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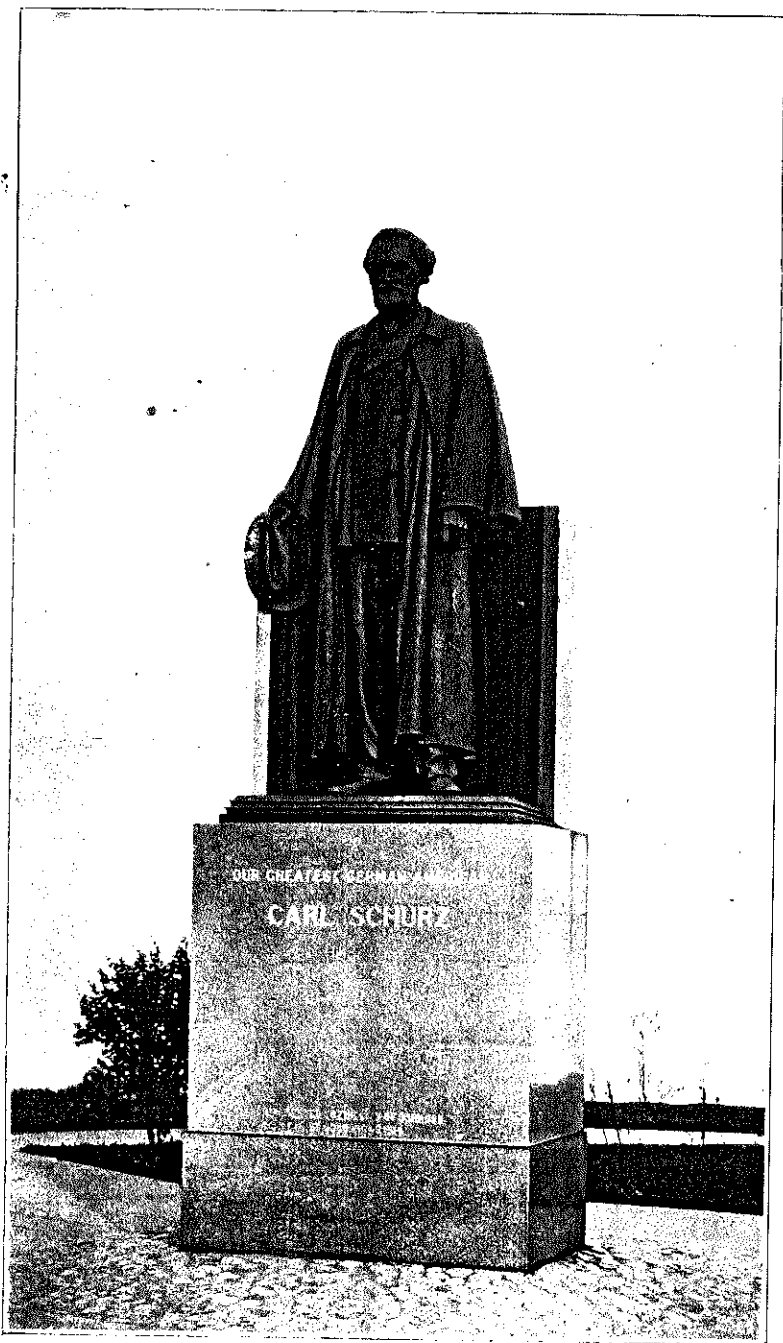
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### ***The Carl Schurz Monument.***

Among the chief works of art in the City of Oshkosh is the monument to the memory of Carl Schurz, Wisconsin statesman, who represented one of the truest types of American patriots, with the highest ideals as to democracy and loyalty. This beautiful statue is located at the foot of Washington Street, with the waters of Lake Winnebago and the hazy east shore as a background. Upon one side of it is an imposing city recreation center, formerly the clubhouse of the Oshkosh Yacht Club, and upon the other the municipal water plant. The donor of the monument, Col. John Hicks, went to the studio of Karl Theodore Francis Bitter, of New York, for the statue of the great apostle of democracy. It was on the date of Saturday, July 4, 1914, that this magnificent work in bronze, upon marble, was dedicated, and the event marked a new epoch in the history of Fourth of July celebrations here. A parade was held, led by the Arion Band, in which there were automobiles carrying those having active part in the unveiling, and the members of Companies B and F of the Wisconsin National Guard, the Oshkosh Kriegerverein and the Oshkosh Maennerchor marched. A huge crowd of citizens gathered about the monument, and those taking part were seated on and spoke from a raised platform decorated in the patriotic colors. The Arions played "Star Spangled Banner," and Rev. Theodore Irion, of St. Paul's Evangelical church, delivered the invocation. The Maennerchor rendered a song in German, and the monument was disclosed to view, Miss Marianne Schurz, one of the daughters of Carl Schurz, performing the ceremony. Gen. C. R. Boardman presented the gift in behalf of the donor, stating that Carl Schurz was the greatest American of German birth this country had ever known. The response of acceptance for the city was made by Mayer John Mulva, who emphasized the "wise and generous philanthropy of that distinguished fellow citizen, who has done so much to beautify our public places." Judge Emil Baensch, of Manitowoc, was the principal speaker, his address being an eloquent tribute to Schurz, whom he termed a type of active American citizenship, the immigrant, and whose character and career he sketched in detail. Gov. Francis E. McGovern



Washington Statue in Menominee Park



*Carl Schurz Monument on Lake Front*

followed with brief remarks of praise for Carl Schurz and for the donor of the monument. Charles Oellerich spoke in German, and extended thanks in behalf of the citizens of Oshkosh of German birth and descent, for the gift in memory of Schurz, and then read a German poem fitting the occasion. A song by the Maennerchor, and a benediction by Rev. Edward H. Smith, closed the exercises. An informal reception was afterwards held at the Yacht Club, with Governor McGovern, Judge Baensch, the Misses Agatha and Marianne Schurz and Colonel Hicks as guests of honor. A sister of Carl Schurz, Mrs. A. Juessen, and his son, Carl Lincoln Schurz, were invited, but were unable to be present.

The sculptor of the Schurz Monument, Karl Bitter, was born in Vienna, Austria, December 6, 1867, and came to the United States in 1889. At the time he made the statue he was a member of the art commission of New York. His work was seen at the Chicago World's Fair, and he was chief of the department of sculpture at the St. Louis and Panama Expositions. The bronze figure of Schurz presents that notable in everyday pose and everyday attire, with hat in hand, and it stands nine and one-half feet high. This statue rests upon a pedestal of Balfour pink granite, quarried in North Carolina, and this base is eleven feet four inches high. A slab of marble, or die, reaches up back of the bronze figure. Some idea of the massiveness of the monument is gained from the statement that it weighs over twelve tons. The cost was \$8,500.

#### ***Camp Bragg Memorial Park.***

One of the prettiest "show places" in Oshkosh is a spot of much historical interest. It is Camp Bragg Memorial Park, situated opposite Menominee Park, at the corner of Hazel and Cleveland Streets. This little park—it is only the size of an ordinary building lot—will perpetuate the site of a military camp that came into existence early in the Civil War. The original camp occupied the entire space between East Irving Street and Park Avenue, north and south, and Hazel and Evans Streets, east and west, the spot having been the Fair Grounds of those early days. With the area now occupied by many homes, only the corner