

LOST BUT ONCE

Astoria Hose Team Defends Its Championship Title.

Returned Home Yesterday With Three Prizes, Losing Fourth Because of Accident.

The members of the champion Astoria hose team returned home yesterday afternoon on the special. They were bountifully supplied with brooms and were cheered as they hauled their cart through the streets. All were enthusiastic over their victories, which make easier their contemplated trip to the world's fair. The Oregonian published the following account of the races of the final day:

After having failed to win the dry test, through a defect in reeling the hose, the Astoria hose team successfully defended their claim to the state championship yesterday afternoon by winning the New York test in 12 seconds better time than the nearest competitor.

The contests were held under carnival auspices.

Several hundred people witnessed the races of the teams on Sixth street, north of Burnside. Each team seemed to have an ample number of rooters in the crowd and each received its share of the applause.

The first event was a dry test, in which the contesting teams were to run 75 yards, lay 250 feet of hose and fasten the nozzle. The Fulton team, the first team to appear in the contest, won the event in 24 seconds. Oregon City was second in 25 1-5 seconds. After getting well under way in this event, the Astoria team suffered a set-back which delayed them to such an extent that they gave up the race. A coupling on the hose fouled the reel as it began to run, causing a jam that could not be unfastened for some minutes.

"We would have won the event," said Captain Fred Brown of the Astoria team, "but for the accident. We had made good time up to that point, and I am confident that we would have won."

After thus losing the first event the Astoria boys were subjected to a great deal of ridicule from the crowd. This turned to praise, however, when the New York test occurred. In this event the contesting teams were to run 75 yards, lay 250 feet of hose, get first water, break a section and take it back, insert the section and get second water. The Oregon City team accomplished the feat in 55 4-5 seconds and was generally applauded by the crowd. Smarting from the sting of one failure, the Astoria team went to the line with the determination to win out or die in the attempt. Every man on the team knew he was there to defend the championship, and Captain Brown took the necessary pains to tell them so.

"You win this," he cried, "or we'll never dare go home."

Up and down the sidewalks walked Astorians with money, which they vainly attempted to place on their home team. Supporters of the other teams were not gambling at that particular moment. The revolver was fired, and the team was off like a shot. It was evident from the first second that the team meant to do things. The couplings were made with the precision of clockwork. Almost before the last section of hose left the reel the nozzle was attached and the first water came. Then the section was removed and hurried back toward the plug. The two necessary breaks were made in the line, the section was inserted, there was another spurt of water, and the deed was done.

Everyone asked the time, and when it was announced, the crowd cheered the Astorians to the echo. They had successfully defended the championship and won the New York test in 43 2-5 seconds, over 12 seconds bet-

ter than the Oregon City team. The Fulton team made a miserable failure of the event, and did not finish. After the disaster to the Fulton team, the Astoria boys made the day hideous with their victorious yells.

"There was nothing to it," said Captain Brown, "we had to win, and we did it."

The statement as to the amount of timber tributary to the north fork of the Claskanine, which is alleged by the News to have been incorrect, was made by one of the most prominent timbermen of this city. He stated that there is 500,000,000 feet of timber in that section of the country, and that the value of that timber when logged would be \$35,000,000. The decision in the injunction case, he added, would affect the manner in which most of this timber would be marketed. There was never any effort to make it appear that \$35,000,000 was involved in the suit.

EXCELLENT EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

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event will be one of the best of the week.

Mr. Halderman also saw the Multnomah baseball players. The committee has determined to hang up a silver trophy for a baseball tournament, and the first contest will be between the Commercial and Multnomah teams. The Portland men are enthusiastic over the undertaking and say the tournament will attract widespread attention.

The various hose teams of the state have been invited to participate in the firemen's tournament of regatta week. One race will be run each day and a first prize of \$100 and a second prize of \$50 offered for each event. The tournament will be an interesting one, as all of the best teams will enter.

Modern Folk Lore.

From the Denver Republican.

A political lieutenant once announced to the late Senator Quay a disastrous defeat, making the announcement in very blunt, brusque terms.

Senator Quay gave the man one of his peculiar, direct glances and smiled slightly. Then he said:

"Your have broken this news gently. You remind me of an Irishman. This Irishman had great faith in his diplomacy and delicacy, and one day, when a boy was killed at the quarry, he told the men to leave everything in his hands, and he would break the news to the boy's mother as it should be done.

"So he went home, put on a black suit and a black tie, and he knocked at the boy's mother's house.

"Good mornin', ma'am," he said. "'Tis a sad accident yer bye Tom's gold watch has had."

