

THE BIG EXCURSION.

THOUSANDS OF WHEELMEN IN LINE AT TACOMA YESTERDAY.

Seattle Sends Five Hundred—A Delegation From Olympia—The Fair Sex Well Represented—A Day of Unalloyed Pleasure—The Trip on the Boat—Welcome and Hospitality in the City of Destiny—On the Broad Avenue—Scenes and Incidents of the Day.

Perfect weather, a splendid crowd and magnificent roads all combined to make the excursion of the Queen City Good Roads Club for the benefit of the Lake Washington bicycle path to Tacoma yesterday one of the most enjoyable events in the history of cycling in the Pacific Northwest. It is calculated that over 2,000 will be realized to help the Lake Washington path toward completion.

Seattle sent fully 500 visitors, Tacoma added 1,200 and Olympia contributed 1,000. They mined thousands in the City of Destiny, fraternized and returned home at night glad that there was such a thing as the bicycle and convinced that the wheelmen of the Sound country are bound together by good fellowship and a determination to force the battle until Western Washington can hold up her head and say: "We have good roads."

One of the most pleasing features of the day was the number of ladies who took the trip. Fully one-third of the pleasure seekers were of the gentler sex. They enjoyed the exhilarating ride over the scenic and their prettily dressed forms added a charm to the grand panorama difficult of description. There were no accidents of moment, and the day passed away filled with pleasures long to be remembered. The kodak band was present in all his glory, and if a composite picture was obtained of all the pictures taken it would be a strange conglomeration.

The Seattle contingent were astray early yesterday morning. They had been looking forward to the day with something of the anticipation of the small boy for the arrival of the big elephant. They were carefully groomed and gotten into perfect order for the run to American lake. As the hour for the departure of the Flyer drew near, there was a hasty gathering at the dock. Men, women and small boys, with their variegated wheels, mingled together, making a picture that was pleasing to the eye. The crowd swayed down upon the decks like a swarm of bees. Wheels, wheels, wheels—they were everywhere.

The scene was one of color and spirit. Everybody was ready to laugh at a witty saying or talk about the goodness of the weather maker. Then the steamer glided away from the dock and sped swiftly on her way to Tacoma. It was a beautiful trip up the Sound to Tacoma, and put the riders in the proper mood to enjoy the ride over Tacoma's smooth roads. When the steamer arrived at Tacoma, there was a big delegation of wheelmen and women waiting to receive the visitors. The crowd piled off the boat and was escorted to the corner of Tacoma avenue and Ninth street, where they were to ride out to the lake commencing. In passing it might be said that Tacoma avenue is a street that causes a pang of jealousy in the hearts of Seattle riders who ride back up and down its smooth, even surface. It was in perfect condition, having been carefully cleaned for the occasion.

At a conservative calculation there were 1,500 wheelmen and women assembled. Many of the Tacoma people had already gone out to the lake to receive the riders as they arrived from the city. There was no attempt at forming a procession. In fact, this was avoided. Many went by the way of the Pielacom asylum road, others by the Roy route, while others took the direct road to the lake. Some of the adventurous spirits took the long trip to Olympia and back.

Out at the scene defied description. Little parties broke away from the crowd and took runs across the broad and level prairie. There are paths in all directions, and the Tacoma cyclists were very attentive and courteous to all small squads that were of an exploring turn of mind.

Percy Sinclair, chief consul of the I. A. W., entertained the riders and the members of the Good Roads Club at the Country Club. Other members of the Country Club did likewise with their friends. The Country Club is a beautiful park with beautiful paths, with green lawns and magnificent trees. After a day of unalloyed pleasure the crowd journeyed back to Tacoma by the way of the Pielacom road. The 7:30 o'clock Flyer back to the city.

The wheels were carefully looked after on the steamer, and there was little confusion in straightening things out at the city. At the wharves the riders were greeted at the dock they united in saying that the day had been pleasantly spent and that the Tacoma people had been royal hosts.

TACOMA WILL RECIPROCATE. The Excursion Deepens Fraternal Feeling Between the Two Cities. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, April 25.—Two thousand bicyclists that is the number reliably estimated as participating in the great ride to American lake and other points of interest south of the city, which was part of the excursion under the auspices of the Queen City Good Roads Club, of Seattle.

The scenic path to Edison fairly swarmed with wheelmen and wholemen. Nothing like it was ever seen in the Northwest. The perfect day and the splendid roads leading to the many pleasure resorts south of the city combined to make the day one of the most enjoyable such an outing as they have not enjoyed before this season.

Seattle sent all she claimed would come, and Tacoma's welcome was cordial in the extreme. "We had no claims on the people of Tacoma," said one of the Seattle wheelmen who turned out in style and welcomed us reverently. "Have we had a good time? Well, I should say we have."

From 8 o'clock this morning till after dark the roller path to South Tacoma and the prairie roads were thronged with bikers. They came from all directions and on all sorts of mounts. Of course, the modern wheels with all the latest appliances were in the majority. The long and short, stout and slim, and even the half, road wheels and enjoyed the pleasures of the day. Many drove in carriages to the lakeside. One man was seen with crutches strapped to his back. There was a great variety of costumes and a plenitude of the species bloomer girl. Short skirts and high boots were also worn by many of the ladies.

And they all liked the roads to the lake. "Great," "out of sight," and "it's all right," were the expressions heard from the visiting wheelmen, as they returned to the city. "These are better roads than we have in Seattle now," said one of the Queen City men, "but just wait till we get the Lake Washington road finished. Then we'll have a beauty."

