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DALLAS' GREAT-EST CELEBRATION

Ten Thousand People Are Guests of City on Nation's Birthday -- An Elaborate Program.

On a scale of grandeur hitherto unattempted, Dallas celebrated the Glorious Fourth on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Never before had such a celebration of the Nation's birthday been considered possible in a town of Dallas' size, and never had such a crowd of people been seen within her confines as were assembled on Thursday afternoon. The members of the various committees had performed their work well, and as a result, the big celebration moved like clockwork, without a hitch or accident to mar the two great days of merriment and festivity. Wednesday's attendance was estimated at 5,000, and that of Thursday is variously placed at from 8,000 to 15,000. The Observer believes that the actual figure would not fall short of the 10,000 mark. It was a great big good-natured crowd, all bent on enjoying the day to the fullest extent, without a thought of disorder or misbehavior, and Dallas is proud of having had the honor to entertain such welcome guests.

PIONEER REUNION.

In spite of a heavy rain Tuesday, and doleful threats of more to follow on Wednesday, the sky cleared after ten o'clock on the latter day and the pioneers of Polk county were enabled to carry to a consummation the exercises of their eighteenth annual reunion, unhampered by weather troubles. Owing to the muddy condition of the streets, the morning exercises were held in the courthouse.

The program was opened by excellent musical numbers, a selection by the Normal Cadet Band, and the singing of "Beautiful Willamette" by a sextette. The invocation by the Rev. C. H. Davis was followed by a quartette, "Old Kentucky Home," which was highly appreciated.

J. H. Hawley, the president of the Pioneer Association, then introduced the speaker of the day, the Hon. Tillman Ford, of Salem. Mr. Ford felicitated the pioneers on their opportunity of meeting together once more, and expressed hopes that such reunions might continue each year far into the future. Proceeding then in an historic vein, he touched upon the influence exercised by F. X. Mathieu, of 1837, a pioneer still living, and by Whitman, Meek, and others, in maintaining Oregon for an American territory.

He gave a graphic description of the hardships endured and labors performed by the early pioneers in crossing the plains and declared they came not from selfish reasons, as some have imputed, but were driven by the earnest and patriotic purpose of upholding and perpetuating the government whose power protected them. His closing appeal was to the men and women of the younger generation to make smooth the path of these old heroes in their few remaining years among us.

At the close of Mr. Ford's address, Miss Helene Dalrymple, of Salem, read "The Pioneer Story" in a most pleasing manner.

Then came the most enjoyable feature of the day—the banquet given the honored guests by the people of Dallas in the old skating rink on Oak street, where two long tables laden with choicest food and beautifully decorated with flowers met the eyes of the visitors as they entered the hall. The old men and women who were too feeble to walk were whirled around the block from the courthouse to the banquet room in Bert Dennis' big automobile, the use of which had been generously donated by the owner. All of them greatly enjoyed the ride, but while they agreed that the new mode of traveling was swifter and more up-to-date than the old ox-team style, they were not certain that it was so "safe and sure."

Covers had been laid for one hundred guests in the banquet hall, and every seat was occupied. And what a delightful bill of fare! Spring chickens, cold boiled ham, salads, pickles, olives, coffee, cake, and the choicest fruits of old Polk county's orchards were there in abundance to please and satisfy the appetites grown keen by a morning of strenuous exercise. The women in charge of the banquet were Mrs. E. J. Metzger, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Mrs. G. L. Hawkins, Mrs. C. E. Shaw, Mrs. F. H. Morrison, Mrs. Walter Williams, Mrs. Eugene Hayter and Miss Bertha Collins. The young ladies waiting on the tables were Misses Alice Grant, Pearl Burk, Clara Guy, Francis Byers, Vera Burns and Georgia Martin.

After-dinner speeches were delivered in happy vein by President J. H. Hawley, Judge N. L. Butler, Dr.

T. V. B. Embree and William Grant. A pleasant hour was then spent in renewing old acquaintance and in telling again the tales of early pioneer life in Oregon.

The annual business meeting followed the banquet. All of the officers were re-elected, as follows: J. H. Hawley, president; Dr. T. V. B. Embree, vice-president; J. D. Smith, secretary and treasurer; J. J. Williams, T. J. Hayter and G. W. McBee, executive committee. The registration of members was nearly twice as large as that of last year.

The rocking chair prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clark of Bicknell, and T. O. Waller of Monmouth.

The remainder of the afternoon was occupied by the baseball game between the Chemawa Indians and the P. A. Finesth team, of Dallas. The game was closely contested throughout and was won by Dallas in the last half of the ninth inning, the final score standing 6 to 5 in favor of the local team.

The program of Pioneer Day was concluded with a concert on the courthouse lawn by the Monmouth Normal School Cadet band. The concert consisted of popular and classical selections and it was an artistic performance. The Normal band, under the splendid leadership of R. Burns Powell, is one of the best musical organizations in Oregon. Unlike many bands, it was generous in furnishing music at all times, and there was not an hour in the day when its delightful strains were not adding to the enjoyment of the visitors. These young men love music for music's sake, and apparently enjoy playing as well as the people enjoy hearing them. The citizens of Polk county have good cause to be proud of the Monmouth band and its brilliant young leader.

