

SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF WEST VIRGINIA.

WHEELING, JUNE 20, 1913.

Hon. HENRY G. DAVIS, *Chairman*,
Elkins.
Hon. S. F. REED, *Vice-Chairman*,
Secretary of State, Charleston.

Col. JOHN E. DAY, *Secretary*,
Wheeling.
Hon. B. W. PETERSON, *Treasurer*,
Wheeling.

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Hon. EDW. THORNBURG,
Huntington.

Col. JOHN E. DAY,
Wheeling.

PROGRAM ADOPTED AT CLARKSBURG MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 1911.

1. Governor, Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be members of all committees.
2. Appoint a secretary of the Commission, also a clerk, who shall be a stenographer, Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary to employ such clerical help as necessary.
3. At all meetings of Commission, five (5) members constitute a quorum, and may do all that a full Commission is empowered to do.
4. By act of Legislature add to State flag State motto.

5. Celebration June 20, 1913, at Wheeling, and also observed throughout the State, especially by schools, colleges, universities, organized orders, county seats, boards of trade, etc.

6. Governor to issue a proclamation making the day of celebration a holiday if provided by law.

7. A procession or march, consisting of music, militia, organized orders, citizens, school children, etc.

8. A suitable arch or arches to be erected on line of march, illumination and fireworks at night by city in which general celebration is held.

9. Governor to make short address to the people of the State, to be sent out by the State Superintendent of Schools, with flags of State and United States and poem or song to all colleges, universities, schools, organized orders, county seats, etc. All to be requested to join in the celebration.

10. Speech by Governor and others after march, also poem or song.

11. Banquet at night with speeches, also poem or song.

12. Invite President of the United States and cabinet; also Governors, Secretaries of State and other officials.

13. Invite and offer premium of \$500 for best poem or song relating to State.

Estimated cost of celebration:

History and resources of State, with chapter on agriculture, timber, coal, oil, gas, schools, churches, health, climate, fruit, water, commerce, manufacture, railways and public highways.....	\$2,500.00
Poem or song.....	500.00
Secretary of Commission and a clerk who shall be a stenographer..	3,000.00
Printing, including history and resources of State, etc.....	4,000.00
State and United States flags.....	3,000.00
Postage and express charges.....	1,500.00
General expense.....	1,500.00
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14. COMMITTEES:

1. Executive committee, consisting of Governor, permanent Chairman of Commission and Secretary of State, to act on all subjects not otherwise specially provided for. Chairman of Commission to appoint members of all committees.
2. Finance and legislation..... 3 members.
3. Program, flags and arch..... 3 members.
4. Poem, song and monograph..... 3 members.
5. Entertainment, music and speeches..... 3 members.
6. History and resources of State..... 5 members.
7. Transportation..... 3 members.
8. On celebration at schools, county seats, etc..... 5 members.
9. Printing..... 3 members.

PLACE OF CELEBRATION.

At the time of its selection as the principal place of the celebration, the city of Wheeling agreed as follows:

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

The city of Wheeling agrees to furnish the following, if the celebration is held in our city, during the month of June, 1913:

First. To furnish all electric light being required.

Second. To furnish all arches lighted with electric light being required, one special arch to be constructed as suggested by the Commission.

Third. To furnish whatever office room may be required.

Fourth. To furnish all assistant clerks and stenographers being required.

Fifth. To meet all expense that may be incurred the day before and after the celebration, namely: such as the exhibits of State resources, or manufactures; products, agricultural and otherwise.

Sixth. To take such steps as are necessary toward a nation-wide advertisement of the celebration.

Seventh. To bear the expense of a Five Hundred Dollar Prize for a poem and a similar sum for music in honor of the celebration.

Eighth. To furnish the New Auditorium, seating 4,000 people for any public meetings or exercises, and, if necessary, the Court Theatre, seating 1,400 people, and the Virginia Theatre, seating 2,800.

Ninth. To furnish the Wheeling Park for any outdoor exercises that may be planned.

Tenth. Lastly, to co-operate heartily with the Commission in any manner possible to make the event a grand success, promoting the best interests of our State and setting forth our magnificent resources and opportunities.

CHAS. C. SCHMIDT,

Mayor of the City of Wheeling.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.

Upon the motion of Judge John W. Mason, the following was unanimously adopted at the Clarksburg Meeting:

“Resolved, That the Chairman and Secretary of the Semi-Centennial Commission be authorized to draw upon the proper appropriation for the expenses heretofore incurred, and hereafter to be incurred, by this Commission.”

NAMES OF COMMITTEEMEN.

The Governor and Chairman of Commission to be members of all Committees.

FINANCE AND LEGISLATION.

Highland, *Chairman*,
Moats,
Wilkinson.

PROGRAM, FLAGS AND ARCH.

Governor (W. Va.), *Chairman*,
Day,
Davis.

POEM, SONG AND MONOGRAPH.

Peterson, *Chairman*,
Davis,
Hodges.

ENTERTAINMENT, MUSIC AND SPEECHES.

Thornburg, *Chairman*,
Brannon,
Peterson.

HISTORY AND RESOURCES OF STATE.

Mason, *Chairman*,
Reed,
Chilton,
Moats,
Shott.

TRANSPORTATION.

Faulkner, *Chairman*,
Wilkinson,
Mason.

CELEBRATION, SCHOOLS, ETC.

Reed, *Chairman*,
Bright,
Shawkey.

PRINTING.

Chilton, *Chairman*,
Shott,
Day.