When the Flyer touched the dock at 10 o'clock this morning 500 people, all she is able to carry, came ashore. There were 200 bicycles by actual count, and the steamer was full of people. There was nearly a full load on the Flyer's return trip, and those who could not come on the early boat had plenty of time to make good by them. They got back to the city for something to eat.

They came in such crowds as to entirely swamp the refreshment stands at the lake. Before 1 o'clock everything in the way of edibles was gone and the hungry wheelmen were forced by voracious appetites to hurry back to the city, and this in the face of the fact that many had had a good breakfast at the lake before starting.

There was no set programme and no order of events after the reception committee had met the visitors at the wharf. They were to be checked in a simple way of taking care of himself in any country, and when the Queen City people had gotten a fair start to American lake they did not mind making good by them. The restaurants downtown did a rushing business during the latter part of the afternoon.

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DR. BERRY SPEAKS. HE ADDRESSES LARGE CONGREGATIONS ON EPWORTH LEAGUE.

He Preaches in the Morning at Grace M. E. Church, Gives a General Talk on the Spiritual Department at 3 P. M., and Fills the First Methodist Pulpit in the Evening—Magnetic and Attractive Orator—Active Work in the Y. M. C. A. Religious Department—Other Church News.

When Dr. J. F. Berry began his address at the First M. E. church last night he gazed into the faces of an eager, expectant throng that filled the building from gallery to chancel rail. Mr. Chairman and dear brethren, I have a message of rich voice, full of gentility and magnetism. "This is the way I always begin. A man's age generally depends on the age of his heart. There are some who are old at 25, and some who are young at 90. I am glad to be able to say, however, that all ages are welcome in the Epworth League, where they can find ample opportunity for their spiritual development in order to properly appreciate a great man, we must view him from a distance, sometimes for many years. The same is true of religious, social or political movements. And the necessary result is to view the Epworth League through the mists of twenty-five or fifty years before we can fully comprehend its real magnitude. We are not quite eight years old, and yet we have 1,500 members, scattered all through the Methodist-Episcopal church. The league has extended into England, Norway, Denmark, and Japan, and has encircled the globe in its onward march of victory."

Briefly referring to the points of similarity between the Epworth League and other young people's organizations, he passed to a discussion of the points of the league upon which particular emphasis was placed by its promoters. "Denominational loyalty was mentioned first: 'It makes some difference to a person of my temperament whether I have a creed to stand on or not, and I do not believe in the Epworth League as the very best one for my spiritual development. Therefore I am a Methodist. But I want the Presbyterian, and the Baptist and the Protestant Episcopalian to be just as good as I am, and I want every man to be out and out whatever he is. Denominational loyalty is the best kind of basis for international fraternity. I do not believe very much in union. It is a good thing, but it is not the end. I believe in unity of spirit and unity of purpose. This is not bigotry, it is not narrow denominationalism, but it is the providential plan of God for the salvation of the world. I want the young people of the Methodist Episcopal church to become acquainted with the history, biography, policy and world-wide activities of the Epworth League, and to stand by the church and the pastor, not because we feel like it, but because we ought to."

"We also have a positive declaration on our program cards, 'Don't dance, don't play cards, don't drink, don't use amusements, should be abstained from in that in most places the social life is controlled by one person—usually a woman—who has one or two little duds which she uses for her helpers. Out on such society leaders!"

"The church is misunderstood by many people, because we are so far off from them. The church is misunderstood, and help department by going out among the people and making them feel that the church really lives in them. It is not a lower crust or even an upper crust, but we take the cake clear through. There is only one way to reach the masses—get nearer to them. Resolutions don't save. The church will feel the touch of a genuine Christian sympathy. People want to be loved so everybody will know it. Let's disabuse them of the feeling that the church gives no under the big element. Before the Chicago strike, as a student of social questions, I disguised myself and attended some of the meetings held for the purpose of discussing social grievances. I never heard those men say one single word against Jesus Christ, but I heard them denounce the churches that had so sadly neglected to exhibit His spirit."

"The league is mastering the philosophy of soul winning. There was a time when men were leavers, they got crowds, and it was that the providential plan was to save souls one at a time. This means personal work on the part of believers." A description of a successful political method was given in which the element was personal, hand-to-hand and face-to-face work on the part of workers of a certain party in winning the doubtful voters. It was under the name of the league of the same kind in winning men to Christ. He gave a thrilling description of his own conversion in which the personal work was converted comrades was a principal feature.

Preceding the address there was a well-attended song and praise service, led by Rev. E. M. B. Berry, who sang the exercises before Dr. Berry began the opening prayer was offered by Rev. B. F. Brooks, and the Scripture was read by Dr. W. V. Taylor. Two hymns were rendered by Mrs. Edmunds. E. L. Blaine, conference president of the Epworth League, cleverly introduced Dr. Berry to the congregation.

A workers' meeting was held at 10 o'clock, at which Dr. Berry gave a general talk on the spiritual department and answered a number of questions bearing on league work.

As previously announced, Dr. Berry preached at the Grace Methodist Episcopal church at 11 o'clock to a congregation that filled the building. The theme was "Christ the Need of Humanity." Dr. Berry will leave at 4 o'clock today for Snohomish, where he will address an Epworth League mass meeting tonight.

TRINITY PARISH. Vestrymen Elected for the Year—Other Notes of Interest Held Last Monday evening the following vestrymen were elected for the ensuing year: Messrs. H. Talbot, F. J. Leonard, J. Leary, B. W. Taylor, and J. H. Taylor. The reports presented showed:

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