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"THE GLORIOUS FOURTH."

ASHLAND'S BIG CELEBRATION.

Many Visitors--Grand Parade--Literary Program--Interesting Amusements.

The celebration of the 120th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence in Ashland last Saturday was the occasion of the largest assemblage of people ever witnessed in Southern Oregon, the crowd in our city that day numbering about five thousand. Our visitors came by team and by rail, those coming in the former manner beginning to arrive the evening previous to the celebration. Probably Medford did more to swell the crowd than did any other locality; that city was almost desolate during the day. The other neighboring towns produced large, representative turn-outs, and to all who attended, Ashland extends her thanks for liberal assistance in making the celebration so great a success.

In the early morning, the spirit of patriotic Americanism was given full sway and the mountains about Ashland echoed and re-echoed the sounds of exploding powder in volumes of large and small proportions.

Perhaps the chief event of the day was the parade at 9:30 o'clock in the morning. The line of march was from the corner of Oak and Spring streets, along Spring street, First avenue, Main street to the M. E. church, down Laurel to Factory street, along Factory to Helman and back Main street to the head of First avenue. The parade was the largest and grandest ever witnessed in Ashland. It was made the more attractive by the many beautiful floats, Oregon—"Horn of Plenty," Normal School, High School, K. O. T. M., I. O. O. F., Woodmen, mounted K. P., with many others, besides other attractively decorated features, and displays of some of the merchants and enterprises of Ashland.

Immediately following the parade was the program in the Chautauqua building. This was carried out as previously announced, all participants acquitting themselves in a manner highly creditable to themselves and the occasion. The building was not sufficiently large to accommodate more than one half of the people.

The noon hour was a merry time, the cool Chautauqua grove affording pleasant dining room for all. The ladies of the W. C. T. U. also supplied a nice dinner in the opera block.

In the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the "Burlesque Parade" put in an appearance, and for about half an hour amused the people with their pranks. The "Darktown Minstrel Troupe" gave a free performance on the plaza. The Band of Comanche Warriors demonstrated their savage nature by "burning the 'white man' at the stake."

The prize contests on the plaza were the next in order, but owing to the backwardness of the people, it was difficult

to get contestants, and some of the races had to be dropped.

1.—Young Men's Race, won by Fred Homes, prize \$1.50.

2.—Boys' Race, prize \$1.00.

3.—Boys' Race, prize \$.50

4.—Old Men's Race, won by Benj. Eggleston, prize \$1.00.

5.—Girls' Race, prize \$.50

6.—Three-legged Race, won by Blaine Klum and Henry Carter, prize \$.50.

7.—Indian target practice with bows and arrows. No one made a "score," but Chan. Watson came nearest to hitting the target.

After the races on the plaza, the people repaired to the Boulevard to witness the races there. Very little inclination to participate in the races was manifested by wheelmen, they evidently being afraid they would "cross the line" too far in the rear to be proud of their efforts.

There were two entries in the Novice Race, Messrs. Humbert and Payne. The prize, a sweater, was easily won by Humbert.

Misses Nettie Reeser, Lilly Walrad and Kittie and Mable Million entered the Young Ladies' Race. Miss Reeser finished a good distance in advance and was awarded the prize, a pretty, engraved gold ring.

A horse race to the Normal and return was won by Jess Colton, of Talent. Prize \$7.50. The races concluded the prepared amusements of the day. The illuminated bicycle parade was dispensed with.

The merry-go-round did a good business and furnished no end of amusement and entertainment.

The Fourth being a very hot day, the lemonade and the ice cream stands had a good run of patronage, and the proprietors of the same were well satisfied.

The celebration was indeed a great benefit to Ashland. Next year, our neighbors will have another opportunity to entertain the people of this end of the valley.

Chautauqua Begins To-Day.

The fourth annual Assembly of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua Association begins to-day. For program of the day sessions, see inside pages. Evening sessions program in last issue. Everybody should attend. "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the Ashland, Oregon, Post Office, July 6, 1896:

Duyn, J. R., De Stahle, E.,
Graves, J. H., Lynch, F., (3)
Olson, B., Turpin, John.

Persons calling for same will please say "advertised."

W. H. BRUNK, P. M.

Union Meeting.

Arrangements have been completed for the Union Young People's Meeting to be held in the Chautauqua building next Sunday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 o'clock. The subject for the evening is "Enthusiasm in Church Work." In addition to the usual order of exercises, short papers on the subject will be read. Recitations and special music are also being prepared, and a meeting of unusual interest will be the result.

The young people cordially invite all who are interested in their work to attend the meeting.

Are You Satisfied?

If you want water only when the wind blows; if you are satisfied to utilize but a small fraction of the water in your well; if you prefer heavy damages for repairs after each storm in winter, by all means use a windmill; but if you want water at any time, and up to the full capacity of your well, put in an Ajax Coal Oil Gas Engine, the latest thing in mechanics, an engine that uses common coal oil for fuel, and is built by the well known firm of Palmer & Rey, San Francisco, California.

DIED.

COAKLEY

Sunday morning, July 5, 1896, at 6 o'clock, at his home south-east of Ashland, James W. Coakley, aged 58 years.

Funeral services were held Monday forenoon, at 10 o'clock, from the Million residence on the Boulevard. Interment in the Hargadine cemetery.

Deceased was a member of the G. A. R., and the funeral was held under the direction of the Ashland Post.

Bits of Knowledge.

FROM "THE RAM'S HORN."

Twelve average tea plants will produce one pound of tea.

The University of Chicago has made physical culture work compulsory for all unclassified students.

An authority on cats says that blue-eyed cats are always deaf, and that pure white ones are afflicted in the same manner.

A century ago, paper was so dear in this country that butchers used to give their customers the meat wrapped up in a large vegetable leaf.

It is hardly to be credited, but it is authoritatively stated that the people of the United States annually chew \$20,000,000 worth of gum.

"Cool as a cucumber" is scientifically correct. Investigation shows that this vegetable has a temperature one degree below that of surrounding atmosphere.

LARSON makes Cabinets for \$3.00 per dozen.