



NO SEAT, NO NICKEL

A Humorous Fourth of July Story by Rosa C. Eichorn.

[Copyright, 1900, by R. C. Eichorn.] HE Fourth was the hottest day on record, and the car was crowded. He was fat and perspiring and appeared thoroughly enraged as he struggled with the strap overhead.

"Fares, please! Fare, sir!" "What for?" "What for?" "Yes; what for?" "Why, for riding, sir." "When I get a seat, I'll pay my fare; not before."

"Sorry, sir, but I've got to have a fare, or you get off." "Then you'll put me off! I'd like to see you do it!" "Them's the rules, sir." "Don't the fare entitle a man to a seat, or does the company advertise standing room only?" queried the puffing old gentleman.



"WHAT STREET?" "Inveigled out of me! I never knew my rights before. But they don't impose on me again." "The blurry eyed conductor took in the situation and retired to his platform, muttering: 'I'll give you one more chance. If you don't pay then, I'll have to do my duty.'"

A WARTIME FOURTH

LIVELY REMINISCENCES OF AN ARKANSAS VETERAN.

Daylight Attack on the Garrison at Helena—Desperate Charges Under Gunboat Fire—Deeds of Joe Shelby's Troopers—Saving the Guns.



"FIFTY! ONLY FIFTY!" ena a surprise party the 4th of July, 1863. You see, we had lain idle all summer in Arkansas while Grant closed the coil around our people in Vicksburg.

The Yankee gunboat Tyler guarded the river front, and an unbroken chain of forts and trenches covered the city on the land side. The enemy had 4,000 men in Helena and plenty of guns. Our columns were divided into three storming parties to rush the batteries and intrenchments in our path.

"Got a champagne dinner here. Bet a man of my size can ride ten blocks without paying for it." He chuckled as he deliberately waited for the car to stop. Placing his foot firmly on the street crossing, he added: "Thanks, awfully! Wish you were with me, old man. Sorry to have troubled you, but boys will be boys!"



THE OLD DECLARATION

There's the rum-tum-tum Of the rollickin' drum That we heard in the heat o' the glorious fight. And the—Bum!—Bum!—Bum, Bum, Bum!

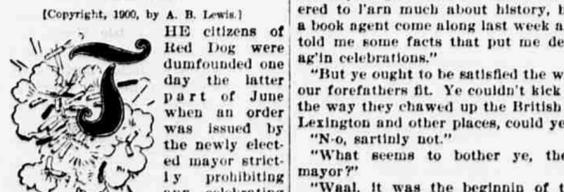


There's the eagle-bird cry On the Fourth o' July. And the old Declaration that's ev'rywhere read. With its—Bum!—Bum!—Bum, Bum, Bum!

WILLIS B. HAWKINS.

RED DOG'S FOURTH.

A Joker Mixed the Mayor, and the Town Had a Close Shave.



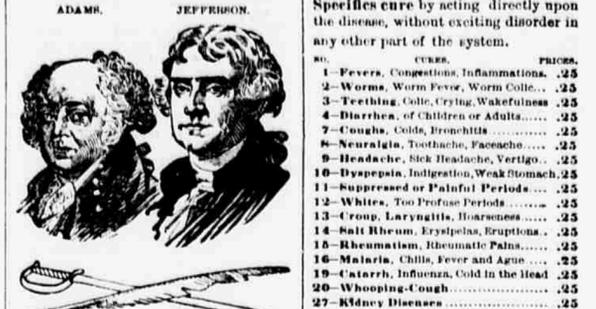
[Copyright, 1900, by A. B. Lewis.] HE citizens of Red Dog were dumfounded one day the latter part of June when an order was issued by the newly elected mayor strictly prohibiting any celebrating in the town on the Fourth of July.

THE DAY IN HISTORY

SOME NOTABLE EVENTS OF THE FOURTH OF JULY.

Washington's First Battle—The British Flag Lowered to the French. Death of Three Presidents—A Brief Note From the Record of Congress.

It was a curious stroke of fortune that led to the humiliation of the British arms on July 4, 1776, with Colonel George Washington in command of the ill-starred expedition. Although a boy in years, Washington had discovered and reported to the governor of the colony of Virginia the plans and preparations of the French for the seizure of strategic positions south of the lakes.



ed, and he sallied out on June 27 and fired the first gun of the French and Indian war, opening a conflict which, under a variety of pretexts and on different fields, lasted 60 years.

Just 21 years after the contumpts in the wilderness the 4th of July dawned under brighter auspices for Virginia's favorite son. That day, 1775, General George Washington issued his first order to the colonial army at Cambridge. There was no union then and little cohesion among the colonies, and he anticipated the great event of July 4, 1776, by asking that in the army "all distinction of colonies be laid aside."

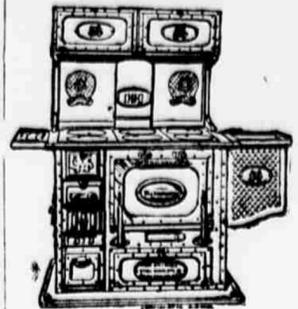
There is a gap in the chronology of important events in our annals which occurred July 4, extending from 1776 to 1804. Nathaniel Hawthorne was born at Salem, Mass., July 4, 1804. Three great presidents—Jefferson, Adams and Monroe—and the most brilliant orator of the era when the results of the war were harvested by wise counsels, Fisher Ames of Massachusetts, passed away on anniversaries of the nation's birth.

Jefferson and Adams, two of the founders of liberty in the new world, died the same day, July 4, 1826. These two patriots, Jefferson of Virginia and Adams of Massachusetts, had been the most conspicuous in the throng of determined men on July 4, 1776, when the burning words of Patrick Henry, "Liberty or death!" became the watchword of the colonists in congress assembled. Ames died July 4, 1808.

James Monroe, founder of the doctrine that foreign interference with American republics will not be tolerated, died July 4, 1831. There was a scurrying among delegates to be in their places early on July 4, 1776, when the vote was taken on the Declaration. Caesar Rodney rode 80 miles in saddle to place Delaware on record. The journal of the proceedings of congress contains the following simple announcement of the history making event: "Agreeably to the order of the day, the congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take into their further consideration the Declaration, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have agreed to a declaration which they desired to have him report. The Declaration, being read, was agreed to."

Changed by Circumstances. "Where's your watch?" asked the observant man. "Why, here it is," replied the man whose prosperity had slipped a cog or two recently. "But that's a silver one. The one you used to carry had a handsome gold case." "Well—er—circumstances alter cases, you know."—Philadelphia Press.

THE MALLEABLE



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ALBERT DEGNER'S.

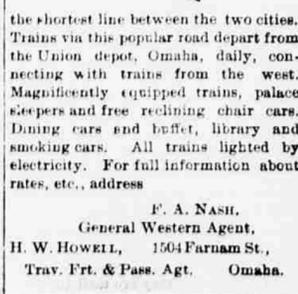
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