The pioneers all agree in pronouncing this year's reunion the most successful and pleasant they have ever held, and as they are the judges of the entertainment offered them, their decision must be accepted as correct. Certain it is that the people of Dallas count it a proud privilege to be permitted to entertain these grand old men and women one day in each year, and it is our hope that they may all live to honor us with their presence on many more annual Pioneer Days.

THE CELEBRATION.

The morning of the Fourth dawned cool and clear, and gladdened all hearts with the assurance of an ideal summer day. Early in the day the streets were thronged with the happy farmer folk, and soon the excursion trains began rolling in from Falls City, McMinnville, Independence and Airline to add their contributions to the crowd, already the largest ever seen in Polk county on a public holiday. The largest number of visitors came on the Falls City train. Judging from the appearance of the train as it rolled into the yards, there could not have been more than a dozen able-bodied men and women left in the thriving lumber towns of Falls City and Black Rock. The McMinnville train was well filled and the Independence and Airline specials were loaded to their capacity.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the morning parade swung down Main street, whose sidewalks were banked with a solid mass of applauding humanity. In the first carriage were the President of the Day, J. B. V. Butler, of Monmouth; orator, Judge H. L. Benson, of Klamath Falls, and reader, Miss Rowena Berry, of Independence. Next came the Monmouth Cadet band and immediately after it the Liberty Car. This car was a triumph of art and originality and the crowning feature of the parade. Instead of the proverbial bank of steps and little girls representing each state of the Union, the people beheld an elegant creation of red, white and blue, with thirteen crypts around its sides bearing the names of the thirteen original states, and beautiful little girls standing in each of the recesses to represent those states. Above, with Uncle Sam driving, and supported by four pages in scarlet livery, stood the Goddess of Liberty and the Goddess of Justice. Miss Nola Coad, who personated Liberty, is of the pure blonde type of beauty, while Miss Maude Robertson, who took the character of Justice, is a striking brunette. This effective grouping of the two opposite types of beauty—the one clothed in white and the other in sable—added the touch that completed the picture and made the Liberty Car one of the most artistic floats ever seen in a Fourth of July parade.

Visitors from Portland and traveling men from the large Eastern cities enthusiastically declared that they had never seen its superior for beauty and originality of design. The committee that prepared this float deserves all the good things that have been said of them, and more.

Next came the automobiles, six in number and handsomely decorated. The machines were driven by their respective owners, as follows: W. R. Howe, D. P. Stouffer, F. J. Chapman, R. E. Williams, Bert Dennis, of Dallas, and Dr. O. D. Butler, of Independence. The automobiles added much to the attractiveness of the parade.

Following the Dallas band, came the long line of floats representing various fraternal societies and enterprising business firms of Dallas. All were cleverly planned and beautifully constructed. The Observer only regrets that it has not sufficient space to give each the mention that it deserved.

The Uglow Clothing House was advertised by a handsomely decorated carriage containing four young men dressed in white outing suits. Ray & Stoner had a neat wagon loaded with baled hay, flour and feed. Campbell & Hollister's float was a beautiful white canopy under which was a gigantic shoe, and a pretty display of drygoods.

Holman's dairy float was a miniature milk wagon, prettily decorated, and drawn by an Angora goat. The float was the handiwork of Mr. Holman's little boys, and was a highly amusing feature of the parade.

The Women of Woodcraft's float, winner of the first prize, was a strikingly beautiful creation in red, green and white. The Willamette Valley Lumber Company—a huge timber on a logging truck drawn by four powerful draft horses.

Almira Rebekah Lodge, No. 26—winner of second prize; an elaborately decorated float representing "Rebekah at the Well."

Stowe's Transfer Company—a small boy driving a goat hitched to a miniature express wagon.

Simonton & Scott—a pretty float representing a modern grocery store. Adams' Furniture Store—one of the most elaborate floats in the parade, representing the "anti-trust" idea in a novel and amusing way.

Cornelius Hughes—this float represented the oldest business house in Dallas; Mr. Hughes seen mending a shoe, an occupation which he has followed here continuously for nearly 50 years.

Women's Christian Temperance Union—a dainty float in pure white; little girls singing and throwing pretty bouquets among the crowd; winner of third prize.

Dallas Flouring Mill—prettily decorated buggy covered with colored labels of various products of the mill.

The Bee Hive Store—one of the largest and most carefully designed floats in the parade, representing busy store with clerks waiting on customers. Kleppin's band, in natty Mexican costume, brought up the rear of the long procession.

The judges of the floats were Mrs. J. S. Cooper, of Independence; Miss Alice Butler, of Monmouth, and Mr. O. O. Hodson, of McMinnville.

For half an hour the gorgeous parade moved through the principal streets, amid the deafening applause of the appreciative spectators, and then proceeded to the City Park, where the morning exercises were held.

