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THE HERALD will issue no paper to-morrow. The eagle that has his headquarters in this office has the day to himself, and the boys at the cases will have a holiday with the rest of the force. It is a day to celebrate.

GLORIOUS FOURTH.

Tomorrow is the Fourth of July, and again we celebrate the anniversary of the declaration of our American independence; clothed in the simple habiliments of citizens of the Republic, we come together without the command of an arbitrary ruler; we do so of our own right, of our own good choosing, as citizens of a free republic, amid the clamor of a popular, careless joy. Upon this occasion the thoughtful mind reflecting runs back reviewing the ever-widening course of progress, where our nationality has opened up the path, and led the way. It recalls the great names inseparably blended with our nation's growth, recounts their virtues, and their deeds, strong, true, supreme, heroic as ever made a people's history grand.

It marshals up in grand array those heroes of the revolution from their long, silent sleep. It pictures forth once more those men of sterling worth as they composed that little colonial Congress, upon the threshold of the new continent, whose hands signed that immortal Declaration of Independence, which called a nation into life and started it forth on its career of glory. There is a mighty significance in the celebration of this occasion. A lapse of over a century is now embraced in our history, as a nation. It has been a momentous period, standing out on the pages of history, beyond and above all others, not alone in military glory, in manifestations of national greatness, but in the grand expansion of a Christian civilization.

In discoveries that have blessed humanity, in achievements of science that dawn on us like the light of a new creation; still more, if possible, it has been a wonderful period in the development and exercise of charity, humanity, freedom of thought and deed. It has clearly demonstrated the majesty and nobility of human nature. It is rich with the testimony of intellectual might.

These are glorious, proud, thoughts for the American citizen upon this day, which every man, woman and child in our broad, prosperous, happy land should observe. Thus is kept alive the patriotism of the citizen. Thus we instill into the minds of the youth of this country, pride of nationality; love of country and devotion to those principles upon which the Republic is founded.

The HERALD hopes every one of our readers will throw aside the cares and perplexities of business for a brief day, and tomorrow renew their patriotism by celebrating the 4th of July, and teaching their children those higher lessons which are to be drawn from its observation, and this is the HERALD's 4th of July oration to its readers.

HAD Mr. Henri Watterson, our friend Dr. Miller, and our neighbor the great lion hearted anti-monopolist from "Arbor Springs Lodge," taken the safety precautions, observed by the old Connecticut preacher, when they were going off half cocked and bellowing for free trade a short time ago, they would have been saved the mortification and humiliation, this hot weather, of having to take back and explain away their recent zealous hurrahs for that already dead issue. The Connecticut clergyman placed extraordinary reliance upon the judgment of his deacon who was noted for his strong common sense; the crop needed rain badly and the preacher was a great believer in the efficacy of prayer, but he was too cautious and wise to take a step in the direction of obtaining the coveted blessing without first consulting his deacon; consequently, he inquiringly said: "Hain't I better pray for rain today, Deacon?"

"Not today, Dominie, I think," was the prudent reply; "the wind isn't right."

The moral we would impress upon our unfortunate Democratic leaders hereafter, is to quietly ascertain which way the wind blows before they start out on another wild goose chase.

Elam, the Richmond editor, appears to have been much more seriously injured than at first reported. His physician fears the result of his wound will prove fatal.

