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PEOPLE MADE USE OF NATION'S BIRTH- DAY IN CELEBRATING

About 500 Gather at Richardson Gap and Enjoy Patriotic Occasion

ACCIDENTS ARE FEW

Boy Hurt at Crawfordsville—Jefferson, Stayton, Brownsville, Albany Celebrate

Where did all the people come from, and where did so many go? That is a question too deep for the editor to attempt to answer, but they came and they went, and each in their own way enjoyed the 148th anniversary of the nation's birthday as best fitted their desires. Some went to Newport, some to Salem while others went to Stayton, Jefferson, Crawfordsville, Brownsville and Albany.

The Forks of the Santiam Community Club at its June meeting decided on holding a picnic at Richardson Gap, not knowing that the several nearby communities were incubating the same idea, and would celebrate the 4th in their own communities. This great number of local festivities made the attendance smaller at each than the occasion merited, while in this community two celebrations divided the home crowd—the one at Richardson Gap and the other west of town at the T. B. Prosser grove. The attendance at the Gap was about 500 and about the same number west of the city.

The Community Club had its hands tied when speakers were solicited—every speaker of any consequence had been engaged, or were sick, or for business reasons, hence the club fell upon L. H. McMahan of Salem for an address, like a drowning man grabbing at a straw, and he failed to appear, but with all these obstacles a most pleasant day was enjoyed by all present.

Music throughout the day was furnished by the Mill City band, and for a new organization it plays wonderfully well. Quite a number accompanied the band from its home town.

A short business session was held at 11 o'clock, when the question of allowing candidates to come before our meetings was discussed. It was finally decided to allow them to appear and discuss measures and policies, but not partisan politics or their own personal reasons of why "he" is just the man to bring order out of chaos—the club wants the

John W. Davis Dem. Nominee

The deadlock in the democratic national convention was broken by McAdoo Tuesday night when he released his delegates, and yesterday, on the 103d ballot, John W. Davis of West Virginia was unanimously nominated. He is a good man and now has an awful stench to remove from the democratic party.

people to judge the man by how he handles the questions of the day.

It was explained that the club had contracted something like \$20 to \$25 in advertising and telephone calls, and as dues had been eliminated, a collection would be taken up to defray these expenses. The sum of \$10.83 was thus raised.

The next meeting of the club will be held at Crabtree on Monday night Aug. 4, at which time it is thought Hon. Milton A. Miller will be one of the speakers.

A big dance was given in the evening at the hall, and a good time was enjoyed by all.

THE SPORTS

Boys' race, under 12, won by Ernest Maine.

Girls' race, under 12, won by Mary Shindler.

Boys' race, under 10, winner's name not learned.

Men's race, won by Con Westenhoe.

Fat men's race, won by Sid P. Stringer.

Lemon race, won by Alma Philippi.

Three-legged race, won by Owen Garland and Joe Zavodsky.

Egg race, won by Helen Miller.

Weinnie eating contest, won by Ernest Maine.

We have been unable learn all the names of those who took part in the tug-of-war and horseshoe pitching, so are omitting all names. The contests were exciting and greatly enjoyed by everybody.

In the evening the Z. C. B. J. gave a dance in their hall in Scio, the Kalina five-piece or hestra furnishing the music.

Baptists of Albany, Lebanon, Scio, Crabtree, Providence, Halsey, Harrisburg and Brownsville held a picnic at Brownsville at which a large crowd was present. The day's program consisted of sports, patriotic addresses and a religious service in the afternoon, at the close of which it was voted to make these gatherings an annual affair.

It is reported that 2,000 people were in attendance at the picnic in Bryant park at Albany, which was held under the auspices of the Willamette Presbytery.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 attended the celebration at Stayton, and those who went from Scio report having had a fine time. The Cherian band from Salem furnished music during the day.

5,000 attended the two day Rodeo at Crawfordsville. A sad accident occurred at this place. Clifford Udell of Foster, age 14, was thought at first to be fatally hurt by a bucking horse which broke from the track and ran into the crowd, jostling another horse in such a manner that it knocked the boy down. One hoof struck the boy's head inflicting a deep scalp wound.

At the I. O. O. F. picnic at Jefferson between 2,500 and 3,000 (Continued on page 4.)

OREGON SCENERY LOOKS GOOD TO HIM

J. W. Shimanek on a Visit to Relatives Gives Some Idea of California's Plight

Last Wednesday evening, July 2, J. W. Shimanek and family arrived in Scio from Red Bluff, Calif., on a 30-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shimanek, and other relatives, and to look after some business matters. They made the trip up in 21 hours actual running time.

At the boundary line, their car was fumigated, but none of the bedding nor any member of the family went through that process, to prevent the spread of the foot and mouth disease. He says there is a sentiment in California that it was not this disease affecting the cattle, but the irritation of a thorn from a thistle that becomes very hard penetrating the mouth and nostril and between the hoofs, thus causing an infection resembling the foot and mouth disease. Mr. Shimanek says wild geese, ducks and predatory animals are known to be carriers of the foot and mouth disease, and in the affected areas these hibernate and breed, and then migrate, and in the lapse of time since the outbreak no other section, north, east or south, has reported an epidemic. It seems that this deduction is right, since the authorities are only fumigating cars.

Mr. Shimanek is employed by a pump establishment at Red Bluff, and says they are busy installing pumping plants for irrigation purposes, as most of the irrigating in his section is done from wells. He says the peak of Mt. Shasta is barren of snow, something never known before, and rivers usually flowing are dry. While he likes California, he says Oregonians ought to be happy in having so much green to look at and admire.

