

FOURTH OF JULY RIDE *

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By Fred Myron Colby.

propriate at this time of a famous ride back in the early of the Revolution. story to be **f**amiliar to our young folks. They folks. bave all read

of Paul Revere's ride, but this was a greater ride than that. Paul Revere's ride on that long ago April night was to save the military supplies at Concord and Lexington to the patri-otic cause; but this other ride was to save the Declaration of Independence. It happened on that famous Fourth of July, 1776, the day in which the American colonies were declared free and independent States. If Caesar Rodney had not made his historic ride, there might not have been any free America to-day.

The Provincial Congress was in session at Philadedphia, each of the thirteen colonies having representatives there. It was a great Congress and a momentous question was before the distinguished body. The great charter of our freedom had been written by Jefferson; and Benjamin Harrison (father and great-grandfather of Presidents) had presented it to Congress on Monday, July 1. What would the Continental Congress do?

In order that our country should be free and independent, the Declaration must be adopted. This could be done if only the colonies stood united for freedom, but not if the colonies were divided. And there were some good men who did not believe it best to take this step at this time. Four of the seven delegates of Pennsylvania were opposed to it; and, of the two Delaware delegates present. Thomas McKean was in favor of independence, but George Read was opposed to the measure. Caesar Rodney, the other member, was in the southern part of his State, in the capacity of a brigadier-general, organizing and drilling troops for the coming struggle. Two of the opposing Pennsylvania delegates were persuaded to absent themselves, and thus the "Keystone State" would favor the Declaration; but the vote of Caesar Rodney was necessary to carry the State of Delaware. A messenger was despatched in hot haste to summon him to Philadelphia; and then for hours the "patriots of '76" talked and manoeuvred to delay the final vote. On Thursday, July 4, Congress was to vote on the momentous question.

ENTION is ap-Eighty miles sway droms Congress which was waiting for him to declare the independence of the colonies! The thought caused him to drive his spurs deep into his horse's flanks, and cent him flying along the long, dusty high-way that stretched toward the Quadays ker City. It was one of the great rides of history. That black steed bore the destinies of America, and his The ought rider knew ft; and there was no halt nor delay. The sun went down, and

the stars came out one by one in the blue vault of heaven; and that solitary rider rushed on his way. All through the cool summer night Caesar Rodney kept up his reckless pace. Lit-tle, sleepy villages saw the horseman pass like a fleeting phantom; and the



He was just in time. The vote of Delaware was being called. George Read voted "Nay." "Aye!" called the clear voice of Thomas McKean. It was a tie. All eyes thined to Caesar Rodney. The famous rider cleared his throat; and many a patriot heart beat with pride as he declared in firm topes; "The voice of m constituent "The voice of my constituents tones: and of all sensible and honest men, I believe, is in favor of independence; and my own judgment concurs with them. Therefore, I vote for the Dec laration."

And so Coesar Rodney, by his fa mous ride and by his noble vote helped to settle the question of Independ-ence, and insured the future celebrations of July 4.



Twas June on the face of the earth.

'Twas June on the face of the earth, June with the rose's breath,
When life is the visible thing, and a distant dream is death;
There was gossip of birds in the air, and the lowing of herds by the wood.
And a sunset gleam in the sky that the heart of a man holds good;
Then the nun-like Twilight came, vio-let vestured and still.
And the night's first star outshone afar on the eve of Bunker Hill.

There rang a cry through the camp, with its word upon kindling word: There was never a faltering foot in the ranks of those that heard:-Lads from the Hampshire hills and the rich Connecticut vales. Some of the old Bay Colony, from its shores and its inland dales: Swiftly they fell in line, for they knew not fear nor its chill: Ah, brave the show as they ranged a-row on the eve of Banker Hill!

Then a deep voice lifted a prayer to the God of the brave and the true.
And the heads of the men were bare in the gathering dusk and dew;
The heads of a thousand men were bowed as the pleading rose.—
"Smite Thou, Lord, as of old Thou smote Thy people's foes!
O nerve Thy servants' arms to work with a mighty will."
A hush, and then a loud "amen." on the ove of Bunker Hill:

Now they are gone through the night with never a thought of fame. Gone to the field of a fight that shall win them a deathless name; Some who shall never see the set of another sun.

