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The Centennial Fourth Celebration.

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Editor Deseret News:

This has been an eventful week in Philadelphia. The Centennial Fourth of July celebration, that has been anticipated for years, took place with appropriate form and ceremony, under the eaves of the old Independence building, in which the signers made their names immortal by affixing them to that remarkable declaration. The time-worn original declaration itself was there, and the mayor of the city held it up to the gaze of the shouting multitudes, and Richard Henry Lee, a grandson and namesake of one of the signers, read it with earnest, unaffected elocution. Bayard Taylor read a poem which I think will long survive the occasion and the century, and Hon. Wm. M. Evarts delivered an oration which, but for its great length, would serve as a perfect model for all orators of the future. As for the music, choral and orchestral, I presume it was worthy of the great occasion. Oliver Wendell Holmes had written a hymn of welcome to all nations, and his Majesty Dom Pedro, Emperor of Brazil, presented a hymn, "Greeting from Brazil," composed at his request by A. Carlos Gomes, court musician of Brazil; but music on an occasion of this character should not be of a high, classic, or difficult order. Musical sounds, unlike poems and orations, die in the atmosphere with its vibrations; music is not played for posterity, hence the musical selections for large popular assemblies should be of an easy, familiar character that will give the greatest pleasure to the greatest number. When they are not of this character, it has been proved, again and again, that they will not be heard; the buzz or clamor of ten thousand voices will neutralize or drown the finest strains. During the performance of the "Greeting from Brazil," the Emperor came to the front of the stand, held his head to one side, and with is hand to his ear, in vain effort to hear distictly the music. Among the distinguished personages on the stand were the Vice President, Gen. Banks, Generals Sherman and Sheridan, Governor Hayes, the republican candidate for president, Sir Edward Thornton, the minister from England, as well as many other distinguished foreigners.

We were celebrating our escape from British bondage (not such a bondage after all), and the British embassador was on the stand, but no sentiment in Bayard Taylor's noble poem excited so much enthusiasm as that in which the poet referred to our English origin, English tongue and traits.

It is useless to attempt a description of the civic torchlight procession on the evening of the 3rd, or of the grand military parade on the 4th of July. Great processions and parades, like great battles, can be seen only at points and in sections and can scarcely be seen in this way when the pageant is in the narrow streets of a great city. Far more interesting than the half organized bands of citizens, bearing torches, banners, and devices, or than the perfectly organized and disciplined military, is the dense mass of spectators that fill the windows, trees and sidewalks, and, surging back and forth, encroach upon the streets, and obstruct the passage of the cars. There is something fearful and sublime in an immense crowd, in this juxtaposition and condensation of humanity, heterogeneous in condition, age, sex, morals, life, aspiration and degradation; and yet most of them live through it, and emerge as individuals; a few men lose their pocket-books, and a few women lose their virtue. I saw the military parade, as it passed, from the top of an ice wagon. A column of ten thousand superbly uniformed and disciplined troops marched, almost every company headed by a band of music. The southern military organizations attracted much attention and won plaudits by the perfection of their discipline and by the ardor with which they joined in every patriotic demonstration. The weather was excessively warm, many were entirely overcome by the heat, and some of the companies were followed by servants carrying buckets of water, from which the soldiers drank at every halt.

On the evening of the fourth, there was a grand display of fireworks from Lemon Hill in East Fairmont Park. At 8 p. m. there was a general illumination with colored fires, which could be seen for a great distance, next there was a grand ascension of fire balloons, dropping at intervals in their aerial flight beautiful fire boquets of many colored lights, and then the heavens clouded by an approaching rain were made resplendent with signal rockets. The next display was an allegory representing the birth and growth of the United States, in which the names of the thirteen colonies were written in letters of fire. A grand explosion, like a volcanic eruption, of bombs bursting high in air and falling in every variety of colored stars, a flight of meteor and marron rockets, a beautiful figure of red, white and blue lights, representing an immense cascade, and a fusilade of bombs, dropping ruby, purple, emerald, sapphire, gold and silver stars, next followed, and then came the pyric piece representing Washington surrounded with American flags. All these displays were enjoyed by the tens of thousands who were in the park, but it had commenced to rain and this had a dampening effect upon the fireworks and upon the spectators, and it was found necessary to abreviate the programme. The flights of parachute rockets, the old "Liberty Bell," the conjunction of the north star and southern cross were given under the disadvantages of a brisk rain. The display was concluded by the presentation of an immense pyric temple representing the rise and progress of America. This temple was 54 by 112 feet and the dome was 152 feet in height surmounted by the Goddess of Liberty pointing with one hand to the American eagle. Altogether this display, which cost, I have been told, $10,000, was very beautiful and dazzling, but the occasional blinding flashes of lightning from the overhanging clouds made the human pyrotechnics appear rather tame. C.

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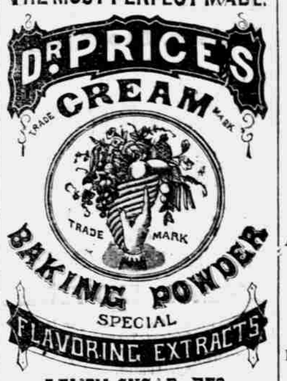

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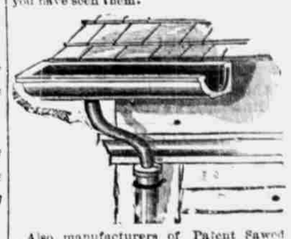
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