

FOURTHS LONG AGO.

How the First Anniversary Was Observed in Philadelphia.

Upon the first anniversary Philadelphia made considerable effort toward a joyous celebration. The Pennsylvania Journal of July 9, 1777, tells about it: "Yesterday, being the first anniversary of the independence of the United States of America, was celebrated in Philadelphia with demonstrations of joy and festivity. About noon all the armed ships and galleys in the river were drawn up before the city, dressed in the gayest manner, with the colors of the United States and streamers displayed. At 1 o'clock, the yards being properly manned, they began the celebration of the day by a discharge of 18 cannon from each of the ships and one from each of the 18 galleys in honor of the 13 United States.

"In the afternoon an elegant dinner was provided for congress, to which were invited the president and the supreme executive council and speakers of the assembly of the state, the general officers and colonels of the army and strangers of eminence and the members of the several Continental boards in town. The Hessian band of music, taken in Trenton the 26th of December last, attended and heightened the festivity with some fine performances suited to the occasion, while a corps of British deserters, taken in the service by the state of Georgia, being drawn up before the door, filled up the interval with feux de joie. (What a sardonic joke!) "After dinner a number of toasts were drunk, all breathing independence and a generous love of liberty and commemorating the memories of those brave and worthy patriots who gallantly exposed their lives and fell gloriously in defense of freedom and the righteous cause of their country. "Each toast was followed by a discharge of artillery and small arms and a suitable piece of music by the Hessian band.

"The glorious Fourth of July was reiterated three times, accompanied with triple discharges of cannon and small arms and loud hurrahs that resounded from street to street throughout the city. Toward evening several troops of heavy, a corps of artillery and a brigade of North Carolina forces, which was in town on its way to join the grand army, were drawn up in Second street and reviewed by congress and the general officers. The evening was closed with the ringing of bells, and at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with 13 rockets) on the commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated. Everything was conducted with the greatest order and decorum, and the face of joy and gladness was universal. Thus may the Fourth of July, that glorious and ever memorable day, be celebrated throughout America by the sons of freedom, from age to age, till time shall be no more. Amen and amen!"—Chicago Inter Ocean.

The Natal Day. If the natal day of American independence is to be derived from the ceremony of the final signature, then it should be Aug. 2. If derived from the substantial legal act of separation from the British crown, it should be the 2d of July. But common consent has determined to date the anniversary from the comparatively subordinate event of the passage of the Declaration.

Memorable Orations. The Fourth of July, 1847, will be remembered as the occasion of Charles Sumner's famous speech on the "True Grandeur of Nations," which he declared to be peace, and those respectively of 1858 and 1860 as the occasion of the forensic masterpieces of Rufus Choate and Edward Everett.

War-time Fourth. It was on July 4, 1863, Vicksburg surrendered to General Grant, and General Lee, after three days of stubborn fighting, began his retreat from Gettysburg.

Freedom's Banner. Oh, tenderly the haughty day Fills his blue urn with fire! One more is in the mighty heaven, And one is our desire. The cannon booms from town to town, Our pulses are not less. The joy bells chime their tidings down, Which children's voices bless. For he that hung the broad, blue fold O'er smouldering land and sea One-third part of the sky unrolled For the banner of the free.



The sun see sign of heaven kind To build an equal state— To take the statue from the mind And make of clay its fate. And henceforth there shall be no chain, Curs'd underneath the sun. The yoke shall sever through the main Sweet emancipator.

4THS PRIOR TO 1776.

EVENTS WHICH MARK THE BIRTHDAY OF THE NATION.

The Spirit of Independence Was Abroad in 1676—Bacon and the Governor of Virginia—Washington at Fort Mifflin.

Independence day draws near once more, and as it approaches we are led to recall some of the noble deeds and momentous events connected with the Fourth of July in history. It is an interesting date to remember.

First, of course, is the Fourth of July, 1776. It was on Thursday and very hot, "sultry and oppressive," wrote one of the immortal signers in his journal. In the hall of the state-house at Philadelphia 56 men were assembled, and discussion was heated. A momentous question was up—"Resolved, That these 13 colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states." Quite a number were opposed to it as a matter of policy.

