

THE FOURTH 55 YEARS AGO

HOW OREGON OBSERVED NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN 1846.

Plenty of Oratory at Oregon City in Those Days—Slight Inclemency of the Weather.

From a copy of the Oregon Spectator, volume 1, No. 12, published at Oregon City July 4, 1846, left at The Oregonian office by a friend, some interesting "news" in regard to the manner in which the Fourth was observed in this region 55 years ago, and other matters is obtained, which will interest many.

The inside pages of the paper bear date of July 2, and an editorial notes explain that it was intended to publish on the Fourth, but learning that there were two vessels in the river, and hoping to secure some later intelligence from the States, publication was deferred.

All the outside news received seems to have been from Sandwich Island papers, and the editorial page is largely made up of comments on what the Polynesian has to say in regard to the statements made by American papers on the subject of Oregon. The fact is noted that "the editor of the Polynesian is pleased to make favorable mention of the Oregon Spectator, and gives a glowing account of the manner in which we have conducted the existence of love in our land."

An extract from the St. Louis New Era, given in the Polynesian of April 26, is made the subject of the Spectator's editorial. It is in regard to Mr. Elijah White, "on his way to Washington as a delegate from a self-constituted government of Oregon to ask for a seat in Congress to represent that distant territory."

A sketch of the celebration of the Fourth at Oregon City is given. A handsome liberty pole, presented by William H. Holmes, was erected under the superintendence of Colonel William Finley, marshal of the day, followed by a round of 31 guns. The procession formed at the City Hall, and marched to the Methodist Church, where the ceremonies were opened with the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

The procession then marched to the hotel, where a public dinner had been prepared by Captain H. M. Knight. The cloth being removed, a long list of toasts were read, successively, by A. L. Lovejoy from the head of the table, by M. McCurver at the foot. These were followed by volunteer toasts.

Regular Toasts.

- 1. The Day We Celebrate—May it ever be remembered with a pure spirit of republicanism as was entered upon by those patriots who signed the charter of liberty of '76. Three cheers, one gun.
2. The illustrious 55-Signers of the Declaration of Independence; of sentiments honest, patriotic, brave, self-denying, and in all respects worthy of imitation under like circumstances. Five cheers, two guns.
3. The soldiers of the American Revolution made their march, which must and should be lived up to by their posterity. Three cheers, one gun.
4. George Washington (honorable called the Father of His Country), was the champion of Freedom, a foe to tyrants, a hero, a statesman and a Christian. Six cheers, three guns.
5. Lafayette, the noblest of heroes, the noble and ever worthy, who felt the tyrant's hand, and gave aid in the establishment of Freedom; may the Stars and Stripes, and morning star to the nations from which they sprang. Seven cheers, three guns.
6. James K. Polk, President of the United States—Worthy of the name of Oregon, in his message the true sentiments of the Nation are spoken. Nine cheers, three guns.
7. George M. Dallas, Vice-President of the United States—a stern republican statesman, second to no man in the world. Three cheers, one gun.
8. Oregon—Belonging to the United States and rightfully claiming her protection, and ever ready to repel any insult offered, in so doing her from that path by hired mercenaries, come from what source they may. Ten cheers, three guns.
9. Texas—Reunited under the Star Spangled Banner of her sister republic, the interference of European monarchies notwithstanding. Seven cheers, two guns.
10. United States of America—An example for the world, a bane of jealousy to tyrants, the home of the Stars and Stripes, and an asylum of the oppressed. Thirteen cheers, five guns.
11. Education—The bulwark of all free institutions and elevates man to that sphere where he belongs. Three cheers, one gun.
12. Freedom of the Press—A light to the world, causes tyrants to tremble, monarchs to tremble and republics to rise. Five cheers, two guns.
13. The American Ladies—Accomplished, beautiful and useful. If every Oregonian again were possessed of one we could explain, Oregon is safe under the Stars and Stripes. Five cheers.

Volunteer Toasts.

- By Colonel James Taylor—The orator of the day does well his task.
By Hugh Burns—Oregon, the best portion of the American Union, and best field.
By J. R. Robb—The Star of our American Nation, now kissed by the breezes of heaven, may her Stars and Stripes ever continue to float over the land of the free and the brave.
By Philip Foster—As this day is a celebration of the Independence of the United States of America, and the Stars and Stripes, the golden eagle at the head as a token of liberty, so may Oregon continue from year to year to celebrate the same, and may the day always arrive when she shall be added to the brilliant number of stars, and the great Republic not ashamed of her legitimate son.
By I. W. Smith—The land that we live in and that which we left. "Lives there a man with soul so dead, who to himself he said, this is my own, my native land?"
By J. R. Robb—Temperance—May Oregon be a temperate community; it builds our houses, cultivates our fields, puts vigor in the body, intelligence in the brain and spirit into the whole composition of man.
By H. Straight—Oregon—The vigor of mankind is in her steps, the heaven of liberty in her eye; her destiny is written in two words—Onward and upward.
By Colonel J. Taylor—The Union—May millions of freemen unborn, Reverse this great day of her birth; And a like constitution receive and adorn Every people and nation on earth.
By Th. Magruder—Every settler of Oregon, of whatever nation, and of whatever heart be honest and his soul be free, I hail him as my brother.
By A. L. Lovejoy, Esq.—May the time soon come when the lion and unicorn may cease to go about on the North American continent seeking when they may bite.
No mention is made of what particular vintage the toasts were drunk in, but it was probably Jamaica rum, and, judging from the length of the symposium, there was no lack of it.
The enjoyments of the day were closed with the more bewitching enchantments of the ballroom at the hotel, and during the whole of the day and evening no untoward circumstances occurred to mar in the least the sacred enjoyments of the occasion, and the number of regrets was the slight inclemency of the weather.
From this it appears that the climate of Oregon has not materially changed in the past 55 years, as it still continues to rain here occasionally.

