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The Grandest Display Ever in Western Kentucky, Without Exception.

(Following is the account in the Kentuckian of Nov. 14, 1884, of the celebration of Cleveland's election, held Nov. 11, 1884.)

It is a hard matter to properly describe the grand Democratic ratification and jubilee in this city Tuesday night. There is so much to note that it is a difficult task to tell where to begin. We do not exaggerate when we say that such a sight was never witnessed in this section of Kentucky. Old gray-headed men, who have passed through every campaign for 50 years, say that it surpassed every attempt at celebrating a political victory in Western Kentucky.

THE MANAGERS.

As soon as the election of Cleveland and Hendricks was authoritatively announced last Friday, a committee of Democrats organized and arranged for a grand celebration. The different departments were assigned to committees who entered at once into the work. Messrs. R. A. Baker and J. D. Ware looked after the money matters, Mr. Hunter Wood attended to the advertising department, Messrs. W. W. Radford and A. L. Wilson and others were assigned the work of getting the necessary fireworks. Mr. J. J. Mitchell was given charge of the anvil battery, Chas. M. Meacham assisted by Messrs. Collins & Price, J. T. Donaldson and W. W. Coé got the transparencies, banners, etc., in readiness and the other departments were all intrusted to skillful hands.

ORDER OF MARCH.

At 7 o'clock the procession was formed with the head at the Courthouse. The side streets on both sides were filled with cavalymen from the country and with the floats and carriages, while Main street for several squares was jammed with infantry.

The marshals appointed for the occasion were Messrs. L. A. Sybert, Wm. Cowan, Geo. W. Means, P. M. Owen, H. H. Abernathy, M. H. Nelson and E. M. Flack. There were several divisions of cavalry, each bearing a transparency with the name of its district upon it. Nearly every district in the county was represented by an organized company from 25 to 200 strong. Both infantry and cavalry were supplied with torches, the number given out being 1,200. The transparencies and banners were placed at intervals along the entire line, there being over fifty of these with mottoes, cartoons and inscriptions on four sides, besides hundreds of banners and flags with the pictures of Cleveland and Hendricks. It was a sight never to be forgotten. A thousand bright torches gleaming above the heads of thousands of enthusiastic men, while ever and anon the streets were lit up with red and blue lights, made a scene that can never be forgotten by those who saw it. All the time two batteries, one located near the Courthouse and the other near the Baptist church, kept up an incessant fusillade of fire-works. Blue and red balls of fire were shot into the heavens; rockets, fire crackers and a dozen other kinds of explosives were continually going off while the procession was making its round of the city. A little after 7 o'clock the order of march was given and the Hopkinsville Band led the way followed by Co. D and the South Kentucky College Cadets in uniform, about 150 strong; after these came the infantry by districts to the number of several hundred; then followed the magnificent float with the young ladies representing the States, a glee club in a handsome vehicle, a burlesque minstrel troupe in a dilapidated carriage drawn by two donkeys, and other vehicles; then came the cavalry by districts. Each division dropped into line from a side street in fine order and the number of horsemen could not have been less than one thousand.

THE LINE OF MARCH.

The procession moved out North

Main to Jackson, then down Jackson to Clay; Clay to Russellville; Russellville to Belmont; Belmont to Nashville; Nashville to Campbell; Campbell to South; South to Virginia; Virginia to Palmyra; Palmyra to Main and down Main to Courthouse. The number in the procession is variously estimated at from 1,500 to 3,000. Marching four abreast and crowded close up together the line when extended down Main street reached from the courthouse to Palmyra and around some distance on Virginia street, a mile at the very least. It took the line twenty minutes to pass a given point, the infantry walking rapidly. When massed on Main street when the march was over the crowd filled the street from house to house for three squares, while the windows and doors were crowded with spectators, many of them ladies. It is estimated by those used to seeing large crowds that there were 8,000 people present, besides those who witnessed the parade from their homes. Nearly all of the residences and business houses on the line of march were brilliantly illuminated from cellar to dome. On the streets Chinese lanterns were suspended from the telegraph poles and awnings in great profusion and variety.

DESERVING OF MENTION.