But lie like the Concord slain, and the

slain of Lexington. Martyrs to Freedom's cause. Ah, how

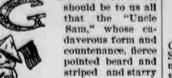
at their deeds we thrill, The men whose might made strong the height on the eve of Bunker Hill.

-Clinton Scollard, in Youth's Com

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YOUNG AMERICA CELEBRATING.



costume we have seen for a generation on every Fourth of July standing guard over all things American is not the

"Uncle Sam" of history and tradition. He is both a caricature and an ana-chronism. He is not typical of any period or people in the world's history. The masquerade of a costume be wears in cartoons was never worn on earth, save by some other masquerader who sought to imitate the ideal of the caricaturist.

The real "Uncle Sam," the Uncle Sam of history and tradition, who watched over the birth and early youth of the Republic, is quite a different personage. Charles H. Haswell, the veteran civil engineer, by the aid of whose recollections and long study of the early days of this century the accompanying picture of "Uncle Sam" was drawn, thus de-



scribes the real "Uncle Sam's" costume:

"The hat was high and slightly bellcrowned, of felted fur: the collar of the shirt high and connected with it; the bosom frilled, projecting well out, with a jeweled pin or brooch in it; cravat white and very wide, stiffened with what was termed a 'pudding.' Waistcoat single breasted, buff cloth, with gold or gilt buttons. Coat bine, swallow tailed, with high, solling collar and a lapel of peculiar shape, and very high waisted, showing the waist-coat underneath it. Pantaloons close fitting, with a narrow fall in front, and fitted below the knee for the wearing of the boots outside, with a tassel in front. Watch carried in a fob in the pantaloons and attached to a ribbon with a seal appended to it.

"In the spring and autumn, in place of an overcoat, a spencer or jacket

REYSTONE STATE NEWS GONDENSED PENSIONS GRANTED.

California Pioneers' Association Annual Reunion-A New Coal Company to Operate Along the Allegheny River.

Pensions granted last week: John Gruden, Emlenton, \$10; John Arnold, Sharpsburg, \$10; Gad C. Cooper, Con-neautville, \$8; Mary J. Jones, Home-stead, \$0; James Bush, Verona, \$8; Thomas Wheeler, Indiana, \$14; Fletch-er F. Chalfant, Brownsville, \$10; Sam-uel Greelman, Wilkinsburg, \$8; Samuel Burkhart, West Newton, \$17; Thomas J. Korsteter, Franklin, \$24; Adolphus Lavine, Sharon, \$24; Elizabeth Kearn-ey, Monongahela, \$8; James M. Camp-bell, West Elizabeth, \$12; Charles Sny-der, St. Marys, \$8; Daniel Schoonover, West Franklin, \$10; George F. Lukens, Rochester, \$8; Samuel C. Hill, Blairs-ville, \$3; Eliza Campbell, West Elizabeth, \$8; Francis Powell, Rural Valley, \$8; Lewis Martin, West Freedom, \$17; Michael Hutzel, Sand Patch, \$10; Ben-jamin Henderson, Elderton, \$8; Dennis McSweeney, Indiana, \$12; John A. Mur-ray, Beaver Falls, \$8; Samuel W. Pryer, Pleasantville, \$8; minor of John E. Ganster, \$8. Noble F. Sanford and Jesse H. San-ford of Corneavie formede the corner

Noble F. Sanford and Jesse H. San-ford, of Carnegie, formerly the owners of the Moon Run Coal Company, have purchased 1,000 acres of Washington county coal lands from James A. Phil-lips, of West Brownsville, at \$275 an acre. The property lies along the Mo-nongahela river, near Fredericktown, and eight miles above Brownsville. The value of the property is shown in the fact that Mr. Philips realized about \$168,000 on his investment. The coal from the Sanford tract will reach the market by way of the river, excellent fa-cilities being present for shipping. Crops and fruit were greatly dam-

Citites being present for shipping. Crops and fruit were greatly dam-aged throughout Ligonier valley Mon-day afternoon by the heaviest hail storm that has visited that section for years. The storm was accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning and a number of buildings were struck. The residence of Frank McConaughey, of Ligonier, was considerably damaged by the light-ning and several members of the family injured. injured.

