

A DAY OF GLORIOUS PLEASURE.

Your Uncle Sam Dons His Best Clothes and Opens Wide His Doors to Foreign Friends.

His Red, White and Blue Swallow Tail Needing Only to Be Seen to Be Admired.

He Falls Down on Baseball, Isn't in the Tennis Games, But Bobs Up in the Football Contest

And Wins the Firemen's Tournament and the Fair Ground Races With Hands Down.

The Fourth has come and gone. Now that the smoke and noise have cleared away, everybody is enthusiastic in speaking of the city's gloriously successful celebration.

The rain of the evening before dampened the spirits of a few, but, as a rule, the boys began their celebration early. By 12 o'clock the clouds were rapidly clearing and before 2 the stars came out, cool and tranquil, night's herald of a perfect day. Old Sol climbed up from behind the mountains, bright and clear. With his first beams the noise and clamor, which had been partially stilled in the early morning, began again, to call back the joyous days of '76, and great cannon-crackers woke the echoes far and near.

THE PROCESSION.

The procession was a trifle late in forming, starting about 9:30. As before announced it formed near the city hall. In advance rode Marshal Milt Henderson and his two aids, J. P. Dyas and W. H. Davenport. Then came the carriages, which contained the president of the day, Judge Race, and the city fathers and officials, all bearing themselves with dignity. The city band followed and the welkin fairly rang with the patriotic airs which they played. And then came Capt. Jensen leading the gallant lads of company A, Gibson guards. Heads erect, eyes to the front, every musket glistening in the sunlight, jaunty helmets and natty blue uniforms, they marched like the brave boys which they are. Behind these came an older band of soldiers, Phil Sheridan post, G. A. R., boys yet, though they show some silver hairs, and stepping off to the inspiring music with an elasticity and spirit that told tales of long marches many years ago. The fire department followed and their display was in every sense of the word a creditable one. The brawny lads who pulled the carts looked superb in their neat, clean waists, and as they passed several, remarking on their appearance, said it was no dress parade either but one which was able to and which had done good work. The hook and ladder department led, companies one and two marching in order. After these came the three hose companies, each cart festooned beautifully with flags. The long train of citizens in carriages which followed these extended several blocks. The Holter Lumber Co. showed its enterprise by putting a float, handsomely decorated with flags, into the procession. The procession moved along its line of march to the grove where the morning exercises took place.

THE MORNING EXERCISES.

These were opened by Judge Race, president of the day, who presided with dignity and ability. He welcomed the "citizens of two countries" most cordially. Then followed the invocation by Rev. Reed. The band next played an accompaniment for an octette which sang "America." The declaration was read by F. B. Wilcox and his clear enunciation and careful declamation were greatly enjoyed by all.

THE ORATION.

Immediately after the declaration Judge Race introduced Hon. C. M. Webster, the orator of the day. The oration was a gem. It fairly brimmed over with eloquence and was full of wit, humor and patriotism. Owing to a lack of space the TRIBUNE is unable to give it in full, but an outline containing a few of his excellent thoughts are presented. Mr. Webster said:

"Fourth of July has become a chestnut. I detect it. What do I care about the day our independence was declared? We fellows have just as much fun, you know." These were the lisped words of an American youth who affects foreign manners. Thank God this class constitutes a very small minority of our young men. Such a delicate plant cannot long thrive under the tree of liberty. But this "Young Man Ashamed of His Country," as the Indians would name him, should go further and ape, for he cannot feel, the patriotism which warms the hearts of the natives of other lands, less favored than our own. Just here lies a possible danger to our country. Un-American Americans. We blame our foreign population for clinging with tenacity to their old-world idols. But can we expect them to come at once into harmony with our institutions, when alas! too many of our own youth are striving to break away from the sacred traditions of their fathers.

What can be more provocative of contempt than a young man apologizing for these United States of America, because perchance some pedigreed loafer, some parasite of nobility, may term us a "self made" nation? He should tell him that

God made this republic, but the Almighty had the best men to help him that ever adorned the pages of history—men who would rather be plain citizens of the United States, surrounded by happy family circles, with the stars and stripes waving over them, than wear the jeweled crown of any foreign prince or potentate. Empires have come and gone while the one great, all pervading principle, that positive force of nature in man has moved on ever. For when God throws back the doors of his infinite storehouse and lets loose into the universe an immortal principle, he endows it with the energies and possibilities of obtaining, through the struggles of man, its pre-established goal."

