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Trade and Finance as Reported at New York.

Reports from the commercial centers throughout the United States indicate greater activity in general business, especially at the Southwest where merchants are ordering liberal supplies of new goods.

These conditions are modified of course, by disturbance in certain centers where jobbers announce a falling off as compared with last year's orders.

Here, as elsewhere, the approach of the presidential election with the feeling that general trade had slackened have been effective in restricting operations in various industries. With the prevalence of more seasonable weather and generally hopeful feeling about the crops, distribution of merchandise has expedited and sentiment materially improved. Collections are still slow, and in the neighborhood of Baltimore show a falling off for the week. In Pennsylvania the same tendency has been felt, jobbers reporting rather unsatisfactory returns, caused by the continuance of unfavorable industrial conditions. St. Louis territory shows up well with drygoods trade and heavy orders for fall deliveries. Traveling salesmen are sending in fully as many orders as last year and the outlook is good for strong fall trade. The labor situation is decidedly better, wage-earners at all centers being disposed to modify their demands in accordance with known conditions. Business continues dull through New England with little change from last year. Mills are purchasing supplies in hand to mouth fashion, and while there is little improvement in the general situation, but better trade is looked for in July. There has been a further decline of money rates at New York this week. The market is easy in all branches and is likely to continue so until the crops begin to move. Merchants have been borrowing a little more freely, but the supply of good paper falls far short of demand. The demand is not at all urgent, however, but with increased activity in some lines of business after the presidential campaign has been formally started and inquiry may extend considerable.

The parade was one of the best ever held in the city. It was fully a half mile long, was well organized and very complete. Visitors to the carnival say that it was better than that seen in Portland. The parade was larger than planned for and far exceeded in beauty of the different designs, the wildest hopes of the projecting committee. John F. Allen deserves great praise for his untiring energy and public enterprise in being at the head of the committee on arrangements.

The goddess of liberty, represented by Miss Grace Huff, rode in a white chariot drawn by a span of milk white horses. Miss Huff looked beautiful in her shining white silk robe, that scintillated in the sun from the innumerable gold spangles thickly dotting its snowy surface. Miss Huff looked indeed a veritable queen—tall, well-proportioned and graceful, she was the center of many admiring eyes. No better choice could have been made for this difficult position and her friends are overjoyed that she accomplished her part so well.

The float containing the goddess of peace and plenty was occupied by Miss Elsie Dille, who looked beautiful in her robe of pale blue and Miss Mary Danneman no less charming adorned in scarlet. Following came the liberty car with 45 of the fairest little girls of the city, with joy and gladness mirrored on every face.

The fire department was fittingly represented by 50 boys drawing the Young America engine. The hose cart drawn by about a dozen boys, the hook and ladder cart drawn by about a dozen men and the Willamette boys bringing up the rear with hose cart No. 5.

The members of the Coffee Club, seated upon a beautiful float and carrying tin cups and a huge coffee pot, made the air ring with the lively strains of "Red, White and Blue." Following the latter came the carriage containing the orator, reader, chaplain and president of the day and two others in which were the mayor and councilmen. This closed the first division, in charge of E. R. Bryson.

FOUR THOUSAND CELEBRATE

Three Days of Recreation and Fun in Corvallis.

The great triple celebration held in our city last Saturday, Sunday and Monday in honor of our country's birth is now but a pleasant memory.

With one or two exceptions nothing occurred to mar or annoy the spirit of mirth and gladness that prevailed in every heart. Citizens and visitors alike gave themselves over with a whole-souled abandon to have a good time, and they had it. The weather was all the cost fastidious could wish. All three days were typical of the ideal Oregon summer. The early morning hours as also the evenings were comfortably cool. Banks of clouds in the west for a time in the early morning hour threatened rain but soon melted out into a thin blue haze that hung like a soft protecting canopy between the sun and earth.

The crowd that came to Corvallis July 4, is variously estimated at between 4,000 and 5,000. About 2,000 meals were served by the various hotels and restaurants of this city. Both sides of Main street from Emery's gallery to the Hotel Corvallis were packed with people. They came from all parts of Benton county, Newport, Toledo and other points on the coast, from Albany, Independence, and quite a number here from Monmouth. It was the largest crowd Corvallis ever attempted to amuse, but it was done and done well.

The exercises of the day took place in the Court House park. A speaker's platform, with seats for 500 people had been erected among the maples to accommodate the immense throng of people. Seats upon the platform were occupied by the city council, the city band, the queen of the day, the goddess of liberty, and peace and plenty, the president, the reader, the orator and singer of the day.

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440 yard run—won by Allen; prize, \$10.
220 yard dash—won by Cathey; prize, \$7.50.
Tug of war—won by Gilt-edge team, prize, \$10.
100 yard dash won by Woodcock; prize \$7.50.
100 dash for boys under 15, won by Riggs.
Hose race, first prize \$60 won by Corvallis No. 1 and second prize \$20, won by Willamette.
Wheelbarrow race won by Cathey, \$5.