Frank Brown, an engineer on the Pittsburg, Youngstown and Ashtabula railroad, had both legs amputated in a rairoad, had both legs amputated in a wreck some time ago, caused by the air hose being defective and the train run-ning wild. Brown brought suit for dam-ages against the company and the case was settled by his accepting a voucher for \$12,000, the company paying all costs. Brown is a resident of Mahon-ingtown ingtown.

A new coal company, to be known as the Allegheny Coal Company, has been organized by Pittsburg and Cleveland capitalists. About 1,000 acres of land along the Allegheny river, from Hite to Springdale, has recently been option-ed through Magistrate Charles Uhling-cr, of Hite, and it is expected that all arrangements will be made for active operations to begin about July 15. The annual recunion of the Colifornia

operations to begin about July 15. The annual reunion of the California Pioneers' Association was held at Ponce de Leon springs, near Meadville, Friday. The membership of the asso-ciation is composed of men who left this section between the years 1840 and 1852, and journeyed to California to dig for gold. The address was delivered by James Sheakley, of Greenville, ex-gov-ernor of Alaska.

A new rival to the kissing bug is do-ing a lively business at Pottsville. The insect resembles the kissing bee in form, but is only about as large as a honey bee. A score of persons have been bit-ten within the past few days. The bite produces excessive itching and in-flammation, followed by a great swell-ing of the injured part.

A cable from Skibo castle, Scotland, announce's Andrew Carnegie's willing-ness to erect a public library in Huni-ingdon at a cost of \$20,000, provided the citizens will guarantee \$2,000 annually for its maintenance. A petition will be presented at the next meeting of councils

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Reported Damage to the Northwest Wheat Crop Has Bu'ged Prices-Reduction in Steel Figures.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: The damage to the wheat crop of the northwest is the event of chief importance. How extensive the loss may prove, in view of widely conflicting accounts, can only be judged from the speculative markets, in which information gathered at the West has caused a remarkable advance, at Chi-cago 15c in to days, and the price here cago 15c in 10 days, and the price cago 15c in 10 days, and the price here has advanced 11 cents per bushel, though for the September option only 9 cents. The belief is that so large a part of the spring wheat has been killed as to reduce a yield expected to be close to the largest on record to considerably less than the world has required during the crop war now endury. In iron the crop year now ending. In iron and steel the structural producers a week and angles to 1.80 at Pittsburg, leaving only rails and tin plates which have not been reduced from the highest point The rail works are crowded far ahead The rail works are crowded far ahead and the question in tin plates depends largely upon wages. Eastern bar is re-duced to 1.55 cents, and steel bars to 1.50 at Pittsburg, with a general shut-ting down of works expected July 1. Hoops are quoted there at 2.25, and No. 27 blacksheets at 3 cents, buyers ask-ing only for small lots. There is a wide ing only for small lots. There is a wide range of quotations for merchant steel, and the lower prices named for pipe have only started the demand a little, as buyers expect yet lower quotations. Minor metals are also quiet, with small transactions. Failures for the week have been 179 in the United States, against 178 last year, and 25 in Canada, against 18 last year. 18 last year.



On the afternoon of the 3rd the mer lenger found Caesar Rodney in Sus sex County, more than eighty miles from Philadelphia. General Rodney was at that time forty-six years old was a tall, lean, worn figure, his face scarred by a cancer that was finally to cause his death. The brave patriot did not hesitate. "Saddle the black!" he commanded, and in ten minutes he had mounted his faithful steed, and was gulloping as if for life to the

inmates of solitary farm-houses, awak ened by the clatter of his horse's hoofs,

wondered at that hurried flight. The stars faded out of the morning sky and the sun came up, red and fiery, the herald of a sultry day. And still Caesar Rodney kept on his way. He was yet many miles from Phila delphia. Would he be in time to make his country great and independent His horse was jaded, and he was travel-worn and covered with dust; but the patriot did not slacken rein. He must be there to vote for the independence of America. And he was

All that hot, sweltering July day the delegates of the Colonial Congress were talking and voting in Independence Hail. The session had begun. The president, John Hancock, was in the chair; and the clerk, John Dickinson, was calling the colonies one by one. Virginia had voted, and Massa-chusetts, and the great State of New York and the little State of Rhode Island; and now New Jersey was voting, and Caesar Rodney had not come Anxious and worried, Thomas Mc

