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How Harrison Celebrated.

At an early hour last Thursday the people were reminded that the glorious 4th of July had arrived, by the firing of guns, and soon the people began to gather from the surrounding county.

At the appointed time the people assembled at the court house and filled the room, where Sheriff Pfost acted as chairman. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Figgins; the declaration of independence was read by A. J. Babcock; music was furnished by the choir; after which the orator of the day, W. H. Hoover, of Rushville, was introduced, and made a very neat and clear cut speech, dwelling on the marvelous growth and development of our nation and especially of the great and rapid improvement of our own state. The oration was well received and listened to with marked attention.

This closed the exercises at the court house and the people adjourned to witness the game of base ball between the Harrison team and a nine from Gramercy. A good deal of sport was the result of the game and the best of nature prevailed. As the time for the races approached the game was brought to an end and the crowd repaired to the race track.

The first race was a trot in which a horse owned by A. McGinley won three straight heats, while C. L. Tubb's horse won second money and W. R. Smith's horse carried off third prize.

Next came a half mile running race for which several enteries were made. First prize was won by R. S. Van Tassel; second by Geo. H. Turner and third by Elmer Smith.

Then came the quarter dash. In this Geo. H. Turner won first money; C. F. Coffee second and third by Elmer Smith. With the exception of a dash between a horse belonging to W. P. Fitzgerald and one belonging to Alex Clark this ended the races.

The next feature was the ring riding in which John Dunn won the prize.

In the foot race John Dunn came out first and J. Fitz Simmons second. In the race for boys under fifteen years of age Don Smith won first money and a boy by the name of Corbin second.

The celebration wound up with a dance in the hall where the people enjoyed themselves until morning.

Taken alltogether the celebration passed off very quietly. There were no quarrels or disturbances of any kind and we saw but few who had drank enough liquor to become intoxicated.

Says an eastern trade journal: By watching the advertising columns of a newspaper we are enabled to know the exact condition of merchantile affairs, of the general prosperity or depression in the town where the paper is published. We can sit at our desk and pick out the live, business towns all over the country, and also the slow and dead towns. There is no better index to a town than its newspapers. They are a better criterion to go by, and are considered so by sagacious men, than the photograph. It is the enterprise of the inhabitants, and not the size of the buildings that make the town. You may pick up a paper and read at a glance, "We mean business," or "We're deader than a stuffed bird," as plainly as though it were printed in big type and red ink across each page.

European Journalism.

It would be a great boon to American press and public if the European special correspondents were recalled and ordinary American newspaper men sent over in their place, with instructions to get the news. The American correspondent in Europe seems, as a rule, to pick up a lot of back stairs gossip and cut out of dashy papers the most sensational paragraphs he can find and telegraph them to the United States as news. It's all glare and sensation to him. He does not get the facts of an occurrence right nine times in ten. This Delagoa Bay business will probably simmer down as all his other sensations have.—San Francisco Report.

The following is from the St. Louis Globe Democrat: It is mighty hard to keep up with the court decisions in these days. The supreme courts of a dozen states have within a few years declared that drunkenness aggravates rather than mitigates a crime committed under its influence. But a Cincinnatti judge, in a murder case last week, granted a new trial because the jury had not given sufficient weight to the fact that the accused was drunk when he committed the deed. He went so far as to say that the drunkenness of the accused rendered impossible that degree of premeditation which is necessary to make up the crime of murder in the first degree.

The Washington Monument.

Ten thousand eight hundred and ten persons ascended to the top of the Washington monument last month, making a total of 110,862 since the structure was opened to the public.

Look Out for Such.

West Point Republican.

A new and ingenious swindle that is now being worked on unsuspecting religiously inclined people is thus described: A pretty female solicits 10 cent subscriptions to a foreign missionary society, and those who donate are requested to sign their names on a paper along with others who have kindly given something to the heathen. Beneath the paper the "sucker" signs is an ingenious copying paper, which transcribes the name, and she leaves with as many notes as she has names, which she gets discounted as soon as possible.

A Serpentine Problem.

From Notes and Queries.

An astronomer from Harvard Observatory some time ago propounded this problem to a number of fellow-savants: Suppose that three snakes, each two feet in length, should catch each other by the tip of the tail, thus making a circle six feet in circumference. Suppose each one should begin to swallow the one in front of him. In what way would the resultant figure, after each snake had swallowed the one in front of him, differ from the original circle? There were many diverse opinions upon the subject, some of them entering the consideration of the fourth dimension of space, because any one of the snakes would have swallowed the two in front of him, and yet have been swallowed by the two in back of him, and, therefore, would be both inside and outside of his two fellows.

The Johnstown Horror.

After considering all the evidence in connection with the Johnstown horror, the coroner's jury finally rendered the following verdict:

We, the undersigned, a jury of inquest empanelled to investigate the cause of the death of Ellen Hite on the 31st day of May, after hearing the testimony, do find that Ellen Hite came to her death from drowning, and the drowning was caused by the breaking of the South Fork dam. We further find from the testimony and what we saw on the ground that there was not a sufficient outlet for waste water, nor was the dam constructed sufficiently strong nor of proper material to withstand the overflow, and here we find the owners of said dam were culpable in not making it as safe as should have been done, especially in view of the fact that a population of many thousands were in the valley below. We hold that the owners are responsible for the fearful loss of life and property resulting from the breaking of the dam.

