

# OLYMPIA'S FOURTH A SUCCESS

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Olympia's celebration has been an unqualified success. Estimates on the number of visitors present vary, some placing the number at 5,000 and others as high as 10,000. At that hundreds who had intended to visit here were unable to do so. The Tacoma papers report that 1,200 from that city who gathered at the docks were unable to come because there was not room on the boat. Several hundreds were left at Seattle for the same reason.

The three days' celebration passed off without a single accident or marrying feature. There has not been a serious crime committed, although the police found it necessary to run a large number of suspicious characters out Saturday night and Sunday.

The unexpectedly heavy influx of visitors taxed the restaurant and lodging house accommodations to the utmost, but everybody was cared for as well as possible and without exception there was no extortion or overcharge

Many were the complimentary remarks of visitors upon the excellence of the program of entertainments here and the treatment that was accorded to the city's guests by the citizens generally.

For three days the streets have been thronged with visitors. Yesterday the great increase in the crowd was noticeable more than any other day. This was due to the large excursions which arrived from different cities. Multitudes came up from the harbor on each train and the Tenino train seemed to unload half of that city from its two trips yesterday. The Greyhound arrived yesterday noon loaded to the guards with excursionists from Tacoma, and the Capital City came in about the same time loaded to the limit with people from Seattle. It was, however, one of the most orderly crowds ever entertained here. Many of the visitors left for home last night. The others will return today.

The day's sports were carried off as orderly as the crowd could expect. Beginning at 2 o'clock the sports started with the Indian horse races on East-side street. Hundreds of people lined each side of the course to witness this exciting event. The first race was the one-quarter mile. Three horses were entered in this event. They were Spider, owned by La Porte, Beauty, owned by Jack Slocum, and Hoppicker, owned by James Nimrod. Spider won by a nose in a most exciting finish, with Hoppicker second.

In the one-half mile race which followed, three horses also were entered. George McBratney's Lath won, Yakima, owned by Wapato John being second, and Picture, owned by Mud Bay Sam, came in third.

The next was another quarter-mile race. Ruby, owned by One Eyed Joun

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won, Silk Stockings, owned by Mud Bay Sam, was second, and Leon, W. Jackson, owner, came in third.

All the races were closely contested and each horse was forced to put forth all that was in it before the race was finished.

The people then adjourned to Fourth street, where the hose races followed in quick succession. The first race was a hub to hub race between the three teams, Elma, Centralia and Olympia. On account of the narrowness of the course, Elma and Centralia were allowed to run first and Olympia then followed alone, running against the others' time. Elma won the first event in a pretty run, leading Centralia at the finish by over half a length. The time for the two blocks was twenty-five seconds. Olympia was unable to lower this, but they followed with the time of 25 2-5 seconds.

Then came the big hose race. The teams were supposed to run a block, drag off their hose and connect with a hydrant and get water through the hose. The team that did this in the fastest time, of course, won. Olympia ran first, getting water in forty-two seconds. Elma followed with the fast time of thirty-seven second, three seconds under the coast record. Centralia ran last in the time of forty seconds.

Long before the hose race was over, however, hundreds began crowding the city docks to get a view of the big event of the day, the Indian canoe races. But before this event came off, and while they were waiting for a high tide, the following events took place in the order named:

The "bucking up" contest was one that displayed all the nerve and power of the contestants. A. S. Shroeder won this, sawing through the 34-inch log in 5:54 minutes. F. N. Pringle won second prize, sawing the log in 6:53 minutes.

The funny but exciting greased pole walking entertained the multitude for some time. Oscar Grout proved to be quite an equilibrist, walking the length of the pole and touching the flag several times, but was unable to carry it off with him. James Dofflemeyer captured the flag and won the prize amid the hearty cheers of his large audience.

In the tub race Oscar Grout proved to be the most skillful in handling his craft and James Dofflemeyer received second prize.

Then, while the excitement of the crowd was at fever heat, the Loon, the first of the long Indian canoes, made its appearance, filled with its eleven sturdy paddlers. While threading their way through the scores of launches and smaller boats that crowded the bay, the Indians were greeted with cheer after cheer from the crowded stands and docks. After rounding up in front of the wharf they took a short spin to warm up on and as they returned they were followed in quick succession by the Sea Otter, the Reliance No. 1 and the Reliance No. 2. Each of these was likewise greeted in their turn.

Then the big event of the day happened. The four frail craft that looked like they would go under the water at any minute lined up at the corner of Horr's dock and waited for the starting gun. At the signal the boats started together with a leap that took them nearly clear of the water, then they settled down to their swinging stroke, all the paddlers of each canoe working as one man, which made an appearance never to be forgotten. For the first hundred yards the boats were crowded, then they gradually spread

out and the Reliance No. 1 slowly forged ahead with the other three nearly abreast, close behind. But as they gradually neared the turning point the Loon took the lead with the Reliance No. 2 and the Sea Otter closely following and the Reliance No 1 a half length behind. Here is where the Loon probably lost the race. As it neared the end of the long dock the captain of the Loon noticed a boat anchored there with a flag on the stern and asked if it was the stake boat. He received the answer that it was not and passed by some distance. But the other boats believing the flag to signify the stake boat, turned around it and started back, leaving the Loon some distance in the rear. Now came the hair-raising part of the race. With muscles strained, and every sense alive with the excitement of the race, the eleven swarthy oarsmen of the Sea Otter and the Reliance No 2 forged their craft ahead of the rest and pulled with might and main for the goal. The water sprayed from each of their oars as they dipped them faster and faster in an endeavor to speed the boats. Closer and closer they came to the finish and the crowd became more and more frantic as it cheered again and again for the winners.

The Sea Otter, Captain Sam Wilson, crossed the goal a half length to the good. Reliance No. 2 followed next winning second money, and Reliance No. 3 won third. The Loon dropped out about half way to the finish.