"Why," said the mother, "Tom never had a gold watch."

"Sure, an' that's lucky," said the newsbreaker, "for there's 20 ton of rock fallen on him."

Anyone who is careful, can make a very little money go a long ways. This is an old adage seldom followed and by some disbelieved. It is, however, a fact, we learn from a late post-office publication, that a money order for one dollar can be sent 18,982 miles.

A silver dollar of the mintage of 1804 was sold to a Mr. Brown of Portland, Ore., recently for \$2,000. There are only seven of them left. The rest were sent to North Africa to pay off soldiers and the ship is resting somewhere on the bottom of the Atlantic.

A German lady of recent widowhood encountered much difficulty in framing an inscription for her dead husband's tombstone. After endless consultations with her friends and neighbors this was the one she selected: "Rest in peace—until we meet again."

The Grotto handles nothing but straight liquors; no blended goods in the house.

TROUBLE OVER GOLD PLANK

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Grover Cleveland could have stood, or anybody else who was with us on pending live campaign issues could have stood."

He then announced that a message in answer to Judge Parker had been prepared and would be submitted to the convention. He asked Senator Tillman to read the message, which was as follows:

"The platform adopted by this convention is silent on the question of the monetary standard, but it is not regarded by us as a possible issue in this campaign, and only campaign issues were mentioned in the platform. Therefore, there is nothing in the views expressed by you in the telegram just received which would preclude a man entertaining them from accepting the nomination on said platform."

As Tillman concluded the reading of the message Representative Richardson of Alabama arose, as he said, to dispassionately discuss the message to be sent to Judge Parker. Chairman Clark said he had recognized Senator Tillman, who desired to discuss the matter. Richardson retired at once, and while Tillman was making his speech Bryan came into the hall. Instantly there was an uproar. Calls for "Bryan!" "Bryan!" went up and the galleries applauded. When Bryan appeared on the platform his face was chalk-white.

Bryan presented an amendment to the reply to Judge Parker as follows: "But as you will, if elected, be called upon to act upon certain phases of the money question, we should like to know whether you favor reduction of the volume of silver dollars; whether you favor an asset currency, and whether you prefer national bank currency to United States notes."

Carmack undertook to close the statement made by Bryan as to the proceedings in the committee on resolutions, and this was followed by short debates between those gentlemen. Bryan followed with a statement in which he declared there were only two ways out of the difficulty into which the action of Parker had plunged the party. One was to amend the message in the manner he had suggested, and the other to amend the platform by inserting a gold plank.

Leaning far over the railing in front of the platform, he shook his hand at the New York delegation, and said: "I will agree to adopt Senator Carmack's plank. Will that satisfy the friends of Judge Parker?"

Representative Williams then arose and plunged without preface into an arraignment of Bryan. Turning from time to time, he faced Bryan, declaring that Bryan had presented spectacular playing for harmony, when in all this great convention he had been only discordant. Bryan sprang to his feet and declared that his delegation was going to support the candidate New York wanted for vice president, and, if it would conduce to harmony, he would withdraw his amendment.

After some delay the order of business went back to the point where Governor Vardaman sprang the Parker telegram rumor and the recess when the roll of states was about to be called on the vote for the nomination of a candidate for vice president, and the chair directed that the roll should be called. The final result of the ballot (unofficial) allowed Williams 165; Turner, 169; Davis, 654; Harris, 58. Iowa did not vote. The nomination of Davis was made unanimous.

Senator McCleary of Kentucky presented the minutes of the convention, and the usual resolutions of thanks. At 10:31 o'clock he adjourned the convention sine die, the band playing "Auld Lang Syne."

Lost—Between Thirty-eighth and Third streets on Commercial street, a purse containing five dollars. Finder return to 1660 Franklin avenue or this office. Suitable reward.

A great microbe farm has been established by an American outside of London, where a dozen or more chemists are employed in manufacturing the most dreadful diseases known to mankind and experimenting with remedies to cure them.

A November magazine prints on its outside cover: "Appareling a Pretty Woman, Price, 10 cents." Now wouldn't that jar you? We know it costs more than that.

In Indian Territory there are 13,864 Indian scholars enrolled in the public schools. Of these 5,383 are in the Cherokee nation, 2,754 in the Creek, 4,788 in the Choctaw and 939 in the Chickasaw.

A \$1,000,000 church is to be built for Bob Burdette in Los Angeles. This goes to show just when a newspaper "funny man" can land if he will reform, quit the business and endeavor to lead a Christian life.

