UNCLE SAM TAKES A DAY OFF

Celebration of the Fourth in Omaha Confined to Flags and Fireworks.

PATRIOTIC PRIDE AND PUFFS OF POWDER

Echoes of Enjoyment from Popular Resorts—Picnics in Favor—How the Day Was Generally Observed in the Gate City.

"We are strictly in it," roared the jumbo firecracker and the meteoric skyrocket for twenty-four hours yesterday. They referred to the air in and around Omaha. No one will dispute the fact.

It was a great day. The echoes of the grand Columbian celebration at Chicago were not heard in Omaha. In fact, there was no possible chance for an echo of any kind, while the heavy bass voice of the cannon cracker and the rapid "poplets" of the revolver held undisputed possession of the local atmosphere. Flags of freedom fluttered proudly from many buildings. These majestic pennants of liberty seemed to wave a joyful welcome to Old Solomon of the sky, for his bright and cloudless smiles. The heavy rain of the preceding night caused the hearts of many patriots to beat with sorrow beneath their chest protectors. But when they awoke yesterday morning and beheld a spotless summer sky, rejoicing supplanted sorrow. They at once proceeded to tap the founts of their enthusiasm.

There was no formal celebration. It was a general go-as-you-please. Eagles flew around Omaha yesterday. Some were golden. Others were silver. All had their tail feathers on and wings widely spread. There was a diversity of tastes among citizens as to how to celebrate the day of the nation's birth. Some were filled with enthusiasm. Others were filled with something else.

The young American was a potential factor in the observance of the day. Small boys were accompanied by large firecrackers, while a few proud juvenile patriots, in a spasm of courage, armed themselves with 22-caliber revolvers and deadly cigarettes.

Many people flocked to the public resorts. Courtland beach, Hanscom park and Lake Manawa were all well patronized. Many picnics were on the popular program. Among the prominent affairs of this kind was the Ancient Order of United Workmen's picnic and the butchers' great spread at Sarpy's mills. Some people of quiet inclination remained at home. Many men who believe that marriage is not a failure reclined in big arm chairs under some nice cooling shade tree at home, surrounded by loving wives and prattling children. Others spent the day in hammocks and enjoyed a few hours with their favorite literature.

The decorations, particularly in the residential portion of the city, presented evidence of good taste and abundant patriotism.

In the business portion of the city flags and bunting were displayed profusely. A new flag proudly floated from the top of city hall. Old Glory waved over the county building. Flag staffs on the prominent towers of modern architecture in Omaha, including the New York Life and THE BEE buildings were surmounted by the glorious flag that has never suffered defeat. An electric ball on top of the New York Life building was a feature of the evening illumination.

When the shades of night started the drop curtain on the scenes of Uncle Sam's glorifications, a profuse display of fireworks completed the informal celebration of the Fourth in this city. Several accidents, including fatalities formed the usual unfortunate features of the day.

COURTLAND BEACH.

Crowds of Citizens Patronize the Resort and Make the Manager Happy.

It was a red letter day for Courtland beach, and from morning until night all roads led toward that popular resort, to the great delight of Manager Griffiths and to the entire satisfaction of everybody who visited Omaha's watering place.

Shortly after the first break of dawn Custer post, Grand Army of the Republic, sixty strong, massed its members, their wives and children at Sherman avenue and Corby street where a grizzled veteran took command. Falling into line the battalion marched to the car line. With the old familiar "Yankee yell" they took possession of two trains and everything in sight. The conductors and motor men offered some resistance, but finally capitulated and turned the trains over to the boys in blue. Out over the valley and through the fields they went, frightening the prairie chickens and jack rabbits from their covers and making the dew besprinkled blades of grass tremble and shrink away, as their songs and cries split the bright morning air. Upon reaching the grounds the commissary train was backed up to the gate and enough well filled lunch baskets brought forth to feed an army. They did not contain the regulation hard tack and bacon, but instead were filled with pies, cakes, white and flaky bread, chicken done to a delicate brown, and other good things that would tickle the palate of an epicure. All of these things were carted down to the shady knoll that overlooks the lake. They were spread out for inspection, though carefully guarded by a soldier and a fixed bayonet.

