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FOURTH OF JULY.

An "Old Fashioned Celebration" of the Day Asked For.

The "Glorious 4th of July" again approaches, and from all quarters a cry has arisen for an "old fashioned celebration" of it.

Some doubtless from the manner in which the day has been observed for some years past.

The "old fashioned way" has fallen into disuse. And now instead we have had the picnics, the excursions and other small gatherings.

These separated and scattered the people to many different places. And in these social gatherings the day was devoted to pleasure.

Almost everything else than the principles of Independence announced on the 4th of July 1776, being thought of.

To restore, revive and bring back the old way is now the desire all over the county.

The old fashioned way consisted in all the citizens of a town, city or neighborhood coming together and celebrating the day in a patriotic manner exclusively.

The Declaration of Independence was invariably and always read. Not to have read it would have been deemed an omission of the most important part of the ceremonies.

Then an oration given, generally followed, full of "spread-eagle" and patriotism. Then toasts were offered. These had been prepared and were read by the person presiding at the head of the table and then repeated by the one presiding at the foot.

The table, at this time, was generally set in a grove near town, or on the pavement of the street, in a shady bower prepared from the branches of trees, under which all could gather and be seated.

All passed off pleasantly and well. No party spirit was tolerated, nothing but pure patriotism talked about, mingled generally with a little pride and boast of our freedom gained over Great Britain, as well as some little denunciation of British tyranny and wrong.

We are aware that times have changed and we have changed with them. It would now be much more difficult to have all the people of this town and vicinity together in a 4th of July celebration than it was forty or fifty years ago.

Still it could be done, and should be, as near as possible at least. People will come to town, and where will they go? Unless some general place of meeting is prepared they will simply see and parade and "fantasies" and then scatter in all directions.

If not to late these suggestions might yet be considered by the young men or committee in charge of the arrangements. A place of general meeting should be provided where all might assemble, and get and pay for anything provided to eat on the occasion, which would be readily furnished by many.

Since writing the above we learn that the best possible arrangements have been made by the Fire Companies, who have the matter in charge, to have the coming celebration of old fashioned as possible.

Bredin's Grove, on hill south of town, has been secured and arrangements made to properly entertain all coming to the 4th.

The Hon. J. W. Lee, of Venango county, is very favorably mentioned for the Assistant Judge ship provided for by the Legislature in the district composed of the counties of McKean and Potter.

Governor FOLKNER but spoke the truth when he telegraphed Mr. Cleveland that his order that the captured rebel flags be returned to the Governor of the Southern States had given "unqualified offense," and that "patriotic people are both shocked and indignant."

The people of Oil City seem to have unanimously agreed to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the town on the Fourth of July next.

The outlook for a good time on July 4th is very promising in this place.

Victoria's Jubilee. Queen Victoria of England completed fifty years of her reign on last Tuesday. This is a longer reign than most monarchs or rulers have had the occasion called forth a Jubilee celebration that has been unequalled in modern times.

Some number of people and display of royalty was ever witnessed in London. A grand procession, headed by the Queen and royal family of Great Britain, and many of the royalty of other countries, decorated in regal and rich robes, proceeded to Westminster Abbey, where the Queen was crowned upon fifty years ago.

The ceremonies that then followed would have to be read in detail to be appreciated. Many Americans were present, honoring a woman who has reigned with moderation, lived a pure life and been a good Queen and mother. In this respect to the Queen they in nowise expressed any admiration for the system of British Government, or for any recent acts or policies of that Government, but admiration solely for a Queen who has lived so long and ruled so well.

W. C. T. U. Convention. The proceedings of the Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of this county, at Millerstown, on last week, on the death of Mrs. Dain, will be seen in another place. The Resolutions passed by the Convention, as well as the balance of the proceedings, will appear next week, being unable to insert them this week.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Report of the Tenth Annual Convention of the Butler County Sabbath School Association, held at Harmony June 6th, 7th and 8th, 1887.

FIRST SESSION.

Rev. Yates led the devotional exercises.

Address of welcome by Rev. Sands, in which he gave a hearty welcome to the churches and homes of the people of Harmony and vicinity; spoke of the Sabbath school, being instituted to educate poor children, but now they are brought a saving knowledge of the Scriptures.

