## Fourth of July, 1892

## The Joint Celebration

By the Citizens of Pullman,
Roseland and
Kensington
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The Joint Celebration by Pullman, Roseland and Kensington.
Pullman, Roseland and Kensington held a joint celebration on the Fourth of July, and it was by far the finest display ever witnessed in this region. We present this summary of the even as historical matter. The officers were: Marshal-H. H. Sessions. Marshal's Aids-John H. Spearing, L. Vandersyde, Frank Johnson. Musical Directors-T. C. Hill, R. H. Curtiss. Officers-O. L. Chadwick, President; T C. Hill, Secretary; John Madderom, Treasurer; Harry Levering, Assistant Secretary. Vice Presidents —Duane Doty, J. Claud Hill, W. H. Mansfield, J. P Hopkins, A. Van Vlissingen, G. Otto, Isaiah Campbell, A. S. DeWitt, Nicholas Thillman, B. H Curtiss, F. B. Moore, F. August Reich, J. H. Klare. Ladies' AuxiliaryMesdames H. H. Sessions, Samuel Job, J. D. Ware, J. W. Poole, A. Van Vlissingen, C. L. Korthman, W. P. Hatch, T. A. E. Holcomb, Appleyard, C. B. Smith, W. T. Caryl; Misses Hattie Aurelius, Tillie Philpot, Hattie Sinclair, Alice Callard, Leckie and Muller.

Committees.
Finance.—Arend Van Vlissingen, Thomas A. Foley, H. A. Wray, W. P. Hatch.
Music.-B. H. Curtiss, O. L. Chadwick, T. C. Hill.
Speakers. - Frank C. Roby, J. C. Trainor, Dr. F. B. Moore.
Parade. - John H. Spearing, L. Vandersyde, Frank Johnson.
Invitation and Transportation.-Wiley Denison, F. August Reich, John Madderom, E. C. Trainor
Reception.—Dr. E Miller, Parker W. Tefft, Dr. L. G. Bass.
Grounds.-Clarence Monahan, Chas. Kleinhuizen, Nicholas Thillman.
Fireworks. - T. Schmid, Jacob Wolf, F. G. Secord.
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Goddess of Liberty.-W. P. Hatch, E. C. Trainor, W. H. Mansfield, Geo. D. Mason, Frank C. Roby.
Picnic-L. Vandersyde, Thos. A. Foley, Morgan L. Morgan.

## Programme.

At 4 a.m., firing salute of 25 guns. Parade was formed at 9 a.m. on 111th street and Watt avenue, at hotel, Pullman, in the following order: Twenty-four police, Pullman Military Band of 40 pieces, Goddess of Liberty, personated by Miss Mina Dennison; Patriotic Order Sons of America Commandery, Pullman, Roseland, and visiting camps, speakers' carriages, Columbia, personated by Miss Nettie Muller; Knights of Pythias, Roseland Military Band of 24 pieces, G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, Chicago, personated by Miss Eliza Aurelius, Horse Brigade, State representations, Drum Corps, Capt. Hatch's Cadets, Business representations, Drum Corps, Holy Rosary Cadets, Turner societies, Foresters, Ancient Order United Workmen, Dolton Military Band, Dolton societies, Sons of St George, Orangemen, Select Knights of America, Bicycle Club, Citizens' carriages, decorated.

## Line of March.

The line of march was west from Pullman on 111th street west to Michigan avenue; Michigan avenue north to 109th street; 109th street west to State street; State street south to 111th street; 111th street east to Michigan avenue; Michigan avenue south to 115th street; 115th street west to Dearborn street; State street south to 116th street; 116th street east to Michigan avenue; Michigan avenue north to Kensington Avenue; Kensington avenue east to Indiana avenue; Indiana avenue north to 115th street; 115th street east to Watt avenue; Watt avenue north to 111th street; 111th street to Island.