These little preliminaries having been arranged, the old soldiers fell in line behind the post colors, and to the tune of "Yankee Doodle," rendered by a drum corps, marched to camp, taking the position of "parade rest." But it was evident that the "old boys" were not at the beach for the purpose of doing parade rest, and there was some grumbling, they saying that they were out for a feast and not for the purpose of going through military tactics that were thirty years old. Right at this point in the proceedings the bugler blew the mess call. A moment later the old braves, their wives and children were smiting the victuals hip and thigh, though there was enough to feed a regiment. There were pies, cakes and meats that were not uncovered, but these were put away and furnished food for the dinner and supper, which meals were eaten there, for the people of Custer post were out for a day and did not return to the city until the last electric glim was turned low.

There was another organization there in full force and regalia. This was the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and they mustered 500, to say nothing of their wives, sweethearts and children who went along to help in the merry making. These people followed close in the wake of the old veterans and took possession of another quarter of the grove, which extends along the south shore of the lake, where they spread the well filled lunch baskets and participated in an old fashioned picnic.

About this time crowds from the city commenced to arrive and at noon it was estimated that there were 5,000 people on the grounds. Manager Delong of the East Omaha Motor company went over the line and anticipated a rush. Not to be caught, he ordered out every car and during the balance of the day gave the people a five minute service, taking care of the crowd in the most satisfactory manner imaginable.

During the middle of the afternoon the people of the city broke away from the cares of business and in holiday attire they all, or at least a fair proportion of them, went to the beach, some going in private conveyances and more on the cars. After getting there they were not idle by any means. They at once caught the infectious spirit of enthusiasm and made things howl, as it were, for they bathed in the surf, they rode the gravity road and the waves, they listened to the seductive music of the orchestra, they went round and round in the carousal, or sat in the cool and delightful shade. All of this time the crowd was increasing, and at 6 o'clock it was estimated that 20,000 people had passed through the gates, and they were good people, too. The cream of Omaha society was there and the members of this sect were just as happy as their poorer neighbors. They bathed in the same water, rode on the same car, and for once they threw down all barriers. The usual balloon ascension and parachute jump was a feature of the day.

The display of fireworks, which were exploded from an elevated stand on the north shores of the lake at night, was one of the finest ever seen in the city, having been ordered especially for the occasion, and consisted of candles, rockets, mines, wheels and a large number of fixed pieces.

At midnight, when the closing hour arrived, the last pleasure seeker had left the place, but long before that time the thousands had voted the day at Courtland a grand success and the resort one of the finest in land.

SHOT HIMSELF.

Joseph Rosenstock's Revolver Ends His Earthly Career.

One of the saddest accidents of the day was the death of Joseph Rosenstock at his residence, 2303 Cass street. Mr. Rosenstock had been sitting on the porch watching the children shooting off fireworks. After looking at the performance for a while he remarked that he had a pistol that would make more noise than the neighborhood had heard for a long time. He followed up the remark by going up stairs to get the revolver.

The next thing heard was a heavy shot, followed by groans. One of the servant girls went through the house and located Mr. Rosenstock in an upstairs bedroom. She saw him lying on the floor. Supposing that he had fainted she ran to the neighbors to give the alarm. In less than five minutes after his wife and friends arrived the injured man breathed his last.

It is supposed that Mr. Rosenstock was trying to load a revolver and it was accidentally discharged.

The bullet entered the abdomen and passed clear through the body. The weapon, which was an old fashioned Colt's precussion cap pistol, lay on the floor beside the body.

Friends scout the idea of suicide, and from all appearances death was purely accidental.

Coroner Maul viewed the body and will hold an inquest at 11 o'clock today.

Y. M. C. A. Park.

No records were broken at the Young Men's Christian association Athletic park yesterday afternoon, but a fair sized crowd were well entertained by the able-bodied young men who delight in out door sports.

An extended program had been arranged, but owing to the rain of the previous night the grounds were in better shape for the propagation of web footed bipeds than for racing, ball playing, etc. By the liberal use of saw dust the grounds were put in fairly good shape.

