

To say that the celebration was merely a success, would be putting it in a mild form. While the people of Burns have participated in many successful celebrations, perhaps none of the past have passed off with such entire satisfaction and general good feeling, as the one of 1897.

Nothing more clearly shows the truly American spirit and principle, and is more emblematic of the characteristics of the people comprising this nation of ours, than the interest they manifest in celebrating the fourth day of July in each year, in honor to the departed heroes, whose lives were spent in laying the foundation—the grand superstructure upon which has been builded a republic that knows no equal.

Like the ancient Greeks, whose custom it was to drop all hostilities and partisan strife, and unite in one grand body, to chant the Iliad of Homer and exult in the triumph of the Hellenic race: So we, regardless of party, position, or creed, meet upon these occasions as a united people, strengthening that bond of universal brotherhood, whose very life and existence breathed into the declaration of independence those lofty principles which have guided the "ship of state" o'er many a stormy sea, landing her safely in the harbor of National confidence and security.

Notwithstanding the fact that we may, and do, differ widely as to the justice of many of the economic measures of our government; yet we meet upon the— to us— broad and universal plane of Americanism.

No higher tribute can be paid to any man than to say, he is a good citizen.

Absorbed in the gaiety and splendor of the hour, we are only too glad to give ourselves up to a day of pleasure, and amid the "gay and festive throng," surrounded by an endless variety of decorations, we may, for the time being, forget those historical facts on account of which we celebrate the day. But if there be an attempt to insult the Stars and Stripes, how quickly we then form into line, ready to avenge the wrong.

Breathing the very atmosphere of freedom ourselves, our sympathy and assistance go out to those who are struggling to throw off the hand of oppression, that they may establish a government, where laws shall be founded in the interests of the people.

Senator Daniel closed a ringing speech at a meeting of Cuban sympathizers in Washington with these manly and patriotic words: "God forbids it, humanity forbids it, and O, President of the United States, I pray God that you may forbid it in the name of your countrymen, and you will find no name absent from the roll call of your countrymen if you marshal them in this cause. God forbid that we should be led to war, but the cause is just, and if it leads to war, I say let it come, and the Anglo-Saxon people will meet the shock with joy."

The fake patent attorneys and manipulators of so-called patent sale agencies are trembling in their boots, for Ben Butterworth, Commissioner of Patents, is after them with broom and pitchfork. He has just disbarred eight of them, the smaller fry, and has cited John Wedderburn & Co., to show cause why they should not be disbarred, charging them with various fraudulent practices. The printed official charges against this firm make a pamphlet of fourteen pages.

Boss Tom Platt hasn't made any brags, but we notice that he selected the New York federal officials.

Good Queen Vic. seems to have overlooked Mr. Astor when she was scattering jubilee tides around. If he continues to "give up" freely, Wales will probably square things by giving him a title one of these days.

What a shame it is that the numerous self-instituted local forecast officials of equine celerity, never give the poor fellow who is looking for a "straight tip" the benefit of their "dead sure" prognostications until 30 seconds after the last horse passes under the wire.

No doubt the small boy, whose highest ambition—after procuring a five-cent gun—is to keep the same well supplied with ammunition, realizes the terrible effect the money powers have upon the financial conditions of his country, when he views, with sorrow, the depleted state of his own cash account.

If the trusts have overlooked any of their tariff wants they should hurry up and make them known before the bill is finally disposed of.

"Bluffer Billy" is what they call Senator Mason in Washington since he turned that somersault on the question of opposing the confirmation of certain Illinois federal officials by the senate.

"Firealarm" Foraker isn't doing any talking, but that doesn't indicate that he is pleased at having been tricked by Hanna and McKinley, as those gentlemen will learn in due time.

Senator Calhoun hasn't the knack of amusing people by his conversational powers, but when it comes to landing fat offices for henchman he is thoroughly at home.

Congressman Sulloway, of N. H., thinks it was playing the hog for Senator Platt and Gov. Black, of N. Y., to reach over into his district and grab a little fourth-class postoffice for the sister of Gov. Black, and the husband of the woman being a good democrat is not calculated to lessen the Congressman's chagrin.

It is surprising that an unusually well-informed editor should speak of the Ohio republican platform as being "inspired" by Hanna, when everybody else knows it to have been entirely Hanna-made.

Prosperity! Yes, indeed, the trusts of the country are going to enjoy unexampled prosperity under the republican tariff bill, but the people—oh, what have they got to do with it? They didn't employ a lobby at Washington, and will have to content themselves with adding to the prosperity of the trusts.

Ex-President Harrison's argument in favor of a non-partisan judiciary would have carried more weight had he been able to point out a single instance in which he failed to put a partisan on the federal bench when he had the opportunity.

Mr. Eugene Debs might make a good thing by taking that army of his to Cuba, if he ever gets it organized.

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ley Cuban policy, or even informed what its exact nature is to be.

The Albany Democrat says that both members of a firm in that city are among those attending the National Guard encampment; but there is a case in company C, of Eugene, that beats this. Both members of Currie and Huston went from Eugene, and more than that both are lieutenants. Mr. Huston being first lieutenant of this company and Mr. Currie second lieutenant. To extend this case it may be added that Charles Currie and Earl Mount, who have clerked for the firm, are also members, and are likewise attending the encampment, the former first sergeant, and the latter as private. They are a quartette of as well drilled and enthusiastic soldier boys as can be found.

The Races.

The present race meet has passed off, so far, with the best of satisfaction, which speaks well for the fairness and the desire to please, on the part of the Burns Jockey Club.

Whatever may have been the facts heretofore we are not prepared to say, but certain it is, that the racing this year has been on the "square," the best horses winning the money, and no grumbling by the owners of horses beaten.

When we stop to think of the general opinion on the outside regarding places so far distant from the railroad, then compare this opinion with the courteous and gentlemanly actions shown by the sporting men who attended here during the last week, we cannot help mentioning our belief that the meet of this year could be nothing but a credit to any section of country.

The following races have been run up to time of going to press:

July 2—1/4 mile dash, free for all; purse \$150, the following horses were entered: Dutch, by Tom Williams; Richardson stable, Dick Whooten and Bill Nye, Richardson and Caldwell; Big Ben, J. H. Byerley; Gregan Chief, Joe Louman; Butch, C. Cummins. Dutch first, Dick Whooten second.

July 3—1/2 mile dash, free for all; purse \$150. Gray Dick, Tom Williams; Dick Whooten, Stephens & Richardson; Bill Nye, Lee Caldwell; Big Ben, Wm Bullington. Gray Dick first, Whooten second.

July 6—600 yard dash for Harney county saddle horses that never run for public money; purse, \$100. Lanky Bob, Stephens & Richardson; Fox, W. E. Boren; Later On, McClain & Williams; Plow Boy, Wm. Robertson. Later On first, Fox second.

July 7—1/4 mile dash, free for all, purse \$200, failed to fill and was changed to 1/2 mile dash, Dutch being barred. Gray Dick, Tom Williams; Dick Whooten, Stephens & Richardson; Butch, Wm. Bullington. Gray Dick first, Whooten second.

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