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GLORIOUS FOURTH AT MARSHFIELD Immense Crowd and a Good Time

The glorious Fourth is over once more and Marshfield certainly has no reason to be ashamed of the showing she made in the way of a celebration.

The largest crowd ever gathered together in one place in Coos county was entertained in Marshfield yesterday, and not only were they provided with amusement during the day, and far into the night, but none were obliged to go hungry or stand in line very long to secure a seat at a well laden table. No other town in the county could have handled such a crowd.

Judging from the look on the faces of the people, and the remarks overheard, it was a happy crowd and enjoyed itself thoroughly.

The only unpleasant feature was the absence of music for several hours during the evening. This aroused much dissatisfaction, but it does not seem to have been in the least the fault of the committee of arrangements.

The street decorations, which were the work of Dr. Hayden, ably assisted by B. N. Holcomb were elaborate and tasteful and gave a decidedly holiday appearance to the town.

The committee on arrangements, of which J. A. Matson was chairman, worked indefatigably, and are to be thanked and congratulated on their success.

The use of the large warehouse, through the courtesy of F. S. Dow, gave an ideal place for the musical and oratorical part of the program.

The whole interior of the warehouse had been decorated with flags, bunting and banners, as well as Chinese lanterns.

A platform had been built against the north wall midway of its length, and tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, and on this the program was rendered.

The floor of the pavilion had been smoothed as much as possible, and here dancing was indulged in, both afternoon and evening.

The sports of the day began with a boat race in which five boats were entered. They started from the foot of C street and rowed to the stake opposite the O. C. & N. Bank and back. This race was won by Lawrence Jennings, with Chas. Smith as second.

After the boat races and about 10 o'clock the morning parade under Ed Colgan, Marshal of the Day, formed in front of Eagles hall, marching out Front street to C, out C to 4th, up 4th to A, down A to Broadway and out Broadway to the pavilion. The order of parade was as follows:

Headed by North Bend Concert Band, followed by a large float carrying the Goddess of Liberty, represented by Miss Una Marsh and the Angel of Peace, represented by Miss Eunice Nichols. Liberty car with Tom Minot representing Uncle Sam, Miss Mary Brown, Justice, Rose Myren, Columbia, and 16 little girls in uniform representing the states of the Union.

A tastefully decorated private float containing the following ladies: Mrs. W. E. Dungan, Miss Edna O'Connell, Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Miss Margaret Anderson, Miss Evelyn Anderson, Mrs. E. L. C. Farrin, Miss Grace McCormac and Mrs. W. B. Lawler.

W. O. W. float escorted by W. O. W. team.

Marshfield Fire Department richly decorated in red, white, blue and black, with Miss Mary Minot representing the fire lassie.

The Marshfield Fire Department band and citizens constituted the last sections of the parade. The procession reached the pavilion about 10:30.

The funniest performance of the day was the burlesque by the Darktown fire brigade, which caused great amusement for all who witnessed it.

The exercises in the pavilion opened with a brief but strong and feeling prayer by Rev. Edw. Donnelly.

A choir led by Mrs. C. W. Tower then sang "The Stars and Stripes Forever".

The Declaration of Independence was then read by E. Keane, in manner that proved that gentleman to be a finished electioneer.

A solo by Mrs. C. W. Tower, "My Own United States" was splendidly rendered by that lady and was received with enthusiastic applause.

The oration was delivered by R. C. Lee, who had been called upon at the last moment, when it was found that the gentleman with whom arrangements had been made had failed to connect. Mr. Lee's remarks were well received.

More music finished the exercises in the pavilion after which lunch was served. Six long tables, under a shelter of greenery had been provided on the wharf north of the pavilion and here the people lined up by the hundreds and were served with bread and butter coffee, clam tea, clams and crabs. There was an abundance of everything excepting the crabs, the committee having provided all they could get of these but not enough to satisfy the demands of the multitude.

Everything tasted good, and the crowd seemed to enjoy this feature of the program immensely.

The water carnival was the crowning feature of the day and of this we will have more to say in tomorrow's paper.

NOMINEES OF SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY

New York, July 6.—The Socialist labor party, in convention here today, nominated Chas. H. Corrigan, a printer, of Syracuse, for president, and Wm. M. Cox, a coal miner, of Ill., for vice president.

RUSSIAN SUCCESS RUMORED

Liao Yang, July 6.—Persistent rumors are current here that the Russian Vladivostok squadron today encountered the Japanese squadron north of Gen Sen and that a hot engagement ensued which resulted in victory for the Russians.