The first thing on the program was a race over a course of 100 yards between Staley, Woods and Nicholas. Staley and Woods ran together and Staley won in 11⅝ seconds. Then Nicholas ran against the time, breasting the tape in 11 1-5 seconds, winning the prize medal.

Denman put the sixteen-pound shot at a distance of thirty-two feet and six inches, beating Shell and Volkhardt. Staley won the half mile race in 2:21 4-5, with Woods, Anderson, Osborne and Hunt following. He also won the mile race, beating Anderson, in 5:27 2-5. In the game of basket ball the Volkhardts beat the Bullacks in a lively contest. Six tumblers, dressed as clowns, created lots of fun by their antics. A little after 4 o'clock the ball game between the Fort Omaha and Young Men's Christian association clubs was called by a docile looking young man named Anderson, who officiated as umpire, with indifferent satisfaction to the "fans" in the grand stand.

The Christians were first at bat and they drew a blank. The Soldiers found a figure one in the umpire's grabbag of scores.

The Christians scored in the second, sixth and eighth innings and twice in the ninth, making five runs altogether. The Soldiers scored one in the first, two in the third, one in the fourth and two in the fifth, making a total of six. Knabe, who was pitching for the Christians, had to give up to Robinson in the sixth inning on account of a sore arm. With Abbott as catcher this club had a good battery, but its support was not the best, as Waltemeyer, Hoagland and Frail made costly errors. Waltemeyer, who was playing in right field, made enough errors to let in two runs, after which he retired and Arnold took his place. In the last two innings the Christians made a strong effort to beat the Soldiers and scored three runs, but with two men on bases and one out, they could not make a safe hit in order to tie the score.

The Soldiers put up a fairly good game, and McIlvaine was strongly supported by the infield. Owing to the intense heat, the boys did not put much ginger in their work, and, aside from a couple of close decisions by the umpire, which the crowd declared were rank, the only interesting play was in the last half of the sixth inning, when the Soldiers were at bat.

Robinson had just gone into the box to relieve Knabe, and, as a sort of a Fourth of July present, he gave McIlvaine and Trapper bases on balls. Duberry then hit a fly to Trail, who not only captured it, but made a grand stand play to McKelvey, putting out McIlvaine, and McKelvey fired the pig skin to Angel at first, putting out Trapper, retiring the side with a fine triple play. The score was as follows:

Christians.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2—5
Soldiers.....	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	—6

Wounded Patriots.

A carriage was driven up in front of Dr Solomon's office at South Omaha about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and a man and woman got out and went into the house. The fellow was wounded in the fleshy part of his thigh. The doctor probed for the bullet and removed it. The man gave his name as Michael McGraw and said he lived at the corner of Twentieth and Cuming streets, Omaha. He claimed that in drawing his revolver from his pocket it was accidentally discharged, but the course of the bullet would indicate that the man had been shot direct from the rear.

A few minutes later George Shelby called on the doctor with a badly cut lip, which necessitated several stitches being taken in it. Shelby got his disfigurement from scrapping.

Abbott's Fireworks.

If what the people at the California chop house, 1108 Farnam street, say is true, H. B. Abbott, a waiter, tried to sever his connection with this world last night by turning on the gas and then endeavoring to take a perpetual sleep. Abbott, it is claimed, left a note to "Maud," asking her to forgive him.

Friends discovered the leaking gas and roused the young man. When found he was nearly asphyxiated. A brisk walk of a few blocks brought him to his senses.

First Fire of the Day.

The proverbial small boy and firecrackers combined, resulted in the first blaze of the Fourth about 8 o'clock yesterday morning at 816 South Seventeenth street. At this number is a house occupied by Patrolman Cumings and owned by Mr. Lendholm. Mr. Cumings, in endeavoring to extinguish the flames, which originated in the garret of the building, sustained painful injuries by breaking through the ceiling. The damage from the fire was slight.

Soldiers Celebrate.

