SCENES ATTENDING DEPARTURE OF BIG RACING BALLOONS UNDER FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION AUSPICES YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

3 BALLOONS STILL UP, DRIFTING SOUTH

"Kansas City III" Is First to Take Ascent Before Great Throng.

ROSCOE FAWCETT IS AIDE

Sporting Editor of Oregonian Is Pilot Watts' Basket Mate-Honeywell and Stewart Were Leading When Heavy Blow Began.

WATCH FOR THE BALLOONS.

Persons in neighboring towns and cities should watch for the balloons which started from Portland yesterday at 4:10 P. M. in the Rose Festival balldon race.

The balloons will stay in the air as long as possible, The distance traveled depends upon

up messages picking dropped from the balloons today should telephone or telegraph them 'collect" to The Oregonian

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it literally grabbed the bag and dashed to the ground. They arose again and just barely cleared a stand of pine timber about a quarter of a mile wide. The balloon was thrown to the ground second time. It proceeded a halfmile farther, all the time at the mercy of the wind.

Finally Captain Honeywell selected an open space in a field for a landing. He landed safely, barely missing a big pine tree. The bag was badly dam-aged in coming in contact with a limb

Dr. Stewart returned at once to Portland. Captain Honeywell remained

Late last evening W. T. Wold, a telegraph operator at Camby, reported two of the balloons passing over that city. They were close to the ground.

Oregonian Reporter in First Bag.

The first racer to leave the field, at Twenty-fifth and Raleigh streets, was the "Kansas City III," piloted by John Watts. With him in the basket as volunteer aide was Roscoe Fawcett, sporting editor of The Oregonian, who, upoh his return, will write for The Oregonian an account of his experience and impressions. It was 4:09:30 P. M. when the "Kansas City III" less spectaculae.

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Leadbetter's Father Objects.

The race was scheduled to start with the departure of the first balloon at 4 o'clock. For fully 10 minutes before out a strip of red, white and blue that time the entire quartet of bags bunting. As it fluttered down, the was ready. A delay of nearly 10 minutes was occasioned, however, by the inability at the last hour of R. H. Leadbetter, who had arranged to accompany Pilot Berry, to make the trip. His father, C. H. Leadbetter, would not permit him to go. Morrison, who was "among those present" watering. was "among those present," watching preparations for the start, learning of this, promptly volunteered to take Leadbetter's place. "But you are not prepared," protested

Berry.
"I can prepare quick enough," insisted Morrison, and, with a word of en-couragement from the pilot, he was off in an automobile for his rooms, where he secured clothing and other supplies

All the bags were held to the ground until the arrival of Berry's aide, so that, after the start of the first balloon, the others could be sent up at five-minute

Starter Leiter Gives Word.

Leiter, the starter, gave the word and Watts' balloon sailed gracefully away. It rose gradually and gracefully, drifting slightly to the south and east at the start. For fully a minute it seemed to haver over the grounds. Watts calmly surveyed the crowd, smiled, and

Fawcett was equally cool, although this is his first flight by gas belloon. this is his first flight by gas balloon. He has traveled by aeroplanes. He, too, looked about, smiled and threw a kiss to his wife, who was standing pear, and as the bear and standing west of the alty affords. near, and, as the bag passed from sight, seemingly was engaged in conversa-tion with Watts.

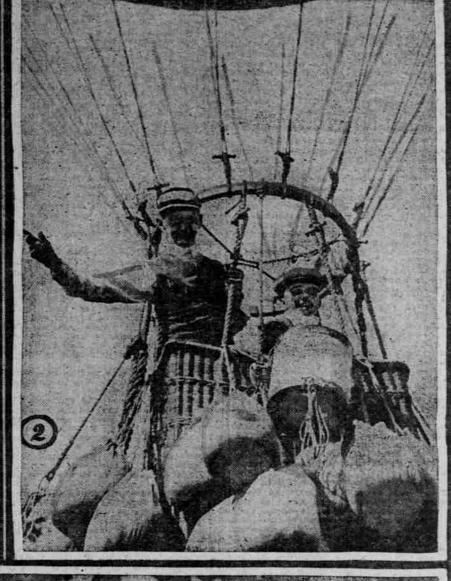
five minutes when he could be seen strange reason it shifted to more mel-pouring sand from his bags. He ancholy tones a few minutes later, emptied at least three bags as he passed over the southern part of the passed over the southern part of the city. Later he poured out more. Until he had disposed of a considerable quan-tity of sand, he hovered comparatively near the savely said and the spirit of depression that had settled on som of the crowd was lifted. near the earth, rising less than 1500

Honeywell Leaves Some Clothes.