HOW PORTLAND CELEBRATED 51 YEARS AGO.

Order of Arrangements FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AT PORTLAND, O. T., JULY 4, 1850.

The Procession will form at half past nine, a. m., near the Portland House, and move thence to Washington street, thence to the grove at the foot of Water street, in the following order:

- Aid. Music. Aid.
Orator of the Day and Reader of the Declaration of Independence.
Aid. Marshal. Aid.
Aid. Clergymen. Aid.
Aid. Committee of Arrangements. Aid.
Aid. Civil Officers of Government. Aid.
Aid. Officers of the Army and Navy. Aid.
Aid. Invited Guests. Aid.
Aid. Citizens generally. Aid.

On the arrival of the procession at the grove, the exercises will be

- Prayer, by Rev. Horace Lyman.
Music.
Reading of the Declaration of Independence, by William S. Caldwell, Esq.
Music.
Oration, by the Hon. Wm. M. King.
Music.

Upon the conclusion of the exercises of the day, a dinner will be served at the house of Mr. Wimble; tickets for which can be obtained from either of the Committee of Arrangements.

- A. W. McKinney, Chief Marshal.
W. M. S. Caldwell,
D. H. Lownsdale,
A. W. McKinney, Com. of Arrgt.

FAC SIMILE OF THE FOURTH OF JULY POSTER, 1850.

statement that Captain Barlow was completed a road across the Cascades, direct from The Dalles to Oregon City, and that wagon which were left in the mountains the previous Fall are now on the way, and will reach Oregon City in a day or two.

An obituary notice of Dr. John E. Long, secretary of the territory, occupies half a column. Mr. Long was drowned in the Clackamas, while attempting to ride across on a skittish horse, the lassos rope having become entangled in one of the large Spanish spurs he wore.

Mention is made of late disturbances between the Molalla Indians and the whites in the Molalla settlement, and of a volunteer company having been formed and marched to the settlement.

The shipping news mentions the arrival of the American bark Toulon, Crosby, master, from Honolulu, and the American ship Mariposa, also from Honolulu, both consigned to Benjamin Stark, They probably "doctored" at Milwaukie, and their cargoes were barged to Oregon City.

Five marriages are mentioned, one of them being that of J. W. Nesmith and Miss Caroline Giff, by Rev. Mr. Born, all of Polk County.

Notice is given that Elisha McDaniel will apply to the court of Polk County for a divorce from his wife, formerly Eleanor Benton, and Frances B. Woolsey, who was practically dominated by the Canadian voyageurs, whose nonfluous speech awakes the echoes along the mountain lakes and rapid rivers. My father, mother and sister were along, and the start was made as soon as the ice broke up.

"Along the Athabasca Lake and river we went, and at the point where the connecting link, or dike, existed, between navigable water existed, the party walked 100 miles. At the end of that walk we struck Canoe River, one of the streams forming the source of the Columbia. The canoes were cached when the walk began, and when it ended other cached canoes were found, and the boatmen were resumed on their way to the portages, all the way to Astoria, where the Northwest Fur Company was then in control.

Shortly after arrival at Astoria my father began prospecting for a good site for a chief station, and soon selected as the best site the location on the north bank of the Columbia, where Vancouver now stands. The consolidated companies then began business there, with results that have become history."

David McLoughlin lived with his parents at Fort Vancouver until 1831, when he went to France. He reached the Atlantic seaboard by traveling in a canoe up the Columbia to Jasper House and the Athabasca area, or dike, from Fort Vancouver to Fon du Lac being 5000 miles, 100 of which was walking. It used up the whole year to reach France. After staying there a few days, he returned to Astoria, where he was employed by the Northwest Fur Company as an agent. He father, the doctor, had other objects in view for the latter severed his connection with the company, when the father removed to Oregon City.

David McLoughlin made several trading trips along the coast and to the Sandwich Islands in the Hudson Bay Company's ship Toulon, Captain Crosby. On one trip he took a cargo of 600 barrels of flour to San Francisco and sold it to the feet of American men-of-war then there.

ON THE EAST SIDE FRONT

MORE MEN ENGAGED NOW THAN EVER BEFORE.

What the New Woodworking Industries on Water Street Are Doing—Activity at the Shipyards.

