

PORTLAND PASSES PEACEFUL FOURTH

Little Noise, Few Tiny Fires, Many Picnics Comprise Day's Programme.

SANE CELEBRATION HELD

Streetcars Are Taxed to Accommodate Holiday Throng—Candy Bomb Amuses Children—Ice-Cream Near Premium Stage.

FOURTH ENDS IN RAIN.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last night, a few scattering drops of rain fell, and by 8 o'clock it was raining in regular Fourth of July style. Memory of the oldest established fact is recalled—a Fourth that has not ended in a shower, though sometimes the shower has been late in starting. Some scientists, and rainmakers in general, say that the great number of precipitations in the air cause the precipitation; but whether this is so or not, is an open question. Only one thing is certain, it is raining on the evening of the Fourth.

Portland came very near having a "sane Fourth" yesterday. Probably the fact that the Fourth this year fell on Sunday had much to do with it, but be that as it may, decorations, picnic parties, excursions and celebrations were much more in evidence than were firecrackers, burned fingers and punctured eyes. What today will bring forth in the usual line of patriotic holiday reminiscence to be seen; but yesterday both young and old America succeeded in passing a pleasant time with a minimum amount of bloodshed.

This year's celebration of Independence day began shortly after 6 o'clock Saturday evening, when enthusiastic youngsters and Orientals began setting off a few crackers when the police were not looking, that they might get in practice for the more serious business to follow. By midnight, when the usual Saturday night throng was wending their way homeward, the noise became a little more genuine, and here and there festive bunches of boys, both young and grown up, could be found setting off an entire pack of crackers at a time.

First Bomb Failed.

Then things quieted down, and peace reigned until the dawn had tinted the sky a pale yellow. About this time a child on the East Side woke up, realized that it was the Fourth of July, and got ready to exercise his constitutional rights as a young American. Creeping stealthily to the dining-room closet, where his father had the night before cached the pile of "noise-material," he quietly extracted therefrom one six-inch dynamite cracker, took it to his room, lighted it, and buried it into the street.

Like the average big noise, this cracker failed to go off, and the little East Side lad gazed at it wistfully until an early-morning newspaper carrier came along, spotted the red disturber of the peace, lighted the short fuse, and then hurried on his way, not waiting for the bang.

The report of the first cracker had hardly frightened the parroting birds in the nearby trees to silence before answering salutes began to boom forth throughout the city, and the Fourth was fairly launched.

From that time on until after 5 o'clock the noise grew in volume. Then it began to lessen and by noon it had become the ordinary traffic noise of the city.

Outing Parties Many.

In the interval of comparative quiet, family parties from all quarters wended their way towards the trolley lines, and swamped the cars. Council Crest, City Park and the river seemed to draw the greatest crowds, though the amusement parks came in for their share of the general exodus from the city, as did suburban places. Both streetcar companies ran extra cars and double-headed most of their out-of-town trains. Even then many excursionists had to wait to get accommodations.

Only a Candy Cracker.

At the various parks and resorts the ice cream and candy stands did a thriving business, and there was but little noise, as far as firecrackers went. The police interdicted crackers in all the recreation spots under their control, and but few youngsters were daring enough to try to elude the watchful eyes of the guardians of the peace. On the river some people found much joy in throwing firecrackers from boats, and having more or less successful submarine explosions, but on the whole firecrackers were strictly in the background.

Fire Clerk Astounded.

As proof that the day was of the same variety, the record of the Fire Department speaks volumes. Bright and early this morning the clerk at headquarters prepared to work, and waited for the first alarm to come in, to let him know officially that the Fourth was getting busy in usual style. The clerk waited expectantly, for sometime, but there was nothing stirring. Bright and early, nervous, and called up the wire chief to know if there was anything wrong with the alarm system. The wire chief said it was in apple-pie order, as the test call had just proven.

So the clerk went back on his job, somewhat disappointed, and waited some more. Finally he got tired waiting, and picked up a copy of an Eastern paper that contained the list of alarms rung in New York last year, and got himself worked up to a reasonable state of happiness by imagining he was there and earning his salary. By 11 o'clock he got quite tired of thinking about the Fourth, and looked out of the window at the passing show. Not until three minutes

past one, in the afternoon, did the first alarm come in.