Gyangste, July 6.—An attack on the Thibetans' position is now progressing, and the British have captured several villages. The Thibetans are making a desperate stand. Lieut. Gordon, British, has been killed.

PARKER AND ANTI-PARKER Forces Lining up in St. Louis Convention

Strong Showing Made Against the New York's Jurist--Bryan's Position Causing Anxiety

St. Louis, July 6.—The convention was called to order at 12. Hill and the New York delegation entered their seats with noisy recognition from the crowd. The Tammany braves also entered, without attracting any notice.

St. Louis, July 6.—When order was obtained, the call for the convention was read, and prayer was offered by Rev. John F. Cannon, of the Grand Avenue Presbyterian church. Nearly every seat in the hall was taken.

Chairman Jones announced the selection of Williams of Mississippi as temporary chairman of the convention. The Mississippian was obliged to climb over the rail to get on the platform, which afforded much amusement to the crowd.

Williams was warmly greeted when he at last faced the big audience and began speaking at 12:25. Shouts of "Lender John" came from some friends in the gallery. Williams voice was in fair condition, but could hardly reach the end of the hall.

Notwithstanding the progress made during the night by Parker boomers in capturing the Ohio delegation, or at least part of it, the anti's were as strong as ever today in claiming votes enough to prevent Parker's nomination at the outset of the balloting.

Delegate at Large Thompson, of Nebraska, made a statement in which he declared that the Anti-Parker people would remain steadfast. An Anti-Parker caucus was held at the South Dakota headquarters at the Planters hotel at 12 this morning, presided over by Pettigrew. Chairman Handy, of the Delaware delegation gave out the statement that a careful poll of the delegates showed that the forces opposed to Parker control about 400 votes which he says is enough to defeat the Parker plan. In the conference also

Jackson, Mich., July 6.—Sec. Hay, Senator Fairbanks, Gen. Alger and Speaker Cannon arrived at 10:20 this morning, shortly after the exercises began at Loomis Park in honor of the 50th anniversary of the birth of the Republican party. Other special trains brought in from fifteen to twenty thousand visitors.

The exercises began at 10 with an opening address by James O'Connell, president of the Celebratioⁿ Associa-

tion, followed by Bishop Gillespie's invocation. A reception was held in the Otsego hotel at noon in honor of Hay, Fairbanks, Alger and Cannon.

Rome, July 6.—The Romano reports the arrest at of Capt. Eruleno and wife charged with selling plans of Italian fortifications to foreign powers. A scandal of Dreyfus proportions is threatened.

were Chas. Towne, Green, of Rhode Island, Barkworth, of Mich., and others.

It is stated at the Parker headquarters this morning that Bailey will probably be selected permanent chairman.

St. Louis, July 6.—Although conservative leaders, especially the Parkerites, claim not to be interested in Bryan, and attempt to treat the Nebraskan with cold disdain, the fact is, they as well as everyone else here, are mighty anxious to get an answer to the question, What is Bryan going to do?

Every possible means have been resorted to, to smoke out the silver leader, but he refuses to be smoked.

"I am going to decide the question of my position without any body's help," said Bryan to a correspondent.

"My friends ought to give me credit for being able to do this, and I give them credit for being able to decide for themselves, without advice from me."

Bryan's rooms have been one of the storm centers, ever since he arrived.

Both friends and enemies have called, the former for advice, and to swear fealty, the latter to abuse him and to try by angering the radical leader to get him to make an indiscreet statement, but Bryan's temper remains unruffled and his replies to friend and foe alike are given with smiling courtesy. It seems to be the general opinion that Bryan will make the speech of his life at the first opportunity he gets in the convention.

Williams finished at 2:04 talking one hour and forty-two minutes. The band started the "Star Spangled Banner", everybody standing. "Dixie" followed and there was a great ovation. The crowd then began calling for Bryan.

NEW OPERA HOUSE OPENED Splendid Theatre Fittingly Dedicated

The opening of the new Masonic Opera House Saturday night marked an era in the annals of Marshfield. Many of us can remember when the ground on which the splendid structure stands was a plain, unvarnished mud-flat, quite remote from solid ground, and when he who would have prophesied the thing that has come to pass would have been well laughed at.

The new playhouse has been described several times in these columns, and people have been pretty well advised of the fact that it was going to be something of which Marshfield could well be proud, yet it is safe to say that nearly every one of the large number who entered the place for the first time Saturday evening was given a delightful surprise, and had all expectations more than realized.

Seats are now provided for over 500 persons, and there is room for some 400 more. The opera chairs are of the best quality and most approved design, and there are very few undesirable seats in the house. The finish of the walls and ceiling is plain, the wood-work of pleasing color and design.