East Water street, between East Washington and East Market, is the scene of greater activity and more men are employed in the numerous industries assembled on either side than ever before. The box factory is operated night and day. A shipyard at the east end of Madison-street bridge a round dozen craft of all sorts are undergoing repairs, while several new ones are building. Great quantities of Oregon oak and fir knees are piled up on East Water and Belmont streets for use in the shipyard and to meet orders from California. Mr. Supple expects to start construction on permanent shipyard as soon as his yard is cleared of timbers, but his yard does not clear very fast. The Johnston yard, at the east end of the Madison-street bridge, is occupied with the big steamer of the Shaver Transportation Company and the gasoline tender of Warren's cannery. South of East Clay street, the car factory is in full operation, and gives employment to 80 men. The proprietors of this factory, who are Eastern men, say that Oregon has the finest hardwood timber for manufacturing first-class cars of any country in the world. The machinery in this factory, the hardware factory of W. E. Robertson and other Portland capitalists is nearing completion. The buildings are included and the machinery is nearly all placed. This factory will work up hardwood exclusively. The car and the hardware factories will give employment to 150 men. The old shipyard south of East Market is again active with men. A big tubboat is under construction for Captain E. W. Spencer. Over on the Williams block, between East Second and East First, and south of East Market street, about 60 men with teams are excavating, filling up the low ground west of the Southern Pacific Railway, and carrying away the gravel sifted out of East Side streets. With the various factories and shipyards on East Water and adjacent streets, considerably over 1000 men, mostly skilled, are employed.

Received Two Cars. Two electric cars for the Portland City & Oregon Railway Company have arrived. They are the latest models, made on trucks and provided with motors at the Milwaukee shops. Two other cars are being built at San Francisco, and two are being built at Portland. The company is shaping to inaugurate the new schedule between Portland and Oregon City.

Socialist Tent Moved. The Socialists were busy yesterday moving their large tent from the corner of Sixth and Everett to the corner of East Couch and Seventh streets, where it is their intention to hold forth in the future. Local and imported talent will be engaged to expound the principles of Socialism. Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings of each week. Free to all.

Officers Installed. The officers of Orient Lodge, I. O. O. F. were installed last night at the hall, Grand avenue and East Pine streets: Noble grand, S. A. Starr; vice-grand, W. E. Ogilvie; recording secretary, J. S. Foster; treasurer, A. K. Currier. John Jameson was installing officer.

Still Unconscious. A. W. Castro, who fell through a hatch on the transship Thya Tuesday, remained unconscious yesterday. He opened his eyes occasionally, but he did not appear to recognize anyone. Dr. T. C. Hummer, who is attending him, says the outcome will not be known for several days.

East Side Notes.

J. M. Woodworth, who underwent an operation for appendicitis, left the hospital yesterday. He will be able to get about in a few days. L. E. Normandin, of the Mount Tabor School Board, and family have gone to Ocean Park, where they will remain six weeks.

C. C. Murphey, of the street department, living at 632 East Main street, is confined to his home with a stroke of paralysis. He was somewhat improved yesterday.

Mrs. E. B. Madden, of Bellwood, underwent a severe surgical operation at St. Vincent's Hospital Sunday. Her condition yesterday was very favorable to a speedy recovery.

CLUBBED IN A SALOON.

Tommy Warren, ex-Fugitive, Tells How \$75 Fared From Him. Tommy Warren, of San Francisco, ex-soldier, formerly a prizefighter of distinction, and who according to his own admission, once killed a negro in Texas, appeared in the Municipal Court yesterday, charged John McQuade, a bartender, with having robbed him of \$75, in a resort called the Mint saloon, on Fourth street. Warren testified that last January he sailed from San Francisco on board a transport for Manila, and was engaged as Quartermaster's helper at \$40 and board per month. At the end of last week he was landed at Tacoma, and lost no time getting on board the train for Portland. Last Sunday he arrived here and started to see the sights.

"What sights did you see?" asked the defendant's attorney. "I saw Pogrom, and that's enough!" asked Warren. "I was alone when I started to see the sights, and I had drinks in the Favorite saloon. Some fellow there asked me if I had landed before from Manila, and to show him, I made a flash of \$75 I had wrapped up in a tobacco pouch. Then we went to the Mint saloon, and I paid for drinks there. The talk turned on my fighting abilities, and I happened to remark that I could lick any man of my size in Tacoma. I made the bluff then, because I knew I was far away from Tacoma, when suddenly the defendant said, 'Why 'm from Tacoma?'"

"I struck Pogrom," admitted the defendant. "He rushed after me, calling me names, and his nose stuck out so far that—well, I could not resist punching back again. I did not see his nose bleed."

"Behold my handkerchief," yelled Pogrom, waving a rag in the air. "It is stained with my blood."

"I have shed my blood for my country, and it wasn't on my handkerchief, either," insisted Pogrom. "Besides, this man Goodman provoked me. When I was walking along the street in the first place, he dragged me into his store and forced me to buy."

Warren's lawyer, W. W. Davis, entered a strong protest against merchants who persist in dragging customers from the sidewalks into their stores, and thought that Goodman had got what he deserved. Judge Cameron thought that Warren had received provocation, but that he should not have taken the law into his own hands. Warren was fined \$5.

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