Blaze Mere Trifle.

This sounded from a box out on Vancouver avenue, and gave the department a nice run; but that was all. The Battalion Chief's report said "Damage trifling, and no more. At 2:15 o'clock the next alarm came in, and this seemed something like the Fourth, for a firecracker had landed on a downtown roof, but the blaze was extinguished by a chemical. And the firemen had another long rest, nothing further happening until evening.

The sanity of the Fourth also extended to the police records. But few arrests were made, scarcely any of these being for rowdiness. Taken all together, and set land had a real peaceful day, and set an example to other cities in its celebration of the Fourth.

CROWDS STORM PICNIC CRAFT

Excursion Steamers Turn Away Throng—Launches Galore.

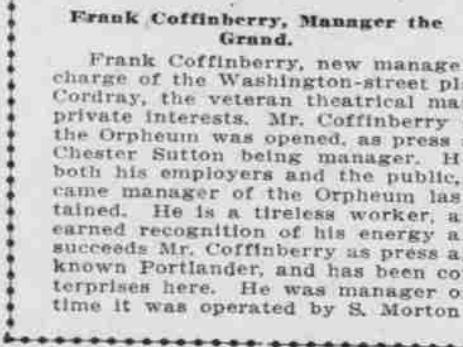
Fully 1000 persons were turned away yesterday from the various steamers conducting excursions out of Portland. All vessels on the Sunday runs were taxed to the limit and each outgoing boat left large numbers of disappointed people on the docks. Custom officials had their hands full checking up the passengers on outgoing craft and in keeping tab on the pleasure boats.

The steamer *Baller Gatzert*, scheduled to sail for the Cascade Locks at 9 o'clock, had her limit of 62 passengers on board

NEW MANAGER OF GRAND THEATER ASSUMES CHARGE TODAY.

Frank Coffinberry, Manager of the Grand.

Frank Coffinberry, new manager of the Grand Theater, will assume charge of the Washington-street playhouse today. He succeeds John F. Conroy, the veteran theatrical man, who is retiring to look after his private interests. Mr. Coffinberry came to Portland a year ago when Chester Sutton being manager, for the big vaudeville house, both his employers and the public, and when James H. Erickson became manager of the Orpheum last winter. Mr. Coffinberry was retained. He is a tireless worker, and his promotion is regarded as well-earned recognition of his energy and success. Charles N. Ryan, who succeeds Mr. Coffinberry as press agent of the Orpheum, is a well-known Portlander, and has been connected with various theatrical enterprises here. He was manager of the Marquam Grand during the entire time it was operated by S. Morton Cohn.



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"PORTLAND, 1912," IS VELL OF ELKS

Richest Herd to Boost to Bring Convention Here Two Years Hence.

PRESS AGENT APPOINTED

Local Lodge Plans to Entertain Delegates en Route to and Returning From Reunion—Excursion to Leave Thursday.

When the merry throng of 200 or more members of Portland Lodge, No. 142, B. P. O. Elks invades the "Hello, Bill" convention at Los Angeles one week from

today, the battle cry it will sound will be "Portland for the Elks' reunion in 1912." The local herd intends to hammer on this subject from now until the 1911 convention, that Portland may be chosen as the place of meeting two years hence.

The Portland Elks are quite busy these days completing preparations for the departure of the big delegation from lodge 142, which will leave for Los Angeles at 11:30 o'clock next Thursday night. They plan as well for the entertainment of thousands of members of the antedated herd, who will visit Portland before getting to the convention and upon returning to their homes from the scene of the reunion.

Special committees have been appointed by the Portland lodge to entertain the visiting Elks, but this programme is by no means the least of the Elks' plans under way just now. Of course, the bringing of the big convention to Portland in 1912, when Portland boasts the city will number 60,000 souls, is the most important theme. To promote this movement in every possible way, the Portland lodge has instructed Delegate John R. Coffey to present Portland's wishes before the Grand Lodge at Los Angeles. While the meeting place of 1912 cannot be known at the coming convention, it is the purpose of the Portland Elks to keep the matter before succeeding meetings until 1911, when the rendezvous for the "60,000 year" will be selected.