The interested men of the Second infantry "chipped in" yesterday and bought a supply of fireworks. Colonel Bates, the commandant of the post, donated a fine piece. The fireworks were set off on the parade ground, and the soldiers had a little Fourth of July all to themselves last night.

Picnic at Sarpy Mills.

The butchers' picnic at Sarpy Mills was well attended. Every available conveyance in the city turned out, and the busses and express wagons were kept busy from morning until night hauling the people to and from the grounds. The program was a sporty one, and all the contests were spirited.

Segel's Indiscretion.

M. Segel, a young man employed by B. Wolf at 506 South Tenth street, got tangled up with the authorities yesterday for being indiscreet with a six-pistol loaded with ball cartridges. A ball from the gun aforesaid glanced from a cobblestone across the street, and went through a window in the office of the Rector & Wilhelmy Co., across the street, nearly striking Mr. Rector in its flight, whereat Mr. Rector got warm, as he had a right to do under the circumstances. Young Mr. Segel is not likely to monkey with a loaded gun again, after he gets through paying for the window he broke.

Lawn Fete.

Colored citizens had the exclusive benefit of a delightful entertainment at the home of Mrs. O. Williams, at Twenty-fifth and Charles streets, last night, the Women's Auxiliary of St. Philip's Episcopal church giving the sociable.

A large number of persons attended and everybody enjoyed themselves.

Assaulted at Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, July 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Antone Gloystine was knocked down and evidently stamped in the face and left for dead about half-past 9 tonight. John Creasmen and one Kinneman were charged with the assault and were both lodged in jail by Marshal McFarland to await a hearing tomorrow.

Torpedoes

The fireworks in the evening were greatly enjoyed.

The fireworks peddler was strictly "in it" yesterday.

A large crowd attended the running races at the fair grounds.

Many Omahans crossed the river and enjoyed the day at Lake Manawa.

Chief of Police Seavey moved his office yesterday from the jail to the city hall.

Results of the past few days celebration in Omaha sums up two fires, three fatalities and seven accidents.

"Keep off the grass" was a sign not heeded by flags at the Merriam hotel, yesterday. The lawn was filled with flags stuck upright. It was a pretty display.

Spud Farrish's friends are responding nobly to the call for a popular subscription for the gallant fireman who lost his hand while celebrating the Fourth.

A man who was hit with a falling stick from a sky rocket created great excitement at Sixteenth and Farnam streets last evening by his blood-curdling yells. He was more scared than hurt.

A member of a picnic party which went to Bellevue yesterday was complaining loudly last evening because one of his fellow "picnickers" was arrested for discharging a revolver in that quiet village.

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VISITORS FROM HOLLAND.

Millionaires Van Houten of Weesp Look Over Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Omaha has been honored for several days by the visit of two of the cocoa manufacturers, C. J. Van Houten and D. J. Van Houten. The Van Houtens are from Holland, and are many times millionaires. They have never visited this country before, except a flying trip made three years ago, when D. J. Van Houten hurriedly visited New York, Chicago and San Francisco for the purpose of establishing business here. Attracted by the World's fair they deemed it desirable to improve the opportunity of taking a glance at some of the territory in which their goods had become so familiar. Mr. J. J. Stork, their local representative, met them at Des Moines and then brought them to Omaha, where they have spent a day or two, and also took pleasure in a drive about Council Bluffs.

The prominent buildings of Omaha, the streets, the pleasant acquaintances formed, all seemed to surprise as well as charm the visitors, who at last courteously and cautiously admitted that they had entertained very erroneous ideas about Omaha.

One of them remarked, "Omaha is one of the best advertised cities in the United States. It is known throughout Europe, but to be honest, I never had any idea that it was a real city, with such wonderful places and people. Of course I knew that there was something more than a gathering of cowboys and Indians, but still I could not get rid of the impression that there must be much of the frontier in a city which had grown so marvelously in so few years. I am here than charmed with it."

The gentlemen were much interested in a visit to the smelting works, never having seen such a sight. In fact two more enthusiastic visitors never left Omaha than these two gentlemen as they boarded the train for Kansas City, from which point they will return east, intending to sail for home on the 23d.

