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## TWO CELEBRATIONS DRAW BIG CROWDS

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While our car was spinning along up the beautiful narrow Gales Creek valley Tuesday morning, it struck me that the very weather of Western Oregon must have imbued the patriotic spirit of our Revolutionary forefathers as transplanted in the far West by the noble pioneers who braved the Indians and the Great Plains stretching westward from the Mississippi, with the great hardships attending a pioneer's life, to make for themselves a home and to save the great Oregon country for the United States. Until late Monday afternoon the weather promised clouds and probably rain for Independence Day. Tuesday morning was simply grand. The fresh morning air seemed charged with the spirit of patriotic Americanism and it set my blood tingling. I remember other July Fourth in this part of the state, when the weather manifested the same regard for the Birthday of American freedom. As I meditated I was glad, as never before, that we are today enjoying the freedom and blessings of the civilization our forefathers fought for and the pioneers carried across the plains. But for the pioneers, we would be in the terrible European war, as Canada is sharing her part of the conflict. The early settlers of the great Oregon country are worthy of the same respect and honor that the Revolutionary patriots are given. We of the present Northwest should not forget them in doing honor to those who saved the original thirteen states from English rule.

When we arrived at Balm Grove, a beautiful place on the banks of Gales Creek, about eight miles from Forest Grove, hundreds had already arrived and more were pouring in from every direction. While the modern automobile was much in evidence, the old fashion farm wagons and buggies were also in evidence and reminded me of the Fourth we used to enjoy in the years gone by. By the time the parade started, there must have been a thousand people, including of course the "kids," on the grounds. More came in the afternoon.

The parade started about 10:30 half a mile down the road. At the entrance to the grounds the Forest Grove band joined the procession. The marshals of the day were John McNamer and Earl Bateman. They led the procession through the grounds and passed the speaker's stand. Following the marshals were those on horse-back, including boys on Shetland ponies. Next came the Liberty float, drawn by four fine horses. The driver was a typical Uncle Sam. Ora Smith represented Uncle Sam. The Goddess of Liberty was Miss Ruth Lilly, a very charming young lady. Arranged in two tiers around the throne were seats filled with pretty little girls, each waving a miniature U. S. flag. On the arch over the throne were the dates "1776-1916." The band came next. Then followed a chariot driven by a huge "bunnie." In the chariot were some boys in

fantastic costumes and a cage filled with real rabbits of every color and variety. Following the chariot were other riders, a boy with his dog team and those on foot made up to represent different things, including a man carrying a banner on one side of which was the word "wet" with the new word "dry" on the opposite side. The patriotic colors were much in display both in the parade and on the grounds. Nearly every horse and vehicle was decorated with July Fourth colors. All the stands were decorated with flags and bunting and the small boys invariably possessed the famous "fire-crackers" and most of them a small flag besides.

After the parade J. P. Hurley of Forest Grove introduced the speakers. Rev. Daniel Staver delivered the address of welcome. In his talk he struck the true note of progress when he said, "No ideal people or nation can foster national or racial hatred." He applied this by pointing out the error of allowing our prejudice to develop as it did toward the English during and following the Revolution, toward the negro during the slavery times, and even today in many cases both North and South, and now toward the German race, since the war in Europe has been waging, while we have changed from our former prejudice toward the English. He plead for the higher ideal of the brotherhood of man, the only road to permanent peace.

Mrs. R. W. Reder of Forest Grove then read the Declaration of Independence.

The girls' chorus led in the singing of "Marching Through Georgia," assisted by a male quartet. Mr. Hurley then introduced Rev. C. A. Sias of Carlton, who delivered the patriotic address. His address was marked by the new note of progress—"Americanism." He said in part: "Our Americanism is a progressive patriotism. The patriotic American citizen of today is a man or woman of parts, capable of adjusting himself or herself to the changing conditions of our progressive civilization." He said he missed the old flag that he was in the habit of seeing in a conspicuous place at the speaker's stand. Unfortunately the committee had overlooked this important feature, while the "red, white and blue" bunting was displayed all about. "We are living in a country of continual construction. Re-construction probably is a better word, for re-construction is the order of the day, the key to real progress." In closing he said: "No flag among the nations of the world is more respected by other nations than the United States flag. Ours is the most respected, the most spotless flag among the nations." During the stirring speech a small boy walked deliberately up to the speaker's side and coolly looked out upon the attentive crowd as though he desired to add a word to what was being said. After gazing in a hesitating attitude for a few moments he apparently became embarrassed and retired, leaving the speaker to finish alone.

