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 prosperous, and happy. II they suoceeded, the
Declaration of Independence would be a
charte of liberties for all mankind, white if
they failed their pretensions wonld but excite they failed their pretensions would at excite
the ridicule of the world, their act would be
declared trenson, and theer lives woold pay
the forfeit of their temerity. The men who the forfeit of their temerity. The men who
deliberated upon the Declaration of Indepen-
dence, however, felt that the time had ar-
rived for the New World to shake off the fetters of the Old, and for a final protest against
the doctrine of the divine rights of kings
that for centuries had checked the growth of
liberty in Europe. The principles enunciwith enthusinsm by the people, who felt that tit
now remnained witit them to confirm the words
of their representatives, and that a national
existence was something better worth fighting gor than the mere redress of grievancos,
that if redressed in the fullest manner would
still leave them in subbection to a tyrannical
foreign power. The contest was fonght, and the great American republic from an idea be-
came a fact. Europe watched with eager
interest the result of an experiment that, if consequences to mankind. The experiment
did saceeed, and in the short space of ninety
years an empire that rivals that of Rome in years an empire that rivals that of Rome in
its graandur has been established, and, having
proved its power both at home and abroad, it ration of the world.
In a few years more a century will have
passed away since that little company of
brave, far-sighted statesmen signed the passe, far-sighted statesmen signed the
brave, feclaration of IIdependence in the State
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House at Philadelphin, and then the world
aill spot of the nation's birth, in the grandest cele
bration of Independence Day that has oo anniversary will be an event only second in
importance to the signing of the Declaration
of Independence itself. Other nations have invited the world to contribate to and to visit
exhibitions of art and industry, but none of
them has ever been able to ask the partici-
pation of every nation on the surface of the globe in such an imposing colebration as that
which will take place in this eity on the tth Ition not altogether a matter for congratuof the Fourth of July have fallen somewhat
into disuse. The Rebellion served to upset
many of our old-feshioned customs and notions, and since the suppression of the Re-
bellion there has been a growing disposition
to abate something of the pomp and parade that were once a neecessary feature of Inde-
pendence day. The younger generation, of course, indulges in the burning of an on-
limited amount of gunpowder upon the shrine of liberty, but citizens of mature years are
generally glad to escape the noise and bustle of the city, if possible, by passing the day in
the country or at the seaside. On stricty rational principles there is cortainly nothing
blamable in this, bat it is certain that the July served to impress upon the minds of
both old and young ideas with regard to the rigin of the anniversary that ought not to be allowed to pass into neglect.
The celebration of the Fourth
yesteraay was unasually quiet. Mhere was no
military parade, owing to to neglect of Coun-
cils to matee an appropriation for the purpose, and the few ceremonials that were indulged in vere not of a character to make any particu-
tar impression on the popular imagination. This is to be regretted; for while many per in the at least partial cessation of noise, many more missed what ought to be oration. nd will cause an appropriate excitement in veniently spend the day out of town; and the
latter, even if it does not contain anything latter, even if- it does not contain anything
but the oft-repeated commonplaces, and the acenstomed spread.eggleism that is character-
istic of Fourth of July orations, will at least serve to impress upon the minds of our eiti-
zens the fact that the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continectal Congress was one of the greatest events, not
only in this nation's, but in the world's his.
tory. THE EXOISE LAW IN NEW YORK in New York last year was a modification of Board of Excise Commissioners so as to the nembers, as well as the substitution
of Police. Soon after this "reform" the Sun-
day liquor selling, which had been broken up,
was recommenced in was recommencod in all portions of the ofty,
of New York, end innumerabie soenes of de. of Now York, ond innumorable soenes of de-
batuhery and riot were enacted. Matters
went from bad to worse so rapidiy that even
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$\begin{aligned} & \text { then }\end{aligned}$ the Democratic Board of Excise Commis-
sioners took the alarm, and they appealed
to those who were concerned in
the liquor business to close their the liquor who were concerned in to elose the thir
bars on Sunday, from motives of policy if for
nothing else. This appeal being unheeded nothing else. This appeal being unheoded
by many innkeepers, morestringent measures
were resofted to. The aid of the Democratic
Superintendent Superintendent of Police was invoked. At
midnight on Saturay last he opened his
campnign, and between that time and Mon-
day morning he made twenty-six nrrests for

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sentatives offer themselves for reo-lection. ACROSS THE OCEAN.


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