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Coming on a special Southern Pacific train, the Royal Rosarians, of Portland, accompanied by the Rosarian band, are expected to arrive in the Capital City at 11:50. The Oregon City Fallarians will be welcomed at the same time. The Portland Rosarian band will be one of the leading musical organizations in the city during the celebration. Information from Eugene is that the Hively Radiators will be here in full quota to aid King Bing in spreading royal joy and gladness throughout his realm. The Albany Pheasant band, escorted by the Albany Pheasants, are scheduled to enter the Capital City a little earlier in the day. Other organizations have pledged themselves to join in the merry-making. A feature of this day will be the annual baby parade at 10 in the morning.

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Preparations for this year's celebration are more elaborate than those of the past. Programs of merit have been arranged for each day. The entertainment ranges in scope from the lively old-time street carnival to the most modern thrilling water polo and aeroplane stunts. The Cherrians have imported some of the leading entertainers obtainable in the West Coast. Attention they have obtained the co-operation of virtually every live-wire commercial organization in the Willamette Valley.

Governor Withycombe will deliver the Fourth of July address in Wilson Park at 1 o'clock Saturday. It is planned to hold an old-time Independence day celebration. Four thousand farmers of the Valley have been invited to attend a community basket dinner, which is to be held just before the speech of the Governor. Dinner will be served on the community plan, the farmers bringing well-laden lunch baskets.

An industrial, mercantile and horse parade, reflecting the industries of the Willamette Valley, will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. According to present entries the review will be at least as fine as any competitive drill for all uniformed visiting organizations will be held Friday afternoon.

Trap Shoot to Be Feature.

One of the leading features of the fair will be the free-for-all trap shoot, beginning at 2:30 tomorrow. Fifty state sportsmen have entered. The trap, snipe and pigeon shooting is the leading sport of the Portland Gun Club. The shoot is under the auspices of the Capital City Rod and Gun Club. Motor cycle races and aeroplane activities will take place at the same hour Saturday.

The cherry exhibits are of high quality. Although the crop this season is far below normal, the fruit placed on exhibition is of superior size and standard. The judging will begin tomorrow morning and all awards will be made immediately on the completion of the counting.

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During all of 1914 there were only seven full 24-hour days in which there were no alarms. During June of this year there were eight such days. There was a period of 104 hours and 20 minutes during this June in which no alarms were sounded. This is the record since 1906, when there was no alarm sounded for a period of 111 hours.

There were no false alarms during this June, which is the first month since March, 1902, that the fire-wagons did not respond to alarms of this kind.

Fire Marshal Stevens says the remarkable showing of the city is due to the anti-fire campaign. He says with continued co-operation even a better showing can be made during July, which, ordinarily, is a busy month for the Fire Bureau.

BIG TIME FOR LINCOLN

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The Stevenson merchants have invited the Vancouver merchants to pass the day with them, and they, too, will close their stores all day.

Already 200 prizes have been obtained by the committee, composed of Charles W. Davis, W. E. Hamilton, Clement Scott and Edward Johnson, and these will be given away for various contests to be held at the picnic grounds. More than \$250 worth of goods will be given away by the committee. There will be a baseball game between Vancouver merchants and Stevenson merchants. W. E. Hamilton has been chosen captain of the Vancouver team.

On the two boats which have been chartered by the transportation committee—W. C. Stumberg and Guy Bennett—there will be dancing, o'clocks and returning. The Merchants' Orchestra will furnish music on the boat, and the Stevenson band will play at the ball game.

It is estimated that at least 500 will go from Vancouver. The round-trip fare will be \$1.

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Three New Trains

On the Estacada line, the regular daily service will be supplemented by additional trains leaving First and Alder at 7:45, 9:00 A. M. and 1:00 P. M. Returning, leave Cazadero at 9:50 and 11:00 A. M. and 3:50 P. M.

Nos. 32 and 33 due to arrive at and leave Estacada on Saturdays and Sundays, at 6:30 P. M. will run through to Cazadero arriving there at 6:32 and leaving there for Portland at 6:40 P. M.

Every Hour to Gresham

This added service on Saturdays and Sundays will give Gresham and intermediate points an hourly service, and all points beyond will have a two-hour service.

Low Rates for the Fourth

A special reduced round-trip rate of 75 cents will be effective on the Bull Run and Estacada lines for the Fourth of July. This low rate will be good either July 4 or 5.

A special reduced week-end round-trip rate of \$1.00, good July 3, 4, 5 and 6 will apply on the Estacada line.

Trolley Trip Hints for the Fourth

Note — These Events Take Place on Monday, July 5

ESTACADA—Games, Band Concerts, Racing, Baseball, Dancing, and many added attractions. Round-trip rate from Portland (First and Alder), 75 cents. Tickets must be purchased before boarding trains. 2-hour service.

BULL RUN PARK—Old-Fashioned Basket Picnic, Dancing, Scenic Ride Unexcelled, beautiful Natural Park on Bull Run and Sandy Rivers. Round-trip rate from Portland (First and Alder), 75 cents. Tickets must be purchased before boarding trains. 2-hour service.

GRESHAM—Horseshooting, Band Concerts, Dancing and Games, under auspices of Gresham Fire Department. Trains leave Portland (First and Alder). Hourly service.

VANCOUVER, WASH.—Celebration, Band Concerts, Military Drills and Games. Trains at Second and Washington streets—6:00 A. M. and every 25 minutes thereafter.

OAKS PARK—Band Concerts, Musical Comedy Show, Free Open-Air Attractions, Bathing and Dancing. Take trains First and Alder.

GLADSTONE PARK—Picnic, Games, Races, Dancing and Band Concert, auspices Oregon City Lodge, Loyal