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THE FOURTH AT MILTON.

A Promising Outlook for a Good Time— List of the Committees in Charge and Programme of the Day.

The Fourth of July at Milton promises great things as the time draws near. Started with an idea that the celebration would be a small affair for the men and their families, it has rapidly grown into a very large and attractive event, which will probably be enjoyed by the greater part of the citizens of Flagstaff as well as by Miltonians.

The general committee having the matter in charge is as follows: E. T. McGonigle, chairman; A. A. Dutton, J. R. Treat, Wick Thompson, Paul Rodrigues, W. T. Sumner, secretary. This committee has opened up headquarters in the commissary building, and the business connected with the celebration is being transacted there.

The sub-committees are as follows:

Parade—E. T. McGonigle.
Horribles—A. A. Dutton.
Sports—T. A. Flynn, chairman; A. L. Spielman, Julius Conrard.
Militia—Capt. Geo. Herrington.
Fireworks—A. A. Dutton, chairman; W. H. Norman, W. G. Blair.
Baseball—Corney Flynn, chairman; Wm. Dakin, John Conrard.
Tug of War—Tom Devine, chairman; W. W. Williams, Capt. Geo. Herrington.
Decoration, Music, Refreshments—W. T. Sumner.
Fire Hose Races—Sam Quay, chairman; E. T. McGonigle, J. R. Treat, Geo. Martin, V. V. Merino.
Prizes—E. T. McGonigle, Edgar Raines, W. T. Sumner.
Dancing—H. P. Cullinan, chairman; Burt Blair, Geo. Herrington, John Cooney.

The judges of the different contests will be chosen from the following: T. A. Riordan, F. W. Sisson, Hon. M. J. Riordan, Mayor Pollock, A. A. Dutton, F. J. Jack.

Entertainment of Guests—T. A. Riordan, F. W. Sisson, E. A. Sliker, J. R. Treat, Chas. McGonigle.

Division marshals in the parade:
Saw Mill—C. P. Henderson.
Box Factory—Joe Merino.
Planing Mill—Lee Blair.
Loading Crew—Rufus L. Watson.
Yard Crew—Paul Rodriguez.
Railroad Crew—Dick Bongberg.
The officers of the field sports have been selected as follows:
Clerk of Course—E. A. Sliker.
Referee—C. H. McGonigle.
Timekeeper—Lee Blair.
Course Markers—E. C. Dwyer, J. L. Byrnes.

Starter—Wm. Lannon.
Linesmen—Nick Bacca, Jose Chavez.
Properties—Marcel Criez.

The official programme for the day will be as follows:

Morning—8:30, parade; 9:30 addresses; 10:00, band concert; 10:00, field sports; 11:00, hose contests.

Afternoon—1:30, exhibition drill, Co. I; 2:30, ball game; 4:00, tug of war, log-sawing contest; 5:00, finals in field sports.

Evening—8:00, grand illumination; 8:30 promenade concert, dancing.
8:30, fireworks.

During the evening concert the band will be assisted by the Ladies Quintet,

consisting of Mesdames T. A. and M. J. Riordan, Sisson, Devine and Miss Metz, and the White Pine Quartet, consisting of Messrs. Raines, Haffley, Blair and Sumner, and Mrs. F. W. Sisson and Edgar Raines, soloists.

The events for the field sports have been divided into three classes. First class, those over 18 years of age; second class, boys from 14 to 18, inclusive; third class, boys under 14.

PRIZES FOR THE DAY.

Hose races—Dry, one prize, \$33; wet, two prizes, \$52 and \$26.

Militia, competitive drill, one prize, \$20.

Ball game, \$20.

Log-sawing contest, two prizes, \$10 and \$5.

Tug of war, one prize, \$10.

Most grotesque costume in each division, six prizes, each \$2; \$12.

Most grotesque vehicle, \$5.

Crew having largest percentage of men in line, \$5;

FIELD SPORTS.

First Class—Eleven events, prize of \$2 for each; \$22.

Second Class—Eleven events, prize of \$1 for each, \$11.

Third and Ladies' Events—Useful articles for each event, \$10.

The contestants in the various contests are meeting nightly and training for the events under the direction of the committee on sports.

During the day refreshments will be served and lunches may be obtained by those not desiring to go to town.

The parade will start from Milton promptly at 8:30 on the morning of the Fourth. The line of march will include Leroux street, between Birch and Railroad avenue. The procession will be reviewed by the judges at the electric light station as it returns from town.

All entries for the different contests must be handed to the secretary of the general committee before 8 p. m. July 2d.

Gen. Eagan Has a Quarrel.

A special from Tucson says: Gen. Chas. Eagan, of army beef fame, and Abe Goldbaum, who has charge of W. C. Green's cattle interests in the state of Sonora, quarreled in a restaurant in Hermosillo while the two were at lunch and a sensational gun play resulted. After some hot words General Eagan drew a revolver from his hip pocket and it is said would have shot Goldbaum if the latter had not been too quick for him. Goldbaum grasped Eagan's arm before he could take aim and the bullet was discharged at the ceiling, doing no harm.

Eagan was thrown violently to the floor by his antagonist and the revolver was wrenched from his hand. The proprietor and others in the restaurant interfered and the men were separated. No arrests were made.

