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WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE PEACE JUBILEE IN WASHINGTON.

A Parade Stretching for Miles—The Civic Parade Surpasses the Military—A Gala Day at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25th.—The capital city has been having three days, magnificent pageant. There is no discount to be made on the success of the Peace Jubilee. The common feeling among those who looked on was that there was a tremendous attempt to make a great deal out of the idea of peace being established between Spain and America; more than the occasion warranted. The wonderful success of the two days that have passed has silenced all criticism and left a feeling that the greatest success has rewarded the effort.

The first day was devoted to a military parade that covered every branch of warlike art. The parade was at least two hours in passing the Loud Office, where a select company of friends witnessed it. There were at least a dozen bands scattered through the miles of procession. The military program included every hue of regimentals and variety of uniform. Colors were blended so that the soiled costumes of the men who stormed the hill at Santiago contrasted with the gay paraphernalia of the fancy companies from the great cities of Philadelphia and Baltimore. From the windows of the vast Interior building we looked out on all this very comfortably.

A feature that was interesting to the people here was a company of Chinese from Philadelphia. These were dressed in nearly white uniforms and marched well. It seems there is a christian mission at that city and the supposition is that these were christianized chinamen. There was cavalry of all sorts, from the district boys who were spick span new, two the rough riders who went afoot up El Cano hill. The dear country people looked on all this with full enjoyment and the dull eyed citizen, even, was for the time delighted. In the evening there were fire works at the Monument and perhaps a hundred thousand spectators witnessed them. There is plenty of room in what is called the "Monument lot," and there is where great pageants are put on the stage. These fireworks were fiery representations of war and showed its fearfulness on the sea as well as the land.

The second day there was a civic parade that was, if possible, more attractive than the military. Each afternoon the departments had a half holiday and the employees could see the celebrations. This afternoon a party of us went from the Kenmore and took the car line to the lower Pennsylvania avenue. We camped on Lafayette square, in front of the White House. There we had the finest possible opportunity to see the procession as it passed, and could see the world around us. All the way down the avenue there was continual display and variety in ornamentation. The fronts of public buildings had graceful display of the national colors, sometimes done grandly. Hotels and business houses were ornamented in every possible style of decorative art. This lasted for two miles; but the finest display of all was when we reached the "Court of honor" so called, which includes the presidential mansion and grounds and the immense structures of the treasury, war and navy, and state departments.

We were in front of the White House. The throng there was immense; there were tens of thousands in sight. All the colors of the rainbow were distributed among the crowds. We stood on the edge of the Lafayette square, which was raised above the street several feet. From there we had to overlook the crowd on the side-

walk and those who sat in seats that had been built for the occasion and rented at 50 cents to a dollar. There came along a dandy who was loaded down with chairs; these we subsided and then were literally in clover. We were on the green sward and sat at ease until the procession went by; then we stood on the chairs and overlooked those in front and saw all to the best advantage. Off to the left his excellency, the president of the United States, was reviewing the prasing events, and taking off his hat to every flag as it went by. I am sorry to say that he did it too quickly to be graceful. It was not dignified, but perhaps I was the only one who noticed it.

The most beautiful thing in this civic display was a large vehicle loaded with little girls of average eight to ten years, all dressed in white and as beautiful as could be. All recognized this as the most delicious feature of all. It seemed to embody purity and innocence. The laughing faces of those children could have been something to dream of. It had not got out of our sight when a scream went from them as the wagon broke down and the children were precipitated to the street. There was rushing of thousands and so much turmoil we could not learn what harm was done. Two of the little girls were badly hurt and were hauled off in an ambulance. Quite a number were injured slightly. This spoiled the most interesting feature of the day and left a sad impression on every mind.

There were beautiful floats, beautiful illustrations, rare designs and illustration of all the business done in the city. When the pageant was passed we had to get home as we could. The street cars were blocked and none at our end of the town. It was too comical; the street was full of people who could get nowhere and were sitting on curb stones and door steps waiting for something to turn up. We got home in time for dinner by being old hands and used to such scrambles.

Today there will be an historic parade that will be more interesting to many than anything that has preceded it. The first two floats will show Columbus at the court of Spain and landing in the new world. Then comes the birth of our flag; Washington and his staff; the continental infantry; crossing the Delaware; Perry on Lake Erie; these are the principal features of the parade. In the evening there will be such revelry as this world seldom sees. This will take place at Convention hall, where there will be a throning of a Queen of Beauty by the King of Revels and then he will lead off in the King's cotillion, wherein the whole court will take part.