The singing of "America" was lead by a chorus of singers and the band. Mrs. George Lee rendered in a dramatic way the amusing story of "Darius Green and His Flying Machine." This reading was a restful diversion following the more serious flow of patriotic sentiment that had marked the program thus far. This closed the morning's program.

At noon the most of the people ate their dinner on the grounds, picnic fashion. In this regard the day was typical of "the good old days." Those who did not bring a lunch crowded into the pavillion provided for the purpose and were filled with the good "eats" prepared by the country folk. The "nigger baby" stands and similar amusements did not stop for dinner, for they were doing a good business all day. The vendors of fruits, ice cream cones, cigars and fire crackers were also doing a thriving business. The amusement that led the day in its drawing ability was the stand where a man blackened as a "coon" sat in a high seat over a deep tank of water. You paid a dime for five throws at a big brass knob which was attached to a trigger that would dump the "coon" into the tank of water if you could only hit the brass knob! However, the man in black took a good many duckings during the day, some of them caused by the girls and women who took a chance at hitting the knob. In every respect the crowd was very orderly. Being the first Fourth since the state went dry, one could not help but notice it. A large number of Forest Grove people attended, the committee consisting partly of Forest Grove business men.

At 2 P. M. the foot races began. All the races were exciting and in most cases the first and second honors were close. The winners of the different races follow:

Boys under 10—First, Carl Brodersen; second, Otis Alexander.

Boys under 16—First, Dee Cuman; second Charles Kern.

Girls under 10—First, Blanche Pizer; second, Opal Raney.

Girls under 16—First, Nellie McKibbin; second, Pearl Lyda.

Free-for-all ladies—First, Mrs. Eva Allen; second, Ila Wylder.

Free-for all men—First, Laurence May; second Ernest Lyda.

At 3 P. M. the baseball game started. At the same time the dancing on the new out-of-doors floor began. Sneed's orchestra of Portland furnished the music. The Gaston baseball team played the Gales Creek aggregation. It was a hard-fought game. Several outsiders were used in the game. The score at the close of the game stood 5 to 3 in favor of Gaston. It was claimed that the umpire permitted a number of errors to pass, particularly in regard to the left-handed pitcher from Portland, who pitched for Gaston. However, the game was full of interest to the spectators. One accident marred the game. W. C. Davidson of Forest Grove, who was watching the game from behind the wire-netting of the backstop, was struck just above the left eye by a foul ball that hit the wire-netting with such force that it passed on thru, inflicting a cut that bled freely, though it was not a serious injury. With this exception the day's program went off nicely and the celebration was

pronounced by many a big success. The committee in charge were: O. C. Schofield, Otto Parsons, Chas. Maitland, D. G. Lilly, J. P. Hurley, Clifford Thompson, R. W. Reder.

### A Good Time at Hillsboro

The celebration held at the Hillsboro park, under the auspices of the Commercial club, was a very enjoyable one and it is reasonable to believe that fully 600 Forest Grove people attended, as the two railroads sold more than 400 tickets and several hundred people went by team and auto.

The celebration here opened with an automobile and industrial parade, from the business section to the park, in which some excellent floats were exhibited. After the parade, the governor delivered an address, which was heard by probably one-third of the big crowd in attendance. The other two-thirds did not know when and where the governor was to speak, as no programs had been distributed and most of the people were eating their noon-day meal when the patriotic program was pulled off. In the afternoon the Cornelius baseball team defeated the Vita club team by a score of 8 to 7. This was a very exciting game and was witnessed by more than a thousand spectators, at 25c each. Then came footraces, a tug of war and other athletic features. In the evening, there was an excellent display of fireworks, some of the set pieces being very elaborate and expensive.

During the afternoon and evening there were hundreds of couples dancing on the big pavillion floor and picnic parties ate dinner under the trees at noon, many of them having brought enough lunch to enjoy the evening meal in the same manner.

All the surrounding towns were well represented at the celebration and it is probable that not less than 3,000 outsiders visited the county seat Tuesday.

