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PROSPEROUS WEATHER—A GREAT DAY.

Independence day, 1909, has gone into the history of Norwich as a day which deserves to go down to posterity with a hundred exclamations of praise after it. We must confess to the credit of the weather man, and of July, that we had not right to expect it and that past apprehensions all faded away before the low temperature and cool breezes of the morning, when a fire was necessary to take the chill from many homes.

The men and boys of Norwich who usually read the night air with perceptible sounds are to be commended for the quiet and decorous way in which they conducted themselves; and the mixed crowds of citizens and visitors formed a jolly mass of people who wearied themselves with the sights and entertainments of the day. There were no marvellous accidents or discordant incidents to interfere with the pleasure of the people, and the incessant yawn of metropolitan lads and flag and button sellers was so interesting and new that it amused all and displeased none. The whole town was filled with beauty and enthusiasm and everybody from the gamins in the street to the men in the airship found it pleasant to be here.

It was a great birthday and all that was missing was a birthday cake of sufficient size to take on a ton of sugar and 260 candles to symbolize the past years, and fit in quality to be cut and passed to our most distinguished visitors. But there was sweetness in the air, more good things were said about Norwich than were ever said before—things which later will be included in song and story. And we are to have no more days of days—may it be a good day for the first day of the century, the clergyman of the city so ably pointed out our character as fixed upon our Rock which the elements cannot disturb or man destroy.

REFORMING A HOLIDAY.

Monday marked the 133d anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and the eyes of the country was upon Springfield, Mass., Toledo, Ohio, and other American cities who have found just cause to attempt to reform the methods of celebrating the most cherished holiday of this republic.

This modern Fourth with its free use of the heaviest and most dangerous explosives in the hands of children is the cause of the unreasonable license of manufacturers of fireworks and the peril which is now recurring annually in from 1,000 to 1,200 fatalities and three or four times as many casualties of different kinds. It is not the noise, but the crop of cripples, which its celebration each year gives the country, that is prompting human beings to protest and to seek a more intelligent and less dangerous way of keeping this festival.

Springfield, Mass. was behind no city in America in planning to make the Fourth memorable for something besides pleasant roystering and unrestrained gun-firing and cracker and terpedo exploding, and its great procession and multifarious diversions for the entertainment and pleasure of the people showed that the reform of this holiday has become an important issue in American civic life, and the astonishing thing has been the difficulty of accomplishing this, when there are not two ways of regarding the Fourth as the American people have been accustomed to celebrate it.

It is the most progressive cities of the country which are leading in this commendable work and they are going to succeed.

ARTIFICIAL ICE-MAKING.

The ice business is promoting the artificial ice business by their combinations and greed. The fact has been demonstrated by the postoffice department that it can make ice for 65 cents a ton which has heretofore cost over \$1 per ton from private concerns; and at Jackson, Wis., where there is no natural ice, a firm is selling home-made artificial ice at 15 cents a hundred and making money. There is great distress for want of cheap ice in all the large cities and relief will come in time. The Newburyport News says upon the subject of artificial ice:

"One advantage which would accrue from the installation of artificial ice plants would be the avoidance of shortages in the product. During the heated days of last week the people in many districts of Boston were unable to get natural ice at any price, owing to the fact that shipments were delayed from the New Hampshire shorehouses, and when the carts finally made their appearance they were from 13 to 24 hours late and many people's Sunday dinners were spoiled. We think that the introduction of artificial ice, either by municipal or private enterprise, is bound to come, and there is no reason why the supply should not be cheap, clean and reliable."

Would it not be an improvement if children in American schools were taught as well in the history of their birthplace as they are about Plymouth, Bunker Hill, Jamestown and a thousand and one other places?

If the evolutionary themes are true concerning the tutored eyes of the spider, man may expect in consequence of the automobile and airship perils to yet develop a series of guard-eyes for himself.

Colonel Gale, the veteran conductor of parades, pulled off the grandest of his customary seal and success.

MOT-WEATHER FASHIONS.

