

1936 Annual Stampede Is Huge Event

The curtain fell Sunday evening on the greatest celebration ever conducted in this city as the championship rodeo performances in the Ute Stampede were culminated at the fair grounds with hundreds of sports fans from all over the state witnessing the only performance of the four-day series under ideal weather conditions.

From the beginning event on Thursday afternoon until Sunday evening there was not a dull moment in the show and the stampede committee and band contest officials are worthy of much praise for their efficient handling of the entire event.

Pain storms threatened to curtail the scheduled events that had been promised the fans but with one exception, the boxing matches which had to be held at the high school auditorium instead of at the open air arena.

Governor and Mrs. Henry H. Blood who were in attendance all day Saturday for the final day of the mid-summer band contests, the race meet and rodeo, stated that it was one of the most exciting days they had ever spent.

In addressing the thousands of people who were on main street during the contest of classes A and B bands, Governor Blood congratulated the people of Nephi for their far-sightedness in publicizing the community to the Intermountain country. He congratulated the many bands that had been performing that morning on Main street and stated that with the continuation of band contests in the summer every community of the state would have an incentive to keep its band going for full 12 months of the year instead of disbanding at the close of school.

Judges of the contests were Dr. E. M. Hiner of Los Angeles, California and Clarence J. Hawkins of the University of Utah at Salt Lake City. Both praised the movement of mid-summer band contests and other entertainment.

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30 horses from all over the Intermountain states competed in the racing Saturday.

The boxing matches Saturday evening featured a double-main-event, with Leon Holman of Ft. Green losing to Max Fairbanks of Richfield and Max Young of Payson getting the nod over Red Belle of Monroe in five rounds.

The Provo high school band was awarded a \$150.00 French horn given by the King-Irvine Company of Salt Lake City for the outstanding band in the contests. Provo also won the class A prize.

The Nephi municipal band was awarded first prize money in the class B contests, and Moroni and Gunnison tied for the class C prize.

The Fairview Junior band was given first ranking in the Friday contests, and the Fay and McRay Drum and Bugle Corps and the Richfield Girls drum and bugle corps tied in their contest.

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