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UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH.

Seven Choctaw Indians Awaiting Their Execution.

WILBURTON, I.T., July 4.—All is expectancy here tonight over what action Governor Jones will take in the matter of commuting the death sentence imposed on the seven Choctaws now awaiting execution at this place. The governor has received a message from the authorities at Washington, asking if there is any authority whereby the chief magistrate of the Choctaws may commute a sentence of death. What reply the governor sent is not known, but the general impression here is that the execution will occur according to present arrangements, as the Choctaw laws make no provision whatever for commuting. It is generally conceded, however, that if the governor should fully submit to the demands of the general government for a release of the prisoners on the grounds that they are political prisoners and not really murderers, such action would go far in the direction of allaying the bad blood engendered during the last Choctaw campaign. If the War department is forced to arbitrary methods in order to quell the present trouble, not a few leading Choctaws think the result would be disastrous in the end and result in the overthrow entirely of the present government.

If serious trouble is averted in the end everybody will be surprised, unless some interference is made either by Governor Jones or the United States authorities. Four of the condemned men will be shot on Friday next and the remaining three on the 14th inst. If any resistance is contemplated by the Locke or Jackson party, nobody outside their own ranks knows anything about it. Considerable talk is indulged in, but no public demonstrations have been made.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Brief Session on the Day of the Nation's Birth.

J. H. WINSPEAR SUCCEEDS BIRKHAUSER

Mayor Bemis Sends in Some Appointments and Also Some Vetoes—Communication from General Manager Holdrege on Viaduct Question.

A man without a military title will soon succeed one of the three majors. J. H. Winspear is the new chairman of the Board of Public Works. His appointment was sent into the council last evening by Mayor Bemis.

The mayor's communication cited the fact that the office of street commissioner was abolished by an act of the legislature, and that the commissioner was provided for in another section, making him a member of the Board of Public Works. In view of the fact that Mr. Winspear has proven a faithful official, according to Mayor Bemis' communication, he appointed him a member of the Board of Public Works. When the appointment is confirmed he will be chairman of the board, Major St. A. D. Balcombe, street commissioner, and Major John B. Furay, sewer commissioner.

The reading of the communication received close attention. Major Birkhauser, R. W. Gibson and one or two other candidates were present. Not a word was said, excepting to refer the appointment to a special committee, previously named, for the purpose of considering other appointments made. The special committee consists of Bechel, Munro, Saunders, Back and McLearie.

The following appointments as members of the board of directors of the Public Library were submitted and referred to the special committee, F. L. Haller, Mrs. Claire Rustin McIntosh, P. L. Perrine and T. K. Sudborough.

Appropriations Vetoed.

Mayor Bemis vetoed two items in the appropriation ordinance, one in favor of Hugh Murphy for paving in district 470, amounting to $1,444.70, and the other being Pat O'Hawes' attorney's fees in the squatters' case. The former was vetoed for the reason that the bonds are not all disposed of and no money is in the fund against which a warrant can be issued. This veto was sustained. The latter veto was prompted by the mayor's idea that the claim should not be paid until the squatters have vacated. This veto was laid, temporarily, upon the table.

The mayor submitted a letter from General Manager Holdrege of the B. & M. regarding the proposed Fifteenth and Sixteenth street viaducts. Mr. Holdrege called attention to a contract intered into between the city and the Union Pacific and Omaha & Southwestern railway companies February 1, 1886, providing for the construction of the Eleventh and Sixteenth street viaducts, the widening of Thirteenth street and the closing of certain other streets, and ordinances subsequently enacted. The general manager of the Burlington holds, that in view of the contract, the legislature or city council does not possess the power to order the construction of the viaducts, and especially not a viaduct over the vacated portions of Fifteenth street, or to order the destruction of the Sixteenth street structure for the purpose of reconstruction without the consent of the railway companies. The communication was referred to the judiciary committee and the assistant city attorney.

In view of the day being the anniversary of the birth of the nation the council adjourned until Thursday evening.

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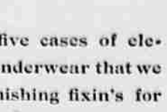
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