Captain Honeywell got away before he really was ready and left some of his clothes behind. A suitcase and a bag of clied silk, containing a sweater and some blankets, which he intended taking with him, were standing on the ground beside his basket, where he had placed them when he entered. He had miscalculated, evidently, the carrying capacity of his balloon, for he thought he had enough sand attached to it to hold it down. He told the men who were hanging onto the basket to "let go." They did, but the sandbags were hot heavy enough.

A look of disappointment and chagrin swept Captain Honeywell's face as he







-Pilot Watts and Alde Roscoe Fawcett, Sporting Editor of The Oregonian, Just as Their Basket Left Ground. 2—Pilot Berry and Alde George L. Mor-rison Salling Over the Crowd. 3—Pilots Looking Over Maps Before Get-ting Rendy to Start; From Left to Right-Berry, Watts, Honeywell, Don-

Donaldson's departure was the most said impressions. It was 4:09:30 P. M. when the "Kansas City III" left the ground.

The "Uncle Sam of Portland," with Captain H. E. Honeywell, of St. Louis, as pilot, and Dr. W. E. Stewart, of Portland, as aide, left at 4:15:50; the "Springfield," piloted by Roy Donaldson, of Springfield, III., and carrying Wilbur Henderson, of Fortland, as aide, got away at 4:25, and the "Million Population Club of St. Louis," with the veteran Captain John Berry as allot, as alde, followed at 4:20:14.

Balloons Traveling Southeast.

At latest accounts last night the three balloons were traveling steadily in a southeasterly direction. Each pilot had been supplied with a liberal quantity of blank messages, which will be dropped to the ground from time to time, with instructions to the finders to send them to The Oregonian. In this way the public will be constantly informed of the progress the air travelers are making.

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about to start.

and carried the trophy away amid the

A few seconds later Donaldson tossed crowd beneath swung to and fro in the ward, falling in the Westover Terrace leading the others. It was a mile section, where an immediate long-ahead of Berry and three miles ahead distance race was begun between small of Watts and Donaldson.

Captain Berry was ready by this time. He waited only for the other bags to get located, when the starter told him to go.

Captain Berry waved his hands to the crowd as he arose. Ballooning is almost an every-day business with him. He says he is as accustomed to a the basket as he is to one at the

The crowds waited for a while and watched the air vehicles floating about. As soon as Morrison was ready to take his place in the basket, O. C.

Entire Population Watches. It is probable that nearly the entire

oopulation of Portland saw the bal-oons, either when they started or soon after.

A great crowd filled the grounds im then, noticing Joe Rieg, manager of the Portland Gas & Coke Company had aeronautics for the Festival Association, clapped his hands together and developed for filling the bags, A heavy

pressure filled them rap'-ly.

The streets and empty lots surround west of the city afforded a place from which thousands could view the start to advantage.

Watts at once got busy with his sand, of which he carried a great quantity. He had been in the air less than five minutes when he could be seen pouring sand from his balloon strange reason it shifted.

Balloonists Least Affected.

It is probable that the balloon mer were depressed far less than many in the crowd. It was not expected that any of the pilots, all of whom have

Messages Begin Dropping.

Each of the aides began dropping messages to earth soon after he left the ground. Morrison, on board Berry's car, seemed to be extremely busy. No less than a dozen of his messages were picked up.

Floyd Hebard, of Thirty-second and Sherman streets, picked up a card dropped from the Berry balloon at 5:25.

Mrs. R. C. Banks, of 9 Buchtel avenue, picked up a Berry report at 5:15, which said that the balloon then was 4546 feet in the air, traveling southeast by south, and was over East Poytland.

A few minutes later the Berry balloon was reported from Bell Station on the Oregon Water Power Line. It was traveling due south.

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At 6 o'clock the Berry balloon was reported near Clackamas.

As the Berry balloon passed over Milwaukle it descended near to the ground. A card, written by Morrison, was dropped. It read:

"Just had a bad drop. Used five bags of sand; came within 50 feet of earth."

It was timed 5:40 P. M.

