

FOURTH AT HILO WAS A SUCCESS.

Weather Fine and the Town Full of People.

HONOLULU OPERA HOUSE OPENED.

SUCCESSFUL DANCE HELD IN NEW PAVILION AT THE PARK.

Several Thousand People Witness a Long and Interesting Racing Program—Items of Local News.

The glorious Fourth this year was more glorious than usual in Hilo owing to the absence of our usual amount of moisture, which only fits in well with the swimming matches. From sunrise to sunset there was hardly a cloud in the sky, and the people from Honolulu who brought umbrellas to keep off the rain found their only use was to guard against sunstroke.

Hilo adopted quite a metropolitan appearance, and swarmed with the denizens of Hamakua, Puna, Kohala and Honolulu, beside the regular residents of the burg. Patriotism did not display itself so much as at times through the medium of the firecrackers and other obnoxious explosives, but there was a very general decoration of buildings, both public and private, with flags and bunting, and the population migrated in a body to Hoolulu Park, which is a candidate for admission to the Society of Seven Wonders of the World as soon as there is a vacancy. This combination of racetrack, athletic field and opera boufe ballroom is at present Hilo's especial pride, and accounts for any symptoms of "swell-head" which our friends may notice. Its construction, carried on with such rapidity and completed so satisfactorily on the very eve of the great holiday, reflects great credit upon the Volcano Stables and Transportation Company and its manager, J. R. Wilson.

Never in the annals of Hilo's eventful Fourth has there ever been such a glorious one. Never have the Hilo theatergoers been regaled with a comic opera equal to the "Romeo and Juliet" which not only opened the celebration but the Hoolulu Opera House as well.

When the curtain, slightly detained by the inability of everyone to get into the same hack, went up at 9 o'clock, a crowded and fashionable audience greeted the actors of the Peck Opera Troupe.

Hilo has been famous for years for the success of her Fourth-of-July dances, and the one this year was even more charming and successful than its predecessors. The dance was held in the new pavilion at Hoolulu Park. It is an ideal ballroom in that it is very large and has a magnificent floor. Being open on three sides with graceful arches, it not only permits the maska breeze's entrance, but it also lends itself most readily to artistic decoration. And the committee, quick to seize the advantage, made the room very attractive with flags and ferns. The beauty of the hall was further enhanced by the stage and its accessories. The music, which was unusually good, was given by a happy combination of the Klondike Glee Club and Charlie Rose's Sextette.

Some 250 people were present, and among them were the following visitors from outlying plantations: Mr. and Mrs. George Ross, Mr. McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patton of Hakalau; Mr. and Mrs. Fraser of Mahukona, Mr. and Mrs. Walker of Ookala, Mr. and Mrs. Colin McLennan and Mr. A. C. Palfrey of Laupahoehoe, Mr. and Mrs. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert More and Mr. Hartman of Papekoni, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Horner, Mr. Robert Horner, Miss A. Horner of Kukalau; Mr. Hamilton of Honoum, Mr. and Mrs. Givens of Oiaa, Mr. W. H. C. Campbell and Miss Rycroft from Puna; Mrs. Creighton, Miss Lishman, Miss Alice Lishman, Miss Daisy Lishman and Miss McLain were visitors from Honolulu.

At 1 o'clock commenced a series of racing events which was witnessed by several thousand people, and which was conducted in a manner satisfactory to all.

The first of them was the trotting race, three-minute class, best two in three heats. This was won by Admiral Dewey, owned by W. Vannata, in the first and second heats, the time being 2:36 and 2:47, respectively. The Admiral was in fine form and won without effort. He was the favorite of those who had seen his famous sprint down Waiuanue street one day a few weeks ago, after he had dumped his owner, who was taking him for a sociable drive. Daisy Bell, entered by J. I. Wilson, took second honors. Hector's jockey was barred out on the first heat for being under weight, and Queen, owned by R. T. Guard, was thrown out for breaking in the same heat.

In the half-mile dash the entries were Antidote, owned by George Rodiek, and Beauty and Iago, both from Horner's ranch. Iago won in 0:53, where a large amount of the coin of the realm changed its place of residence. Antidote received second place on the bulletin.

In the one-mile, free for all, the entries were Watossa, Portuguese Racing Club; Zinfandel, Horner's Ranch; Naples and Everett, J. R. Wilson; Uncle True, George Rodiek. Again Horner's ranch played merry Ned with the sports, as Zinfandel came in in 1:05 1/2, Uncle True holding down the second choice.

For the trotting race, 2:24 class, purse \$200, the entries were: Outcast, C. E. Eagan; Silas, S. W. Cunningham, and Daisy Bell Jr., J. R. Wilson. Cunningham's horse won first and second heats in 2:47 and 2:35 2-5, respectively. The one-mile mule race for a purse of \$50 went to John Baker's Black Baby. A. B. L.'s hitherto invincible Makee fell hopelessly behind.

In the one-mile scrub race for a purse of \$50, the entries were Lady Lightfoot, Horner's ranch, and Peanut, owned by Henry Easton. Lady Lightfoot won in a walk.

