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On the Fourth of July, 1826, John Adams died. He said: "Thomas Jefferson still lives." But Jefferson was dying, also, fifty years from the very date of the great Declaration which he had written.

On the Fourth of July, 1831, died James Monroe, who had been the first to state, in a public document, the doctrine called by his name, which, though never made a law, has come to be of more force than some sections of the constitution itself.

On the Fourth of July, 1861, Abraham Lincoln called for half a million volunteers to put down the Rebellion.

On the Fourth of July, 1863, the invasion of Pennsylvania by Gen. R. E. Lee ended disastrously at Gettysburg.

On the same Fourth of July Vicksburg fell and the Confederacy, losing control of the Mississippi, felt that the beginning of the end had come.

On the Fourth of July, 1898, the national celebration was intensified by the news that had just come of the victory at Santiago.

It is also the anniversary of the birth of Nathaniel Hawthorne in 1804, of John Stevenson, pioneer builder of street cars in 1809, the famous surgeon John Carnochran, in 1817, Stephen C. Foster, author of "Old Kentucky Home," "SuaneeRiver," and many other favorite Southern melodies, in 1826, of the commencement of the Erie canal in 1817, of the old Baltimore and Ohio railroad in 1828, and of the Washington monument in 1848.

It has been a great day in the nation's life. As a day of rejoicing it was never celebrated so generally, so unreservedly, and so joyously as in these first years of the new century. As a day of remembrance it will increase in importance with every passing year. May it ever be "the glorious Fourth!"

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HOUSES OF GLASS.

It is proper to shudder at the horrors of Russia, and the senses are appalled to realize the iniquity that runs riot in the Balkans. Thus the Americans are impelled to hurl stones, and in response they hear the crashing of glass of their own habitat. Well enough to find fault with error and wrong at a distance, but better to look at home.

There is no commonwealth in the community of states that is without fault, and there is one, the good old state of Kentucky, that just now is covering itself with a shame in which the whole country is forced to share. In parts of that state there seems to be an absolute lack of law. Murder is not a crime, but the attempt to punish it is a crime punishable by death. The courts are a mockery. Jurymen dare not return a verdict in accordance with the facts, witnesses are afraid to tell the truth, and a judge, giving instructions fairly, would by this course sign the warrant for his own execution. The governor realizes he succeeded a man shot in cold blood, and at this time of emergency he does not rise to the occasion, for were he to do so a load of shot in the back would likely be his reward. Such are the conditions that Kentucky, discredited and disgraced, becomes a byword. There will have to be a reformation, and if this involves the use of martial rule, the hanging of prominent citizens after quick trial at the drum head, there will have to be a reformation just the same. The feud spirit must be crushed out. A nation that tolerates its existance has no right to throw stones at another.—Tacoma Ledger.

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A LONG DESIRED MOVEMENT.

A movement is now going on for the erection of a memorial to the Pilgrim Fathers, the men to whom this country owes more than many imagine, since they planted the first seed from which sprang in time this great republic. And they have waited nearly three centuries for that simple recognition!

On November 9, A. D. 1620, this devoted band, in the Mayflower, a ship of 180 tons, came in sight of land at "Cape Codd." One hundred and two persons sailed from Plymouth, in Old England, with the ship, but Gov. Bradford tells us that some strangers among the original company of colonists had been saying as soon as they should come on shore they should do as they pleased, for no one had power to command them. Other colonies had had trouble on that account. Therefore, the leaders of the Plymouth colony took time by the forelock, and drew up a compact which all on board were expected to sign before they landed. This was substantially as follows:

"We, whose names are underwritten, * * * haveing undertaken for ye glorie of God, and advancement of ye Christian faith, and honour of our King & Country, a voyage to plant ye first colonie in ye northerne parts of Virginia; doe by these presents, solemnly & mutually, in the presence of God, and one another, convenant and combine ourselves together into a civill body politicke, for our better ordering & preservation & furtherance of ye ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof, to enact, constitute, and frame such just and equall lawes, ordinances, acts, constitutions, offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meete & convenient for ye general good of ye colonie, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience."

This, as John Quincy Adams says, "was a unanimous and personal assent by all the individuals in the community to the association by which they became a nation." And George Bancroft says: "Here was the birth of popular constitutional liberty. In the cabin of the Mayflower humanity recovered its rights and instituted government on the basis of equal laws enacted by the people for the general good.

A site has been granted for the proposed monument on High Pole Hill, the highest point in Provincetown, by the township. It is designed to erect a stone column 200 feet above the hill and 300 above sea level to commemorate the arrival of the Pilgrims. The commonwealth of Massachusetts has appropriated a sum of money toward it, and the Cape Cod Memmorial association, formed for the purpose of raising $25,000 for its erection, has about half the required sum in hand.

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