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Gave endless fame to thee,
When they proclaimed to all the earth
That man by birth was free!

Thy morning signaled Freedom's dawn,
Whose noonday splendors now
Flood earth and sky with radiance beamed
From fair Columbia's brow!
Immortal Day! We hail thy rise
As Freedom's Easter morn,
When Liberty, so long entombed,
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Whose absence made the centuries dark,
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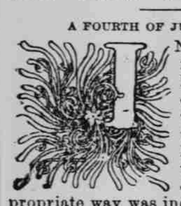
HOW THEY CELEBRATED.

A FOURTH OF JULY STORY.



IN the little railroad town of Columbia money came rather slow to a majority of the boys, and how to celebrate the Fourth of July in an appropriate way was indeed a question of considerable magnitude. Most of the boys' fathers were railroad men, and railroad salaries are proverbially small.

With plenty of money the boys could have celebrated in a way that would have awakened the sleepy little town so effectually that the older inhabitants might have imagined that hostilities between the North and South had broken out anew.

To obtain the necessary articles with which to celebrate was the all-important question before the boys' club, called the "Our Boys," two weeks before the time designated as the "Glorious Fourth." One of the boys, Bern Gilman, suggested chipping in and buying a lot of skyrockets and red fire, but as his father was an engineer and made big money, the proposition was nothing remarkable.

The words "red fire" suggested an idea to another of the club, Jim Slade, and on his plan of celebration there was a unanimous agreement. It was to the effect that an effort be inaugurated at once looking to the collection of as much red fire as possible in the two weeks yet remaining before the Fourth of July, and on the night of that day letting it off in a bunch.

To the members of the "Our Boys" there was no necessity to formulate plans or advance ideas as to how this red fire was to be obtained. They were sons of railroaders, and knew red fire by heart.

Every flagman on a train leaving East or West has among his collection of lamps, torpedoes, poker and shovel a couple of sticks of this material, which are used on foggy or stormy nights to warn the train following of their near approach to the train ahead. These sticks burn five minutes, and, of course, contain a large quantity of the red powder. All the railroad men leaving from Columbia on the eastern or western trips were known, and very few of the through men, running from one end of the division to the other, were not known.

The "Our Boys" Club originally was a ball club, but had been in existence for several seasons as a social organization, minus a club house and the luxuries of such.

Jim Slade, being a member of a State militia company as drummer boy, knew something about organizing for effective work, and he it was that proposed and appointed committees to corral every train that passed through the town.

Boys born and raised in a railroad town soon become expert car jumpers, and it must indeed be a fast train that they cannot successfully mount. A rendezvous was selected back of the railroad round house, in the cellar of a deserted house, in which was to be stored all the material secured.

The boys worked like beavers and as only boys can work when a Fourth of July celebration is in the prospective, and at the end of the first week twenty-seven sticks had been secured and some seventy-five railroad torpedoes. The latter article is also an important part of a railroader's outfit, and, crossing the vision of one of the collectors, several were secured, and thereafter they were added as a sort of auxiliary.

As the day drew near the boys renewed their efforts and the red fire and torpedoes came in in such quantities that one or two of the more timid boys suggested a halt. But, like the trained bloodhound, they smelt the sport from afar and decided to give the little town a celebration that should go down in its history as a red-letter day of the most vivid hue.

To add zest to the collection the railroad officials began to notice the great inroads on their supply of combustibles, and the train men had to rack their brain for new stories as to their rapid disappearance.

On account of the vigilance of the railroad officials the boys' base of operations was transferred from the yards of the road to the outskirts of the town. Trains going east were easy to mount, but those going west called for volunteers who were expert train jumpers, and the narrow escapes made wherein the loss of a limb, or even a life, hung in the balance, were numerous enough to appall any boy but the son of a railroader.

Charley Van Lew and Johnny Hook were both thrown half under a fast moving freight in one day, but their coolness and strength pulled them through with badly torn clothes. Coupled with these mishaps were numerous brushes with the railroad detectives in the way of chases over cars and out over the hills into the country. The boys were known to the detectives, and while they did not care to arrest them it was their duty to keep them off the cars and protect the company's property. At nightfall several of the boys, in company with their fathers, would run across these officers, but a knowing wink would set matters right before any harm had been done.