The day closed with the Hawaiian Derby, for a purse of \$150, one and a half miles, free for all. J. R. Wilson had two entries, General Crompt and Bill McClusky. Horner's ranch put in the well-known Hawaii, and George Rodiek Dixie Land. This was McClusky's race, Hawaii not coming up in proper time, and Dixie Land just failed to forge ahead in the final quarter.

George Ross, J. T. Moir and W. H. C. Campbell acted as judges and filled their somewhat difficult office most satisfactorily. The general smoothness, freedom from disorder and lack of delay with which the events were brought off were appreciated by all. Although the track was necessarily somewhat heavy, it was by no means bad, and next year should be excellent.

Thursday's races commenced at 1 p. m. with the free-for-all, trot or pace, one mile, purse \$200 and Hilo Hotel cup. Entries were: Loupe, Charles Eagan; Directress, J. K. Gibson; Silas, S. W. Cunningham. Loupe won the first heat and Directress the second. The final was won with ease by Loupe in 2:31 1/2.

The mile dash, Hawaiian bred horses, was won by Antidote, the other entries being Beauty and Iago, both from Horner's ranch; purse \$200.

The hurdle race, one and a half miles, purse \$150, was won by George Rodiek's Dixie Land against Peter Lee's Van Wagner.

The half-mile dash, free for all, purse \$200, proved an interesting affair. Naples and Frank E. came under the wire together, making a dead heat. Time, 0:53. In the second trial Naples won out.

In the mile pony race Uncle Sam, owned by V. J. Carvalho, came to the finishing post first, but the race was awarded to Daisy, entered by Manjiro, for what the judge considered sufficient reasons.

In the three-quarter mile race the entries were Zinfandel and Beauty, Horner's ranch; Virgie A and Everett, J. R. Wilson; J. R., George Rodiek; Watossa, Portuguese Racing Club. Zinfandel delayed matters somewhat by running away with her jockey and taking a couple of sprints around the track before the flag was dropped. Everett won in 1:21. Virgie A. came second.

For the mile and a quarter dash, purse \$250, were entered Hawaii, Horner's ranch; Uncle True, George Rodiek; Billy McCloskey and Everett, J. R. Wilson. This race was won by Billy McCloskey. Uncle True second.

WHY WE DIDN'T GET IT.

Secretary Cooper Says the Cash is Rather Short.

In response to the petition sent down to Honolulu that the government's band be allowed to come to Hilo and help the Queen City whoop it up on the glorious Fourth, Mr. E. E. Richards, who forwarded the petition, received the following reply:

"Territory of Hawaii, Office of the Secretary, Honolulu, H. I., July 2, 1900; Sir:—In answer to the petition of yourself and others under date of June 25, in which you request that the government band be sent to Hilo on the occasion of the celebration of American independence, I have to say that the funds at the disposal of the band are not sufficient to allow this trip. The last trip of the band to Hilo cost \$492.59 and the present appropriation is barely sufficient to pay salaries and necessary incidentals. It will, therefore, be impossible to grant your request.

"I am, sir, very respectfully yours, "HENRY E. COOPER, "Secretary of the Territory.

"E. E. Richards, Esq., Hilo, Hawaii." "We are sorry the band didn't come. We think a change of climate would have done them good. They ought to get out of Honolulu once in a while and see the country; it would be an inspiration to them. They ought to get acquainted with the taxpayers who put up a good-sized proportion of the \$10,000 or \$12,000 they get each year. We are sorry they didn't come, but we are glad to know why \$492 is a big sum to spend once in five years to send the band to the second city and the largest islands of the group. These economical spasms of the secretary don't come very often, but they are very acute when they do come. That old joke, known as the band appropriation will be in the head the next session of the Legislature, and don't you forget it. Taxation without music don't go any more.—Tribune.

NOTES.

Larry Dee and Tom Hollinger of Honolulu were surprised with Hilo's new racetrack.

J. U. Smith will erect a big wigwam near Front and Ponahawai streets, for political meetings, theatrical exhibitions, dances, etc.

Judges—Captain Matson, L. Severance, C. C. Kennedy. Cup is now held by J. R. Wilson, who won it last regatta day.

The annual yacht race for the Matson cup will take place on Saturday, July 7, 1900, commencing at 2 p. m.

The following boats have entered: Mabel (Guard), fin keel; Flash (Pratt), sloop; Dannie (Fitzgerald), whaleboat; Fisherman (Poulson), sloop; Aurora (Stevens), lark; Hansa (Dunker), yawl.

The roller-top desk in the office of A. Richley was jammed open on Wednesday. No money being found, several checks and drafts and a box of cigars were left untouched.

Mr. Von Grevenmeyer, manager of the Portuguese Sugar Mill Company, is about to erect a handsome two-story plantation house at Pillionua. Mr. M. P. Peck and Dr. H. B. Elliott are also about to erect new residences.

A team of horses belonging to Peter McRae of Oiaa ran away on Thursday, wrecking the buggy. No one injured. Chester A. Davis, official court Japanese interpreter, is attending the Circuit court at Honokaa, stopping at Hilo en route.

In a boxing bout at Hilo on Wednesday evening between Bill Watts and Jim Pollock, for points, Watts was awarded the decision. Alexander Hansen of Honolulu put Bob Burns of San Francisco asleep in the third round of a limited ten-round go.

It Saved His Baby.

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