Press Agent Named. Furthermore, the Portland lodge has decided that everything possible will be done to gain as much publicity at Los Angeles as possible for this movement, and to reap good results, the lodge has chosen Monroe Goldstein, a Portland newspaperman, to act as press agent on the trip. He will be given every assistance to gain results in putting Portland to the front at the convention city. "Brother Bill" Goldstein has already arranged for the publishing of a daily paper which will bear the significant title of "The Goat," and will be published every day during the Elks' excursion.

To Entertain Delegates. The following committee has been appointed to attend to the entertainment of the visiting delegates: Dr. Harry P. McKay, George L. Hutchin, Harvey O'Bryan, Joe Dean and E. McDevitt, Sr. This committee will arrange for the entertainment of the visiting Elks and their families during their stay in Portland, and already the dates of the visits of several lodges have been received. Enough observation cars have been arranged for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to handle the visiting brothers and convey them to the different points of interest in and about Portland. In addition to the returning delegates, the visitors will be entertained at the lodge rooms of the Portland Elks and in various other ways.

The first visiting lodge to be entertained in Portland will be the Spokane lodge, 100 strong, which organization will arrive in Portland Wednesday morning and depart that night for their homes. The dates of the arrival of other lodges as far as is known here at present, are as follows:

Celebrations for Today.

Many special celebrations of the Fourth have been arranged in and near Portland, the principal ones of which follow:

- North Albina, new Peninsula Park to be dedicated; speeches, parade and general exercises.
- Ancient Order of Hibernians; speeches and music in Woodmen of the World Hall, in the evening.
- United Commercial Travelers' picnic at Mt. Hood; games and athletic events, and general good time.
- Two special trains engaged to carry excursionists.
- Sacred Heart Parish; picnic at own grounds on Milwaukee road; athletic games and exercises.
- Swedish-American celebration, at Piedmont Park; many addresses.
- Ellers Piano Company picnic, Ellers Island, near Oregon City.

Picnics and excursions will also be held by local societies and clubs at Bonneville, Cascade Locks, The Dalles and at Willamette River points.

will celebrate the day on the grounds of the parish this morning.

A good time is promised all who attend the celebration of St. Stephen's parish in the Ladd Farm Grove, on East Stark street, today. Refreshments will be served on the ground. In the evening the parish hall will be open to the picnic party.

WOMAN OBJECTS TO CRACKER

Sekes Warrant for Man Who Threw It and Spotted Jacket.

Three handsomely gowned women, who refused to give their names, appeared at the police headquarters about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon with flushed and angry faces, demanding that an officer be sent to arrest a man at 510 Pettygrove avenue, who, they say, threw a firecracker at one of them. The cracker, they asserted, in exploding set fire to a white jacket which the woman carried on her arm, blackening it in several places.

ECHO, Or., July 4.—(Special.)

The new bank building of concrete will be completed in a short time, it is 25x30 feet and has a splendidly built concrete vault. The building is owned by the Dorn Brothers.



The Greater Meier & Frank Store's Stupendous Expansion-Alteration Sale Starts Tomorrow Morning at 8 o'Clock See This Evening's Papers for Details

The greatest merchandising movement of the city's history—High-grade seasonable Wearing Apparel for women, men and children, as well as household effects of every description marked at saving prices—Shrewd buyers will anticipate their needs for months to come

Plan a Store Visit for Tomorrow Sale Will Continue Until Further Notice



FARMER'S SON SHOT

Italian Wounds Lawrence Ford in Oswego Street.

WERE CELEBRATING 4TH

Frank Seravalle, Who Fires After Row Over Reckless Handling of Weapon, Is Located in Portland, but Not Captured.

Oswego was the scene of a shooting affray last night about 6 o'clock during a hilarious and semi-intoxicated celebration of the Fourth on the streets by a crowd of Italian railroad laborers and farmers living in the vicinity. Lawrence Ford, the 21-year-old son of a prominent farmer living between Oswego and Oregon City, was shot in the fleshy part of the left thigh by Frank Seravalle, an Italian, 24 years old, who has been working with the construction gang on the Beaverton cutoff of the Southern Pacific near Oswego. Seravalle rooms in a little house at Water and Clay streets, Portland.

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