How Nebraska Has Prospered.

Fremont Tribune.

The Tribune submits the following statistics touching upon the agricultural development of Nebraska during the past eight years. It prints them not to deduce any argument that the increase in the wealth of farmers has been altogether what it might have been but as disproving the statements of Crank Burroughs that they are constantly sinking deeper and deeper into debt.

Mr. Hyde says: "Since the United States census of 1880 the population of Nebraska has increased from 452,409 to about 1,000,000; the number of its farms from 63,387 to 141,187, the number of its live stock, from 2,424,590 to 4,647,630 and their value from $33,440,265, to $81,990,942. Its manufacturies, which numbered 1,403 in 1889, with products valued at $12,627,336, have increased nearly three fold in number and more than four fold in the value of their products. Its crops of the three principal cereals which aggregated, in 1880, 85,853,017 bushels, have since reached 184,902,000 bushels, and the true value of its real and personal property has risen from $362,343,128 to at least $700,000,000."

A Royal Expense.

Victoria has sent her estimates to the house of the expenses attendant upon the marriage of the son and daughter of the Prince of Wales. She doesn't want much, but what she does want she wants earnestly. She wants ten thousand "pun" for Albert Victor for expenses until he is married, and an annual grant of twenty-five thousand ever afterward. That is $125,000. For Louise she only wants three thousand pounds down, but after she is married she must also have $125,000 a year to live.

It is likely that there will be some vigorous kicking by Gladstone's followers. The radicals will object, but it will be of no avail, the money will have to be paid. The British commons has never screwed its courage up to the sticking point yet in its history, to reject any of the queen's appeals for support, although the old lady, having accumulated $20,000,000, is really able to take care of her family. She is the richest woman in the realm and can afford an establishment, if not equal to the Vanderbilt's, yet one that would do credit to Fifth avenue, where not half the residents can show over a million or two. The people of the United States can be thankful that they have no such leech as a titled aristoracy, but contribute only to the support of those who have or are doing active service for the government.

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The Womans Christian Temperance Union had a very pleasant session on Wednesday, July 3rd, there being an unusual number in attendance. Among other matters acted upon was the following motion of condolence offered our sister, Nettie L. Verity, upon the loss of her only child by death:

Whereas, It has seemed good to our Heavenly Father to enter again this sisterhood and bereave our sister, Nettie L. Verity, by taking away from her heart and home her only child, Florence, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Union tenders its warmest sympathies to our dear sister, and expresses the wish that the afflicted parents may be comforted by the thought that little Florence is not lost to them, but only gone before, into the realms of peace and joy.

Resolved, That this expression of regard should be spread upon the records of the society, and offered for publication in our local newspapers.

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In view of the fact that the Omaha Bee and papers of that order, claim so persistently the truth of one side of an important question, we offer no apology for presenting testimony upon the other side of the same, i e, "Does Prohibition Prohibit?" Albeit, as in this instance, we merely reproduce the same ideas which we have presented before, but from a different source, holding that our evidence, coming from different personalities, is thus made cumulative. The subjoined article was handed in by a coworker for publication and we gladly endorse it:

A gentleman writing to the Springfield, Mass., Homestead rceently said:

All that law can possibly do, or that it claims to do, is to place commands upon the people and provide penalties for the law breakers. Whatever theft is punished the law against it is enforced. People will steal, but why do they do it in secret? Because the law is enforced. I have heard people say: "Look at Iowa. The prohibitory law is not enforced there. Liquor is still sold there. Better license it and get what money they can out of it as long as it is sold anyway." Why not say: "Look at Massachusetts. Forgery is still committed. Better license it and get what money they can out of it as long as the people will forge notes anyway."

I have lived in Iowa some years. I was there when earnest men and women worked hard for the prohibitory amendment and when it was carried by a large majority. I have lived there since and I have seen its results, and I know the prohibitory law against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is enforced in Iowa, and, with the exception possibly of some of the river towns on its borders, which are very hard to control, strictly enforced. This is not saying that liquor is not sold there; but those who do it do it secretly and at their peril, just as they do who violate other laws in that fair state. Every known law is violated, but what a palpable absurdity to argue therefrom that we will do away with law and license every wrong. That would be at least consistent with the view many take of the law now pending.

Again they say that more liquor is sold under prohibition than under the license law. If this were true drinking men generally would vote for prohibition and work for it. Do they? If I were in doubt about the right way to vote, I would hesitate long before casting my ballot with the majority of liquor manufacturers, liquor sellers and liquor drinkers in order to promote the cause of temperence.

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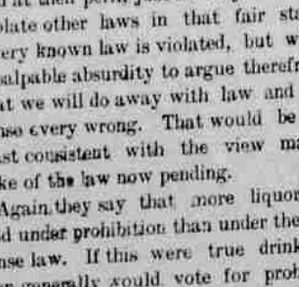

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