The Shearers of this city had a lunch stand and Arthur Griswold a popcorn wagon in the park and both did a rushing business all day, in competition with a dozen other stands of similar character.

The committee need not be ashamed of this celebration and the writer believes it was a money-maker.

### Frank Mathews Dead

Frank L. Mathews was born in Decatur, Michigan, Oct. 26, 1852, and died in the Hillsboro hospital July 2, 1916, aged 63 years, 8 months and 6 days. When a small boy he moved with his parents to Iowa and from there to Missouri where he grew to manhood. In 1878 he was married to Esther Ward at Greenfield, Iowa. In 1884 they moved to Custer county, Nebraska, where he engaged in farming. In 1911 he moved his family to Portland, Oregon, where he lived until 1913, when he moved his family to this city where they have since resided.

The widow and five children survive, as follows: Mrs. Nellie Workman of Banks, Ore., Mrs. G. W. Skiles of Beaverton, Ore., Will W. Mathews of Gaston, Ore., Miles N. Mathews of Mullen, Neb., and Ward Mathews.

Funeral services were held at the chapel of the Forest Grove Undertaking company at 10:30 Tuesday morning, Rev. Dunlap officiating, and the remains were interred in Forest View cemetery.

## NEW OFFICERS TAKE SEATS

Assisted by Mrs. Anna Templeton, Mrs. Alice Parsons, Mrs. Bertha Ortman, Mrs. Anna Dixon, Misses Belle Darling and Alice Crook, Mrs. Anna Pogue, district deputy president, last evening installed the following officers for Forest Rebekah lodge No. 44:

Mrs. Lulu VanDoren, past grand; Mrs. Sylvia Bernard, noble grand; Mrs. Anna D. Allen, vice grand; Mrs. Lulu Ingersol, secretary; Miss Anna Tolke, treasurer; Mrs. Barbara Sexton, warden; Miss Dee Darling, conductor; Mrs. Anna Dixon, chaplain; Mrs. Bertha Ortman, R. S. to N. G.; Mrs. Mary Graham, L. S. to N. G.; Miss Alice Crook, R. S. to V. G.; Mrs. Anna Templeton, L. S. V. G.; Mrs. Edna Ross, inside guardian; Miss Mary Wahl, outside guardian.

After the installation, H. R. Bernard was elected degree captain and Mesdames Maud Buxton, Winnifred Aldrich and Nora McNamer were appointed a finance committee.

Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served by the refreshment committee toward the close of a very pleasant evening.

### Will Install Tonight

Installing Officer Earle O. Buxton, assisted by Deputy Grand Prelate Claude Smith, will install the following officers for Delphos lodge No. 39, K. of P., tonight:

R. C. Walker, chancellor commander; C. W. Mertz, vice commander; Bill Tucker, prelate; A. A. Kirkwood, master at arms; Cecil Hughes, inner guardian; Thor Gronbeck, outer guardian; C. O. Roe, master of finance; Harry Goff, master of exchequer; C. A. Broderson, keeper of records and seals; O. N. Love, master of work.

### New Blood and New Money

Through the sale of a big block of First National Bank stock to Mr. M. R. Johnson, an experienced banker from Waupaca, Wis., and late of Harrisburg, this state, the bank secures the services of an experienced banker and a most genial gentleman. Mr. Johnson arrived a few days since and is now familiarizing himself with the affairs of the institution, so that he can perform the duties of vice president and director and permit President Hesseltine to pay a little more attention to his own health, which has been very poor for the past year. Mr. Hesseltine expects to remain in Forest Grove, when he is not riding about the country enjoying the scenery he has so far almost neglected.

Mr. Johnson will bring his family to Forest Grove as soon as arrangements for the transplanting can be made, and the Express bespeaks for these new people a hearty welcome from the people of Forest Grove.

Secretary Reder of the Washington County Fair association reports that Copeland & McCready, the local lumbermen, have offered a special cash prize of \$50 for the best exhibit of ensilage corn, with a five minute talk by a member of a Grange on ensilage. Many other special prizes will be arranged. Who is next?

A number of Dr. Kauffman's patients, with their families, took their picnic lunches to the Kauffman home and enjoyed a convalescents' celebration Tuesday. The members of the party were Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Duncan and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Sayres and children and Mrs. J. H. Straub.

Lee Covert of Roseburg is visiting Mrs. Covert and her folks today.

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