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LARGE CROWD ATTEND LEGION CELEBRATION

GROSS RECEIPTS IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$1,600. LEGION WILL MAKE SMALL PROFIT ON THE DAY'S RETURNS.

The fourth of July celebration at East Side Park in this village on Thursday of the past week was a truly safe and sane affair. No accidents of any serious nature were reported throughout the day.

At least five thousand people attended the day's events here, the largest crowd to attend any celebration in this neighborhood. The parking grounds at East Side Park and at the baseball grounds were filled to capacity throughout the day.

While the complete data on the financial results of the celebration is not available at present, it is known that the American Legion took in approximately \$1,600 during the day. However, expenses for the celebration ran exceptionally high this year and the local post does not anticipate a very large margin for the day.

The program of events for the celebration went along smoothly. The day opened with a parade down Main and State streets. The line of march was headed by the Legion color bearers and the 128th Infantry band of Wausau. About thirty local businesses places were represented with floats in the parade, many of them especially attractive exhibits of decorative ability.

Two baseball games during the day attracted a large number of sport fans to this village.

Daylight fireworks proved a disappointment to many of those in attendance. Thought the Legion had invested a considerable amount in this form of attraction, it proved perhaps the least interesting of the day's features. The evening fireworks, which were set off at 10:30 were beautiful and spectacular. They brought the events of the day to a fitting close.

William T. Evjue, editor of the Madison Capitol Times, presented the address of the day at the park at 1:00 p. m. Mr. Evjue spoke from wide experience on a number of topics. He concerned himself with the future of the republic and the influence of national politics on that future. He also spoke of the prospects the future held for the country town and the merchants.

An orchestra composed of members of the 128th Infantry band furnished music for dancing at the pavilion during the afternoon and evening. The music was excellent and the dances on both occasions were well attended.

Airplane flights at the Twetan field did not attract as large a crowd as was anticipated. Cross winds hampered the fliers and they were unable to make only about a dozen trips during the day