

Twenty-fourth in the Canyon.

The celebration of the Twenty-fourth in the canyon commenced a little prematurely, and most of the fun (?) from all accounts occurred on the evening of the 23rd. A gang of boys, some of them of an age to still derive benefit from the maternal slipper properly applied, loaded up with beer, wine, and booze and proceeded to "show each other a good time." A number of shots were fired, several pates were severely bruised with the stock of a gun or the butt of a revolver, a knife or two was brought into requisition and before the melee was over the sulphur fumes had grown quite dense. Fortunately, the fighting was all among them selves, and appeared to have pretty well worked itself out during the night as nothing occurred on the 24th to mar the peace of the celebration.

There was a very fair attendance at the celebration, many of the representative people being there. The orchestra and a part of the band was on the ground, and the music seemed sweeter as it floated out among the pines and hills. There was some delay in commencing the meeting, on account of the master of ceremonies, chaplain, most of the committee and many of those on the program either being absent or extremely tardy.

Difficulty was found in securing a master of ceremonies. The plum was tendered to a number and declined, but was finally accepted by Thomas D. Roche. The program as carried out, omitting the failures, was as follows:

Music by the brass band.

Prayer by Chaplain Uriah T. Jones.

Singing by choir and congregation.

Address of Welcome, Jos. H. Hunter.

Extemporaneous remarks on "Why we Celebrate the Twenty-fourth," Joseph T. Wilkinson.

Quintette by Miss Ada Wood and Co.

Music by the brass band.

Bp. Henry W. Lunt made interesting remarks.

Recitation, Miss Hattie Mackelprang.

A hymn was rendered by the choir and audience and prayer was offered by the chaplain.

The assembly then disbursed and partook of lunch, returning for the children's dance and sports during the afternoon. Candy was distributed among the children.

The sports included tilting the rings, for which a bridle was offered as a prize and was won by John Fife. There were races for children of all ages, married women and single girls. Frank Armstrong won the fifty yard dash, free to all.

In the evening there was a dance on the pavilion for adults, which kept up until 3 a. m. Saturday morning.

The rain on the morning of the 23rd and the threatening aspect of the weather on the 24th prevented a great many from attending, but those who got out and snuffed the pure mountain breezes, drank in the beautiful scenery and pure spring water, felt well paid for going.