This ball will take place after the fireworks have finished. Take the entire three days of the Jubilee and Washington will have had its carnival of Peace to the widest extent. There must be many thousands of people here from abroad. The city is full of strangers.

Next month there is to be another jubilee over the fame of Admiral Dewey. This is not generally known as yet, but comes to me because an Oregonian, who has been the poet for the Jubilee of Peace, has been asked to write an ode for the occasion, to be set to music by Santleman, the leader of celebrated Marine band. It will consist of three verses and each to have a rousing chorus. It is intended that this shall be the Dewey song of the age.

Mr. Hay, the King of the revels, intends to deliver the ode referred to at the Convention hall celebration this evening. S. A. CLARKE.

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SAVED FROM THE HANGMAN.

Death Sentence of Frank Smith Commuted by Governor Geer.

EAST OREGONIAN. SALEM, May 26.—Governor Geer has commuted the death sentence of Frank L. Smith, who was to have been hanged at Jacksonville today, to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

HOW SMITH RECEIVED THE NEWS.

ASHLAND, May 26.—The action of Governor Geer, in commuting the sentence of Frank L. Smith to life imprisonment, reached Sheriff Orme at Jacksonville, at 2 o'clock this morning. Upon receipt of the dispatch the sheriff went to the jail to inform Smith of the news. Upon being awakened and told of the governor's action Smith got up and danced around the cell, yet not in surprise, for he professed to believe all along that his sentence would be commuted.

A HISTORY OF THE CRIME.

On Sunday morning, February 13, 1898, there arrived in Ashland, Or., on the north bound freight train of the Southern Pacific company, one Peter Nelson, a swede, aged 37 years, bound for Portland, having tramped and beaten his way on the railroad from the Sacramento valley, where he had been working as a farm hand. He had in his possession a small, new trunk, containing clothes and underwear, a pair of blankets and about \$110 in money on his person. He remained in Ashland until the following night, making a few acquaintances in the vicinity of the depot, to whom he conveyed the information that he was going to Portland to seek work and would hunt up a countryman of his there, named Erickson, whom he thought would assist him in obtaining employment in the city.

He had evidently been traveling in company with other tramps before reaching Ashland, for while here he was accosted by an Italian who was bound north and whom he had seen before, but desired to have nothing to do with. Nelson left town on Monday night's freight train. Somewhere between Medford and Central Point he fell off the moving train and was badly stunned, but was able to walk to a nearby residence, where he appeared about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, February 15, and awoke the family, who found Nelson with his skull fearfully fractured and the scalp torn and bleeding. The man talked rather incoherently, and after being taken to Medford for medical treatment, died soon afterward.

There was every evidence that the swede had been assaulted and robbed by his companions and then thrown off the moving train, for dead. His valise and personal effects were cut open and the contents scattered along the railroad track and quantities of blood were found on some of the clothing which had been rolled up and placed in a sack. His pocket book had been cut open and was found empty. The car in which the assault, robbery and murder took place gave evidence of a bloody struggle.

The Italian, Joe Lualaba, alias "Blackey," was suspected and there was evidence that several had been implicated in the affair. The efforts of the officers to discover the criminals was rewarded soon by the arrest at Roseburg of Frank Lawrence Smith and another man, who was afterwards discharged. "Blackey," however, who has always been suspected as the instigator of the crime, and is thus charged by Smith, was never apprehended. There has been a suspicion that after Nelson had been beaten to death with the iron coupling-pin, which was used as a weapon, that Smith made away with "Blackey," but this theory is not generally credited.

Smith, who was 20 years of age on the 21st of this month, and who is a native of Pennsylvania, though his relatives now reside at Trenton, N. J., and, according to his own statements, are not in good repute, themselves, was tried in the circuit court of Jackson county at the April, 1898, term and was convicted of murder in the first degree. Smith was sentenced by Judge Hanna to be hung, the date being fixed for June 10. A stay of execution was secured and the case was taken to the supreme court, where the lower court's rulings were affirmed. On the first day of the April, 1899, term of court Smith was again brought before Judge Hanna who again passed sentence upon him, fixing the date for his execution for May 26.

GRASS TWO FEET HIGH.

A Unsettled County Farmer Returns From the Okanogan Country.