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George Brown seated upon his prancing black stallion, headed the second division. The Peoria brass band closely followed with a handsome float of the A. O. U. W. and D. of H. coming next in order. The Modern Woodmen float representing real Indian women armed with tomahawks, and followed by the degree team on foot came next in order. The Lions, on a beautiful float with a real live baby lion in a cage, attracted the attention of all. The Ladies of the Maccabees, with a great bee hive covered with big brown bees, gave every evidence of their industry and ability.

Among the business houses that entered the race for the prize was the D. C. Rose cigar factory, with two workers busily engaged in making real home-made cigars. Home industries, a first-class hand-made refrigerator by the Corvallis Manufacturing Company of Colbert & Son, was fittingly represented, as was also the real live float of Hathaway Bros., carriage manufacturers. J. H. Simpson came next with a superb creation consisting of various hardware articles surmounted by a horse and buggy containing a couple of lovers.

The third division was in charge of James K. Berry, who furnished a good display in the line of automobiles, motors and bicycles.

The fourth and last division of the parade was headed by Reuben Kiger, and in the division were many carriages and other turnouts, which closed the long and attractive parade.

The J. H. Simpson float captured the \$10 prize offered for the best industrial float, and the \$10 for the best fraternal float was awarded that of the A. O. U. W. and D. of H. R. Kiger was the winner of the prize for the best turnout.

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Sack race won by Cathey, \$5. Motor bicycle race won by Cathey, \$22.50.

Old man's race won by W J Howell, aged 64.

Fat man's race, 200 pounds or over won by Schoel, \$5.

Girls' race, under 12, won by Miss Plaster, \$3.

The Shooting Tournament.

The shooting contest on Monday was one of the best ever held in the Willamette valley. Mr. Howe, travelling representative of the U. M. C. Cartridge Company and the Remington Arms Co., was here and took part in many of the events. He has shot birds all over the United States and says that the Corvallis grounds were the most unfavorable and the birds the most difficult of any he has ever known. The best marksmen in the Northwest were present and participated in the events. Three of these men were up at the big shoot in Pendleton a few days ago. The general average of all the visitors was below normal, while the average of the local boys, considering the fact that they consider themselves amateurs, was exceedingly high.

The visiting sportsmen said that it was simply impossible to make better averages than were made. All the way through our boys stood neck and neck with the best shooters in the state. For instance in the second event, Bennett shot 15 straight birds, Burnett 14 and Emery 13, while the Portland boys got only 12. Again in the second event a man from Polk County got 19 out of 20 birds, while Portland, Salem and Albany got only 17 and 18.

The success of the day is due in large measure to the committee on arrangements, Huston, Callahan and Kiger, and the untiring energy of Captain Emery. At present the boys own their own shooting house and traps, have their lease paid and cleared \$60. The following is the result of Monday's shooting tournament, giving the events, value of purse and number of birds broken in each event:

Event No. 1, 10 targets. Purse \$14.66; added money \$5. McIntyre 10; G Palmer, Shelton, Nickerson, Howe, 9; G Logsdon, Long, Culver, Wallace, Frohman, 8.

Event No. 2, 15 targets. Purse \$21.00; added money \$8. E Bennett, 15; Howe, Burnett, 14; Culver, Cleland, Carlon, 13; Emery, Abraham Ellis, G Palmer, H Palmer, 12.

Event No. 3, 20 targets. Purse \$15.60; added money \$10. Nickerson, 19; Cleland, Ellis, Emery, 18; Howe, Abraham, Shelton, 17; Ed Long, Zierolf, 14.

Event No. 4, 15 targets. Purse \$16.70; added money \$8. Abraham, Ellis, 14; Howe, G Palmer, H Palmer, Burnett, Cleland 13; Long, Shelton, Wallace, Nickerson, Bennett, Frohman, 12.

Event No. 5, 15 targets. Purse \$22.50; added money \$8. McIntyre, 15; G Logsdon, Kiger, 14; Howe, Long, Abraham, Carlon, Ellis, H Palmer, Huston, 13.

Event No. 6, 25 targets. Purse \$28.50; added money \$10. Howe, Abraham, Nickerson, 23; Bennett, 22; Carlon, Cleland, Frohman, McIntyre, 21; G Logsdon, H Palmer, Shelton, 20.

The general average of each shooter appears below. Abraham 86, Ellis and Bennett 82; Emery 74, Logsdon 77, Carlon 75, H Palmer 79, G Palmer 74, Shelton 78, Newton 61, Culver 61, McIntyre 79, Wallace 68, Burnett 62, Cleland 82. Nickerson 80, Baltimore 60, Frohman 75, Bennett 76.

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