Mr. Webster then traced most eloquently the early struggles of our forefathers and the final grand triumph of the glorious principle of liberty. His peroration was one of the finest efforts ever heard in the city.

"These institutions are the fountains of plenty and strength that will nourish and sustain the virtue and wisdom of our people. Upon the enlightened integrity, the high patriotism, the devoted fidelity of our young men reared among such influences (if they heed them, and they will) our country may securely repose. We may then fix our view upon the future and with composure go forward. We are rising on the grandest current of the tide of time. The prosperity we have is but the promise of the prosperity that is to be. Dare we not look forward 100 years? Whose eye can rest unflinchingly on the advancing time of our national glory? Who can picture to his fancy this continent after the second century of liberty, when the great west has been fully developed; when 200,000,000 of people seated on every road of the vast surface, with all the appliances by which progressive invention will supply increasing needs, shall enjoy the magnificent fruits of the highest human wisdom and liberty and illustrate the noblest possibilities of humanity? Who shall, with mortal power, attempt the glorious forecast, but to cry with the poet—see—"

"Oh, vision of glory spare not a changed sight, Ye unborn ages crowd not on my soul."

Mr. Webster's masterly effort, was needless to say, greeted with most enthusiastic applause. At its close, several patriotic airs were played by the band, and the octette rendered "The Star Spangled Banner" in most excellent fashion.

FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

The crowd then dispersed to enjoy the sports provided, and of these the firemen's races were first on the program. They took place on Central avenue and were well attended and hotly contested. The first race was for a purse of \$50—\$25 to the winner and \$15 to the loser. Pioneer hook and ladder company undertook to run 750 feet and raise their ladder in less time than hose company No. 2 could run the same distance, uncoil 350 feet of hose and make the coupling. Pioneer hook and ladder company made their run in 33 1/4 seconds, which was beaten by hose company No. 2, who made the time in 32 seconds.

The next event was a race of 100 yards, the laying of 150 feet of hose and getting water, between hose companies numbers 1 and 3. No. 1 won the race—time 28 seconds, No. three's time 37 seconds. This rounded off the morning in most excellent style, and everybody left to partake of one of the numerous and excellent Fourth of July dinners.

THE AFTERNOON SPORTS.

The baseball game was, to say the least, exciting. Until Bristol of Great Falls batted an easy one to short field, in the ninth inning, and went out on first, it was nobody's game. The game was remarkable for light batting, and it was owing to the inability to bat that Great Falls lost. Nethery, for Lethbridge, pitched a good game, weakening in the sixth inning, but doing steady work after that. The backstop work of Fidler was also first class. For Great Falls H. Lyon pitched well and received good support from Stevens, behind the bat. F. Lyon, on third, also made several phenomenal stops. The batting order was: Lethbridge—Fidler c., Kemp 1st b., Nagle r. f., J. D. Higinbotham 3rd b., Pierce 2nd b., Godwin s. s., Higinbotham l. f., Keyes c. f., Nethery p. Great Falls—Madison 2nd b., Tutt r. f., Nohl 1st b., P. Lyon 3rd b., Bristol l. f., Burlette c. f., Stevens c., Barnes r. f., H. Lyon p. Great Falls went to bat and drew a blank. Lethbridge scored one in the first and one in the second. A run for Great Falls in the third and one in the fifth tied the score. In the sixth the Great Falls boys found the ball in good style. H. Lyon took a base on balls, Bristol followed with a good hit to left, advancing Lyon to second. A passed ball placed him on third. Burlette took a base on balls and the bases were all full. Stevens struck out, and then Barnes rapped out a rousing single, bringing in Lyon and Bristol. H. Lyon then stepped to the plate and caught the ball just where he wanted it. The result was a long line fly to left for three bases, bringing in Burlette and Barnes. Fidler allowed a hot one to pass and H. Lyon scored. Madison then hit an easy one to first and went out. Tutt followed with a smashing three-bagger, but was left there by Nohl's easy hit. It looked as if Lethbridge was done for, the score standing 7 to 2 against her, but she went nobly to work. After two men were out Nethery sent a nice single over first. Fidler took a base on balls, Kemp hit safe and Nagle brought Nethery and Fidler in with a very pretty two-bagger in centerfield. J. Higinbotham hit out another single, bringing in Kemp. Then Pierce flew out, retiring the side. In the eighth Great Falls drew another blank. Lethbridge, however, scored three more runs on a wild throw, Fidler's single, Kemp's two-bagger, Nagle's hit to third, which was fumbled, and another wild throw. This placed Lethbridge once more in the lead. Great Falls made a well intended effort to tie in the ninth, but Nohl and F. Lyon both struck out, and then Higinbotham ended the game by an easy hit, on which he went out at first. The game and the \$100 thus belonged to Lethbridge by a score of 8 to 7.