C. A. Posvar and family, former residents of this community, are doing well there in the sheep business, but this year it has been hard to find grazing land with water—in fact the supply is so limited he can only get water for them every other day.

Watkins-Blisskiss

Shelburn, Ore. July 8.—(Special)—Ben Watkins and Mrs. Nellie Blisskiss of Salem were married at Salem on July second. A reception was given for them at his home one mile east of McCallister station on July fourth. There were 50 guests present. Ice cream and cake was served at midnight.

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Nation Mourns With Coolidge

The nation mourns with President and Mrs. Coolidge over the death of their eldest son, Calvin, Jr., which occurred Monday night from the effects of septic poisoning. A brief service was held at the White House Wednesday afternoon and the remains shipped to Plymouth, N.H., for burial Saturday or Sunday.

Death Calls J. A. Burton

Thursday morning, July 3, 1924, at about 7:30, J. A. Burton passed away at his home about five miles east of Scio, cancer of the stomach being the cause and from which he had long been a sufferer.

The deceased was born near Chillicothe, Mo., on July 26, 1863, and would have been 61 years old had he lived until the 26th of the present month. In 1865, when but two years old, he crossed the plains with his parents and spent the first winter in Oregon where Munkers station is now located, and all his life has been spent in this neighborhood. About 37 years ago he was united in marriage with Miss Alice C. Bates, who survives. To this union were born seven children, six of whom are living: Warren E., William I., Lawrence E. and Charley, and Mrs. Glen Harrison, all of Scio, and Mrs. George Cree of Gates. Two sisters, Mrs. Anna Ray of Jefferson, Mrs. Lizzie Downing of Lacombe, and two brothers, W. L. Burton of Lacombe and John Burton of Idaho, survive, also 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon and burial took place at Bilyeu Den cemetery beside his mother, Rev. Boyce of Lacombe officiated. Thus another pioneer and honorable citizen is removed from among us.

Fire Averted

Monday afternoon a small fire was discovered by one of the little girls of Fred Mumper and wife as it was eating its way toward the old barn back of the elevator of the Scio Mill & Elevator Co. and she immediately notified her father. He ran to the burning debris and turned a garden hose on the blaze, but the stream was too small to do much good. One of the city hose was soon brought into play and the fire extinguished. Had there not been an abundance of green blackberry vines and a low wind from the north the most serious fire in years might have occurred.

Just how the fire started no one seems to know.

Lawrence Conner Drowned

Lawrence Conner, brother of Mrs. Gordon Wesely, was drowned in the Willamette river at Oswego Sunday afternoon from what is thought to be heart failure while swimming in deep water. He was 22 years old, and leaves a wife and baby, two years old.

Funeral services were held in Portland Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wesely went to Portland Monday to remain until after the funeral.

Mrs. Nellie Knott, one of Oregon's oldest natives, died on the Fourth at the age of 75, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Bramwell at Halsey. She was born at Salem and spent almost all her life in Linn and Marion counties.

FAMILY PICNICS HUGELY ENJOYED

Relatives and Friends Come From Near and Far for Holiday Outing

Mrs. A. M. Shelton, who is in the 80's, was given a birthday dinner at Wilson park the Fourth by her relatives and friends. Those present were, Del Redick and son, O. Curl and Mr. Mary Greenman of Oregon City; Roll Worthington and family of Oswego; Henry Curl and family of The Dalles; Earl Phillips and family, Mrs. Henry Phillips, Miss Mabel Privott, Haman Shelton, Jr., and wife and John Shelton, Jr., and family, of the Jordan district; Isaac Campbell and wife of Albany; Bud Bilyeu and family of Crabtree; Ruth and Cecil Eichinger of Portland; Harvey Shelton and wife of Lyons; Mrs. Bilyeu, Mike and Eva-line Bilyeu, Ott Weidman, and F. R. Shelton and family.

I. A. Munkers and wife and Mal Barriack and wife and daughter, Mary Al. drove out from Elam the Fourth and brought a picnic dinner and spent the day at the J. P. Munkers home. They were surprised at finding Grant Teeter and wife of Salem there (Mrs. Teeter is a daughter of I. A. Munkers) and had been visiting relatives around Scio for several days.

They accompanied I. A. Munkers and family home, as they were out on their annual month's vacation.

200 members of the Bilyeu family living in this section of the state, held a reunion at Bilyeu Den on the Fourth. "Aunt Nancy" Bilyeu is the last member of the original family that settled on the claim near Jordan in 1850, and she still lives on the original claim of nearly 600 acres. She is 96 years old. The family came from Missouri.

A Fourth of July picnic was held on the banks of Bilyeu creek. Those attending were: Mrs. Sarah Morris; O. B. Cyrus and wife; Merle Cyrus and wife; P. H. MacDonald and wife and son; Ardel Brock; L. E. Hyne and wife; Miss Beas Morris of Lebanon; Dr. L. M. Jones and wife and son, Mason, and Miss Louise Miller, Carl Cyrus and wife and Herman Eckhardt and wife of Portland.

Mrs. Frances Wesely with some of her children and their families spent Sunday picnicking at Wilson Park.

Those who made up the party were J. F. Wesely and family, R. M. Cain and family, Charles Pletka and family, Frank Krumb and family and Miss Mary Walter were also in the party.

About 50 people in the vicinity of Shelburn took well filled baskets and ice cream freezers and went to the railroad bridge Sunday where (Continued on page 5)

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