

CENTENNIAL OPENS TO GLAD ACCLAM

10,000 Joyful People Cheer as Astoria's Great Jubilee Is Started.

TAFT SENDS HIS GREETING

Mill-Long Parade Follows Demonstration After President Begins Great Celebration by Pressing Key.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—amid the booming of cannon, the shrieks of dozens of whistles, the ringing of bells and loud shouts from the throats of the 10,000 spectators, Astoria's Centennial celebration was most auspiciously launched this afternoon when President Taft, on his trip north from Washington, stepped off the train at Baltimore and touched the electric key that flashed the message of greeting across the continent to the far-off shores of the Pacific.

At that Astoria narrowly escaped the humiliations of an unofficial opening of the Centennial celebration. President Taft, bothered by the heat at Washington, started for his summer home at Beverly. The train was speeding along when the President suddenly recalled that he had forgotten to push the button in the White House officially to open the Centennial in Astoria.

Taft Presses Key Late. The President paced the car until Baltimore was reached, when he leaped to the platform and, rushing to the Western Union office, broke into the circuit that had been cleared and pressed the key twice. That is the reason Astorians and visitors were waiting nearly five minutes and why the bell rang twice.

The day, which opened with lowering skies and threatening clouds from the west, gradually cleared as the hours advanced, and during the afternoon the weather, while cool, was pleasant and enjoyable. Large crowds began to arrive early in the morning and by 9:00 a. m. and at noon there were fully 8,000 visitors in attendance.

In the morning there was an informal reception for the many distinguished guests present, followed by a luncheon, attended by Governor West, John Barrett, official representative of President Taft, and the various naval officers.

Parade Mile Long.

The afternoon's programme opened with a parade that was one of the finest ever seen in the city, the procession being more than a mile long. Headed by a platoon of police, which came Ellery's Band, the procession included Battery A, of the Oregon National Guard, fully 50 handsomely-dressed automobiles, in which rode Governor West, John Barrett, officers of the National Guard, of the torpedo flotilla, of the cruiser Boston, and of the troops stationed at the fort, and members of the Centennial committee, the ladies' auxiliary and the city and county officials.

Then came the Boys' Drum Corps, followed by floats typifying the Oregon country in 1811 and in 1911, as well as others representing the King of Columbia, the royal nook, and that fastest of water craft, the speedboat. Next came the marine band, with detachments of marines from the Fort Stevens band and Indians in native costumes. After marching through the principal streets, the procession proceeded to the City Park, where the formal exercises took place.

Promptly at 3:30 o'clock the electric key, placed forth the news of the President Taft had pressed the key that was to signal the opening of the celebration. Immediately the entire audience in listening "America." The Rev. Alexander Christie, Archbishop of Oregon, then returned thanks for the blessings that had been bestowed on the Oregon country for the centenary since the white man came.

City Blaze of Light.

After the invocation, Mayor Henderson introduced John Barrett, official representative of President Taft, who conveyed greetings of the Nation's chief Executive to the white man in Oregon. He was followed by Governor West, who spoke at length on "A Century of Astoria and Oregon," dwelling on the accomplishments of the white man in the Oregon country and reviewing the wonderful transformation which has occurred since Astoria established its trading posts in this wilderness 100 years ago.

In finishing he declared the Centennial formally opened, and this was the signal for the firing of the salute by Battery A of the Oregon National Guard, as well as by the naval vessels in the harbor. At the last echoes of the guns died away, the refrains were picked up by the shrieking whistles, the pealing of bells and the shouts of the assembled multitude. Later in the day the exhibit building and the replica of old Fort Astor were formally dedicated.

This evening Astoria is one blaze of light and color, the rays from the 100 electric lights which line the streets mingling with the varied colorings of the decorations. The feature of the evening's entertainment was the first of the Centennial pageants, which included the "Centennial naval battle" picture of John Jacob Astor, and other interesting historical subjects.

Taft Sends Message.

In his address, John Barrett said in part: "Having accepted the President's commission, I have now much satisfaction in reading to you the telegram which I received in Portland, August 4, directly from the President himself, which contains a message to the people of the Oregon country."

Motor Highways Favored.