After music by the Normal band, the entire audience arose and sang "America." Dr. C. A. Moeck, President of Dallas College, offered a fervent prayer. Miss Hallie Morrison sang a beautiful solo. She was accompanied by a band of well-trained little girls, who executed a flag drill in a highly commendable manner. Miss Rowena Berry, of Independence, read the Declaration of Independence. Her voice was pleasing, yet of marvelous carrying power, and every word of the immortal document could be heard far out in the vast audience. Another choice musical selection was the chorus, "For Our Country's Sake," sung by Mrs. E. J. Metzger, Misses Hallie Morrison, Georgia Martin, Rebecca Gates, Messrs. Willis Simonton, R. E. Williams, F. S. Ramsey and Frank Snyder.

Judge H. L. Benson, orator of the day, was introduced by President Butler in a few highly appropriate remarks. For twenty minutes, it was the privilege of the audience to listen to a speech of literary and rhetorical merit, combining emotional delicacy and rugged straightforwardness of style, such as is seldom heard on an occasion of this kind. As it was impossible for hundreds of people in the great audience to hear Judge Benson's oration the Observer will print it in full in the Tuesday paper.

The baby show, held in the park just before the noon hour, attracted one of the largest crowds of the day. Fully thirty buds of beauty were exhibited by doting mammas and the judges found it no easy task to select the prettiest. The prizes were awarded as follows: Prettiest baby between ages of 1 and 2 years: May Gilliam, first; Lavinia West, second. Prettiest baby between six months and one year: Charlotte Orr, first;

Horace Greenwood, second. The managers of the show were Mrs. F. H. Morrison and R. E. Williams. The names of the judges are, for certain good and wise reasons, kept in the dark.

The streets were set in an uproar by the afternoon parade of the Plug Uglies. Kleppin's band, in grotesque costume, headed a procession that bursted in a most laughable manner the parade of the morning. The "orator of the day" rode in an old decrepit automobile, steered by a highly comical "shuffer," and propelled from behind by a mule. John Embree, who has taken part in more plug-ugly parades than most men ever saw, was the Goddess of Liberty, disguised as a beautiful Indian maiden and bearing aloft a huge turkey buzzard. Sam Ray did the "Ben Hur" stunt in a chariot made of a wheeled road scraper. Happy Hooligan and the Cop and all of the rest of the bunch were in the parade. Glenn Holman delivered a humorous speech, which was cut short by the refractory capers of the mule behind the auto.

L. O. VanWegen, a larlat thrower from Buffalo, Wyoming, entertained the assembled crowd for a few minutes with some truly remarkable rope work, after which the dusky lads from Chemawa proceeded to take advantage of the awkwardness of the Forest Grove Colts and the P. A. Finesth team and win two consecutive baseball games by scores of 7 to 4 and 10 to 3, respectively.

With evening the lines of incandescent lamps flared up along Main street and two crowds assembled, the one to watch the little lads bob about in the sack race and to yell at the excitement of the relay race, and the other to listen to the concert by the Normal band.

From 9 to 10 o'clock, thousands of people sat on the College hill and watched the grand display of fireworks. Rockets hissed and pinwheels whirled, and the heavens were illuminated with showers of burning stars that brought out squeals of delight from the little tots, and numerous "ohs" and "ahs" from the older people. The display of fireworks was a pleasant surprise to all.

After the words "Good Night" had blazed themselves away, announcing the end of the beautiful illumination, the crowd rapidly melted away, as carriage after carriage bowed away with its happy occupants. The streets were soon deserted, but the mellow throbbing of music from the Coliseum told that the merriment was not yet all at an end, and that there were

still many patriotic young Americans who were ready to keep the merriment going until the striking of the great clock in the Courthouse tower should pass the Glorious Fourth, with its equally glorious celebration, into the pages of the city's history.

NOTES.
Dallas will help her good neighbors celebrate next year.

The banquet will be a regular feature of the pioneer reunions hereafter. Not a bit of doubt on that score.

The large electric sign on the roof of Chapman's furniture store won the admiration of all. It was a beauty. Does Dallas deserve the title of "The Town That Does Things?" Ask any one of the 10,000 visitors who were here July 3 and 4.

Every cent of the big celebration fund has been collected; \$1026.35 was subscribed by the business men and \$1026.35 has been turned over to Treasurer Guy. How is that for patriotism and prosperity?

The Observer has no apology to make for devoting so much space to the big two day's celebration. It was the biggest thing that ever happened in Dallas and deserves all the good words that can be said for it.

Proprietors of the various confectionery stores say that the big crowd, Thursday, fairly submerged their stores. Ice cream, peanuts and fresh fruits were entirely cleaned out; record sales of fireworks were made.

It was the biggest crowd and the best-natured crowd that ever assembled in Polk county. Not a case of drunkenness or disorderly conduct was reported, and the policemen had nothing to do but enjoy the celebration with the rest of the people. The crowd was admirably handled and no accidents occurred either day.

The electrical illuminations in the business district won thousands of words of praise for Dallas' enterprising people. "Dallas has the city idea alright," said one visitor to the writer. "It has the most metropolitan appearance of any country town I have ever visited." Hundreds of visitors voiced the same sentiment.

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