Shirt Waist Sale

10 Dozen White Lawn Shirt Waists DELAYED IN TRANSIT will be sold

AT 1/2 PRICE

This is the best bit of news concerning Shirt Waists we've told this season. Finest Styles, Correct in Every Particular.

C. H. COOPER "THE BIG STORE"

DOWNFALL OF PORT ARTHUR

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Another report received states that the Japanese are advancing along the front, but that there has not yet been an engagement.

Heavy Firing Heard.

Chefoo, July 9.—Chinese reports are to the effect that heavy firing was heard 10 miles from Port Arthur all last week, and junks which arrived here today report having heard firing off the harbor this morning. The situation is believed to be reaching a climax.

NEW WORLD'S RECORD.

Brooks Takes Brighton Handicap in One of Best Races of Year.

New York, July 9.—A new world's record for one and one-quarter miles was established in the Brighton handicap at Brighton Beach today. Brooks won by a short head from Irish Lad; High Ball was third. The time, 2:02 4-5, is the best record for the distance over any kind of track. Perfect weather drew a crowd of 30,000 people. The race was worth \$25,000.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Pacific Coast.

At Portland—Los Angeles, 6; Portland, 4.

At Tacoma—San Francisco, 3; Tacoma, 1.

At Seattle—Oakland, 13; Seattle, 4.

Little Country Town.

He sits there at the fireside, where the mellow light is gleaming O'er the columns of the little country paper that he holds,

And something he has read there seems to set his fancy dreaming,

While memory's panorama of forgotten days unfolds,

Its quaint and homely phrases all incline him to reflection,

Some sweetness of enchantment as he lays the paper down,

Strips the bitter peel of sorrow from the fruit of recollection,

He tastes the mellow sweetness of the little country town.

He sees at eve, a cottage with the lamplight dimly straying

Through the window, thickly bowered with the honeysuckle vine,

To his ears come strains of music, there's a sound of someone playing

On a little cottage organ, and the notes of "Auld Lang Syne."

He hears the tea things clatter, sees a woman's figure sitting

Here and there, belike some fairy, and the shimmer of her gown,

And longing leads his fancy to the place where he is sitting,

Just across from her at table in the little country town.

Yet he sits here alone, with all the dreamy shadows dancing,

And silent save for voices that his memory may hear,

The eyes that o'er the columns of the little paper glancing

Like violets, dew-misted, in the passing of a tear.

From some, as he, are missing from the circle once unbroken,

And one he knows lies sleeping where the autumn leaves are brown.

His hair is white like silver, yet in fancy he has spoken With all those lads and lassies of the little country town.

The misty eye of sorrow at the bush of dreams is seeking The rose of recollection with the fragrance of its morn.

And in the ear of memory the voice of grief is speaking,

The hand that plucks the blossom knows the sharpness of the thorn.

His dreams die with the embers at the fireplace—ah, the pity!

The paper falls from listless hands and idly flutters down.

How lonely, lonely, lonely, is the sullen, smoky city,

When the heart has come from straying in the little country town.

REVISED MAXIMS.

Man proposes, but after that the woman takes charge.

To err is human; to tell about it is feminine.

Man wants but little here below, but sometimes he wants it bad.

Again, man wants but little here below, and he generally gets it.

Time and tide wait for no man, but they know better than to ask a woman to hurry.

Advertisements are really news for the housekeeper, business man, young man and woman and often for the boys and girls. They tell you where you can get the best to supply the larder, to furnish the home, to assist you in business and to make your person neat and attractive and where you may save a few dollars, for merchants buying in larger lots some special class of goods can secure a lower rate and can therefore offer to sell them cheaper. Because an advertiser pays us for the privilege of telling you

about his goods is no reason why it cannot be considered news.

That Throbbing Headache

Would quickly leave you if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents; money back if not cured. Sold by Chas. Rogers' drug store.

The beer that made Milwaukee famous—Schlitz—is always on draught at The Grotto. Otto Mikkelsen, proprietor.

The ice in Greenland is melting more rapidly than it is formed. Comparison of the descriptions of the Jacobshaven glacier shows that its edge has receded eight miles since 1860, and it has lost 20 to 30 feet in depth.

"Mind your own business," is as safe a rule in diplomacy as it is in private life, and the nation that sticks closely to this rule will find it a safe guide not only to national safety, but also to the comfort and well being of its citizens.

Of the \$1,636,274 worth of bananas which came into New York city within the last year, 2,862,000 bunches were from the British West Indies, 1,152,000 bunches from Costa Rica, \$77,000 from Colombia and 355 from Cuba. They pay no duty.

Brutally Tortured.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Golebick, of Colusa, Calif., writes: "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for liver and kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, druggist.

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