"If I were to emphasize any one point in connection with the Astoria Centennial, it would be that of spreading the gospel of 'Seeing America First.' Everybody who comes down the Columbia River and beholds its magnificent scenery and the majority of its harbor, cannot fail to realize the wonderful attractions of our own country which are, however, appreciated by only a small portion of our population. I can think of no better way than the Pacific Coast, Oregon, Astoria, and other Pacific states and cities should spend money for legitimate advertising than that of spreading recognition auspiciously launched this afternoon. If such advertisement could be supplemented by liberal appropriations for the construction of good roads, as well as to draw the automobile as well as those who come in railroad trains, a long step will be taken in the aid of this movement. The sooner we can have great National motor highways, three or four of them across the continent, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and especially from the Central West to this section, and they, in turn, are connected with well-maintained branch highways, the sooner will we take the premier and commander of the Pacific Coast torpedo fleet. They will lift the anchor on the flagship Whipple and go to Fort Stevens, the last action for 'Seeing America First.'"

John Barrett left Astoria tonight to pass the night at the Seaside Summer home of Colonel Emma, Collector of Internal Revenue, of Portland. He is to return to Astoria at 11:15 tomorrow to John Governor West and make an official call on Commodore Richardson, commander of the Pacific Coast torpedo fleet. They will lift the anchor on the flagship Whipple and go to Fort Stevens, the last action for 'Seeing America First.' John Barrett left Astoria tonight to pass the night at the Seaside Summer home of Colonel Emma, Collector of Internal Revenue, of Portland. He is to return to Astoria at 11:15 tomorrow to John Governor West and make an official call on Commodore Richardson, commander of the Pacific Coast torpedo fleet. They will lift the anchor on the flagship Whipple and go to Fort Stevens, the last action for 'Seeing America First.'

PORTLAND DAY IS PLANNED

Campaign on to Have Large Crowd Attend Astoria Celebration. Portland day at the Astoria Centennial, August 25, will see at least 6,000 people attending from this city, if the campaign of the Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club is successful. Officials of both organizations met yesterday and laid plans for the coming month. Arrangements will be made with the transportation committee for a special round trip, and an effort will be made to have the tickets honored on either railroads or boats. In this event, visitors will be urged to bring with them a large quantity of water and one way by rail.

FLAT SALARY AGITATED

MOVE TO HASTEN ACTION ON STATE PRINTER MADE.

Petitions Urge Change Immediately After Initiative Law Is Put Into Active Operation. SALEM, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Harry Hill, in charge of the initiative petitions for a bill which proposes to place the State Printer on a flat salary immediately after the initiative law goes into effect, instead of January 1, 1912, as provided in the Miller bill, has been sending out the petitions to all of the labor organizations and groups in the state. These petitions are accompanied by a circular from the committee, which has been named to place the bill before the people. Mr. Hill says that the attempt will be made to circulate these petitions without one cent being expended for names, and in this manner endeavor to obviate chances for possible fraud. The committee in its explanation of the initiative bill says: "On January 1, 1912, the fee system of paying state officials was succeeded by flat salaries. The change has cost not thousands but hundreds of thousands of dollars to the taxpayers of Oregon. This fact is vouched for without hesitation in the State printer's office, through which all the accounts pass. The office of State Printer was the only one omitted from the flat salary programme. The reason has never been explained. Bills to place the State Printer on a flat salary have been before every Legislature since flat salaries were adopted for the other offices, but have invariably been judged into worthlessness or defeat. The last Legislature passed a reasonably good flat salary law for the State Printer, but it was made the butt of one of the most disgraceful log-rolling campaigns ever known in this state. When finally passed it went into effect until January 1, 1912. Many people believe the office of State Printer is greatly overpaid. The Sec'y of the State's office indicate it. Past and present Secretaries of State assert it without hesitation. They also say that the State Printing Department is by far the most expensive of any in the state. In people fairly and squarely, the undersigned caused to be printed initiative petitions to put the Miller law into effect December 1, 1911, or immediately following next session. This is the flat salary law, amended by the last Legislature but made operative until January 1, 1912. Relying upon our earnest judgment as to the need of this legislation, we shall do all in our power to secure the initiative of all our officers, and we are confident that we will secure the initiative of all. We will do our part cheerfully, if you will do yours, success will be achieved. A trimming table for drawings and blue print, equipped with a motor-driven revolving knife, is a Chicago man's invention."

