

"THE SPIRIT OF '76" STILL ALIVE

Condon Gives Vent to Its Patriotism.

SPLENDID CELEBRATION

Condon Grays Win Base Ball Tournament—Four Big Days.

Condon, the "Wheat City," commemorated in brilliant and patriotic fashion, the nation's natal day. Cool, refreshing breezes swept over the city, setting hundreds of flags and tri-colored ribbons dancing in a riot of flashing color. The largest crowds that ever gathered here on a similar occasion were in Condon to make the closing day of the celebration a record-breaker. For weeks Condon had awaited the close of the crowds but on the Fourth her hopes were realized. It was the first "dry" Fourth in the town's history but it was a safe and sane celebration, orderly but joyous.

Towns and hamlets in the surrounding country may aspire to hold celebrations at Condon is the Mecca of celebrants who wish to enjoy themselves to their hearts' content. The hotels and boarding houses were rushed and crowded yet at a single command was led from the visitors relative to the inadequacy of the facilities and accommodations recorded them while in the city. The water wagon might have been more conspicuously in evidence. That the city must devise a system of street sprinkling was demonstrated during the celebration.

Parade Attracts Attention

The Fourth was ushered in by noisy guns at sunrise. At 10 o'clock the parade formed near the Congregational church. The line of march passed north of the church for three blocks, turned eastward on Walnut street one block, then it continued south to Spring and up Main street as far as the Oregon hotel and then eastward to the skating rink.

The procession was headed by Frank Moore, marshal of the day mounted on a black horse gaily caparisoned for the occasion. His aides were E. Wheeler and Jim Pointdexter. The Arlington brass band playing stirring patriotic airs, was followed by the carriage in which rode Mayor Farnsworth, Hon. C. N. McArthur, Chairman H. W. Pauling and Mrs. Pauling. The big traction engine drawing three prettily decorated floats came next. On the Liberty car, Miss Nan Fitzmaurice sat enthroned as goddess and grouped about her were her attendants, Miss Larson and Miss Palmer. The trio made a pretty picture and Miss Fitzmaurice impersonated the goddess of liberty most effectively. Following came the car of states filled with boys and girls waving American flags. Some were dressed in red, some in white and others in blue and all represented the 46 states and territories. Little girls on horseback, appropriately attired typified the thirteen original states. Other attractions elicited comments and cheers from by-

standers. Edgar Dunlap made a capital clown and rode the well known bob-tailed "Bobbie." Slowly but feeling his oats, Elton Clark's peaceful donkey came plodding along pulling a miniature dray decorated with red white and blue bunting—the contribution of S. B. Barker Co. The Home Bakery was in the procession with its delivery wagon and team well decorated. In the rear of the wagon sat a boy throwing out peanuts and candies to the little tots looking on. The Farr Bros. float was typical of the butcher business. The driver sat making eyes to the girls and proudly puffed away on a Frankfort sausage. At the rear of the wagon a jovial, white-aproned meat cutter was distributing wiener wurts and bologna to the boys who crowded about the vehicle. The Condon Livery barn had one of its best turn-outs in the parade and the surrey was prettily draped with the national colors. The little pageant would have been incomplete without a gasoline buggy. Cook Bros.' big car filled the bill admirably. William had tied tri-colored ribbons and bunting on various parts of the machine and filled it with a jolly bunch of people. A number of citizens in carriages ended the parade.

Literary Exercises.

Cool and spacious, the skating rink was an ideal place for the holding of the exercises. The hall was comfortably filled and a number of people had to stand up but all appeared to enjoy the program rendered. The opening number was a patriotic selection sung by a children's chorus waving flags. Rev. F. T. Murphy, gave the invocation which was followed by a selection given by the Arlington band. A mixed chorus then sang "Flag of the free, fairest to see," Miss Lillian Ranney being the accompanist. Mayor Farnsworth introduced the speaker, Hon. C. N. McArthur, of Portland, who delivered the oration. It abounded in historical allusions from the dawn of history to the scaling of San Juan Hill by "Teddy" Roosevelt and his regiment. There was little new in the oration but it was delivered in good voice.

The Ball Tournament.

Probably the most thrilling baseball tournament ever pulled off in the Wheat City was won by the Condon Grays after three sensational struggles on the diamond. In such victory there is joy; in such a defeat no disgrace. The Grays are elated over the victory but the Clems are good losers. Without Clem's co-operation the drawing-card of the celebration could not have been played. The second game of the series broke all previous records for attendance but the three games were worth seeing. Somehow it does some of us good to have our athletic emotions stirred a little. To wave our arms, to yell our heads off and shout through a megaphone brings anew some notion of the joy of living and acts as a most effective homeopathic dose. The Globe regrets to be compelled for lack of space to give a rather brief summary of the games.

July 3—Condon 1; Clem 4.
July 4—Condon 5; Clem 1.
July 5—Condon 3; Clem 0.

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Lone Rock True to Traditions of the Fathers

BARBECUE IS A SUCCESS

People Celebrate Eventful Day with Songs, Oratory and Sports.

With oratory and songs and sports the people of Lone Rock celebrated Independence Day in old-time style and the event was one of the most enjoyable gatherings ever held in that thriving village. The barbecue was probably the feature of the celebration but the musical and literary exercises proved thoroughly interesting to the scores of celebrants who had made the pilgrimage to Lone Rock. Besides the songs and recitations by the children, the arbor in which the exercises were held was made to echo with speeches bristling with good sound sense. The speakers were J. B. Goff, A. B. Stanley and Rev. Charles Cason. The immortal document penned by Thomas Jefferson was read by Charles Lilly. Mrs. A. B. Stanley also appeared on the program.

At the noon hour every one partook of the juicy ox that had been prepared in true barbecue style. The athletics were under the supervision of George Perry and the various races added excitement to the day's pleasure. The horse racing was the signal for enthusiasm and Henry Ochse's horse won from three other horses. Lone Rock did itself proud in the observance of the day.

Destroyed by Fire.

The house and barn belonging to J. P. Cotton, in the east part of town was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. It is thought that the boys who were playing in the barn may accidentally have dropped a match where the straw became ignited. The fire department was out as promptly as possible but the barn was soon enveloped in the flames but on account of the lack of hose the house could not be protected in time to save it. The house was occupied by George Wick and family. Some of the household goods were saved.

Big Land Deals.

There is no slump in real estate here and values in wheat ranches are, by no means, deteriorating. This was demonstrated when E. Curran was in Portland this week, at which time he and J. O. Elrod closed two big land deals that have been hanging fire for some time.

R. McMurphy, of Eugene, purchased the Skelly place, a mile north of town, for which he paid \$23,800. This ranch is well cultivated by Wm. Ebbert who has it rented and is all in crop, one third of which goes to the buyer. The other ranch that changed hands is the Wester place near Clem and was bought by S. C. Dodson, the well-known local merchant. The consideration was \$26,400. Those who know declare that Mr. Dodson has one of the finest ranches in the county.

Mr. Curran who is Mr. Elrod's agent here, has been working on these deals since last Spring and is much elated that they have been brought to a close and successfully consummated.

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