Frank Babcock picked up the card and followed the balloon for more than a mile on a motorcycle.

All Have Made Air Races for

message. Babcock reports that when he sathe Berry balloon it was so near the ground that he could carry on a conversation with the pilot. Berry called jokingly to a group of girls as he

passed by. Each basket carried three pigeons which will be released at intervals, with the expectation that they will re-turn to the lofsts of the Ovegon Homing Club. Three birds returned night. One had lost its message. eager effort to grasp the prize. It was balloon at 6 P. M., then 3600 feet up. snatched by R. J. Mickey, of 76 Sixth atreet. Other strips of bunting were tossed out as the balloon sailed southmessage was sent from Donaldson's

boys to hunt for them. W. D. Skinner, officie. starter, caught the time at just 4:25 when Donaidson's MAJESTIC REOPENS TODAY

New Front of Theater Is Ready and Special Bill Is Arranged.

The new front of the Majestic Theater at Washington and Park streets is about completed and the theater will be opened to the public today for the first time. A special programme will be given, beginning at 11:30 o'clock this morning and will continue throughout the day and even-

The new lobby is banked with a remarkable marble, the Alaskan sham-rock, which contains every conceiv-able blend of color, in variegated de-

The ticket booth in the center of the The ticket booth in the center of the entrance lobby will resemble a sunburst. It will be made up of a shaft of plate glass with a glass cornice, surmounted by a dome giving an appearance of an inmense cut glass

European Cups.

WATTS ONCE HELD AS SPY

Pilot Lands His German Balloon on Russian Soil, Where He Is Taken and Placed in Jail for Five Days Until Released.

The four pilots who sailed away from Portland yesterday were in a similar race just about 11 months ago. It was the 1913 Gordon Bennett trophy elimination race from Kansas City on

Donaldson made a poor start in Kan sis City. He went up with too much sand and found that he had a leaky appendix valve on his immense sack. He was compelled to let out the gas and land in a corn field but a short distance from Kansas City.

John Watts and H. H. Honeywell

John Watts and H. H. Honeywein had successful voyages and qualified for the Gordon Bennett trophy race, which was held from Paris last Fall.

The Million Population balloon, Captain Berry pilot, landed at Manchester, Mich., at 1 c'clock July 5 less than 24 hours from the time it had started from Watts Takes First Place

John Watts, pilot of the gas bag in which is Roscoe Fawcett, sporting editor of The Oregonian, won first place. It went a distance of 538 miles. Second place went to Captain Honeywell, who landed at Rockwood, Mich., a distance of 542 miles. of 642 miles.

The entire front of the building will be finished in white enamel and apple green and ornamental plaster of the same colors prevails on the ceiling of the entrance.

The interior also will be decorated in the near future. A large force of men was busy all last night on the new entrance.

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The Kansas City race was won by the Goodyear of Akron, O., which, with

AS THE BALLOONS APPEARED AT SUNSET LOOKING SOUTHEAST FROM THE OREGONIAN TOWER.



Second place was made by Emile Dubonnet, who traveled 1211 miles. Honeywell's landing was at Dukchty,

have made names before in other National races. In 1912 H. E. Honey-

In the Kansas City races of 1912 Cap-tain Honeywell made the greatest flight in America up to that time. It was 940 miles and his landing place was the field of the battle of Bull Run. This pilot has been in every race ever staged in America. He won five of

Honeywell, despite his unexpected start, was as cool as any of the pilots. While the men were working his 80,000 cubic foot gas bag he was taking
pictures of some of his friends, who
had stepped up to see him off.
When the famous pilot left Stuttgart,

the American Minister threw a large flag to him with the date written on one corner. That was the big flag which fluttered as the bag went up yesterday.

Fiag Tells Flight Story.

The win the air. A race naturally depends upon the length of time a balloon may remain in the air. Therefore, when a balloon starts, it carries all the sand length of the sand length a southerly wind up the Williamette river, 15 to 20 miles an hour. The sun came from behind a cloud at Oregon City and expanded the gas.