The stage, however, is the triumph of the whole. The addition built on the west side of the building gives room for a stage amply large, with gaudy wings, and plenty of room above into which the scenery may be hoisted, flat. Dressing rooms and other conveniences are unusually good, and, in fact, this part of the theatre is said by those who know to be far superior to anything usually found outside of the large cities.

The stage is well provided with scenery, painted by U. L. Gray whose work is of the best. The drop curtain is a work of art very creditable to the painter. The asbestos curtain has not yet arrived, but is expected shortly. The house is well lighted with incandescent lights under perfect control. The exits are ample, and no fire or panic horror can ever occur here.

The audience on Saturday evening seemed to include nearly, if not quite, all of Marshfield's best people, as well as the leading citizens of North Bend, and they certainly seemed highly pleased with the new playhouse.

The performance of the military drama, "A Mexican Romance", by the James Keane Company was well received. While this is probably not the best play in the repertoire of the Keane company, it gave them a chance to demonstrate the kind of work they can do, and to prove that Mr. Keane has surrounded himself with support worthy of his talents. As Captain Wilding, Mr. Keane had a part well suited to his ability, and he handled every point with the sure touch of the artist. Tony West gave delightful delineation of the part of Major Hedway, while Herbert Ashton, as the Mexican, was a remarkably striking figure, giving in fact, that touch of reality to the part that made it difficult to realize that he was not what he seemed. As the old Negro body servant, Kennedy was unusually good.

Justina Wayne showed real power as an emotional actress in her handling of the trying part of Marquita Talamanca, while Mattie Lloyd, Luce

made herself a favorite as Margaret Hedway, and Helen Hartley played the dashing widow to perfection. The specialties were exceptionally good.

The play "Sherlock Holmes", presented Monday evening, was the most elaborate production, so far as scenery is concerned, thus far seen in Marshfield, and the play itself was a rare treat for those who could appreciate the perfect finish of Mr. Keane's presentation of the title role. Ashton, as the king of the crooks, was also fine, and the other characters were well sustained.

Through the laggardness of the people in arriving, the curtain did not rise at 7 o'clock, as intended, for only 1 advance guard were in their seats at that hour, and it was nearly 8 o'clock before the play commenced to a full house. Inexperience of the hands employed to handle the elaborate scenery also caused delay, so that it was impossible to conclude the performance before the water carnival.

The Belle of Kentucky will be presented this evening, and as this is a very amusing comedy, it will show the company in a new light, and will give them an opportunity to show that versatility which they undoubtedly possess.

BRILLIANTLY SUCCESSFUL CARNIVAL!

As was said in yesterday's paper, the water carnival Monday was the crowning feature of the 4th of July celebration. Under the experienced hand of T. J. Lewis, this feature was made a pageant of beauty and a spectacle never before approached on Coos Bay. Delighted comment was universal among the multitude of people who witnessed the sight from the wharves and all were pleased and surprised.

The procession of gasoline launches bearing the Queen and her retinue paraded the water front amid the blazing of colored fires, rockets, roman candles etc., the search light of the Alliance, through the courtesy of Capt. Harwick, lending its rays to accentuate the beauty of the spectacle.

The young ladies, besides Miss Addie Anderson, Queen of the Carnival, and her personal attendants, Misses Stella Gulofson, Lena Larsen, Laura Escott, Jennie Curran and May Strauff, taking part were:

Queens—Muriel Lewis, Ailge Cox, Lola Stoops, Jeanette Escott, Bessie Coke, Hilda Steinholm, Esther Johnson, Edith Gulofson, Clara Myren.

Attendants—Gentle Lund, Maud Noble, Opal Desmond, Dora Brown, Ruth Magary, Pearl Desmond, Della Pratt, Lucile Reedy, Merl Cox, M. Pruess, Ruth Heddon, Cora Clift, Ron Gall, Flora Payne, Thelma Payne, Marie Seaman, Margaret Huffsmit, Constance German, Ada Chapman, Selma Johnson, Della Chapman, Edith Carter, Mabel Fairchiles, Mary Hansen, Sarah Escott, Jack Merchant and two Lund girls.

The launches taking part in the parade were the Eagle, Thos. Holland; Meteor, Anson O Rogers; Teddy, John Josephson; Quickstep, Geo. Beale; Merrimac, Geo. Wheeler; Nelta, Capt. Holland; Curlew, W. C. Harris.

The Committee of Arrangements feel very grateful to Mrs. Wilbur and Miss Anderson for their efficient services; also to the young ladies who participated.

Here is something you never see mentioned by the writers on etiquette. Every person's social obligation begins at home.—Atchison Globe.