John Hancock, who sat at the head of the table, handsome and debonair, presided with affable grace. There were the five framers—long Tom Jefferson, the venerable Franklin, sturdy John Adams, honest Roger Sherman and R. E. Livingston of New York. Everybody looked to these, for they were the recognized leaders of that congress.

Hotter and hotter it grew out of doors, and hotter it was in independence hall. It was 9 o'clock before they voted. The resolution had passed. America was free! Hurrah, hurrah! Ring the bells and fire the guns!

Let us go back a hundred years to 1676 and go down to Jamestown, in Virginia. Old Sir William Berkeley, the governor, lived there, and he was a notable tyrant. He was engaged in selling gunpowder and shot to the Indians and receiving furs in return, which was against the laws. So, when an Indian war broke out, he let them massacre the settlers rather than commission any one to go to fight them. It made a great stir all over the colony, and finally a brave young man declared that if there was any more trouble from the savages he would lead the colonists against them without any commission.

Within a few days the Indians made a bloody incursion upon his own plantation, and, true to his promise, Nathaniel Bacon (that was the young planter's name) led 500 well armed settlers and inflicted a terrible defeat upon the red men. For this Governor Berkeley declared him and his followers rebels.

But Nathaniel Bacon had justice and right on his side, and he did not mean to be stigmatized as a "rebel." So he and his 500 soldiers marched to Jamestown, determined to make the tyrannical Berkeley give him a commission. They arrived before the governor's house, and the old man came out and acted and talked like a rascal. But Bacon was cool and firm, and at last the fiery old royalist signed a document making Bacon general of all the Virginia forces to fight the Indians. It was late in the afternoon, July 4, 1676, just a hundred years before the signing of the Declaration.

A rude fort built of earth and logs stood in the heart of the wilderness of western Pennsylvania. Inside the fort were about 150 provincial soldiers commanded by a young Virginia major. Outside were 1,000 French and Indians led by a French marquis. For ten hours, through a sultry, rainy July night, the Americans had been besieged there by the enemy. Only one of their number had been killed, but they had no water and but little food. The French commander was impatient, but the valor of his foes had taught him discretion. As the sun rose through the mist and shone upon the wild landscape the marquis sent forward a flag of truce and proposed an honorable capitulation. The young major from Virginia accepted the proposal, and on July 4, 1764, George Washington and his little army marched out of Fort Mifflin with the honors of war and departed through the woods for Virginia. The first blood shed in the old French and Indian war was spilled on this occasion.

A band of explorers were proceeding along a narrow trail through the primeval forest. They were dressed in trunk hose and padded doublets and had on steel corselets, long Spanish boots and queer looking steel caps. One of them bore a banner—the fleur de lis of France.

All at once there was a joyous shout, and the party of Frenchmen defiled out of the wild wood and paused upon the banks of a great lake. The sun was shining beautifully from the summer heavens, and the waters of the lake glistened like a mirror. It was Samuel de Champlain and his followers, and the lake was that large inland water that now bears his name—discovered July 4, 1608. This is the earliest—and the last—of our memorable Fourth's—Forward.

From an Old Time Gentle. Behold those iron hearted men, armed with dauntless vigor and incensed in a panoply that no human force could shatter and in readiness for battle, stand boldly forward, and with one stroke of the pen cause a vibration that shall only cease to be felt when the universe returns to primordial chaos. Then listen, in imagination, to the vociferous and long continued hurrahs that rent the welkin to the booms of cannon and the universal ringing of church bells, which announced to an intensely interested world the never to be forgotten fact, that independence of kingly and monarchical tyranny had been declared with trumpet tongue and would henceforth prevail and conquer till every individual human being would and of right ought to be, forever free.—Exchange.