J. W. Orr responded in an able address, in behalf of convention. "How May a Teacher Secure Faithfulness on the Part of Scholars?" opened by Rev. Sands, on the subject of the teacher, conversation of the teacher, prayer and religious preparation, study the law, earnestness, visiting the children at their homes, seeking them out during the week and talking to them about the lessons.

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Rev. Sands said we should not forget the "personal approach," and should have faith in the person we approach. Prayer is a power, but should be sent in shape of necessities of life if need be. We should set a good example. Be patient and wait for the blessing of God.

J. W. Orr thinks we are personally responsible, and should put forth every effort to suppress the evils stalking abroad in our land; should organize, have some system.

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Mr. P. P. Kiser was elected delegate to the State Convention.

Invitation to hold the next annual meeting at Butler county Sunday school association at Millerstown, accepted.

The following officers were elected by the association: President, Rev. S. H. Nesbitt, D. D., Butler, Pa.; Vice President, one for each town, Kiser, Barnhart's Mills; Treasurer, Albert Winter, Zelienople. Executive Committee, Rev. W. E. Oller, Butler; Revs. E. C. Hughes, Zelienople; R. B. Start, North Hope; Jacob Hutehman, M. S. H. Dau-berneck, Bruin.

Resolution passed that the lady teachers be requested to prepare papers on different phases of Sabbath school work to be read at next meeting, and that a time be set apart in the next convention; that the delegates from all the schools make report of the work in their schools, the advantages and disadvantages, helps and hindrances in their neighborhood.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

The Rebel Flags.

ZELIENOPLE, June 16, 1887.

WHEREAS, The President of the United States, having ordered the return of the captured battle flags to the Governors of the respective Southern States, therefore,

Resolved, That we the members of Col. J. H. Wilson Post, No. 496, G. A. R., deeply deplore the action taken by the President in ordering the restoration of the war relics, and knowing the people to be supreme, we demand of the Chief Executive the authority for his infamous and pusillanimous order.

Resolved, That we view the order as a result, not only to the boys who wore the blue, but also to every patriotic American citizen.

Passed unanimously at a regular meeting of Col. J. H. Wilson Post, No. 496, G. A. R., at Zelienople, June 16th, 1887.

JNO. DUNDINGER, Commander pro tem G. W. PHILLIPS, Ass't Adjutant.

On Saturday, June 18th, A. D. 1887, relatives, friends and neighbors gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sutton, of Concord township, Butler county, Pa., to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of their marriage.

They came from all parts of the county in buggies and carriages, and some on foot, with their baskets well filled. This family consists of five sons, two daughters, and twenty grand children.

Two tables were erected in the barn and the guests were placed there. The time arrived for dinner, and by request of the committee Rev. Starks stated to the audience that the preachers would take the address.

Rev. Starks was the first to follow then the brothers and sisters and children, and the friends and neighbors to follow in the rear, in which order they marched to the barn.

The ministers and near relatives were generally seated at one table. After being seated in order and quiet restored, Rev. Starks called on Rev. J. H. Marshall to say God's blessing.

Then the chicken, pies, sweet-cakes and other eatables were appetizingly refreshed with no small degree of satisfaction and order.

After the refreshments were served the fourth and two hundred and thirty-five had satisfied the cravings of their appetites, the tables were removed and the audience was gathered under the shade of a large locust tree near the barn.

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A Tribute of Affection.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Butler county, mourns the death of its beloved President, Elizabeth B. Dain.

This Convention is assembled under her call. The preliminary arrangements for its meeting were made by her in her hours of extreme weakness and suffering, and her anxious solicitude was expressed that she might be permitted to meet with us once more in this Convention.

Our Divine Master had otherwise ordered, and at 5:30 on Saturday morning, June 11, 1887, she entered into her heavenly rest. Assembled under the shadow of this great bereavement, we would humbly bow under the chastening rod of our Heavenly Father, and gather around the new-made grave of our beloved sister, and with heavy hearts bear our tribute of affection in her memory.

"Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight," must be our first devout utterance in view of the vacant chair our departed sister so long so faithfully, so anxiously, so acceptably and so lovingly filled. It is difficult to measure the loss our Union has sustained in the death of Mrs. Dain. She was not only a noble and godly woman, but also a woman who wore the blue, but also to every patriotic American citizen.

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