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SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION

The Fourth of July Was Fittingly Observed in This City Yesterday.

RAIN SPOILS THE PARADE

Patriotic Exercises in the Morning and Athletic Program in the Afternoon.

The celebration yesterday aroused much interest and both the exercises at the opera house in the morning and the athletic program in the afternoon at the A. F. C. grounds were very largely attended. Fully 150 people left Astoria yesterday to attend the celebrations in neighboring towns and on picnic to the various near-by resorts. Notwithstanding this, the town was by no means deserted yesterday, there being as many left on more picnics and the streets presenting a very lively appearance, they being lined with people throughout the day. The business houses were generally decorated and the ships in the harbor had all their flags out, and made a very gay appearance.

The celebration of the day opened at sunrise when a salute of 12 guns was fired by the naval reserve, who had camped in the armory hall all night in order to be on time in the morning. The parade formed at 10 a. m. but owing to the threatening clouds which promised rain at a moment's notice, the liberty car and the various organizations did not take part, and the parade was made up of the Astoria Military band, the naval reserve and Cushing Post, N. H. G. A. R. They marched up Commercial street, nearly to the depot, and returned down the same street in the afternoon hours, where the program took place.

J. H. D. Gray presided, and after a patriotic melody of national airs, played by the Astoria Military band, Rev. J. A. Edlund delivered the invocation. The choir sang the "Star Spangled Banner" after which Professor McCue read the Declaration of Independence. The choir then sang "Hail, Columbia," in which the assembly joined.

The oration of the day was delivered by Hon. C. H. Thomson. He said in part: We have just emerged from a glorious and yet desperate war. Its results are greater than can be estimated at the present time. Among other things, it has added to our list of heroes; the name of Dewey will be immortal and through all time will rank with Washington and Lincoln. In '76 we severed our connection with Great Britain. In the Spanish war we again came into close relationship with England and at no time during our history have we been on such friendly terms with the mother country as at present. We have lately formed new ties which reunite the Anglo-Saxon race and this relationship will doubtless last through all time.

Since '76 we have enlarged our boundaries from a narrow strip along the Atlantic coast to the large empire over which the stars and stripes wave at present, besides extending our domain beyond the Pacific. Our population has grown from two and one-half million to 75,000,000. Every civilized and semi-civilized nation is represented here, and many religions are tolerated. We treat

foreigners as joint heirs with us in the inheritance of universal suffrage and free institutions. The races that we welcome to America must be those which can be assimilated, as the foreigner who cannot be Americanized is a menace to our government. Our progress in invention has been remarkable, and in all things that make a nation great, the United States has been eminently successful.

The solution of a popular government is still being tested. There are many important questions which are still unsettled. Future generations alone can tell if the sacrifices of the fathers will avail to make the United States a nation among the nations, one that will last throughout all time.

Mr. Thomson closed with a forcible plea for good citizenship and a higher sense of honor in our political life. "The robe that says 'America' in which the audience joined, after which Rev. J. A. Edlund pronounced the benediction.

The states of the Union were represented by young ladies seated on the platform and presented a very pleasing appearance. This feature of the exercises was under the direction of Mrs. McKenzie and Miss Morrison.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

At the A. F. C. grounds the program opened at 2 p. m. The first event was a foot race by boys under 14. John Carney came out winner, with Wilson Stein, second.

2—Foot race for girls—Emma Knutson, first; Lulu Graham, second; and Bertie Lacey, third.

3—Boy's mile bicycle race—John Carney first, Willie Woods second and Lloyd Holt third.

4—Foot race for boys under 12 years—Harvey Allen first, Jim Kearney second and Richard Daly third.

5—Men's mile bicycle race—Dave McCroskey first, Jim 322, Oliver Tamm, second and John McFarlan, third.

6—Boy's bicycle race, three-fifths of a mile—John Carney first, Willie Woods second.

7—Baseball game—Astoria vs. Fort Stevens. This was a well played game and much interest was shown by the spectators, rooting being pretty freely indulged in for both sides, and good plays being generally applauded. After nine innings the score stood 10 to 9 in favor of Fort Stevens. Nace Grant officiated as umpire and rendered very fair decisions.

8—Men's foot race, 100 yards—W. C. Curtis won, Dan Allen second, Tim 10 25 seconds.

9—Running broad jump—Dan Allen won, five feet, Will Curtis, second.

10—Boy's three-legged race. Lloyd Holt and Wilson Stein first, Elv Carney and Spuro Wenzel, second, Louise and Emil Johnson, third.

11—Men's quarter mile foot race—W. C. Curtis, first; W. L. Allen, second; George McFride, third.

12—One and one-half mile foot race—Francis Croner first, Charles Schreiner, second.

A football game was started, but as it was getting late, after paying a short time, the boys decided to finish some other time.

The program throughout was a very creditable one and was much enjoyed by the large crowd of people present. The A. F. C. boys deserve much praise for the successful carrying out of the program. This was the first opportunity given many Astorians to see for themselves the new A. F. C. grounds, and only praise for their site and improvement was heard on every side.

In the evening a ball was given at Ford & Stokes hall by the A. F. C., which was a fitting finale to a very successful and well celebrated Fourth.



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