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**THE FOURTH.**

**Large Crowds and Much Rain in Attendance.**

Hickory awoke Saturday morning to the sound of hoof-beats and the rolling of wheels. All hotels and boarding houses had been filled to overflowing by Friday night but somehow the people who kept pouring in Saturday morning found accommodation and by the time of the parade it was estimated that the crowd numbered 30,000. Conveyances of every kind were in use from the yaller mule to the snorting automobile. People of all descriptions went to swell the crowd, politicians, business men, rustic mountaineers, from 4) miles away, small boys, gaily bedecked girls, aged women, pompous negro preachers and all others that the best imaginations could conjure up. It was a miniature Mardi Gras.

The crowd though large was orderly. The people were out for a good time but there was very little rowdyism. Slight showers of the morning changing to plunging rain in the late afternoon spoiled in some measure the fun but did not destroy the good humor of the people. It was whispered, too that Hickory was "wet" in more ways than one. The inevitable booze appeared but apparently did little damage. The business section and many of the dwellings were well decorated with bunting and flags. The Hickory hotel particularly, made a beautiful appearance with its festooned pillars and huge "Welcome" banner.

**THE PARADE.**  
Promptly at 10:30 the marshalls heralded the coming of the parade. The band on the north side of the square struck up a lively air. The order of the march was as follows:  
Mounted Marshalls.

Fire Department wagon decorated in red, white and blue. The firemen were dressed in white suits with fancy caps. They carried red, white and blue parasols. The Company presented a neat appearance and their float spoke well for the progress of Hickory.

The float of Geo. E. Bisnar Jewelry Co., was a covered wagon decorated with patriotic colors. The Hickory band resplendent in coats and white trousers rode in this float.

The Clay Printing Co., float was attractive with children dressed in the costumes of all nations.

Singer Sewing Machine float had the singer machine on board and young ladies sewing.

Burns Bros. general store was the next float. Besides the decorations there was the darky band dressed in different gay costumes.

Hickory Bottling Works float was an ingenious affair. It was a huge bottle about 15 feet high covered with small bottles of ginger ale, coca-cola etc.

Hickory Novelty Co., had a large sign made of shutters, posts and other pieces of wood work. Eight young ladies also graced the float.

Hickory Mfg. Co. float had a gothic with fancy columns, doors and mantles.

White Oak Dairy Farm had a float decorated with rye, in a genuine pagoda style.

Shuford Hardware Co., advertised the Hickory pride Range by four large ranges on their float.

A. S. Abernethy presented the Phoenix buggies on his float with two fine buggies of that make.

W. S. Martin was right there with the monkey in the cage. Besides this Mr. Martin had signs bearing his advertisement also represented by children in small carriages bearing the Martin Drug Co., advertisement.

A drum corps followed them in Uncle Sam costume. The made good music.

Men in their full regalia, war paint and feathers. A comic float consisting of a huge giraffe attracted much attention. Shell Grain and Feed Co's., float was decorated with large paintings of live stock.

Dutch Dairy Farm presented the dairy with pretty dairy maids in the act of making butter.

Moretz-Whitener Co., had a pretty decorated wagon with a band on it.

Shuford Furniture Co., had a large decorated wagon with teatle wagons fastened together following it. Little children in white rode in these.

Hickory Bakery had its own delivery wagon decorated.

Abernethy Hardware Co., had a float made like a battle ship. Hatcher Furniture Co., float was decorated with lace curtains while in handsome chairs and on settees sat young ladies dressed in white.

Following these were many private decorated buggies and carriages.

The Rye Ola wagon with its white horse and driver in spotless white brought up the rear.

The floats started at the Graded school building and passed around the part in Union Square, across the railroad, down 9th avenue to 12th street, again crossing the railroad and passing up Union Square. The floats were unusually well designed, and showed much taste and originality. The judges were H. F. Elliott, R. L. Alexander and H. A. Shuford who awarded the prizes as follows:  
First prize, \$7.50, Hickory Bottling Works.

Second prize, \$5.00, Hickory Novelty Co.

First prize, comic float, \$5.00, W. J. Shuford.

Second prize, comic float, W. S. Martin.

First prize pony float, \$2.50, W. S. Martin & Co.

In addition to this, the judges made special mention of the floats of the Shuford Furniture Co., Abernethy Hardware Co., John W. Robinson, dairy farm; and the writer would add to this list, the Hickory Mfg. Co., with handsome and tasteful arrangement of its manufactures, and E. H. Whitener's house in miniature.

After the parade the people collected on Thirteenth street to witness the rope walking performance but a driving rain forced them to seek shelter and sent the rope walker into temporary retirement. Dr. Murphy threw open the doors of the Reformed church and many of the people found a pleasant shelter therein. The rain continued till noon.

