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The Celebration of July 4th in Astoria.

At very early hour yesterday morning the hill-sides surrounding this city echoed and resounded the public announcements of the citizenry, and the fires and rockets in the distance indicated that the entire population had been fully prepared for the day's exercises. It was a day of great patriotic interest and enthusiasm, leaving behind them the cares and labor of the past, with songs and festivities of all nations and nations joined to celebrate in the gem of the West, the birthday of the Republic.

At several points on these hillsides the flags were displayed in a lofty manner, and the public silences were kept as fully as possible. All were in full dress, and all seemed to be in the best of spirits. And the beautiful scenery of these hillsides, with their flowers and trees, made a beautiful background for the historic scene.

It was not long after day-light un- til gaily bedecked crafts commenced to arrive from various parts of the country, and long before the hour commenced for the commencement of the exercises for the celebration here, already preparations were being made for the formation of the various organizations.

At the appointed hour the procession moved down to the river front, resting on Main, and by directions of the Marshal of the day, preceded by the bands, took its position on the large grounds prepared for the exercises. A large number of the official and law officers of the City, the County, and the State, and the principal of our public schools and colleges, were present.

At 11 o'clock a. m., Col. James Taylor, of the United States Army, took command of the commencement to be singing in the choir.

Thirteen voices followed to the music of an organ and voice, and most handsome rendition. The chorus was rendered by Rev. Mr. Tomney, more music besides. The reading of the Declaration of Independence in a clear tone of voice by Col. T. R. Baldwin: Then the singing of the National anthem by the Col. by S. W. Vernon, our famous seaman. The reading of the closing sentences of the National anthem by the Col. Vernon: said. Our fellow citizens: thirty-seven voices led by the Col. Vernon, and this made the conclusion.

The exercises of the day were the conclusion of our American past, and the events of the morning were the conclusion of our American present. The exercises of the day were a great success.

At the end of the exercises the Col. delivered a short address, and the exercises of the day were concluded.


By order of the Mayor, the proceedings were a great success.