The game was a good one and while there were several ragged errors there were also some good plays. Both batteries did good work and the Great Falls field, both in and out, were if anything superior to their opponents. They simply couldn't hit Nethery at critical points. That tells the whole story. Then the crowd left the ground and

went to the football match which was already being hotly contested.

THE FOOT BALL GAME.

In the foot ball game the citizens of the Cataract city may glory. The local boys held their own and in the opinion of most of the bystanders did a little more. They were superior both in weight and general all-round playing but showed a little weakness in team work. On the contrary, Lethbridge fairly excelled in her team work which was excellent. Then, too, her "head" work was good. Indeed, one sarcastic bystander said he believed several of the Lethbridge team had had corners filed on their heads so they could better adjust the angles. For Lethbridge Graham, Wylie and Trow did good work and among the Great Falls kickers, Irwin, McCollock, Hawthorne and Newbold, shone as bright, particular stars. The game opened at 3:15 p. m. Lethbridge winning the toss took the south goal, having the sun at her back. Hawthorne started the balls for Great Falls. It was immediately captured by the Lethbridge half-backs and passed to a forward, who, after a nice run, secured a corner. This was kicked off without any resulting advantage. Some close hard work followed and then Lethbridge got the ball, took it down the right wing, cleverly passing the half-backs and Graham scored the first goal. This seemed to put fresh life into the Great Falls team and they played with a vigor that was unimpaired after the kick-off from center Newbold got the ball and started down the line at a rattling gait. On right and left, before and behind, the Lethbridge backs closed in, but the runner was one too many for them all. Down the right he still kept, past half-backs and full backs to the goal. Here he sent the ball to Toban. Then up sprang the Lethbridge goalkeeper, but he hadn't sprung very high before the shoulder of Hawthorne smote full on his manly bosom and both men went to grass. While they still rolled Toban's dainty foot met the ball and it sailed gracefully through the goal amid the yells of a thousand lungs. Then once more Lethbridge kicked off the ball and worked hard to make another goal, but the Great Falls backs did not work and when time was called on the first half the score stood one goal apiece.

The second half was a repetition of the first, the only difference being that no goals were kicked. It was rush, scramble and tug, up and down, backward and forward, amid a struggling mass of forwards and backs. Both goalkeepers did noble work. Even the hurricane which blew so hard failed to daunt the contestants. They waited until the blow was over and then fell to work again. Both sides fought like giants during the last ten minutes, but it was Ajax and Hector over again, for neither gave an inch, and finally time was called and the game declared a draw.

In concluding, too much praise can not be given to Lethbridge for team work, nor to Great Falls for her gritty, good all round playing. It is to be hoped that an opportunity will soon present itself and that the game may be played off.

THE TENNIS CONTEST.

Although one-sided all through the various sets of tennis proved quite interesting. To be sure Lethbridge had it her own way most of the time, still she had no walk-over. In the singles the local artists showed up well on returns, but seemed timid in using a swift serve, and in doubles their net play was scarcely A No. 1. Work began at 9 a. m. and the tennis committee are to be congratulated in that, so far as possible, they played their games as advertised. Godwin, of Lethbridge, and Anthony opened the ball. Anthony fell a victim to Godwin's quick serve and accurately placed returns. Like all the rest of the Great Falls boys, Anthony failed to strike his gait. The first set stood Godwin 6, Anthony 1; the second, Godwin 6, Anthony 0. On the other court S. W. Matteson and Higinbotham played. Higinbotham winning two straight sets; score, 6-2, 6-2. Then King and H. Matteson, King winning; score, 6-3, 6-2. On the opposite court Fowler, who had drawn a bye, was playing with Godwin of Lethbridge. Godwin won easily by a score of 6-1, 6-2. The best game of single played came next. King of Great Falls faced Higinbotham of Lethbridge. In the first set, after hard work Higinbotham won by a score of 6-3. In the second King led easily by a score of 6-3. In the third which was postponed till after supper Higinbotham won by the close score of 6-4. The game was a good one and had King played his usual game, the score might have been different. His returns were excellent, several being very hard drives to the side and back lines. His first serve failed to strike inside often, giving Higinbotham a great advantage. The Lethbridge representative played a strong game and a steady one, serving a hard ball and returning with care and accuracy. Lethbridge also won both doubles. Godwin and Higinbotham defeating Matteson and C. P. L. Fowler by a score of 6-1, 6-3 and H. Matteson and King by a score of 6-1, 6-3. The prize for singles, a \$25 racket, went to Godwin and the prizes for doubles, both being rackets, were carried away by Godwin and Higinbotham. The greatest trouble with Great Falls was their lack of practice and now, that the weather will permit regular work, it is not venturing too much to prophecy that September will see a different result.

