

3 BALLOONS STILL UP, DROPPING 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 balloon race.

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It literally grabbed the bag and dashed it to the ground. They arose again and just barely cleared a stand of pine timber about a quarter of a mile wide.

Dr. Stewart returned at once to Portland. Captain Honeywell remained with the bag.

Late last evening W. T. Wold, a telegraph operator at Cunby, reported two of the balloons passing over that city.

The balloon race is a part of the Rose Festival entertainment, and is conducted under rules and regulations of the Aero Club of America.

A purse of \$3000 will be divided among the contestants.

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.

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 4:15:30; the "Springfield," piloted by Roy Donaldson, of Springfield, Ill., and carrying Wilbur Henderson, of Portland, as aide, got away at 4:25, and the "Million Population Club of St. Louis," with the veteran Captain John Berry as pilot, and George Y. Morrison, of Portland, as aide, followed at 4:30:14.

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.

Precision marked every particular of the start. Each of the four pilots is a veteran of many previous flights and was well versed in the work and duties required.

Leadbetter's Father Objects.

The race was scheduled to start at 4 o'clock. For fully 10 minutes before that time the entire quartet of bags was ready.

Starter Letter Gives Word.

As soon as Morrison was ready to take his place in the basket, O. C. Leiter, the starter, gave the word and Watts' balloon sailed gracefully away.

Entire Population Watches.

It is probable that nearly the entire population of Portland saw the balloons, either when they started or soon after.

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1—Pilot Watts and Aide Roscoe Fawcett, Sporting Editor of The Oregonian, Just as Their Basket Left Ground. 2—Pilot Berry and Aide George L. Morrison Sailing Over the Crowd. 3—Pilot Looking Over Maps Before Getting Ready to Start; From Left to Right—Berry, Watts, Honeywell, Donaldson.

Messages Begin Dropping.

Each of the aides began dropping messages to earth soon after he left the ground.

Donaldson's Going Most Spectacular.

Donaldson's departure was the most spectacular. Just before he left the ground a committee of women, representing the Tillamook society, presented him with a big bouquet of roses, which he accepted by leaning over the edge of his basket.

Donaldson was neatly attired and wore a straw hat, just before the signal was given for him to start.

Henderson worked in the Donaldson car with the experience of a veteran.

Donaldson tossed rose.

As Donaldson's balloon left the earth he tossed out to the spectators a bouquet of roses.

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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.

The Million Population balloon, Captain Berry pilot, landed at Manchester, Mich., at 1 o'clock July 5 less than 24 hours from the time it had started from Kansas City. Its distance approximately was 590 miles.

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 533 miles. Second place went to Captain Honeywell, who landed at Rockwood, Mich., a distance of 542 miles.

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PILOTS ARE CAPABLE

All Have Made Air Races for 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 July 4.

Donaldson made a poor start in Kansas City. He went up with too much sand and found that he had a leaky appendix valve on his immense sack.

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

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