

# GERMANS CELEBRATE THE FOURTH

The German picnic in the Savage grove yesterday was one of the most delightful affairs of the kind ever held in Salem. The weather was perfect and the big crowd enjoyed every minute of the too short afternoon.

There was an address by Rev. Hopf and a solo splendidly rendered by Miss Martha Butte with Miss Ida Andress as accompanist. The music by the male chorus was fine and the things to eat served by the ladies were good enough to pass as a sort of gustatory music. The orchestra furnished music for those who cared to dance, and there were many such, and swings and games furnished lots of amusement for the little folks.

The address of the occasion was delivered by Mr. F. G. Denkebach, and few if any delivered anywhere yesterday surpass it in feeling and patriotism. It is well worth perusing not only once but twice or more, and is as follows:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:—We have just listened to that grand old song "This is the Lord's Own Day." Today is the Lord's own day. It happens that it also is our Independence Day, for July 4th falls this year on Sunday. I cannot help but feel in harmony with the old saying, "The better the day the better the deed," and therefore believe it is right and proper that we meet here today to do honor to the occasion.

We do not meet here as Germans or German-Americans, but we have gathered here on this Sabbath day as American citizens to celebrate the birthday of our nation in our own German way and style.

One hundred and thirty-three years ago today that gallant band of pa-

triot representing the thirteen colonies signed the declaration of independence that made them free people and made this the very welcome home of all people who loved liberty.

The eyes of people throughout the world have ever turned in longing to our shores when tyranny and despotism made their own home unbearable and insufferable.

To these oppressed people America has been as a haven of safety and rest and the arms of the American people have always opened in hearty welcome to them.

One hundred and thirty-three years ago that little band of brave and true patriots declared to all the world that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This cry of an oppressed people for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness has echoed and re-echoed throughout all the years gone by.

It has been more or less deeply planted in the heart of every American and just so long as we Americans keep its growth fresh and full of life just so long will this government of ours prosper and its people enjoy the fruits of the parent tree of liberty planted so many years ago.

I believe that the love of liberty is as strong today in the hearts and minds of Americans as it was 133 years ago, when our forefathers ratified the declaration of independence. That feeling of independence is here just as it was then. The only distinction existing today is that this feeling lies dormant. In other words it is sleeping in apparent security and is only occasionally aroused to life and action after a severe shaking.

For over forty years our people have been so filled with an all-consuming and feverish struggle for the acquisition of wealth and position that they have given little heed to the underlying principles which are in fact and in spirit the very soul of our free institutions.

The Spanish-American war for the time being aroused our people and the spirit of the constitution showed itself, and like a whirlwind stepped into the arena of the world's life and



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gave to another suffering people life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As a people we do not mean to forget. We do not mean to regard lightly this great gift handed down to us by our forefathers. Our fault is that our overconfidence or rather carelessness, has clouded our vision for the time being and many things occur today in this grand commonwealth that are incompatible with the true spirit of a republican form of government.

If we will always bear in mind that that grand old flag that floats today over the home of millions of American citizens, stands firmly, now and on to eternity, for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, if we always bear that in mind when we see the red, white and blue of the stars and stripes, then and then only can be with safety and security guard the great heritage entrusted to our care.

It is that guarantee that has brought to our shores the millions of staunch, liberty loving emigrants from the shores of the oppressed countries of Europe.

That longing desire and human aspiration for personal liberty and individual freedom of thought and action guaranteed to every citizen of this country as long as he does not interfere with the just rights of his fellowman, existed also in the minds of our German forefathers before they came to this country. They left their own fatherland during the early and middle part of the last century because this freedom was denied them at home.

Such was the exodus from Germany during those years to this country that when Abraham Lincoln called for defenders of the flag and the Union, over 200,000 German-American citizens offered their lives and services. We may feel proud of the spirit and manhood of those early Germans. They well knew what a blessing liberty was. They left home and fatherland to live thereafter under the folds of the stars and stripes. They wanted to take no risk in seeing it lowered and dishonored. It became to them the emblem of all that was true and good, and so to it they dedicated life and service.

The liberty denied them in Germany at the time they left has since been given to those that remained. It took, however, many years before the autocratic rulers of Europe would submit to this revolution.

Not until Germany became a united nation did this occur. I am an American by birth, yet both my father and mother were born in Germany. I am proud that German blood flows through every part of my being. Every person here who is either of German descent or a German by birth has every reason to be proud of that fact.

In the arts, the sciences, music, medicine, chemistry, and in fact all those things that stand for advancement in civilization, the German nation stands practically at the head.

It is quite natural and becoming in every sense that we should feel proud of the present position occupied by the old fatherland, but we have every reason to feel a still

greater pride and satisfaction that the United States is today the greatest of all nations as a world's power.

From the time that Germany became a united nation and granted to her people the rights and privileges for which our forefathers had fought her progress has been phenomenal. The cardinal principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are necessary for the progress and prosperity of any people.

Oh, I wish I could impress this truth upon all present in such a way that it would always be with you. See there the bright emblem of our nation, the beautiful stars and stripes. In it you see the bright blending of the red, white and blue. To me those colors signify that which is dearest to the hearts of every free American citizen, namely, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Whenever we see that flag float in the breezes may it always remind us of that heritage come down to us through so many trials and struggles. May we ever cherish this gift and ever honor and rever the flag that represents all that is so precious to ourselves, our homes and our children.

#### PEOPLE WE KNOW.

They Are Salem People, and What They Say Is of Local Interest.

When an incident like the following occurs right here at home, it is bound to carry weight with our readers. So many strange occurrences go the rounds of the press; are published as facts, people become skep-

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