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Through Turnstiles Yesterday.....29,583

THE PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

1 P. M.—Chiming of the bells in Liberal Arts tower.

2 P. M.—Informal reception at the Tulare County exhibit in the Horticultural and Agricultural building.

2:30 P. M.—Concert by Mexican band on music pavilion near Administration building.

2:45 P. M.—Concert by Cassasa's Mid-winter Exposition Band in Liberal Arts building.

6 P. M.—Evening chimes on the bells.

7:45 P. M.—Grand illumination of exposition buildings and central court.

8 P. M.—Evening concert by Mexican band in Vienna Prater. Admission free.

8:30 and 9:30 P. M. — The electric fountain.

General admission during the day 50 cents; after 5 o'clock 25 cents.

It was in the face of a cold and moisture-laden wind that the Slavonian procession marched into the grand court of Sunset City yesterday. The day was one of those

singularly cheerless ones that the new weather clerk has been giving San Francisco, but it had no apparent influence on the ardor of the celebrating Slavs and Austrians. Nor did the elements keep

back the crowds from enjoying a Sunday afternoon such as will be sorely missed after the fair is over.

Although the celebration yesterday was called Slavonian the Slav's Austrian countrymen and Polish sympathizers participated with enthusiasm. The Austrians, Bohemians, Moravians and the rest celebrated because they join hands with their southern brothers under the standard of Franz Joseph, and the Poles were there for the reason of their sympathy for Slavs, whom they regard as men without a country.

They all united in a parade from downtown to the exposition, which had many handsome features and compared favorably with the other great processions.

The grand marshal, H. Gaxa, rode after a detachment of police officers. His chief aid was P. Szukalski, and with him rode S. Kucich and A. Tadich, aids.

In the first division Ch. Prosek was special marshal, and Nick Marich and R. Radich were aids, a squad of Oakland cavalry, under command of John Glecak, following, and after them were Pan Slavists (V. N. Bakulich and George Arnerich as standard-bearers); float representing Liberty; carriages with guests, presidents, orators and committee of arrangements; Slavonic-Illyric Benevolent Society, A. E. Barlich, president, and V. N. Bakulich, vice-president; Slavonic National Social Club on decorated float, D. Bradasich, president.

Victor Gomery was marshal of the second division, and his aids were Michel Vodjanski and Andrew Adamks. The division consisted of Fro-Sasinek Assembly No. 33, N. S. S., Fr. Fruhlar, president; Slovenski Catholic Society, A. Adamko, president; Bohemian Club, F. Beran, president; C. S. P. S. Zlatobrana; float representing Slavia; Zvonimir Club, F. Zan, president, and A. Gecan, vice-president.

The third division was picturesque with flags, banners and regalia. With Special Marshal S. V. Slavish and his aids, St. Laro and Joseph Cirighio, at its head it marched in the following order: Slavonian-American Society of San Jose, L. V. Slavich, president; Andrew Lepesh, vice-president; Slavonians of Santa Clara County, under the leadership of President Sambuck; Slavonians and other citizens on foot; carriages.

The exercises of celebration began in Festival Hall at 2 P. M., at which hour quite a large attendance was present. Chevalier de Koutski led the overture, his "Awakening of the Lion," performed by the Mexican band. The music, as conducted by de Koutski, awakened a wild applause that had its own effect on the

audience during the afternoon.

Antone Korbel, the honorary president of the day, merely said a few words of welcome but made no speeches and so the introductory address was by A. E. Barbich, president of the day.

As Director-General de Young could not be present, his place was taken by Frank H. Truesdell, chief of the department of publicity and promotion. Mr. Truesdell extended a hearty welcome to the Slavonians and was warmly applauded for his happy speech.

