominent men in our country will be with us and address us. Our object is not simply to have a good time but to discuss the prominent questions before the people, and as we are a non-political society speakers may say what they may wish - We can assure you an audience of not less than 5000. our programme can be arranged to suit your convenience for any day of the encampment - If it is possible for you to be with us please write us soon as may be and we can correspond further in regard to details.

Very Truly Yours

E. R. Matteson.

President