

WHOOOP, BANG, HURRAH!

Old Glory and Britain's Flag Will Waive.

Side by Side on the Fourth of July - Enthusiastic Meeting Held Last Night.

A large crowd assembled at the Board of Trade rooms last night, and for every American present there were two Canadians, the latter entering into the spirit of the matter of providing a suitable celebration on the anniversary of America's independence natal day.

Mr. H. Te Roller was made temporary chairman and J. N. Storry temporary secretary. The temporary organization was made permanent, and L. T. Lithgow was chosen as permanent treasurer.

Capt. D. B. Olson spoke in explanation of the object of the meeting, and urged the necessity of prompt action if Dawson is to have a Fourth of July celebration in keeping with her ability to properly observe the great day.

Secretary Storry caused a tidal wave of good feeling to pervade the meeting by stating that the sports committee for the late exercises of the Queen's birthday has something over \$100 on hand which it will turn over to the Fourth of July sports committee.

The following, on suggestions from those present, were named as an executive committee: Messrs. Heron, Delaney, E. W. Brown, Day, Jensen, Dr. Cook, Dr. Yemans, Buchanan, Matheson, Nourse, Allen, Steele, Cunningham, Dr. McDonald, Kelly, Tozier, Lynch, Cowan, Fairbanks, Thos. O'Brien, Olson, Condon, Thomas, McTavish, Sergeant McIntosh and Hanson. Others will be added to the committee later.

To forward lists to the various creeks for subscriptions at once, Messrs. W. E. Thomas, Jack Dougherty and Joseph A. Clarke were appointed. Committee on decorations and fireworks, Messrs. Arnold, Dougherty and Dr. Wells.

Sports committee, to be added to later, Messrs. F. J. Fletcher, F. P. Slavin and Dr. L. O. Wilcoxon.

Industrial parade committee, Capt. D. B. Olson, Messrs. W. E. Thomas and E. B. Condon.

Printing committee, Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Caskey and Cunningham.

Literary exercises and music, Messrs. Tozier, Thomas and Allen.

It is proposed that the chief features of the day consist of a grand industrial parade, Caledonian and athletic sports of all kinds, horse racing, foot racing, boat and canoe racing, hurdle, sack and obstruction racing, bicycle racing, jumping, caber putting, tug of war and greased pig exercises if a pig can be found in the great vale where the mighty Yukon flows.

A number of the Canadians present were anxious that, as Dominion day comes on Sunday and will therefore not be celebrated, that the Fourth of July period begin on the 2d and continue for three days in the form of a grand international celebration in which Dominion day and Independence day be jointly observed. The suggestion was favorably received and will probably be favorably acted upon at a later meeting.

It is proposed to give an exhibition of fireworks from a large barge in the river, thereby precluding all danger from fire.

Before adjourning the following gentlemen were named as a nucleus for a finance committee: Messrs. J. M. Wilson, Thomas Chisholm and Leroy Tozier; the committee will be named at a subsequent meeting.

An adjournment was taken until Thursday evening at 9 o'clock when a meeting will be held in McDonald hall and when there will certainly be a large and enthusiastic attendance.

Thrives on Bacilli.

A good share of the existing prejudice against crocodiles ought to be removed by the example of Oscar the most famous and without doubt the most accommodating crocodile in the world.

Oscar is the property and pet of the Pasteur institute, says a Paris correspondent, where he holds a responsible post, which his African cousins will not envy him. He is still young enough to retain a good deal of infantile spoitness in spite of the fact that all his young life has been given up to the depressing and enervating pursuit of accepting and recovering from disease, for that is precisely what Oscar's business is. The Pasteur doctors no sooner get hold of a new disease than they inoculate Oscar with the germ of it to watch its effect and to test methods of cure. In addition they have inoculated him with the germs of all the old dis-

eases likewise. Persons who have been in a position to judge declare that there positively is not a disease known which Oscar has not experienced. But, thanks to his robust constitution and easy temperament, he has survived them all and is today the happiest and liveliest being in the institute.

The first experiment ever tried on Oscar was an injection of the smallpox microbe. The disease came and went, and Oscar's beauty and vigor were unimpaired. A variety of scrofula was the subject of the next experiment, but Oscar seemed rather to enjoy his sensations than otherwise and came out unscathed.

Tetanus was the next thing, then cholera, the tuberculosis, Oscar getting a more dangerous dose each time. But cholera served as a tonic for Oscar's general health, and if teased about his tuberculosis he would contrive to strike his eye with his tail, which is his way of saying that the whole thing is a great joke in his opinion.

Diphtheria did leave him uncomfortable for a time, but he was cured by one of the many diseases antidotes of which his tissues must by this time be entirely constructed. In fact, antidotes seem to harm him as little as the disease germs.

Oscar is now considered to justify the presence of the crocodile in the scheme of creation, and the scientists who have made Oscar famous may in time devise similar uses for such animals as share the odium commonly visited on the hungry crocodile.

Human Sacrifice.

Amsterdam is greatly horrified by the shocking story which has just reached there of a human sacrifice which occurred several days ago on the opposite shores of the Zuyder Zee in the little village of Alftost, in the Gelderland. An exaggerated religious fanaticism which has for some time alarmed the authorities of the neighborhood town is responsible for the tragedy, of which a man servant of the leader of the sect was the victim.