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The July Clearing Sale

Begins here Saturday, July 1st, Store opens on that day at 9 A. M. Here is a Sample list of the values, judge of the entire store by these few

NOTICE In compliance with the Ten-Hour Law Enacted by the Last Legislature this Store will open promptly at 9 a. m. and close promptly at 9 p. m. every Saturday henceforth. We therefore urgently request that you do your Saturday shopping before 9 p. m. STORE WILL REMAIN CLOSED ALL DAY TUESDAY JULY 4TH.

Domestic Dep't--Clearing 50 pieces double fold percale worth 10 and 12 1/2% clearing sale, per yard..... 50c Lonsdale cambric mill ends of from 5 to 10 yards, 36 in wide, regular price 12%, this sale, per yd..... 60c Kearney unbleached sheeting full 9-4 width, this sale, per yd..... 90c All the ready made sheets and pillow cases go during this sale at ONE-FIFTH THE FORMER LOW PRICES All wool cassimere suitings for bicycle skirts, 28 in wide, 25 styles to select from, all on one table, at a reduction of ONE-HALF OFF

Waist and Suit Dep't--Clearing Percale wrappers costing upward from \$1.75, this sale ONE FOURTH OFF. Jackets in covert serge and kersey, all colors, all sizes, both ladies and misses, this sale, ONE HALF OFF. Fine percale shirt waists, regular \$1.00 values, to close, this sale, each..... 59c All crash suits, ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$8.75, to close during this sale at ONE HALF OFF. Fine black lawn shirt waists with white polka dots, \$1.25 values, this sale at..... 97c \$2.25 crash skirts to close, this sale at..... \$1.47

Mens Furnishings Clearing Mens negligee shirts made of imported Maris, detached cuffs, no collar, sold for \$1, during this sale, each..... 69c Mens 10c madras string ties, this sale, each..... 7c Boys white blouse waists, worth 25c, this sale, each..... 19c

Toy Department Clearing Screen wire, per square ft..... 1 1-2c Poultry wire in rolls of 150 ft, 5 ft wide, per roll..... \$3.25 Screen doors, this sale..... 49c 10c base balls..... 5c Base ball mitts..... 7c Blue flame stoves, one burner \$4.47, two burner..... \$5.98

Carpets and Drapery Clearing China matting our 18 and 20 cent values, this sale, per yard..... 9c All wool Ingrain carpet, 70c grade, this sale per, yd..... 57c Linoleum, regular 60c goods, this sale per square yard..... 43c 27 inch corduroy for upholstery, cheap at 60c, this sale, per yd..... 30c

Wash Goods Clearing Immense lot of short lengths in peaches, dimites, organdies and other fine fabrics, just right for short waists or childrens dresses, values range from 10c to 40c, in one lot during this sale, per yard. 5c.

Grocery Department--Clearing

400 cans Boston Baked Beans, this sale per can..... 4c 300 cans Potted Ham, No. 1, this sale per can..... 4c 300 cans Anderson's Jams, any fruit, this sale, per can..... 81-2c 400 cans Columbia River Salmon, steak, this sale, per can..... 8c 300 gallons Heintz's sweet pickles, this sale per qt..... 15c Newport Flakes, strictly fresh, this sale per pkg..... 13c 200 bottles assorted pickles, this sale, 3 bottles for..... 25c Oat Meal and Graham Flakes, this sale, per lb..... 11c Choice Olives, this sale, per bottle..... 9c Choice clover honey in combs, this sale, 2lbs..... 25c Genuine German mustard in Mason jars, this sale, per jar..... 9c 300 tins imported sardines, this sale per tin..... 8c 200 bottles of catsup, first quality, this sale, each..... 8c Hires Root Beer, per bottle..... 15c