That same flag went with him to Russia in 1913 and consequently had another record written on one of the stars. Tomorrow he will write the story of a third race. Captain Honeywell is such an en

thusiastic balloonist that he expects to have history written on each of the stars before he quits the game. John Watts is another pilot of inter-

national fame. His last race abroad almost caused war. He brought his hig bag from America with him but had trouble in a preliminary trial. The German balloon Dusselldorf II was loaned to him. With this he went a distance of about 1000 miles over to Russia, landing at Pskow, where he was arrested, suspected of being a German spy. He spent five days in a Russian jail. Because of the change of nationality, the balloon was disqualified and Watts did not place despite big distances.

his distance.
In the 1911 races of Kansas City,
John Berry won with a distance of but
293 miles, flying the balloon Kansas In the 1910 races from St. Louis

Honeywell was the only one to make any real mark of those who started yes-terday. He went 552 miles before he The race was taken by Allan R. Haw-ley in the America II. This was the bag which went far up into the Canadian wilderness, finally landing at Lake Tchotagama, near Perebonka, a distance of 1173 miles from St. Louis.

Despite the fact that Berry was the last to start yesterday, he did not get an advantage. The country was strange to all of them, and, naturally, they were not acquainted with the air con-

Country's Currents Strange.

Honeywell at the start was anxious to get the right weight Watts started first and was carried due south in the lower strats. It was plainly visible that he was not in a rapidly-moving

Honeywell meant to go up light, but not quite as light as he finally did leave. He shot up rapidly and hit a high strata right over the Heights.

when his gas contracted.

tional races. In 1912 H. E. Honeywell entered the race from Stuttgart.
He won third, with a distance of 1956
miles. First place in that race was
taken by Maurice Blename, who landed
at Moscow, a distance of 1361 miles
from the starting point.

Second place was made by Emile

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He threw off sand and rose high
enough to get the current carrying
the others south.

The others began to pick up as they
rose into the higher strata of air.
Honeywell, despite his start, seemed
to have judged pretty well, for he
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to have judged pretty well, for h seemed to stick in a fairly rapid moving current and kept on going. Donaldson also made a good start i judging altitude and weight. good start in

The science of aeronautics is per-

haps not generally understood by the public, and, although a deep study, an account of the balloon race from St. Louis to Detroit, held a few years

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commenced throwing everything over board, parts of the baskets were torn off and finally the pilots began to strip themselves of their clothes. They had got down to their underwear and were still a tie. One man wore Winter underwear and the other wore a light Summer suit. Desperate with anxiety, they finally east off their un-derwear and the man with the Winter underwear won, because he had more weight to release and his balloon therefore remained longer in the air.

DAMAGE CASE UNDECIDED

Jury Not Able to Agree in Suit Against Street Railway Company.

After deliberating for two days on the merits of the case of Mrs. Anna Aiden, who was suing the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for \$10,000, the jury reported to Circuit Judge Gatens yesterday its failure to reach a verdict and was discharged. reach a verdict and was discharged.

Mrs. Alden testified that she was
injured August 2, 1913, when a streetcar started up as she was boarding it. She said she was thrown and injured her right knee. The company maintained that she had not exercised due caution and that she should not have attempted to board a moving car.

Mrs. Alden was represented by L.

Teats and O. R. Richards, and the company by Griffith, Leiter & Allen.

SEASIDE, Or., June 11 .- (Special.)-

Seasible's new \$35,00) natatorium will be formally opened Saturday with a programme. The swimming tank of the natatorium is said to be the finest as well as the largest in the Northwest.

LIGHTNING STRIKES **BALLOON 3 TIMES**

Story of Terrible Experience Told by Dr. W. E. Stewart. With Honeywell on Trip:

STORM PLAYS WITH CRAFT

Gas Bag Dashed 1000 Feet to Earth and Bounced Up Again-Pilot. Broken-Hearted Over Fate. Pulls Ripcord for Safety.

In the history of ballooning rarely will there be told so dramatic a story as that by Dr. W. E. Stewart, Portland passenger in Captain H. E. Honeywell's St. Louis balloon, Uncle Sam, on his return to Portland last night. "The worst experience I have ever

Captain

had-my 195th ascension," Honeywell told Dr. Stewart. Before the balloon, the first to comdown, landed at 7:30 P. M., six miles south of Oregon City, near Beaver Creek Postoffice, the giant has had been torn and bruised by two oppos ing electric storms. Flashes of light-ning played around the Uncle Sam and the Captain admitted frankly he was

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frightened. Thunder roared around
the two men.