Kean went out to the door of Inde pendence Hall. Would his friend and compatriot be too late? His face brightened as he heard the sound of hurrying hoof-beats coming up Chest nut street. A foaming, panting steed dashed up into the yard. Its dusty rider leaped to the ground. Booted and spurred, the dust of his long ride thick on his long-flapped coat and iron-gray hair, Caesar Rodney entered the uall of Congress, leaning on his friend McKean's arm.

was worn over the coat "The anachronisms of the figure as

universally given are many; thus colored skirts were not known until about 1829, striped pantaloons were of a later date, and straps under the boots did not appear until about 1825, and they were a part of the panta-loons fashioned over the boot in front and burtoned under it, and known as 'a la mode de Paris,' and a goatee or imperial was not worn until very late in the thirtles."

Mr. Haswell also says that Uncle Sam was a well-dressed gentleman, and not the caricature of one. The goatee, he remembers, preceded by some few years the imperial, introduced by Napoleon III. Uncle Sam, he insists, should have a smooth face. There were no mustaches or beards In those days.

For the rest the picture tells its own story. The face is modeled upon that of Henry Clay, who had, in Mr. Haswell's opinion, a face typical of American manhood in its highest pe fection.

JULY. My little pennies round and bright. Safe in my small bank shut up tight. All ready for the Fourth you mo Now tell me why you jingle st? Ah. gouare longing to get out. To leave your house and stir about, And change to crackers and to caps, And long tailed rockets, too, perhaps 000000 And when at dawn the canno And merry bells ring out for Independence Day beguner The fifes will scream, the drums will beat. The band come marching down the street. The flags will fin so proud and free; Such glorious times for you and mel

necting of asking that the offer be accepted.

Three Italians held up Pauline How-ard and Juliet Conner, of Uniontown, near New Salem, Friday. One of the ruifians reached for Miss Howard's purse when Miss Conner dealt him a blow with the butt of a whip, knocking him down. She then whipped up the horse and escaped.

James Pettigrew, one of the best mown men in the eastern portion of Armstrong county, committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn at his home. Mr. Pettigrew was about to be-come entangled in a long civil suit and was brooding over the affair.

The tinners at the Humbert plant of the American Tin Plate Company at Connellsville, struck because one member of the newly-organized union had been discharged, and, because of an over stock of raw plate, the plant had to be shut down. whole

Some time during the night thieves broke into the store and postoffice at Green Tree borough, and after breaking open the money drawer in the store, and finding nothing, they ransacked the postoffice, securing about \$1.50 in small change.

Arrangements have been completed for the holding of a joint convention of the Central Luther league and the Sun-day School association of the Southern Lutheran conference of the Pittsburg synod at Greensburg, on June 27 and 28.

Mrs. Nancy Carson, of Irwin, drop-ped dead of heart disease, aged about 70 years. She had been in her usual health up until the moment of her death.

Samuel Fry, a barber, has been held for court without bail by Justice Mc-Steen at Oil City, charged with having caused the death of Peter Moon, an oil well driller, by a scuffe on May 31.

The city council of Sharon, has ac-cepted a proposition from the Sharon Water Company to use 28 additional fre hydrants in the town, providing the company will lay five and one-balf miles of additional pipe. This will make 130 fire hydrants in use in that city.

Floyd L. Kinner, chairman of the Bradford County Republican commit-tee, died at his home in Athens Friday, after an illness of several months. His aged mother is the only surviving mem-ber of his family.

The Belleverno, Gas Company has truck a gusher in Rostraver township, Westmoreland county.

Youthful Murderor Caught.

The youngest prisoner even arrested in the State of Virginia for murder is Arthur Waddell, a negro boy, eight years old, who is now in jail at Inde-pendence. Arthur, who lives in Gray-sos county, enticed Bettie Hampton, a three-year-old colored girl, to the woods, killed her with a rock and hid the body under a tree.

the body under a tree. The boy does not appear to realize the enormity of his crime, and said he killed the girl because he did not like her mother.

Germany to Fight England.

At Berlin a sensation hus "At Berlin a sensation has been caused by a declaration of Herr Mertel, a member of the reichstag, and editor in chief of the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, the Agrarian organ, who, in the course of a political speech at Ebernburg, said: "Our next war will be naval and against England. Of this we have been quietly assured by the government and it was because of this assurance that the Agrarians voted for the naval bill."