HAPPY THOUSANDS MAKE ASTORIA GAY

Salutes Peal Glad Greeting as Centennial Opens With Stirring Ceremony.

GRACEFUL TRIBUTE PAID

John Barrett, Most Polished of Orators, Delivers Congratulations From President Taft to Town Century-Young.

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President would have been a grave error. However, before John fared forth the real ceremonies began by an invocation by one of Oregon's most beloved men, Archbishop Christie. In a few choice words he invoked the Divine blessing and the Divine Presence. And no man in all Oregon is more entitled to the honor of thus starting the Centennial on its way than this beloved man.

And after John came the Governor, and as his voice was heard the roiling of cannon in a salute in his honor, was also heard. Far, far afield, far, far out to sea the short, sharp reports reverberated, as if they were saying to all the world, "Astoria is calling you." And in few but well chosen words the Governor abjured, admonished and encouraged the people as is his right, bid them to be true and declared the Astoria Centennial a thing of reality, a complete, finished and harmonious running piece of machinery.

Yes, there ought to be peace in Astoria tonight. The citizens who have labored so hard to make today's events possible ought to feel more than proud. And every Oregonian ought to rejoice with them.

Parade Really Marvellous.

Perhaps the parade which preceded the opening ceremonies at the stadium should receive more than passing mention, for it was certainly so far beyond what the visitors here could expect as to be called really marvellous. It was over a mile in length, and the vehicles and marchers were closely massed. By opening it out as is often done to make up in distance what is lacking in numbers, it could very easily have been lengthened out another half mile. One thing should be mentioned and emphasized in every way, and that is the stadium where the opening ceremonies were held. There are seats for about 3,000 spread around a natural hillside or amphitheatre, and 100 feet to the front is the concrete or bowl-shaped band which will play, here the Bridge of the Gods will be acted by real savages, and here will be the speakers' stand on all great occasions for the building and seats are permanent. The lower tier of seats are on a level with the stage floor, and then a few seats are 40 feet. Then on the banks above another thousand people could sit or stand with the best of views and with easy hearing distance. And the old Astor Port is also a permanent structure, and as these and other improvements are in the Astoria City Park the Centennial will go a long way towards permanently enriching the city of Astoria.

EXCURSION RATES GRANTED

Railroads Help Out Catholic Day at Centennial. The committee in charge of the arrangements for Catholic day at the Astoria Centennial celebration announced excursion rates will be granted on that date, which is August 20. Tickets for the event will be good on the railroad from Friday, August 18, to Monday, August 21. A special train will leave Portland Sunday morning, August 20, at 7:30 o'clock, and will leave Astoria the same night at 7:30 o'clock.

President's Greeting Answered.

President Henderson, of the Astoria Centennial committee, sent the following telegram to President Taft tonight: "Astoria Centennial celebration opened under most auspicious conditions. The people of 'The Oregon Country' thank you for your interest and good wishes, expressed through your able and gifted personal representative, Hon. John Barrett. May continued success and prosperity attend you and your administration."

Florence Road Opens.

FLORENCE, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—With the exception of a few miles, the wagon road between the Sluslaw and Alsea rivers is now open. Funds

USE PARTLY-BUILT HALL

Elks to Hold Sessions in Incomplete Auditorium.

CHARTER FRAMERS TAKE OUT PRIMARY

Salem Committee Considers Certificate Plan Less Susceptive to Fraud.

OFFICIALS' POWER SHORN

New Capital City Document Permits Franchises and Band Issues to Be Granted Only by Vote of the People.

GARBAGE NUISANCE ENDED

Seattle Residents Stop Dumping of Refuse in Lake Union.

Raymond Ministers Take Census.

RAYMOND, Wash., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Rev. J. M. Weaver, of the Methodist Church, who with the pastors of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches recently visited the town of Raymond, reported last evening they have already enumerated 280 actual residents of the town. The census work of the church was undertaken by the ministers gathered at 8 o'clock this morning determined that garbage would not be dumped into the lake even if it was necessary to take drastic measures. Drivers have been refused permission to dump into the lake by the property owners of the district. Mayor Dilling was besought to remedy conditions.

Quarry Chief Ousted.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—F. W. Belding, who has been in charge of the state convict rock-crushing plant at Meshell, in many months past, has been relieved by the state, and J. D. Randall, who has recently been in charge of the state convict crew at Carrilton, has been selected to succeed him. Inattention to duties, numerous escapes of prisoners, and other causes are given as the reasons for Mr. Belding's discharge.