"The balloon had a bad start. Too
little ballast was taken," said Dr.
Stewart. "This fact made it impossible for the skipper to use his skill, He
could not jockey the balloon. He had
not the ballast necessary. Besides this,
personal equipment was left behind.
Dr. Stewart came to The Oregonian
office at 10:30 P. M., showing something of the strain through which he

thing of the strain through which he had passed.

Captain Honeywell was keeping guard last night over the remnants of the balloon and its freight and arranged for sending it to Portland to-day.

This is what happened to the bal-on as Dr. Stewart told the story late last night: Lightning struck the balloon three

Twice it was buried bodily to the ground with frightful force.

Twice it was whirled in a vortex of the two opposing storms.

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There could be but one end. All ballast had been thrown over from the beautiful sliver bag.

Broken-hearted, Captain Honeywell knew that he would he risking two lives and he pulled the rip cord and slit the bag from top to bottom. Three hundred yards from where the balloon finally landed a giant fir was trebly split by the lightning.

"We were above Oregon City when we saw a storm to the Southeast," said Dr. Stewart. "Promptly Captain Honeywell tried to jeckey to the West. Out of a clear sky there appeared, as some

of a clear sky there appeared, as some tangible thing, gripping us, holding us, tearing at us, another storm. We tried to drop down. Immediately both storms descended upon us. With lightning whirring round the silk sides of the balloon and standing our hair on end, the storm took us and swung us up and down and round at a frightful

"Then the storm grabbed us again and

Pilot Upson, went 647½ miles before coming to earth.

That was Donaldson's first big race. The Willamette Valley has been fairly warm the past two days, and the shelter of the hills expanded the gas beyond normal.

Berry also went high and the wind carried him east to the Columbia River. The basket flattened out. We bounched up again. "Again we were thrown to earth ter of the hills expanded the gas beyond normal.

Berry struck the cold winds of the Columbia River Valley, the air from off the snow mountains of the Cast.

Aside from Donaldson the pilots have made names before in other Naliterally threw us at dreadful speed against the earth, a distance of 1000 feet. The basket flattened out. We

He threw off sand and rose high saw them throw out bags of sand

rapidly guage to describe it-frightful, dreadful, awful."

This is the log of the Uncle Sam as Dr. Stewart gave it.

ing five days in a Russian prison he told at the banquet Wednesday night. OLD BAG RACE RECALLED loon holders, or owing to mistaken signals, the balloon was released before Pilot With Winter Underwear Wins
Because it Weighs Most

the aeronaut was ready and after five bags of sand had been removed at once. So sudden was the start that Captain Honeywell yelled:

"Hold her, don't let her go."
But it was too late.
In the sudden start the clothes for colder regions of both men were left

behind. The Uncle Sam went up about 2500 st. Louis to Detroit, held a few years ago, might explain an amusing side of this exciting pursuit.

There were five balloons in sight of each other 36 hours after the start; a few hours later two of these took, the lead and the efforts of each pilot gas out and dropped to 500 feet and gas out and dropped to 500 feet and

the southerly course was resum In the case of the two last balloons in the St. Louis-Detroit race each pilot 6 P. M., which returned to Portland.

From this moment the storm began.
"Would you go again?" Dr. Stewart
was asked. "Like a shot," was the reply. "But for these exceptionable circumstances we should have gone 700 or 800 miles." At the time of the storm the position of the other balloons with reference to the Uncle Sam was as follows: The Berry's "Million Population" bag was one mile north and at the same

level. Berry threw many bags over and shot to 10,000 feet, probably es-caping the force of the storm as he disappeared above the clouds. The other two balloons were four miles to the west, reasonably close to-gether and out of the worst of the storm area. After Captain Honeywell and Dr. Stewart had dragged themselves bruised to their feet they saw these

SEATTLE GIVES UP GOODS Jewelry Stolen by Arthur Waters Returned to Portland.

two balloons sailing to the south.

Detective Captain Baty received yes-terday from Sheriff Cudthee, at Seattle, jewelry stolen from the home of Mrs. Bertha Loewenberg, of this city, which Arthur James Waters, the confessed boy thief, buried in the back yard of his mother's home in that city.

The loot was first found upon in-The loot was first found upon in-formation which Waters gave Detect-ives Swennes and Pat Moloney. To save save the expense of sending a man to Seattle, the local bureau asked Cudihee to dig up the stuff, and he complied. After he had found it, he telephoned

Captain Baty that the goods were all wanted in his own city. Captain Baty made a formal demand for the jewelry and it was returned.