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June 5, 1948
St. Peter's Hall

I hope that no one will blame the City of Lewiston for that rainy day.

I am sure that if that most important detail had been left to our citizens, they would have ordered their Mayor to proclaim three consecutive days of sunshine for your convention.

But - Realizing they couldn't do so, they want me to assure you of their great pleasure to see such a group as yours in our City. On their behalf, may I extend to all of you the most cordial welcome.

Lewiston, as you know, is a twin City. The other twin is across the river.

The two Mayors, however, are not twins. One is a Republican and a tall fellow.

The other one---(if I may be allowed to inform you)---is a Democrat...and of a reduced size. But let me tell you that in Lewiston (or in Auburn I am sure), all the citizens have the same spirit and want you to know that their homes and their hearts are open to you.

I am glad to say that I have witnessed the start of your local Dionne Post, and since I became Mayor, I have been with their burial detachment on the arrival of every and all veterans brought from overseas. I shall continue to do so on behalf of my City until my term of office expires.

Now, I would like to present to you, as Mayor of Lewiston, the key to the City, but I could not do so before I know what my colleague from across the Androscoggin River has to offer to you.

Again, my best wishes to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and