

GREAT DAY A COMING.

Committee Meets And Organizes.

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Sumpter will have a Fourth of July unexampled in the the history of the city. Indications point to this. More money will be expended, more prizes offered, and greater preparations for a big day are under way than ever before.

The matter is in the hands of competent committees. A citizens' meeting convened Monday night at the Ellis Opera house, with Mayor C. H. McColloch as chairman, and appointed the following executive committee:

R. L. Neill, chairman; Charles Liebenstein, W. C. Calder, Cato J. Johns, Walter Cronin, Thomas Dunphy and Andrew Stinson.

The above committee met at the Club Tuesday afternoon and appointed chaimen of the various sub-committees as follows:

Finance committee, R. L. Neill; drilling committee, A. J. Stinson; amusement committee, Charles Liebenstein; advertising and printing committee, Thomas H. Dunphy; decoration and parade committee, W. C. Calder; hotel and transportation committee, Cato J. Johns.

The charimen of the above committees were appointed to take the initiative in the several departments and appoint their subordinate committeemen.

Mayor Charles H. McColloch is to be marshal of the day. The management is assured that \$1,500 will be raised and distributed in prizes.

Everything points to a glorious Fourth. Committees are working in harmony. The cash will be raised. Details have not yet been completed, but the committees are at work and things are moving.

There will be drilling contests, potato races, tugs of war, cracker contests, kid races, girl races, pie eating contests, one legged races, fat individual races, and in fact everything that goes to make a jam up Fourth of July. The best looking lady in the crowd draws a prize, the

homeliest man likewise. The prettiest kid of a given age, male or female, may make the ten strike of its life, who knows? But anyway, everything is arrapped to have a big day. The committees have settled down to business, the cash is being subscribed, and nothing is lacking. The details as to where the several events will be pulled off, and certain other matters of minor importance have not been settled, but will be announced later. Everything points to a great day. The surrounding towns are coming and will participate in the gala occasion.

VALLEY QUEEN.

Ledge, It Is Thought, Will Be Reached Within Ten Or Fifteen Feet.

Tom Gray, superintendent of the Valley Queen, came in this week from the property and reports that the formation in which he is now driving is growing softer with every indication that the main Valley Queen ledge will be reached withi the next ten or fifteen feet. The crosscut now being driven is to form the main working level of the mine, and will tap the vein at a depth of about 200 feet. The crosscut is now in a distance of over 260 feet. In driving this distance a number of stringers were cut which will be explored after the main ledge is reached. These stringers have shown high values, and have averaged several feet in width. The largest one was five feet.

Mr. Gray says that the snow is now practically gone, and that he is preparing to increase his working force and prosecute development with renewed vigor.

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