Exercises on Island.
Overture, Pullman Band, "Hail Columbia," Grand Chorus and Pullman Band; prayer, Rev. W. W. Diehl, song, "Red, White and Blue," Grand Chorus and Pullman Band; reading, "Declaration of Independence, Frank J. Roby; song, "Star Spangled Banner," Grand Chorus and Pullman Band; speeches by Hon. W. S. Elliott, Jr., and Ald. John A. Bart'ne [sic]; song, "America," Grand Chorus and Pullman Band.

The day opened with sunshine and balmy skies, and the procession, a brilliant one, concluded it's triumphal march before any rain fell. There was a shower in the afternoon that made the decorations look somewhat limp and bedraggled, but later in the day and in the evening the sky was bright. The day passed without accident and was apparently enjoyed by the largest gathering of people ever assembled here. The streets through which the procession passed were profusely decorated with flags and bunting. The representation of the Goddess of Liberty by Miss Mina Dennison was very beautiful and received boundless admiration. The representation of Columbia by Miss Muller was most attractive and left nothing to be desired. Chicago, represented by Miss Eliza Aurelius, was superb, and she was wildly cheered as the float upon which she stood passed by the thousands of spectators who thronged the streets. These young ladies deserve and have received the hearty thanks of the entire community for their efforts in making their part of the display the most attractive features of it.

In the grove at 111th street and the Pan Handle Railroad, Roseland, commencing after the patriotic exercises on the Island, in Pullman, the program of the day, as carried out, was: 1. Selection, by the Roseland Military Band. 2. Tug-of-war, by the members of the band and the old Roseland Volunteer Fire Company. Prize, one box cigars, by T. Schmid. 3. Wheelbarrow race. Prize, an umbrella, by L. Vandersyde. 4. Sack race. Prize, a fine hat, by Modern Shoe House. 5. Fat man's race. Prize, a fine cane by the Picnic Committee. 6. Ladies' race. Prize, fan, by L. Vandersyde. 7. Pie-eating contest. Prize, one pair fine shoes, by Roseland Enterprise. 8. Potato race. Prize, one pair slippers by L. Vandersyde. 9. Game of football, free for all. 10. Game of baseball in the field south of picnic grounds, by the Roseland and Blue Island nines. Refreshments in the grove. Good music was provided for dancing.

The afternoon sports on the Island were witnessed by 7,000 spectators. 1. Hurdle race, 1st prize taken by Ed Butcher, and 2nd prize by John McLachlan. 2. Sack race, 1st prize taken by Malcolm McNeal, 2nd by Tom Davis. 3. Wheelbarrow race, 1st prize taken by John McLachlan, 2nd prize by Malcolm McNeal. 4. Greased pig race, winner, Lou Bess. 5. Turning exhibition, Turner Society; a. stabuebungen; b. fensterspringen. 6. Four-oared shell race, won by the Blakesley crew. Grand balloon ascension, with parachute leap, by Prof. Heddon, of Dowagiac, Mich. The ascension and leap from the balloon were witnessed by 10,000 people.

## List of Fireworks.

At 9 o'clock p. m., fireworks were exhibited on the meadow west of the Arcade, and were witnessed by the entire populace, and were a success in every way. Some of the pieces were as follows: 1. Welcome; 2. Night falls; 3. Bicycle ride; 4. Mechanical elephant; 5. American eagle; 6. Washington on horseback; 7. African drooping palms; 8. Magic wheel; 9. Wheel of fortune; 10. Go home. Interspersed with extra large batteries, diamond chains, jewel cascade, parachute and calliope, rockets, peacock plumes, prismatic whirlwinds, batteries of colored flowers, and fiery contortionists, electric shower mines, etc. They lasted one hour and a half. In addition to the public fireworks, rockets were sent up from all parts of Pullman, Roseland, and Kensington. At last, tired and surfeited with the day's excitements, old and young, about midnight sought peaceful sleep in homes where quiet reigned.


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