

OLYMPIA'S FOURTH CLOSES IN BLAZE OF GLORY--GREAT FIREWORKS DISPLAY

With the crash of big bombs, the sputtering of set fireworks and the swish and roar of giant skyrockets, Olympia's celebration of the glorious Fourth went out in a blaze of glory and colored fire last night. The big display was all that it had been advertised to be and delighted everyone. No more beautiful display has even been seen in the city and the manner in which it was handled was deserving of praise.

From the first set piece of "Welcome" to the finish, "Good Night," the air was kept well filled with bursting bombs, rockets and other beautiful and noise making creations.

Save the Forester's dance at the Lobby it was the last number on the three days' program and it was a tired and happy crowd that saw the last of the display some time after 10 o'clock. There was a number of private displays of merit and an occasional skyrocket illuminated the air until long after midnight.

The dance given by the Foresters was in every way a happy event and resulted entirely satisfactorily to those in charge.

Exciting Canoe Race.

The Indian canoe race was without doubt the biggest and most exciting attraction of the day. It was 6:30 o'clock in the evening before the four long, narrow canoes lined up at the corner of Herr's dock for the four-mile paddle. Ever yseat on the wharves were taken and even tops of buildings and other elevations were pre-empted. Boats and launches swarmed on the bay, and the steamer Capital City, with the limit of passengers, steamed out to follow the race. "The Loon," "The Sea Otter," "Reliance No. 1," and "Reliance No. 2," were the four entries.

At the word the four canoes dashed ahead at motor boat speed to the cheers of 5,000 throats. The four boats kept close together and it was not until they were within a quarter of a mile of the finish that the spectators could determine which was in the lead. The Sea Otter and Reliance No. 2 led with Reliance No. 1 but a few lengths behind. The Loon dropped out a quarter of a mile from the finish. The Sea Otter crossed the line a half-length ahead of the Reliance No. 2, while Reliance No. 1

came in for third money, a few lengths behind. The first boat received a prize of \$110; the second \$55 and the third \$11.

The canoe race was doubtless the means of bringing a large number of visitors to the city, and it is safe to say that none of them were disappointed with the exhibition.

It was a remarkable event, and one that may not be soon seen again.

The woodsmen's and aquatic sports preceded the canoe race and entertained the big crowd. The bucking-up contest was won by A. S. Schroeder, first, sawing through a 34-inch log in 5 minutes and 54 seconds; and F. N. Pringle, second, 6:53 minutes. The log was a hard one and not very good time was made. The sawing-down contest was declared off. The greased pole prize fell to James Dofflemeyer. Oscar Grout pulled the flag off twice, but failed to hold it. Grout won the tub race, with Dofflemeyer second.

Hose Race Won by Elma.
After winning the hub-and-hub event

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in the hose race, Elma also carried off the "wet test," making the run and throwing water in the low time of 37 seconds. Centralia was second in 40 seconds, Olympia third at 42.

Biggest Crowd in History of City.

There were more visitors here yesterday than ever in the history of the city, it is believed. Fully 1,500 came from Tacoma alone and it is said that as many more could not get transportation to the city. When the Greyhound pulled out from the Tacoma dock yesterday fully 1,500 were left behind.

Yet in spite of the numbers there were no crushes, hardly an accident of any kind. The police protection was the finest the city ever enjoyed. It was necessary to fill the jail to do it, but Chief of Police Braeger and his men were on the spot whenever an offender appeared and placed him under arrest. The result was that there was a minimum of crime.

The excellent management throughout the day contributed to the good nature of the crowd and the good feeling in turn helped to make the day the success it was.

A matter of congratulation was the absence of any attempted extortion. Restaurants, hotels, lodging houses and every business that contributed toward the entertainment of the visitors were crowded to the doors, but prices maintained a normal level and everyone was given the best that could be provided. In fine, it was a thoroughly successful great celebration.