

The 4th of July Fest at Round Top

According to previous announcement the mid-summer fest of the Round Top Schuetzenverein took place Tuesday, the 4th inst., at their grounds. At 10:30 o'clock a fine procession headed by the Round Top brass band, next a mounted flag bearer, who bore the colors of the Schuetzenverein; second in order came an elegantly decorated wagon, on which was inscribed in bold letters, "The Dutch Girl Mine," with pictures of Hon. John Hancock and Major Dunn standing out in bold relief, also sketches of mining life. In the rear of this wagon was a jack, with pack-saddle and camp equipage. Several fine specimens of gold, silver and copper quarts, said to have been taken from this mine in Arizona, were on exhibition, and were eagerly examined by many persons. The second decorated wagon was that of a barber shop with a humorous barber, busily engaged in shaving a customer. The third was the decorated band wagon from Roeder's Mill. Next came a wagon, in which were half a dozen young ladies dressed in white. The remainder of the procession was composed of citizens in vehicles and on horseback. The procession was nearly one mile in length.

After the procession had all entered the grounds W. S. Roberson, Esq., of LaGrange, was introduced as the orator of the day and delivered one of the ablest and most instructive discourses it has been our privilege of hearing for a long time. Though a young man, Mr. Roberson is a fluent speaker, and understands the art of holding and entertaining an audience.

The next thing on the programme was the awarding of the prizes for decorative wagons, which were as follows: Best decorated wagon, The Dutch girl Mine, first prize, \$25; second Barbershop, \$15; third, Shelby band, \$10. The remainder of the day was spent in general amusement, until 6 o'clock p. m., when the grand ball opened in the Schutzen hall, a splendid building 50x60 feet, recently erected at a cost of about \$1300, which despite the oppressive weather, was kept up until daylight Wednesday morning. The best of order prevailed during the entire time, and everybody appeared to be in the best of humor. There were about fifteen hundred tickets sold at the gate—no charge being made for children. The crowd on the grounds was variously estimated at from 1700 to 2000 persons. Thus ended the second annual fest of Round Top Schuetzenverein, which was a complete success in every respect.