The fanatics who sanctioned the murder are known as Scherfites, after their leader, a rough farmer named Scherf, whose grandfather was the founder of the sect. There are but 20 members of this religious body, and as all their meetings and rites were secret the actual character of their beliefs has never been known. Suspicions which have arisen from time to time have subsided again and no investigation has therefore been made of practices which it is now believed were of a revolting and lawless character.

Recently the Scherfites have apparently become almost insane in the practice of their rites, and their meetings, which were invariably held at midnight or early dawn, were accompanied by wild shrieks which so terrified the villagers that they shrank from further inquiry.

The climax came a few weeks back when the farmer, Scherf, acting in his customary role of high priest, declared to his followers, who are mostly women, that the time had come when a human sacrifice would be acceptable to the Lord; that, in fact, it had been divinely revealed to him that the continued favor of the Most High could be obtained only by this means, wherewith Scherf sonorously recited Old Testament passages in support of the practice and then announced to his unquestioning flock that it remained only to choose the maker of the sacrifice. Scherf himself was chosen. As to the victim there were only whisperings. A date was set, but none but the high priest himself knew how the grewsome performance was to be carried out or dared to inquire.

On the day appointed two young girls, members of the sect, came just before dawn to the house of Scherf, where they stood bareheaded in the snow singing psalms in shrill, high, monotonous voices. This was the signal. Scherf arose and called his wife and daughters, who joined in the chant. Then he called to his servant, who lay in a heavy sleep. The man came stumbling into the room where his master awaited him, knife in hand. Scherf, while the women stood about him singing, threw himself upon his defenseless victim and plunged the knife into his heart with such deadly aim that the poor wretch fell dead after one agonizing shriek.

"The sacrifice is made!" shouted the murderer in triumph. "Bring the bowls for his blood!"

Then in a frenzy of bloodthirstiness he seized the knife a second time, swung it high in the air and cut off first the dead man's head, then his arms.

Then came the important part of the "sacrifice." Every drop of the poor creature's blood was carefully preserved by the murderer and the crazed women who assisted him. When they had gathered it all, they poured it into a great open vessel and stood about in a circle singing, while they washed their

guilty hands in the blood of the innocent victim.

"Thus shall we be made pure," chanted Scherf piously. "Thus shall we cleanse ourselves from sin. Thus shall we make ourselves acceptable in the sight of the Lord."

And the women echoed his words, after which each of the 20 members of the sect took a turn at a share in the horrible rite till the sacrificial ceremony was considered complete. And as a climax every trace of the butchery was burned.

News of the performance soon reached the police, and the next day Scherf, with every one of his followers, was arrested.

Luck and the Cat.

Me and maw and paw and Little taltbert went over to Aunt Grace's nite before last, and when we started home we noticed a cat with a Dark complexion following us. Paw sed shoot at it, but maw told him it was Good luck to have Black cats follow you home, and she turned around and sed:

"Pussey, pussey, Pussey!" at it so soft and Gentul that pritty soon it Came and bent its back up like a Drummy Dairy's and pointed at the moon with its tail and rubbed against maw and Got frendly.

"I hope," paw Says after we Started on, "you don't mean to tell you ackshally believe in sutch sines as that." "Well," maw anserd, "it duzzent no enny Harm to be on the Safe side. They are lots and lots of mystereous Things in this world that people Can't explane."

"Yes," paw says, "I no that, but still it seems foolish that a person who is the Mother of children goes thru life amaguring that Black cats and fait visit around Hand in hand. You ot to be old enuff by this time to Outgro such foolishness."

"I don't See why it's enny more foolish than to Think it's bad Luck to look over your Left sholder at the new Moon," maw anserd, "and I no you Never do that if you can help it. You saw it that way the Last time and worried about it, too; you no you Did."

"They are some reason," paw sed, "for thinking the moon mite be a good Thing to keep trendy With. Svuince shows us that the moon influences the oshen, causing the tides, and if that's so, it mite have sumthing to Do with man. There's no use hunting around for Fait and Daring her to do Her worst."

When we got home maw let the Cat inside and put her in the Basement and nothing happened till Last nite when we were eating Dinner. Our new gurl made some floating ilund Pudding and set it to Cool.

Paw got reddy for His desert first and after he had His floating ilund nearly et the Black cat came walking thru the Dining room from the Kitchen. We noticed that she was all white and Leaving tracks Behind her.

When we Chased her out the gurl sed: "She yooost vent into da Pooding to keep hees feets varm, but voomp out ven I go to deesh heem oop."

Then paw had Sum feelins On the black cat bizness that he couldn't keep down, and We have no Reeson to believe he saw it Over his Left shouder either. -Georgie in Chicago Times-Herald.

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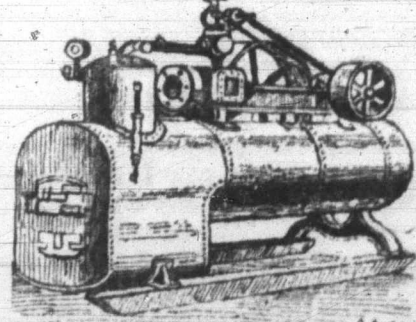
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