

A PATRIOTIC SCHEME.

JERICHO WAS FOR HAVING A DECORATION DAY PARADE.

Pap Perkins, Postmaster, Tells How Horatio Sparrow Sprung the Idea on the Town and How Lish Billings Gave It Its Deathblow.

[Copyright, 1900, by C. B. Lewis.] It was about a week before last Decoration day that Horatio Sparrow come into the postoffice lootin as if he had sunthin on his mind, and as soon as he got the chance he whispered to me:

"Don't say nuthin to a livin soul, pap, but I'm comin around here to-night and shake the town of Jericho from center to circumference."

"In what way?" said I.

"Never you mind, pap. You jest git ready to feel the airth tremble, and tomorrow mornin you kin put \$200 more value on your house and lot."

Horatio is a man who never gets excited when he wakes up and finds a cow in his garden, and I felt quite sure he had sunthin big on hand. He must hev told about 50 other peeps what he did me, as there was a big crowd at the postoffice at 7 o'clock in the evenin, and all expected to hear big news. Deacon Spooner took charge of things, as usual, and as the crowd got impatient he said,

"It is understood, feller citizens, that Horatio Sparrow is goin to launch a thunderbolt here tonight, and it is with



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more than ordinary interest that I call the meetin to order. Stand out, Horatio, and let's hear all about it."

Horatio stood out. He looked pale, but determined. He'd bin thinkin fur a week of what he was goin to say, and he started off as smooth as grease. "The drums are beatin a wild alarm. There is a wavin of flags, a marchin of men and a wailin of women and children. War is upon the land. The life of a nation is at stake. It is an hour when men are called upon to give up their lives for the sake of principle."

"By John, but that's 'lowery language!" exclaimed the deacon as Horatio paused. "If Horatio kin keep it up fur an hour; I'm fur 'lectin him to the next legislature."

"The farmer leaves his plow," continued Horatio, "the merchant his store and the mechanic his bench. They march away to find the enemy and fight him and die. Yes; they yield up their lives that we may live in peace, and if we forgit the sacrifice we ought to wither away like a burdock in November."

"Gentleman," said the deacon as the applause had subsided, "up to the present minit Horatio Sparrow has knocked the socks off'n Henry Clay as an orator, and I am proud to know that he is a citizen of Jericho. Anything more, Horatio?"

"I jest want to call your attention to the fact that Jericho has never had a Decoration day parade," replied the orator. "We hev never paraded and never decorated, and I say it's a burnin shame and ought to be remedied at once."

"By John, but that's a strong p'int!" shouted the deacon. "Hang me if Horatio ain't knockin things endways! No, sir; we've never had a parade nor decorated any graves, and we ought to be ashamed of ourselves. Is it your suggestion that we celebrate the day this year, Horatio?"