Justice Fike Resigns.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Jay V. Fike, Justice of the Peace at Minnaha, resigned his position today and William Wilson was appointed by the County Commissioners to succeed him. Mr. Fike was elected superintendent of the county schools at the election last November and is resigning to assume his new duties September 1.

Prisoner's Finger Is Cut Off.

Dressing down a plug in the disinfecting pump at the County Jail Wednesday night, Francis Robinson, indicted for white slavery, caught the little finger of his right hand in the plug, and before he could withdraw it it was cut off. Robinson was dressed, Deputy Sheriff Leonard attended him to and from the hospital.

Governor Invited to Lecture.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Governor West has been invited to deliver an address on "Problems of Prison Labor," before the Oregon State Bar, at the law building, at 3 o'clock, N. J. September 15 to 16. Governor Osburn, of Michigan, will speak the same day on a similar subject.

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Salient features of which became known this morning. Under the proposed plan there will be two commissioners and the Mayor. The Mayor will receive a salary of \$2000 and the commissioners \$1800. All other officers will be appointive. It is provided that the commission may appoint an engineer whenever his services are deemed necessary and may increase or decrease the size of the police department as it sees fit. Nominating elections for city officers will give way to the certificate plan of nominations. Under this plan a voter may make out a certificate favoring the man he desires to have nominated, and take out to the certificate before a notary public. When 25 or more certificates are so signed, a candidate is declared nominated. It is believed by the committee that this plan will obviate fraud and result in a better plan of nominations. No man can sign certificates advocating more than one candidate for the same office. Another unique feature is the proposal that no franchise may be granted unless subjected to a vote of the people. This takes the power of granting franchises entirely out of the hands of the commission, no matter how important the franchises may be or whether they are of minor import. The commission in its expenditure will not be permitted to exceed the general budget, except in cases of emergency, when it may be done only to the extent of \$10,000 over the funds authorized. The commission will also not be permitted to issue bonds, except refunding bonds or bonds for municipal improvements under the Bancroft act. All other bonds must be voted on by the people. Only taxpayers will be allowed to vote and a majority will rule. Under the present charter any voter may vote on bond issues and a two-thirds majority is required to carry. Otherwise the proposed charter is much like the one by which the city is governed now.

VETERAN SCORES GRAFT

CAPTAIN SHAW SEES DANGER TO GOVERNMENT. Eleventh Annual Encampment of Civil War Veterans at Orchards Is Well Attended.

Infantry Band Plays Today.

The following programme will be given in concert by the First Infantry band at 4:30 P. M. at Vancouver Barracks today: March, from "Tannhauser" (Wagner); selection, "The Pink Lad" (Cavalli); waltz, "Tales from the Vienna Woods" (Strauss); Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni); "Morceau Fleur Song" (Lange); grand selection, "La Bohème" (Puccini); Director Joseph Feitelson, chief musician First Infantry.

British Capital to the Amount of \$10,000,000 Has Been Secured.

British capital to the amount of \$10,000,000 has been secured by the various municipalities and industrial organizations of Canada within the past four months.



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AUTO WRECKED ON NEWPORT BEACH IN RECKLESS RACE WITH BREAKERS PULLED OUT OF SURF.

NEWPORT, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—A team of horses yesterday hauled out of the surf the wrecked auto mobile in which seven persons nearly lost their lives yesterday when the auto was stuck at high tide as it lay on the beach half overturned. Captain John Olsen, former skipper of the gasoline sloop Condor, was the most seriously hurt. He was thrown on the rocks on his face. Layan Steel and Miss Madora Steel, children of S. N. Steel, of Portland, were much improved today. Miss Steel's injuries were slight, but her brother was thrown against a rock when the auto was wrecked and was badly cut about the neck and shoulders. The tracks will be replaced in about two weeks.

HORSES USED TO SALVE CAR.

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Advertisement for North Beach featuring Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. Text includes: "NORTH BEACH", "The pleasure haunt in this part of the country this Summer.", "T. J. POTTER", "PHONE SERVICE SCORED", "Reduced Fares Prevail", and "20-Day Tickets TO ASTORIA \$1 EACH WAY."