Many persons sacrifice their lives to folly in hot weather, and it is not likely that daily newspaper warnings would result in completely checking the rashness of the young and the carelessness and folly of the middle-aged and farther advanced citizens. There have been a thousand recipes given for longevity, but its foundation is temperance in all things and rashness in none.

We clip the following from an exchange as a horrible example of the relation of Folly and Fate who seem too often to play together:

"A young man in Hartford, Conn., is just now furnishing an awful example of the danger that one is in who does not take proper care of himself when overheated.

"After playing a strenuous game of baseball, lasting nearly three hours, he ate several large dishes of ice cream in a store, took a couple of cold drinks, and then helped the ice cream man repack ice, to cool his hands and forearms.

"On his way home he was stricken deaf, dumb and blind, and the physicians attending him find that he is incapable of gesticulating for things he wishes done. The physicians believe that if he recovers he will always be paralyzed."

Let us hope that the young man will recover, and that the fears of the physicians will not be realized. Other young men should not go and do likewise.

A NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

The first agricultural high school to be established in New England is founded at Petersham, Mass., and its distinctive feature is the small town because of the liberality of its citizens who gave land acres of land and a stone school building which cost \$60,000, and the whole school system of the town is in sympathetic co-operation with this new educational departure.

The courses of study at the Petersham school make provision not only for horticulture, forestry and general agriculture, but for history, language and mathematics. The course includes:

- (1) The wild flowers, birds and animals, and their uses.
- (2) The rocks, including their chemical composition and how they are made over into soil.
- (3) The kinds of soil, the crops best suited to each, and best methods of cultivating.
- (4) How to raise the best hay crop, and the right sort of culture to give to the different stands.
- (5) How to raise and care for small fruits and orchard fruits, and how to prepare them for market.
- (6) How to conduct a market garden business, including the working of glass-houses.
- (7) Injurious insects and harmful fungi, and how to manage them.
- (8) The principles of forestry and landscape gardening—how to lay out a handsome home.
- (9) The care of domestic animals, poultry and bees.
- (10) How to manage a dairy and the culinary department of same.
- (11) The use of common tools, such as saw and plane and chisel.
- (12) The practical management of modern machinery, including engines for farm work.
- (13) The working of the school is so entirely satisfactory that the experiment is likely to be repeated in adjacent towns.

The New York Independent says that "this means a new character for American public life, when our school life and school work are devoted to making character and making homes."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Happy thought for today: Men make houses, but women make homes.

It is ridiculous for those who profess God to be declaring hate for their fellowman.

Perhaps you have not thought of it, but the people are starting Norwich off on a new era.

Some people would do well if they would give their tongues a greater holiday than hands or eyes.

If the parade had been any larger or the crowd either, a bigger city would have been needed to hold them.

Momentum is what Norwich seems to be developing. The Rose of New England has not shown its best speed yet.

The morning of the Fourth was September—the climate to meet every requirement—the climate fitted the celebration.

The electrical decorations remind us that the line of beauty is crooked; but that all crooked lines are not beautiful.

Hadley, Mass., and Woodbury, Conn., passed their 250th birthday Monday, but they did not give a great birthday party as Norwich did.

Every man puts his own character into all he does, but he should have a care that his character is his own, not a poor thing borrowed.

Monday was a holiday for some folks, and a "holier" day for others, but the slaves of necessity were at their tasks just the same.

New London enjoyed our celebration, and we were pleased to see so many New Londoners here swelling the crowds and adding to the loud huzzas.

No doubt many of our absent sons and daughters were saying yesterday: "I want to go home and the circumstances which retard me are monstrous!"

President Taft's one complaint that he disliked to leave Beverly so soon after getting there shows how he sacrifices his domestic desires to public rewards.

The boys who took part in the parade of yesterday will some of them be here to talk about it to the generation whose duty it will be to follow such a good example.

Who will ever know just what this celebration cost the town? If the jubilee cost \$15,000, the private expense was certainly twice that, and that would round up \$45,000.

When Norwich was founded in 1659 the English geographers simply referred to America as "a wild and charming country across the sea—the home of savages and wild beasts."