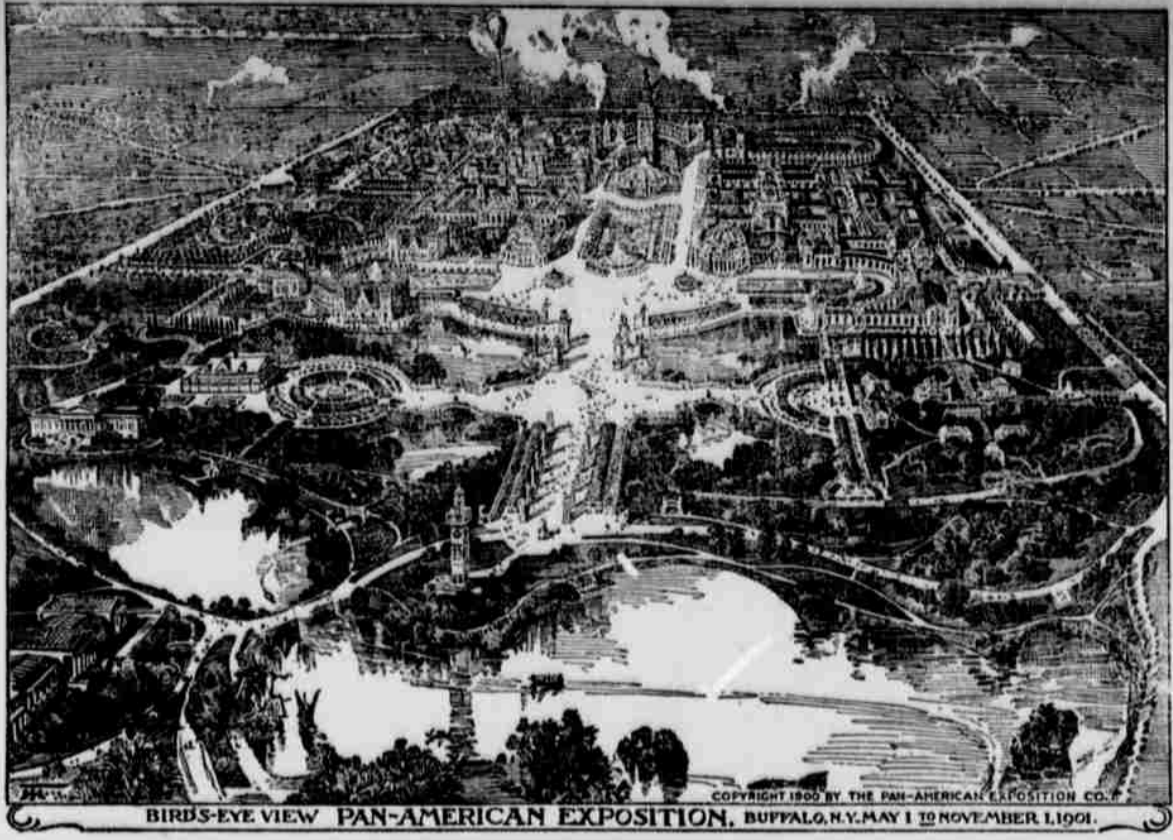
"That's my p'int, deacon."

"And it's as strong as a log chain. Yes, sir; we'll celebrate the day, and in order to make it a howlin success I'll agree to take charge of the parade."

"But I object to that," said Horatio. "Hevin originated this idea, I think it's fur me to ride on horseback at the head of the procession."

There was a painful pause, and then Abner Jones, who was in freeman's uniform, jumped off the counter and said:

"There shouldn't be no jealousy about this thing. Horatio would look purty fine on his spotted horse, and the deacon would be no slouch in his cocked hat, but if there's to be any feelin over it I'll take the job off their hands. As I'm foreman of the fire company it comes in my line anyhow."



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happened durin the last 20 years, I've bin pushed behind the curtain bushes as it was, and some one else has carried off the honors. I'm comin to th front on this occasion or know the reason why."

"Why, Enos, you don't purtend that you kin boss a purcession, do you?" asked the deacon.

"Of course I kin. Why not?"

"It appears to me," said Silas Lap ham as he stood out and rubbed his hands together, "that we are not workin in complete harmony in this matter. I will be known from Maine to California that Jericho has had a Decoration day, and there will be thousands of inquiries fur real estate. Let us sacrifice any selfish interests as individuals and work to make the affair a ginerah success."

"That's powerful good advice," said the deacon as he rapped on the stove with his cane—"powerful good. I alius stand ready to sacrifice, and I hope the rest of you do. Any further p'int, Silas?"

"You may call it a p'int or not," said Silas, "but beln there seems to be a controversy here I think it better be settled by selectin me to boss things. I don't want it because I'm proud and want to show off, but purely in the interests of harmony."

"I'll never surrender my rights!" said Horatio Sparrow.

"Nor me!" added Deacon Spooner.

"Nor me!" yelled Abner Jones and Squar Henshaw in chorus.

It was evident that the meetin was on the p'int of breakin up in a row when Lish Billings come saunterin in as calm as could be. The deacon seen him and called out:

"Feller patriots, before this meetin breaks up in a row that will send the price of Jericho real estate down to 50 per cent and put our civilizashun back 50 years let's hear what Lish Billings has to say about it."