The president of the day said he was highly pleased to see such a large gather-

ing of his countrymen as the result of the labors of the Midwinter Fair Slavonic Association to unite all the Slavonians of California on this occasion. Mr. Barbich said that when the first meeting of the Slavonic societies had been called in December last there was an immediate evidence of their interest in the proposition. The work done since that time has principally been devoted to arousing the same enthusiasm among the Slavonic societies outside of San Francisco. He humorously remarked that it was remarkable to notice how many Slavonians were discovered as soon as it became apparent that Slavonian day was to be a success, but leaving all that aside, Mr. Barbich said that the Slavonians were certainly to be congratulated and that they would no doubt receive a great deal of good from their Midwinter Exposition reunion.

Frank Zan delivered an oration in English and Slavonian, in which he reviewed the Slavonic history and glowed over the heroic deeds of Slavs during many ages.

The following prominent Austrians, who acted as vice-presidents, were on the stage: John Ivancovich, N. Barovich, I. Clecak, I. Slavich, Marco Rabasa, Marco Malovoz, Dr. Joseph Prosek, Joseph Korbel, F. Lastufka, Captain Bielavski, Luca Jancovich, Z. V. Muzina, J. Kucich, J. Vostrovsky, F. Adunovich, Marco Gliabetch, N. Milco, Dr. Pavlicki, V. Snajder, Hugo Fisher, Domo Mengola, T. V. Tadic, F. Truhlar, A. Gecan, Boza Radovich, N. Plancich.

Following Mr. Zan's address Chevallier de Koutski gave as a piano solo his own arrangement of Schubert's beautiful "Serenade," and the audience were once again called upon to manifest their appreciation of good music. Later in the programme a piano solo was played by Miss Annie Vostrovski of San Jose, and a song was sung by E. J. Zan of Portland, Or. Addresses were delivered by Dr. V. G. Vecki of San Jose in Slavonic-Croatian, and by

G. Vostrovsky of San Jose in Slavonic-Bohemian. The programme came to a close with a piano solo by De Kontski.

In the evening there was another entertainment in Festival Hall, when the Sla-

vonian band played and various instrumental and vocal solos entertained the audience. The entertainment concluded with a ball, which was kept up until after midnight.

An alarm of fire was given at 2 P. M. on the south driveway, and instantly an excited crowd gathered around the Oregon placer mine concession. In a few minutes the fair fire department was on the scene and ready for action. The fire was quickly extinguished, and no damage was done beyond the burning of lace curtains, which caught fire by coming in contact with a light.

With the exception of nickel-in-the-slot machines there was nothing to allure the visitors yesterday to part with their coin. These machines, however, were well patronized, for without exception each one had a group of young people around it during the afternoon. Captain Baldwin of the Midwinter guard stated that all the "sure-thing" games and wheels of fortune were prohibited and will not be allowed to run again while the fair lasts. The guards are instructed to watch them.

"Oh, yes; we are all closed down temporarily for repairs," said one of the wheelmen.

"You intend to start again," was suggested.

"Well, that depends," was the quick reply. "You see it costs so much for 'repairs' that we are in doubt whether we will resume."

He would not explain the meaning of his insinuation about "repairs."

"You can take it for what it is worth," he said.

The South Sea Islanders have sent away their canoes, mats and paraphernalia to Seattle and will follow them this week. So far as the islanders can estimate a temperate climate they are satisfied that it is not altogether agreeable in temporary sheds through which breezes blow without interruption. They are turning now to the Puget Sound with feelings of a desire for a change. Like these simple natives of the south seas there are many other "freaks," midway people and exhibitors making ready for moving to the Northwestern exhibition, which is to take place at Tacoma. The move is being seriously discussed throughout Sunset City, so when the fair closes officially July 5 a large number of these people will begin preparations for the northward journey.

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Around the fair grounds yesterday there was no sign of an approaching exodus, for every department, including the mid-way shows, had a business-like appearance. The crowds of visitors felt inclined to seek sheltered places and many thousands took advantage of the opportunity to inspect the exhibits and county buildings. There was a noticeable sprinkling of uniforms, and every other man wore a badge or regalia. Then there were hundreds of little girls in white with hair falling down around their shoulders and bedecked with light flowers. They went out with the Slavonians and helped to make the grounds picturesque by their presence.

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