J. M. Elgin has returned from a trip to the Okanogan country, Washington, where he and his son are interested in a bunch of cattle. He reports that section a fine stock country and entirely free from the possibility of the best grazing lands becoming monopolized, as is the case in Grant county, by Miller & Fox. This is due, he says, to the fact that the lands for the most part are owned by bona fide settlers, all of whom have a few head of stock and seem to be well satisfied with their locations. "It is the best place in the United States for stock," said Mr. Elgin, "except, of course, the Philippines. The grass is nearly two feet high and all the stock is looking fine."

Mr. Elgin visited Concoony and Loomis, and reports both towns as enjoying a good business.—Pendleton Republican.

COME DIRECT HOME.

The Second Oregon Regiment Will Land in Portland.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Secretary Alger has received a cablegram from General Otis in response to his inquiry, announcing that a majority of the Oregon regiment of volunteers at Manila have decided to return by steamer direct to Portland. The Washington regiment decided to come first to San Francisco.

It has been determined to allow the volunteers serving in the Philippines to decide whether they shall be mustered out at San Francisco or return to their respective states as organizations, and be mustered out there. Secretary Alger is preparing a dispatch to General Otis, giving in detail the allowances for travel, pay and rations to the respective states, and this information is to be submitted by him to the regiments, in order that they can decide, with all the facts before them, whether they prefer to be mustered out at San Francisco or to go to their homes as organizations. In either event each soldier will be entitled to two months' extra pay on muster out.

The president has been anxious to meet all the troops who served in the Philippines, if this were practicable, and he has agreed to go to Minneapolis and St. Paul to greet the Minnesota volunteers. With the possibility that the president might be unable to continue his trip further west, the twin cities have undertaken to arranged for mobilization of all the volunteers as their guests. The first troops are expected to arrive in San Francisco the middle of June, and the last by August 1. The jubilee, therefore, probably will occur early in August. The president's acceptance of this invitation does not necessarily mean that he has abandoned his contemplated trip to the coast.

Magers Found Guilty.

DALLAS, Or., May 27.—The second trial of W. G. Magers for the murder of Raymond Sink last September, came to an end at 3:50 o'clock this afternoon, when the jury returned a verdict of "guilty of murder in the first degree," after one hour's deliberation, and Circuit Judge George H. Barnett named Friday, June 24, as the day when sentence would be pronounced. The verdict gave universal satisfaction in this city, especially among those of the citizens who had followed the hearing of the case throughout, and while the sympathy of the public is with the mother of the defendant, who has attended both trials, there appears to be a popular feeling that the verdict found alike by two juries, at two different trials of the case, should be followed by a sentence according to law.

FOR STEALING GOLD NUGGETS.

Found Guilty and Sentenced to Two Years in the Pen.—Defendant Tries His Own Case. Last Wednesday and Thursday the court room was crowded to the doors and seats were at a premium. The case before the court was: The State of Oregon vs. J. H. Morgan, for the larceny of gold nuggets, amounting to \$390, from the Sloan & Haskell mine of Susanville. The defendant was arraigned before the court on Tuesday and entered a plea of not guilty. When asked if he had employed counsel, he replied, "No," and refused counsel proffered by the court, saying that he would defend his own case.

The independent air assumed by the prisoner and the fact that he was to defend his own case excited considerable interest and accounted for the crowded court room during the trial. The defendant, although endowed with considerable gall, conducted his case in an excellent manner and demonstrated to the spectators that it was not his first case. Very likely he would have been acquitted, had he not gone on the stand and told his story of finding these nuggets in a tin can on the hillside, and offering no evidence to substantiate his story. The jury returned a verdict on the third vote and on Saturday morning the court sentenced him to the penitentiary for two years.—Grant County News.

A Saving to the State.

C. B. Watson, prosecuting attorney for this district, estimates that the law passed by the last legislature governing the pay of District Attorneys makes a saving to the state on the amount formerly paid that officer alone of \$20,250 and if the amount formerly paid witnesses, justices of the peace and constables be considered a saving of \$60,000 has been made. Mr. Watson was a hard worker for the bill during the last session and although his emoluments in this district and those of the attorney's in one or two other districts of the state have been slightly increased, yet this increase is no compensation to the difference now made in favor of the state, between the amount formerly paid and now paid through that channel in the more densely populated districts of Oregon.—Lakeview Register.

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