

Successful Air Ship flights Feature of Big Day at Fair  
Bird Man Gives Two Excellent Performance Yesterday Afternoon  
First Flight to be Made in Kewanee  
Peoria Boosters are Guests; Judge Leslie D. Puterbaugh Give Remarks

Although heavy clouds hovered in the heavens the greater part of the day yesterday threatening any moment of a downpour the attendance at the fair was not reduced as much as expected and the uncertain actions of the weather man did not tend to interfere with the progress of the great fall event. Seven thousand, two hundred and twenty-two people paid admittance at the gala yesterday. Although the attendance was not as large as on Thursdays of previous years the fair officials express themselves as being very well pleased with the showing made considering the weather conditions.

#### Hoodoo Is Broken

The talk of the entire community for many miles radius is relative to the successful air ship flight at the Kewanee fair yesterday. At last the hoodoo which has been connected with several big events which Kewanee citizens have been trying for years to promote has been cleaned away and in the future the people will have no occasion for doubt when a big free attraction of a similar nature is advertised.

Perhaps the most pleased set of men on the grounds yesterday was the body of men constituting the officials of the Kewanee fair when they saw the aviator sailing over the grounds. They realized that at last their plane had been successfully carried out and that the first air ship had made a flight in Kewanee.

#### Visits nearby Towns

In alarming both flights he took his machine to the south end of the quarter stretch and after starting the powerful engine he glided over the ground until he was about in the middle of the quarter stretch where he gracefully left the ground and soared to a height of about three hundred feet in the northeast and after traveling about four miles reversed his course. He then came back south and took a spin over the towns of Elmira and Lafayette. Mr. Carlstrom stated that he visited about three towns south and west of here.

After being in the air sixteen minutes on the first flight the aviator came back to earth from the southward and made a beautiful descent using the entire length of the quarter stretch in doing so. He was given hearty applause when he alighted from his machine.

The second flight was made shortly before the parade of Peoria Boosters arrived. This ascension was equally as beautiful and thrilling as the first and the aviator was in the air about twenty minutes.

#### The Peoria Boosters

As had been planned the Peoria Boosters more than one hundred strong visited the fair yesterday afternoon. The train was about twenty minutes late in arriving. The twelve Pullman cars stopped at the subway and the passengers marched to the fair grounds forming a parade headed by the Kewanee Red Men band and Kewanee merchants. Next in line came Spencer's fine military band from Peoria. The business men of the thriving city to southeast of here, wore linen dusters and white hats. They marched in the front of the grand stand where the parade disbanded and the visitors enjoyed about fifteen minutes of hearty headshaking with Kewanee residents.

Many people viewed the air ship between flights yesterday. The car is a fine specimen of aeroplane. It is equipped with a six cylinder seventy-six horse power Kirkham motor. The machine is valued at \$50,000. It weight one thousand pounds with the rider. Mr. Carlstrom stated this morning that it cost him \$6 a day for life insurance.