"What's the question?" asked Lish.

"About Decoration day. Shall we decorate?"

"Decorate what?"

"Why, the soldiers' graves."

"I don't see how you are goin to do it," said Lish as he scratched his ear.

"So fur as I know or hev bin able to find out, nobody from Jericho ever went to war. It tharfore follers that no Jericho man was ever killed. It follers, ag'in, that you might look the graveyard over fur a month and not find a soldier's grave to decorate. 'Pears to me that you'd better git yer grave fust."

No Joke In That.

"You Americans," said the London young man as he stopped sucking his cane, "are always insinuating that we Englishmen don't know what a real joke is. Now, just hold your sides while I go over this one which I read in a home paper a week ago:

"The Countess—M'lord, you were at the grand dinner last night, were you not? Just awhile ago I heard one of those vulgar Americans make the remark that this morning you had a big head."

"The Duke—But, m'lady, there's nothing in it."

The American looked as sober as a criminal court judge.

"Well?" he asked.

"Don't you see," explained the disgusted Britisher, poking the other in the ribs with his cane, "the countess says some one accused her companion (ha!) of having a big head (ha, ha), and he declares (p-ah, ha!) there's nothing in it!"

"Yes, but—"

"Blasted idioicy, but what?"

"Her companion was a duke."

"Yes."

"And not any different from the rest of the English nobility?"

"No. But the joke, the joke! It is so adroitly put. In apparent inadvertence (desperately) the duke admits there is nothing in his head! Now, do you see?"

"Well, it's a little strange that the duke could make such a frank and candid admission, but—where does the joke come in?"—Brooklyn Life.

Anecdotes of Evarts.

One summer when William M. Evarts was at his country home in Windsor, Vt., a farmer who had followed his political career in the newspapers for many years was extremely anxious to see him in the flesh and drove 18 miles into town in order to catch a glimpse of his idol.

Senator Evarts at that time was being entertained constantly, dining out almost every night, and as he drove out of his grounds to an appointment one evening the farmer was lying in wait for him in the road. The latter, seeing the pale, ascetic face and meager form of the famous statesman, was disappointed.

HAS A VARIED CLIMATE.

Curious Meteorological Conditions of the Island of Saghalien.

Saghalien, off the eastern coast of Siberia, presents a very curious anomaly of climate. The island is bathed by two cold ocean currents, and in winter nothing protects it against the icy northwest winds coming from Siberia. At the sea level the snow falls continually and stays on the ground till the end of May, and the seashore is very cold. Farther inland, however, especially as we go higher up, the climate is modified—just the opposite to what is observed elsewhere. It has often been observed in Siberia and in central Europe that in winter the cold is greater in the plains and the valleys and that the highlands have a sensibly milder temperature; it is as if the denser cold air accumulated in the lowlands.

The cold air accumulates in the low regions of the island, and on the coast the higher regions have a more elevated temperature. So it happens that the lower parts have an arctic vegetation, while the intermediate altitudes have the vegetation of a temperate zone, sometimes subtropical. The birch, the pine, the fir, abound in the low regions and form often impenetrable forests, but toward the center of the island appear bamboo, hydrangeas, azalias and other plants that one is greatly surprised to meet, and whose presence can be explained only by the altogether abnormal climatic conditions of the island.—Newcastle (Eng.) Chronicle.

A Lincoln Story.

The Rev. Mr. Alcott of Elgin, Ill., one of Abraham Lincoln's Springfield acquaintances, tells of seeing him coming away from church unusually early one Sunday morning. "The sermon could not have been more than half way through," says Mr. Alcott. "His son, Tad, was slung across his left arm like a pair of saddlebags, and Lincoln was striding along with long and deliberate steps toward home."

"On one of the street corners he encountered a group of his fellow townsmen. Lincoln anticipated the question which was about to be put by the group, and taking his figure of speech from practices with which they were only too familiar, said, 'Gentlemen, I entered this coil, but he kicked around so I had to withdraw him.'"

A Willing Victim.