By far the most magnificent object of the display was the float with 38 young ladies to represent the States. It was three tiers high and was arranged under the direction of Miss Em Perry. There were 38 young ladies, each representing a State, a goddess of liberty, four young gentlemen, one on each corner, and the driver, making 44 persons on the float. It was made on top of a wagon bed and was drawn by four horses. The following is a list of the young ladies: Goddess of Liberty, Miss Mattie Hickman; Alabama, Miss May Fuqua; Arkansas, Miss May Ware; California, Miss Lillie Waller; Colorado, Miss Lena Grissam; Connecticut, Miss Kate Clark; Delaware, Miss Johnnie Mills; Florida, Miss Annie Sybert; Georgia, Miss Livia Thompson; Illinois, Miss Sallie Wood; Indiana, Miss Lallie Wooldridge; Iowa, Miss Fannie Lewis; Kansas, Miss Edith Boulware; Kentucky, Miss Annie Waller; Louisiana, Miss Mamie Jesup; Maine, Miss Kate Wooldridge; Maryland, Miss Eunice Fuqua; Massachusetts, Miss Bettie Boulware; Michigan, Miss Green Henry; Minnesota, Miss Edna Payne; Mississippi, Miss Sallie Campbell; Missouri, Miss Fannie Moayon; Nebraska, Miss Maggie Wilson; Nevada, Miss Lizzie Wood; New Hampshire, Miss Mary Warfield; New Jersey, Miss Eloise Gordon; New York, Mrs. Minnie Trice; North Carolina, Miss Felia Payne; Ohio, Miss Cammie Martin; Oregon, Miss Jennie Winfree; Pennsylvania, Miss Lucy Henry; Rhode Island, Miss Lizzie Stites; South Carolina, Miss Ida Calnan; Tennessee, Miss Alberta Pendergast; Texas, Miss Mary Killibrew; Vermont, Miss Rosa Steinhagen; Virginia, Miss Ida Williams; West Virginia, Miss Ida Baker; Wisconsin, Miss Clo Williams. On the four corners were four young gentlemen, viz: W. T. Tandy, W. W. Radford, Bryan Hopper and Livy Buckner. It is to these gentlemen that the credit of the float display is due, as they had it made and fitted up. Mr. T. L. Smith was the driver. The young ladies were dressed in white with sashes of red, white, or blue, upon which the names of the States were printed. Each also wore a crown bearing a name. It made one of the most gorgeous displays ever witnessed in any parade.

THE TRANSPARENCIES.

There were about 50 transparencies and flats. The former had mottoes, inscriptions, cartoons, etc., on four sides and the latter on two. Some of them were noticeably good. One flat with a triumphant rooster crowing over a dead coon was brought by the Lafayette delegation. Each Democratic State was represented and its majority given, and each district in the county had a transparency with its name on one side and appropriate mottoes on the other. One large flat had Cleveland and Hendricks, "Won" on one side and Blaine and Logan, "Left" on the other. There were several others



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also with large sized pictures of Cleveland and Hendricks. One of the largest, 3 feet square, represented Texas, the Banner Democratic State that gave 100,000 majority. On the four sides were stars and inscriptions eulogizing the Lone Star State. One of the handsoonest transparencies was of pink cloth and was very large. On one side was inscribed, "The Land We Love, Cleve-Land;" another side was devoted to Belva Lockwood "a knight of the garter;" another represented "the almighty dollar" that failed to buy the Presidency and the fourth bore, "The rock that broke the camel's back—Little Rock." This was executed by Mr. G. W. Collins. Another of the same size had on one side a rooster standing on a con skin crowing, on another a rooster picking at a con fast disappearing in a hole in a tree, a third contained a tomb inscribed "Here lies the G. O. P. (and it has always lied)," while on the fourth was inscribed—the words beginning small at the bottom and ending in very large ones at the top—"Sheriff, Mayor, Governor, President." This was painted by Mr. W. W. Coe. There were many others worthy of mention but we only give a few of the mottoes, viz:

They can't count us out this time. The fraud of '76 avenged; The Plumed Knight's plume no longer waves; It was a regular Cull-Blaine for the G. O. P.; Burn this letter; All honor to the gallant Democrats of the East; The Irish troops fought nobly; Three cheers and a tiger for Henry Ward Beecher; Bogus news didn't win; Equal rights to all and exclusive privileges to none; R. R. R.—Reform Repudiates Republicanism; Rum, Reformism and Revolution, with cartoons; Where was the light when the lights

went out? T, ta, Jim, au revoir Jack; Public office is a public trust—Cleveland; 1224—Not as wide as a church door nor as deep as a well, but sufficient; The XV amendment shall stand; Reform in the Civil Service; A fair count or a free fight; The Country is ours but all can stay; A Senator gained in Logan's State; Hendricks has never lost Indiana; He cast his anchor to windward in vain; They die hard but they must die; No north, no south, one common country; Money couldn't buy the Eastern Democracy; We think Cleveland is beaten—N. Y. Sun—We don't—20 States; Something dropped; Peace on earth, good will to men; Christian Co., 2,001 Democratic votes; Goodbye Plumed Knight, Farewell Black Jack; I was never a candidate for President—J. G. B.; No more fraud, no more abuse of power; I couldn't deliver the goods—Willipus Wallapus Phelps; Of course we feel good; It seems the country have wen wrong—Logan; The Mulligan letters did it; There is no channel in which he can be useful; The Guano Statesman is out of a job; Jim, burn your letter of acceptance; The Republican goose is cooked; More soap—Elkins. There were many others but we cannot give all of them.

THE SPEECHES.

After the procession returned to the courthouse a number of speakers addressed the crowd, two stands being occupied for an hour or more. Among those who spoke were Messrs: C. N. Pendleton, Jno. W. McPherson, Hunter Wood, C. H. Bush, Jno. O. Rust, G. A. Champlin, T. C. Hanbery J. N. Metcalfe, Thos. Greer, J. H. Woosley, L. A. Sybert, R. W. Henry, H. F. Perry, Chas. M. Meacham, W. R. Howell, of Paducah; L.

R. Salmon, W. P. Winfree, J. S. Ragsdale and W. H. Hook. The crowd dispersed at about 10 o'clock and the grandest celebration ever held in Hopkinsville was over.

THE ILLUMINATIONS.

All of the business houses on the principal streets occupied by Democrats were illuminated with candles, and all along the line of march the residences were handsomely lighted up. Every now and then a Republican home, as dark as Egyptian darkness, would be passed and the cheers would be deafening. Some of the Republicans even put out the usual lights in their houses. It would be impossible to mention any of the illuminations without referring to scores of them. They were all pretty and in some few instances the houses of Republicans were lighted up as brilliantly as those of their Democratic neighbors. Japanese lanterns were hung about in the yards and the whole city looked like some fairyland of song.

NOTES AND INCIDENTS.

Crofton and Fairview had large delegations of infantry. Union School House was well represented by well-mounted horsemen. Strangers in the city pronounced the display one of the finest they had ever seen.

Lieut. Jno. G. Ellis, of Co. D., had his ankle sprained early in the engagement and had to drop out of ranks.

There were several youths on horseback and dressed in uniform who acted as couriers during the march. The Casky cavalry, in charge of Winston Henry, brought its own torches and was one of the largest delegations.

Very few negroes were visible, but

a good many Republicans looked on in a dazed sort of way and enjoyed the thing about as much as a man could enjoy being at his own funeral.

Most of those in the procession took their torches home to keep them for future occasion.

Bellevue and Bainbridge, Longview, Garrettsburg and Lafayette all had good delegations of cavalry. Lafayette marched in with a handsome banner of its own.

Just as the parade stopped on the return, Mr. T. L. Smith, who was driving the float, had a fainting spell and was taken upstairs over the Planters Bank, where he soon recovered.

The fireworks were the finest ever seen in the city. Both batteries were kept constantly going while the anvils on the old Mozart Hall lot were fired off at short intervals during the whole evening.

Pembroke sent in a company of cavalry 237 strong, officered as follows: F. S. Beaumont, Captain; F. B. Richardson, 1st Lieutenant; J. M. Robertson, 2d Lieutenant; J. W. Williams, 3d Lieutenant.

Everything passed off quietly and orderly. The saloon men all closed their saloons between the hours of 6 and 11 p. m., and kept the agreement with the strictest fidelity. All honor to them, both Democrats and Republicans.

Mr. W. B. Radford and his daughter, Miss Mollie, were thrown from their buggy at the railroad crossing on the Clarksville pike as they started home about ten o'clock. Mr. Radford was badly hurt, but his daughter was not injured. He was brought back to Capt. Abernathy's, where his wounds were dressed and he was taken home the following day. His wounds are not fatal.