

CELEBRATING THE FOURTH.

Large Crowd Remained Here Two Days.

The Fourth of July celebration in Sumpter was a decided success. An unexpectedly large crowd was present, coming from all the surrounding camps and from towns at a distance. A heavy rain in the afternoon stopped the base ball game and prevented the horse races and athletic sports from being pulled off, but the visitors were evidently enjoying themselves and a large majority remained over Thursday to see the program finished. This being the case, the people of Sumpter regarded the rain rather favorably.

The procession was a creditable one, considering the fact that it was in no wise considered one of the prominent features of the day. The liberty car and Rough Riders were the principal attractions—the former for the men folks and the latter for the ladies.

The literary exercises were brief and no violent objection was raised to this. The only change from the advertised program was that J. H. Cradlebaugh failed to show up and Attorney McColloch made the speech, and he made a good one. Attorney Richards acted as chairman and kept the good thing moving along.

In the afternoon the base ball game with the Lawton team and the rock drilling contest started off together. The boys were playing good ball and the routers were getting warmed up to the regulation point, when the rain started and the game was called off and a draw, the two clubs dividing the purse.

The rock drilling contest was unquestionably the event that held the greatest interest. The rain did not interfere with it; the contest held the crowd together in the grand stand, which became drenched and many pretty pieces of millinery were ruined. There were four teams entered; Thomas Bessler and Dan Dunn, from the Grand Trunk; Peter Joyce and Frank Flannery, from the Greenside; Jack Orwell and Earnest Gremble from the Bonanza; H. E. Edwards and W. J. J. C. Smith from the Bald Mountain.

Messrs. Pardee, Cupid and Moffitt acted as judges and Messrs. Ewing and Henry as timekeepers. The Grand Trunk team won easily, boring 30 1/2 inches, about eight inches deeper than the winners of the second prize, the Bonanza team. There was little ceremony in awarding the handsome diamond medals which arrived only that day. Mrs. Brock, chairman of the committee representing the ladies of Sumpter who presented the trophies, merely pinned the medals on the proud, perspiring winners, shook their hands and made a few pleasant remarks—and the rain continued uninterruptedly.

These medals are of beautiful design and each is set with a fine large diamond. The recipients declared then and there that they valued them more highly than they did the \$250 purse. They have been sent back to Chicago to be engraved. Paul Poindexter, chairman of the committee in charge of this contest, received many compliments on the way this principal event was conducted. He was pulled out of bed at 5 o'clock the next morning to receive a "large cold bot."

Thursday forenoon, the wrestling match between Orwell, of Bonanza, and Williams, of San Francisco, which was billed for the previous evening, took place. A high board fence had been built in front of the grand stand, which made it necessary to produce for a ticket or not see the match. Orwell won the laurels lost to Williams a few weeks before, the match and the money. They are both game sports and won the admiration of the

crowd. The first fall was won by Williams in seventeen minutes; the next three by Orwell, the first in a little over one minute and the other in two in from six to eight minutes.

This event was followed by the greased pig and pole performance and other similar sports.

RACING ASSOCIATION.

One Organized in Sumpter Yesterday That Will be a Success.

What will hereafter be known as the Sumpter Racing association was formed yesterday by some of the prominent sporting spirits of the town.

The following officers and directors were elected to serve the new association for a term of one year: Al Jones, president; Geo. B. Tedrowe, vice-president; Seymour Bell, secretary; Wm. Stinson, treasurer; Al Hillier, A. W. Ellis and Paul E. Poindexter, directors.

At the first meeting Messrs. Poindexter and Tedrowe were appointed to ascertain the best location for and cost of establishing a good half-mile track somewhere west of the river, for which a fund of \$1500, will be raised at once by the new association.

This is a new departure in the way of an enterprise for Sumpter, but is one of the features in the life of any live town that will tend to serve as a pastime and drawing card from the outside places, of which there are several near Sumpter, owning good horses; all of whom of course, would be patrons of programs arranged from time to time. Such enterprises would and will be, supported by the best of Sumpter business men, who are sensible enough to recognize the advantage of having an occasional "meet" here.

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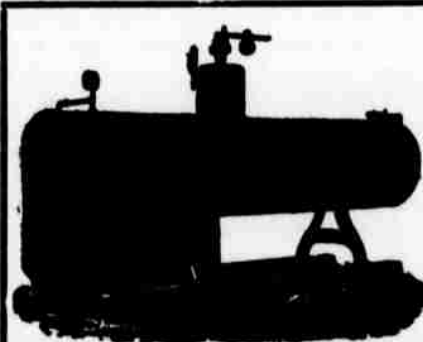
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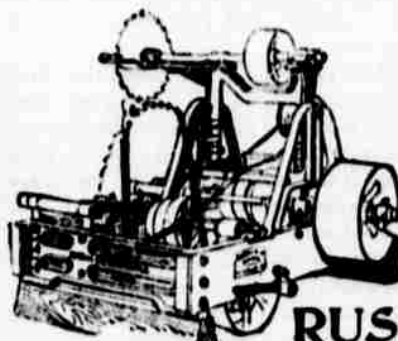
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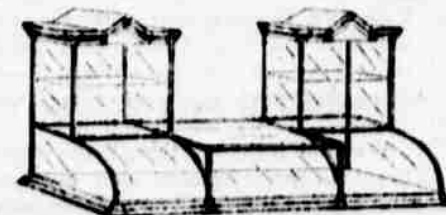
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