Household Dept--Clearing

No. 8 wash boilers, full size, drop handles, this sale, each..... 47c Perfection pie tins with removable bottom, quick this sale each..... 10c Champion sieve, heavy, tin, this sale, each..... 9c White enamel steel dish pans, extra strong and deep, 14 qt, this sale..... 89c Bixby's Best blacking in patent box, 10c size, this sale..... 5c Laundry wax, this sale..... 2c Hard wood lemon squeezers, this sale..... 5c Peerless Ireland freezers, this sale 3 qt, \$1.67; 4 qt, \$1.97 6 qt, \$2.47; 8 qt, \$3.47; 10 qt, \$4.47 Plunge bath tubs, 5 ft, \$4.97; 6 ft, \$5.89 Infant bath tubs..... 47c Handled shoe brushes, this sale, each..... 10c Dover egg beaters, this sale, each..... 7c Cobbler outfits, this sale, each..... 35c Fruit Jar Fillers, retinned, this sale..... 5c

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TROOPS FOR PHILIPPINES.

Ten Thousand Volunteers to Be Recruited at Once and More Later.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—As a result of a conference between the President and Secretary Alger it has been decided to begin the enlistment of volunteers for two years' service in the Philippines. It is proposed to arm and equip at once three brigades, or about 16,000 men, and to continue the work until the whole 35,000 men authorized by the law are secured. There will be no call upon the states. The regiments will be organized as United States volunteers. Officers will be appointed by the President and assigned to regiments without regard to state lines. The maximum of the regular army of 65,000 men has been secured and now enlistments will be for the provisional army to make up the total strength of 100,000 men. General Otis has 39,500 men on the ground or under orders, and volunteers will be rushed to him until he has an effective force of 50,000 men. In the enlistments for the United States volunteers, veterans of the late war, including those who did not get beyond the home camps, but were seasoned, will be given the preference, and the same will be true of the officers. A brigadier general for every three regiments and a major general for each division of three brigades will be appointed. They will be part regulars and part volunteers and General Joe Wheeler will be among the number.

A BOY'S SAD FOURTH.

A Lost 10 Cent Piece the Cause of Much Gloom.

In the days of my boyhood the celebration of Independence day was always an interesting occasion to me—the booming of cannon, the parade of citizen soldiers and the most attractive feature by far to my boyish mind, the booths where sweet things were sold. My! How I used to hang around those vendors and wish and wish that I hadn't lost that dime, for that was my earliest recollection of an unhappy Fourth. In those days boys were not given an Astar purse to burn in powder, and I thought I was faring well indeed on a 10 cent piece. I was so happy at the thought of this wealth that I stopped to play leapfrog with some companions who were less fortunate than I, and I did this to my undoing. I remember distinctly that I had quite a crowd of little boys following in my wake, for they knew full well that whatever I bought I would willingly share with them. At last an old Rip Van Winkle looking Italian vender cried out: "Here's your fine cake. I sell two for one cent, with a plum right in the middle." This was my opportunity to shine. I walked up to him proudly conscious that I had that dime, and while the vender was counting the cakes out I was fumbling in my pocket for that coin. I never will forget my confusion. The blood rushed to my face, and I stammered out, "It's gone." We did not get the cakes, and the vender said something in Italian as we hurried away on a fruitless search for that holiday prize.—Colonel Smith in San Francisco Call.

Alger is a Stayer.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Secretary Alger called on the President and had an extended discussion of the situation in the Philippines. It is understood the situation in Michigan as to the senatorship and Governor Pingle's alleged utterances also were talked over. When the secretary left the White House, and his attention was called to reports in certain quarters that he intended to resign from the cabinet, he promptly and emphatically denied their truth. He added that his resignation had not been asked for, that he certainly did not intend to offer it and that he intended to remain in the cabinet until the expiration of this administration.

Outwitted by the Judges.

CLINTON, Mo., June 29.—Again have the St. Clair county judges outwitted the federal authorities who would prevent their transacting county business and drag them before Judge Phillips to be punished for contempt of court. Last week United States Deputies Morrison and Potts guarded the court house constantly from midnight Sunday to midnight Wednesday to prevent the court from meeting and selecting a depository for county money. Their vigilance was in vain and they left disappointed. Last night between 9 and 10 o'clock the judges slipped quietly into town and held a meeting awarding county funds to First National bank of Appleton City at 2 1/2 per cent and transacting other business.

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