

WEST SIDE TELEPHONE.

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ORATORICAL.

Address of Hon. W. D. Fenton Delivered at Willamina, Or., July 4th, 1887.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

At this moment a great people are celebrating the birth of a nation. One hundred and eleven years ago, the famous declaration "that the United Colonies are and of a right ought to be free and independent states, and that their political connection with Great Britain is dissolved"

Then as now, men were afraid to express opinion, or act for fear of contempt, loss of caste, influence or patronage. Then as now, the burdens fell upon the few, and upon the strong-armed, robust man of the widely scattered communities.

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The clash of arms and sound of battle no longer bring dismay into our homes, but the problems of our days are pressing upon us heavily for solution. The great state in which we live is an honored member of the republic.

Forty years ago there was scarcely a white settlement in this rich and fertile valley, and Lafayette named after Lafayette, Indiana, was the only town in the county.

In the friendly court of France the illustrious Mirabeau asked of the declaration of independence: "I ask if the powers who have formed alliances with the states have dared to read that manifesto, or to interrogate their consciences after the deed?"

The devotion of these revolutionary heroes is phenomenal—but one, Major Arnold, proving traitor in all those dark years. The price of his perjury was said to be 10,000 pounds sterling, and the death of the talented British spy, Major Andre. The pathetic story of the arrest and death of this traitor is a sad one.

American student. What school boy does not remember the captors, Paulding, Williams and Van Wart, the three militiamen who captured Andre and safely delivered him to Major Talmadge.

Fellow citizens: I must hasten this review of the glorious memories. You all remember how Cornwallis surrendered to Washington, how the commander-in-chief dismounting from his famous charger "Nelson," stood in the batteries by the side of Lincoln and Knox, sharing the dangers of the common soldier.

Thus the war of our fathers ended and that little army commanded by Washington took final leave of him. It was a most affecting scene. He assembled his troops at Newburgh, rode out to the field and addressed the veterans of many battles.

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of capitol and combined labor, that discord may rupture civil government. The right of a man to fair compensation for his toll, in whatsoever walk of life, if honorable, is a principle as old as time.

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how tolerable might be the condition of the people when it shall be broken up and destroyed. While the union lasts, we have high, exciting, gratifying prospects spread out before us, for us and our children.

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