**THE OLD SOLDIERS.**

One of the most successful features of the day was the dinner given to the old soldiers. They were out in force. Some 400 of them, the remnants of the host that once defied the world, were here, gathered in the shadiest, most comfortable section of the park where under a cherished Stars and Bars, headquarters had been arranged for the men that the South delight to honor.

Some of the men were still upright after the lapse of years retaining the military bearing of the olden days. Many however were drooping under the weight of years, walking feebly with cautious steps, who had once

charged opposing armies and run cheerfully into a hell of cannon. Feeble and firm, weak and well they were all taken care of by the Hickory people, the city turned over to them, their wishes treated as commands and when noon time came were created to such a dinner as made their hearts rejoice and carried their memory back to war days and camp rations—because it was all so different. Words of appreciation were heard from all sides and it is safe to say that the veterans will not soon forget the kindness and affection of the Hickory people. The committee L. R. Whitener, Dallas Russell and C. C. Bost are to be congratulated on the success of this feature.

**THE RACES.**

Notwithstanding the fact that the rain had converted the streets into a compound of water and mud, the foot races and pony races came off on schedule time. The people were again packed on Union Square and the marshalls had some difficulty clearing the course. There were three contestants in the foot races and they covered the course in a sea of mud.

In the pony race there were likewise three entries. Owing to a collision the race had to be run a second time and was won by Terry Shell riding N. M. Newton's pony. Cecil Bost drew second prize.

A severe storm in the late afternoon drove the people indoors and prevented the ball game that had been scheduled. The fireworks display at night had to also be postponed on account of rain.

The business men of Hickory who contributed so liberally of their time and means and who spared no pains to make this Fourth a grand success, deserve much praise. They were W. S. Martin, Chm. Sen. Com; T. L. Henkel, J. H. P. Cilley, C. H. Geitner, W. J. Shuford, A. L. Shuford, N. W. Clark, C. C. Bost, A. A. Shuford, Jr., J. F. Click, W. E. Holbrook, Z. B. Buchanan, J. W. Blackwelder, J. C. Martin, E. B. Menzies and J. L. Cilley.

**The Convention.**

The Democratic National Convention met at Denver July 7th and is now in session with Bell of California as presiding officer. Mr. Bell in his keynote speech made a vicious attack upon the Republican party. After the convention was organized Dunn of Nebraska introduced resolution lauding Cleveland which were unanimously adopted. The convention then adjourned till noon of July 8.

When called to order on the 8th Senator Gore, the blind statesman of Oklahoma was introduced and made a reference to Bryan that started the most remarkable demonstration ever witnessed at a Convention. The cheering lasted over an hour, after quiet was restored a recess was taken till 8 p. m. At the night session Hobson of Alabama was laughed off the platform for predicting a war with Japan. The credentials committee reported unseating eight anti-Bryan delegates from Pennsylvania.

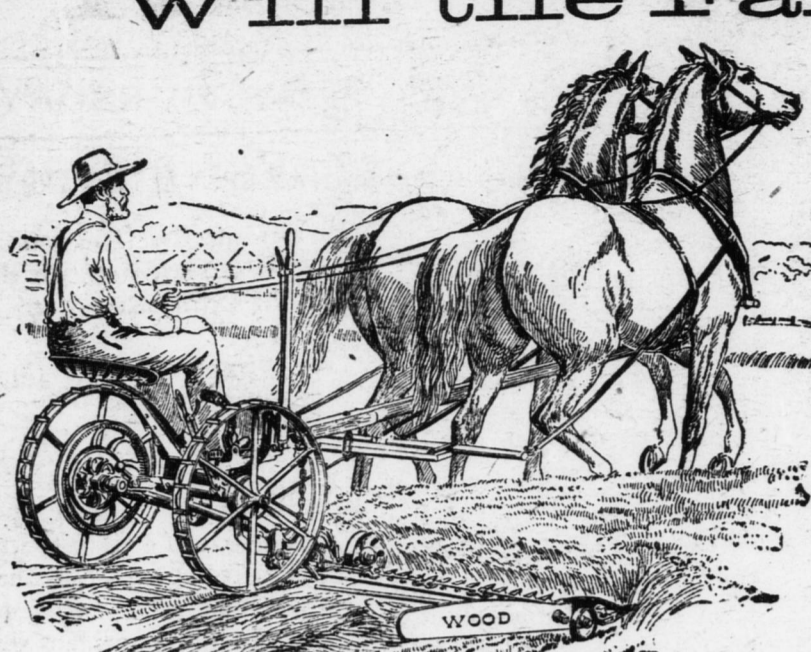
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