THOSE ANCIENT TREES

Lady, you ask of me to tell
What voice is in the breeze,
When winter's winds their chorus swell,
Among those leafless trees,
I would that I could tell thee how
Of ages without decay,
But time has touched the sapient bough,
And withered youth away.

They speak to me of days gone past,
And lessons sage unfold,
While sighing in the wintry blast,
The knell of time is tolled.
They speak to me of days of prime,
Of old men tall with pride,
Of feet performed in ancient time,
When youth was on their side.

Their favorite hills are sanded far,
To place the iron shod car,
And soon will speed the dory car,
Where yon old gray rocks gave way,
To be the level track,
And while they boast improvement's day,
I wish the old hills back.

I would the golden buttercup
Might still grow on the lawn,
As when, of old, it lifted up
To drink, at dewy morn.
I would those rocks might yet remain,
The valleys lived might bloom,
And those loved voices ring again,
That moulted in the tomb.

True, Spring unbinds the Yantle's stream,
And Summer cheers the lawn,
But man here waits, without a gleam,
The resurrection morn.
And oft when glides the sun's last rays,
I roam upon the shore,
My thoughts go back to childhood's days,
And wish to live their o'er.

Lady, the ties that bind to earth
Are severed, one by one,
The voices that lent joy to mirth,
Are hushed in silence, done,
But let us hope those once so dear
To us, may yet be given,
Where pain no'er comes, nor sorrow's tear,
To mar the bliss of Heaven.

ROBERT JOHNSON.

INES TO E. C. L.

Lady, I thank you for your friendly lines,
Those words are highly prized by stranger eyes;
I love them more while round my heart entwines,
That woof wherein your poet magic lies;
You need not ask that I should excuse,
My hand would blame me should I not extend
My heart to greet you, or my pen refuse
To ever own you as a poet friend.

For I have always loved the poet strain,
It seems to thrill my heart like magic wand;
And when you speak of Norwich, then again,
A chord is touched to move my willer hand.
'Tis as you say, we here have never met,
And we may never on the shore of time
Exchange a bow, or friendly smile, and rhyme,
May meet and mingle in the mystic rhyme.

You say you've roamed where the red warrior fell,
And where the camp-fire shed its blaze at night,
And where the wigwam dotted hill and dell,
And the wild rebeck scaled the distant height;
But changed is now the scene, oh lady fair,
For here the cypress gently chants his requiem,
While friends beloved are sweetly sleeping there,
Once roamed the savage with his stealthy tread.

You know the song of Uncas's quiet sleep,
First of a tribe whose love to us was strong,
And know those old oaks whose long vigils keep,
When the lone night-bird chants his requiem song.
I need not point you to those pleasant dells,
Or tell you of the Yantle's rugged height;
Or, while the stiff below its ripple swells,
While rosy eve is mingling into night.

Lady, I've lived beneath a Southern clime,
Quaffed Nature's sweets on a far western shore,
And heard with awe the great Niagara's chime,
While neighboring hill-tops answer back the roar.
And yet to me there is that one bright spot,
Where childhood first in rhyme communed with God
In prayer to Him, that He'd forsake its nod,
But teach my heart to ever praise its God.

'Tis true I've trod life's paths more years than you,
And yet Time's cords are lightly round me flung;
May you through life as little have to rue,
And in your spirit ever be as young.
Sign on, and when death here shall end your days,
May yours be that pure spirit God shall own,
And you with harp well strung to heavenly lays,
Be one of those who worship near His throne.

ROBERT JOHNSON.

OLD NORWICH TOWN

The Rose of New England!
Thou hast been rightly named,
For since among the historic towns that crown
The wild New England hills—for native beauty famed—
Thou art the fairest found.

Thou stately Norwich Town,
Here many waters meet,
The rivers onward glide to mingle at thy feet—
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Their tribute to the seas.

The Rose of New England!
Thy winding streets and hills;
Thy towers and turrets rise like feudal castles old;
Thy giant trees whose interlacing branches fill
In autumn time the fields,
With clouds of burnished gold.

The Rose of New England!
I love to think of thee;
Bring back the long, long days, and childish fancies free
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Dated at Norwich, Connecticut, this 29th day of June, A. D. 1909.
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