Eagan has won a reputation as a fighter since he has been mining in Sonora, and Goldbaum, although a small man, is fearless. Those who know both men are surprised that the affair did not result more seriously.

The United States geological survey has issued atlas sheets showing the topography of the following three sections in Arizona: Diamond creek, with portion of Grand Canyon; Verde river and Tonto creek, and a quadrangle of Florence.

DEFENDS THE WEST.

Delegate Rodey of New Mexico Answers Resolutions Against Statehood for Territories.

The New England Shoe & Leather Association of Boston recently adopted resolutions appealing to congress to reject the bill granting statehood to Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. A copy of the resolution was sent to Delegate Rodey of New Mexico. He has replied to the association in a letter in which he says:

"On behalf of the people of the great Territory of New Mexico I most emphatically invite your association to mind its own business. If it would only tell the truth there would be no objection to anything it might say. Your slanderous letter is but a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end. What have the territories ever done to your association that you should take it upon yourselves to attempt to have denied to them their rights as citizens of the United States? The only thing we have ever done to your city of Boston is that we have been guilty for from a dozen years to half a century and more of buying millions of dollars worth of shoes, rattan furniture, drugs, cottons, ducks, crockery and other merchandise from you. Is this a crime? Don't you want us to increase and progress so that we can buy more of your goods?"

"New Mexico has an area as large as all of New England, New York and New Jersey combined. Your whole state is not as large as one of our counties. We have, in New Mexico, tracts of coal land three times as big as your whole state, and tracts of lumber bigger than your whole state.

"What a blessing it is that your congressmen are not as ignorant as your association is. Every last one of them voted for our statehood bill in the house, and they acted honestly and right under their official oaths. They were honest men, God bless them, and no narrow-minded bigots, like your board of directors.

"I have sent you our governor's last report and a lot of literature regarding our territory, which I commend to your association to read, so that you will know what you are talking about before you begin slandering a million citizens of the United States. I send you several copies of the report on the statehood bill by that able and honest statesman, Hon. W. S. Knox of Massachusetts, and it may do your association some good to read it. You will learn something about the territories.

"Does your association think it is in a better position to judge of the fitness of our people to come into the Union than men like Congressman Knox, Congressman Tirrell, Congressman Powers and the rest of the Massachusetts delegation in congress?"

"I won't believe that any considerable number of the people of the great city of Boston, of which I once had the honor of being a citizen, are so illiberal and bigoted as to believe as your narrow-minded association does. I will not think that the people who boast of a Faneuil Hall, Bunker Hill and Harvard could entertain such sentiments. I will not admit that a state that produced a Winthrop, a Warren, a Sumner, a Wendell Phillips and a Hoar

voices its sentiments through any such body as your association.

"The three delegates from the three territories attacked resolved this afternoon to circulate your slanderous circular in their territories, and then the people, perhaps, will cease to purchase millions of dollars worth of goods from your merchants, since you deny us our rights. If you want to do us justice, then reconvene your association and retract this libel and false and impertinent piece of impudence you have put upon us. Very truly yours,

"B. S. RODEY,

"Delegate in Congress from New Mexico."

The Black Rock Mining Properties.

Owing to new discoveries and development work done on the Black Rock properties in the Black Hills and Agua Fria mining districts, the stock of that company has been advanced from 25 to 50 cents. None of the treasury stock is for sale now except for further development purposes. There is considerable excitement over these properties in that part of the country among mining people. Mr. W. D. Powell is in town from the mines making arrangements for machinery to handle the property. He has been sinking a double compartment shaft and otherwise making ready to make Mother Earth yield up her untold riches. Much of the ore taken out assays 27 per cent copper, 28 oz. in silver and one-half ounce of gold per ton, making a total value of about \$80. Eastern capital is interested, and Mr. Powell expects to push the work rapidly from now on.

Ho, for the Fourth of July.

At the meeting of the young people on Monday evening at the courthouse the following persons were appointed a general committee to arrange for the different contests and sports: Willie Jones, Geo. Rickel, Edward Priest, Charlie Priest and Charlie Jones. They will arrange for the different contests and select the judges. There will be egg, foot, potato and hurdle races, high jump and baseball contests. Prizes will be given the winners in each contest. Several swings will be put up for the accommodation of the people. Free lunch, ice-cream and lemonade will be served. We hope a sufficient number of the adults will be prepared to assist in serving the children. We will not go out to the Park until after the Milton procession has passed through Flagstaff, so that the children can hear the band and see the procession.

J. H. HENRY.

Cowboy Battle.

A fight occurred between cattlemen last week near Tucumcari, which resulted in the death of five cowpunchers. According to the story, Bud Lee of Dona Ana county had watered his cattle at a hole and allowed them to walk through the spring and ruin it against the protests of other cattlemen who were using the same spring.

Lee was warned if he repeated the action he would be killed. He claimed to have a right to do as he wished with the water, and later came again, accompanied by an old Indian fighter. Eight cowboys were lying in wait for him. When the battle which followed was over, five of the eight cowboys were dead and the other three had fled. Lee and his partner were untouched. They gave themselves up to Sheriff Romero of Guadalupe county.