THE TEMPERANCE PLANK OF THE IOWA REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The third resolution contained in the platform adopted by the Republican party of Iowa, is just now undergoing spirited criticism by the press of that state; a casual reading of the resolution, as wired abroad at the time of its adoption, led us to understand that the Des Moines convention in obedience to the will of the people of that progressive state, expressed at a non-partisan election—favored a re-submission of the amendment to the Iowa Constitution, prohibiting the liquor traffic in that state, to a vote of the people. This amendment had been annulled by a decision of the Supreme Court of Iowa, after two thorough and exhaustive arguments, and great dissatisfaction has been expressed by the people of Iowa with the decision of their Supreme Court in thus setting aside the will of the people expressed at the ballot box; and the demand was made by the people, emphatically expressed at their primary meetings and county conventions for a re-submission of the question to a vote of the electors of the state; delegations were so instructed, and this singularly worded and constructed plank of the platform was accepted by it as a declaration by that convention in accordance with the instructions received from the masses of the republican party of Iowa at their primary meetings and conventions; but it appears this is not the purpose of the resolution adopted by that convention, on the contrary it turns out that the framers of the resolution so drafted it, that it commits the republican party of Iowa to the radical and revolutionary ground of considering the amendment alive and in force regardless of the edict of the great court of last resort in that state. If it is true that this is the real meaning of this plank in the platform of that party in Iowa, it is simply *indescribable*; no party can afford to take any such grounds, and we do not believe the great convention, which accepted that platform at the hands of its committee on resolutions, and adopted the same with such fervor and enthusiasm, understood this plank to mean what its plain language now seems to import.

As is said by one exchange in commenting upon this portion of the Iowa republican platform, "No party can afford to elevate the town meeting above the courts," much less strike down a co-ordinate branch of the state government in that manner. The dissatisfied wing of the republican party in Iowa claim this objectionable resolution was tricked upon the convention, hence the severe criticisms and strictures upon it.

Senator Van Wyck on the Niobrara Deadwood Route.

Talking about General Van Wyck, I met the eccentric and caustic but energetic and honest old war horse the other evening, and asked him about the Nebraska mail route. "Pool, pool, ummha yes, yes," said the senator. "I should think so," D'n rascals. Another star route job scotched. That's all, see? No more necessity for the mail routes to the Hills than there is six postoffices in Omaha. Called attention to the scheme last Congress. The plan was to get two more routes for two more railroads. One from Chamberlain, Dakota, to Deadwood, for the benefit of the Milwaukee & St. Paul and this one from Nebraska for the benefit of the Sioux City & Pacific road. Deadwood has two daily mails already and doesn't need any more. When I came to look up the country to be served by the Niobrara route, I found that all the government receipts from a radius fifty miles around Niobrara didn't amount to \$200 a quarter. Talk about helping Northern Nebraska—O yes! The hardy settlers names on the petitions are three quarters soldiers from the Fifth Cavalry and employees of the sutler at Fort Niobrara. See? Why, the proposed line doesn't run thirty miles in Nebraska before it strikes the Indian reservation and the Nebraska mail for Deadwood wouldn't amount to a letter a day. Thirteen thousand a year is pretty expensive for that isn't it? Eh. Now, if I believed that northern Nebraska honestly wanted and needed the *new route*, and that it was a better and shorter route than the others, I would take off my coat and work for it. But they don't. It's a railroad and speculators scheme to bleed the treasury in connection with one of the worst of the old star route gang. What's going to be the result? Well, I don't know. I've done my duty in calling Mr. Gresham's attention to the matter.

MORTON, MILLER AND TARIFF.

Democratic Twinship in Nebraska.
The Omaha Herald is heaping on the tariff question. Last year in a merely local fight, the Herald boldly marched up the free trade hill, and now at sight of the first speck of real war it marches down again. That paper can't quite summon the hardihood to say for itself that the Ohio tariff plank is good, but it is a most copious borrower of the New York Herald's nonsense to that effect. We are glad to know that the Miller-Morton twinship is off on this question. Morton does not eat a word he has uttered on the tariff question.—Lincoln Democrat.

And all is not harmony among the Democracy of Nebraska, and Mr. "Morton does not eat a word he has uttered

"on the tariff question?" So, then, Mr. Morton still believes a tariff for the "protection of our productive industries" is an "iniquity." That independent party which the Detroit conclave foreshadowed may not prove "a damned barren reality" after all, as the sainted William Allen used to say.

GENERAL CROOK has returned again for a brief stop at Omaha, and he notices the people of that city gave him a rousing reception. His victory in capturing the hearts of Omaha's people is in our opinion a much more "famous victory" than the one the newspapers have been wining for him in his campaign after the Apaches.

Two years ago yesterday Mr. Garfield was assassinated.

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