THE RACES.

The attendance at the races in the afternoon was large. Though the untimely squall, occurring toward evening, forbade further sport the program was decidedly interesting.

Following is the official statement: Judges, John Renner, James Barnes; timers, F. S. Edison, Charles Baldwin; starter, John Renner.

FIRST RACE—ENTRIES.

Running, 600-yard dash.
White Elm.....1
Nehart.....2
Time—3:27 1/2.

SECOND RACE.

Trotting, for road horses, best two in three.
Freedom.....1
Peacock.....3
Bishop.....2
George.....4
Time—2:54, 3:05.

THIRD RACE POSTPONED.

FOURTH RACE.

Running race, for saddle horses, one-half mile dash.
Dan.....1

Light Bird.....2
Time—3:27 1/2.

POSTPONED RACES—THIRD RACE.

Trotting, best two in three.
Delleaux.....3
Capt. Couch.....2
Lady Flash.....3
Time—3:22, 3:20, 3:00.

FIFTH RACE.

Trotting, best three in five.
Commodore.....3
Bird.....1
Volunteer.....2
Time—3:00, 2:47, 2:46, 2:46.

PONY RACE.

Running.....1
Cricket.....2
Lucky.....3

ON THE RIVER.

The day on the river was dull. The evening sport was spoiled by the big blow and no boat-races came off. Some insist that the waves were the highest known in years. Old Mother Missouri covered herself with glory and her banks with mud. Metaphorically and literally she humped herself. Fortunately all boats were in before the blow.

THE FIREWORKS.

The fireworks were shot from the Realty building and proved a source of great entertainment to the many who watched them.

THE LETHBRIDGE CONTINGENT.

Lethbridge was with the boys right along through the day. To say she was "in it" only faintly expresses her success and her pleasure. Her boys were the jolliest crew on earth and gentlemen every one of them. They saw everything the ordinary citizen sees and ran across not a few things of which the ordinary citizen seldom catches a glimpse. They all said they enjoyed it hugely and they were delightfully pleasant gentlemen to entertain. A large crowd was down on the fifth to bid them good-bye, and every Lethbridge man joined with a will, when big-hearted Captain Casey called for three cheers and a tiger for Great Falls. The last reporter saw of them the Great Falls and Canada coaches were drawing them toward home and the platforms were full of the boys waving and shouting farewell.

THE BALL.

The ball given under the auspices of the firemen of the city, at the Park hotel, was a most gratifying success. The music was superb, the management all that could be desired and the supper, which was served at the Merchants' restaurant, commended itself to the most fastidious taste. That the firemen of Great Falls do nothing by halves was attested by the superior manner in which their ball was conducted in all its details.

THE DAY IN GENERAL.

To sum up, everybody had a jolly good time. The committee on arrangements, Messrs. Wegner, Diekerman, Henderson, Judd, Wm. A. Smith, Jensen and Mayor Hotchkiss are to be congratulated on the very happy outcome of the day. The American eagle only smiled grimly when her children lost. She knew it was their cousins' turn anyhow, and when she closed her eyes to sleep she smiled contentedly, knowing that her unending renown was one year older and more glorious.

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- 1600 Lot on Second avenue south and Ninth street.
- 4700 Corner 100x150, Second avenue south and Ninth street.
- 800 Lot on Third avenue south and Eleventh street.
- 1300 Corner Third avenue south and Tenth street.
- 4000 Corner 100x150, Fourth avenue south and Seventh street.
- 1500 Lot on Fourth avenue south, between Second and Third streets.
- 1500 Lot 50x150, Fourth avenue south, between Second and Third streets.
- 2600 100 feet front on Fourth avenue south, between Fourth and Fifth streets.
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