"Well, Mr. Bickers," said Lawyer Breef, "your wife sues for divorce and asks \$5,000 a year alimony. Of course we will defend it."

"No, Mr. Breef, we will not defend," replied Mr. Bickers.

"But that is an enormous alimony."

"That's all right, but I am for peace at any price."—Detroit Free Press.

The Signed Petition.

"What was that petition he was circulating?" asked the inquisitive man.

"I don't know," replied the extremely polite man.

"Why, you signed it when he asked you to."

"Of course I signed it, but he didn't ask me to read it, you know."—Philadelphia Record.

Many sermons of European royalty held military commissions before they are old enough to walk.

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Red Bank	7:30	Grant	8:30
Lawsonham	7:45	Hennepette	8:45
New Bethlehem	8:00	Tyler	9:00
Cookstown	8:15	Pennfield	9:15
Maysville	8:30	Winterburn	9:30
Summersville	8:45	Sabula	9:45
Brookville	9:00	DuBois	10:00
Fuller	9:15	Reynoldsville	10:15
Reynoldsville	9:30	Wintersville	10:30
Pennfield	9:45	Falls Creek	10:45
Tyler	10:00	Panost	11:00
Hennepette	10:15	Reynoldsville	11:15
Grant	10:30	Fuller	11:30
		Iowa	11:45
		Brookville	12:00
		Summersville	12:15
		Maysville	12:30
		Oak Ridge	12:45
		New Bethlehem	1:00
		Lawsonham	1:15
		Red Bank	1:30
		Pittsburgh	1:45

Train 942 (Sunday) leaves Pittsburg 9:00 a. m. for Philadelphia 6:30 p. m.

Train 943 (Sunday) leaves DuBois 4:10 p. m. for Philadelphia 6:30 p. m.

Trains marked * run daily, except Sunday; flag stations, where signals must be shown.

Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division.

In effect Nov. 25, 1900. Trains leave Driftwood as follows:

9:00 a. m.—Train 12, weekdays, for Sunbury, Williamsport, Hazleton, Portville, Scranton, Harrisburg and the intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 8:30 p. m.; Baltimore 6:00 p. m.; Washington 7:15 p. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

4:00 p. m.—Train 6, daily, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 8:30 p. m.; Baltimore 6:00 p. m.; Washington 7:15 p. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

10:25 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:32 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., on week days and 10:32 a. m. on Sunday; Baltimore, 8:35 a. m.; Washington, 7:45 a. m. Pullman sleepers from Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

4:38 a. m.—Train 7, daily for Buffalo, via Emporium, and weekly for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois, Clearmont and principal intermediate stations.

9:44 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m. on week days and 10:32 a. m. on Sunday; Baltimore, 8:35 a. m.; Washington, 7:45 a. m. Pullman sleepers from Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

5:45 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 7:30 p. m., New York 10:33 p. m. On Sunday, Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

7:55 p. m.—Train 16, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 7:55 p. m., New York 10:33 p. m. On Sunday, Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

8:50 p. m.—Train 17, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., New York 10:33 p. m. On Sunday, Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

10:25 p. m.—Train 18, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 10:25 p. m., New York 10:33 p. m. On Sunday, Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

11:40 p. m.—Train 19, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 11:40 p. m., New York 10:33 p. m. On Sunday, Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

12:55 a. m.—Train 20, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 12:55 a. m., New York 10:33 p. m. On Sunday, Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

2:10 a. m.—Train 21, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 2:10 a. m., New York 10:33 p. m. On Sunday, Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

3:25 a. m.—Train 22, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 3:25 a. m., New York 10:33 p. m. On Sunday, Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

4:40 a. m.—Train 23, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:40 a. m., New York 10:33 p. m. On Sunday, Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

5:55 a. m.—Train 24, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 5:55 a. m., New York 10:33 p. m. On Sunday, Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

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8:25 a. m.—Train 26, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 8:25 a. m., New York 10:33 p. m. On Sunday, Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

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10:55 a. m.—Train 28, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 10:55 a. m., New York 10:33 p. m. On Sunday, Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Buffalo and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, and Buffalo to Washington.

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