On the 1st day of July a halt was made in the foraging and the work of extracting the red powder from the sophomore signals was begun.

A flour barrel was used as a receptacle, and at the end of two days' work it was three-quarters filled. The torpedoes had mounted up in number until nearly 200 of them were piled up in a store box in an off corner of the room.

Then, as a final endeavor, three of the boys in whom were traits that go toward making up a diplomat called on the chief train dispatcher at that point and in the most persuasive tones begged for a contribution toward helping out their celebration.

With keen discernment the dispatcher saw into the whole scheme and promised to help them if they would let him know the full particulars of their plans. No more fun-loving man lived than "Em." Stevenson, the dispatcher, and the boys, knowing this, told him all.

His contribution was an eye opener to the boys, and, after opening the signals, the barrel was filled to the brim with the precious red fire.

At last the great day arrived, and the parents of the boys belonging to the club were astonished at the use to which the money given for firecrackers and other explosives was put. Instead of buying firecrakers and torpedoes they made the mouths of many of the outside boys water as they passed among them munching peaches or apricots, or contentedly chewed away on some delicious sweetmeat.

And then the novelty of the situation struck some of the younger boys and sarcastic remarks were flung at them as to their patriotism. But the members of the "Our Boys" said nothing, looked wise and waited for the cover of nightfall.

At 8 o'clock everybody in the little town was on the streets promenading and viewing the few roman candles and skyrockets set off by the more aristocratic and wealthy citizens.

By that time the barrel of red fire had been transferred to a field just back of the town and a long fuse connected therewith. Each boy appropriated as many torpedoes as he could carry without exciting suspicion and took up positions assigned to them by the chief conspirator.

The town was to be given a surprise and the Fourth of July a celebration that would open the eyes of the oldest resident.

The scheme worked to a charm.

At 9 o'clock exactly the through express was due and from the telegraph operator it was learned that it was on time. The town was located alongside the track and a grade of considerable length ran through the center of the former and was the cause of most of trains reaching a high rate of speed.

The express was always a heavy one and on the schedule was not called upon to stop at Columbia. The boys knew this, and on the instant that a freight preceding the express had pulled out of the way they set to work.

Only five minutes intervened, but they were experts at putting down torpedoes, and in three minutes' time every torpedo collected had been placed on two parallel rails. Then the sharp whistle of the express was heard in the distance, and on it came with a rush and a roar.

The boys scattered and with bated breath awaited developments.

They came the next instant.

With reports like the explosion of musketry, and if anything louder, the torpedoes went off in quick succession and the promenaders first halted in amazement and then took to their heels in affright. They thought the noise would cease, but instead it seemed to increase. Two hundred torpedoes stretch out over a considerable distance, and they were laid for the length of two squares.

People came running down the streets from the back highways inquiring the cause, and it appeared as if the town was on its feet, or, figuratively speaking, on its head.

And the engineer and passengers on the train, what of them? To the boys they indeed furnished a surprise that was unlooked for.

The engineer, with hair on end, was trying all he could to bring his train to a standstill, but it was impossible to do so before the last torpedo had exploded; the passengers frightened almost into a frenzy, were climbing back over the seats, out onto the platform and gesticulating wildly from the windows.

At last the train halted and all gathered around, and, as the train dispatcher simply motioned the engineer to go ahead, a great laugh went up and the passengers were enlightened to the fact that this was the glorious Fourth, and they, too, joined in the hilarity.

As the train disappeared around the western corner of the street paralleled to the railroad and the people of the town gathered in groups to discuss the strange occurrence, the conspirators disappeared from the scene and glided toward one of the engine houses of the local fire department.

They knew what was coming next.

All of a sudden a great shout went up from every part of the town and all eyes were turned toward the western section of the town. It appeared as if the town was to be destroyed by fire and that a mighty conflagration was under way.

The sky was blood red and a mighty column of smoke was ascending on high. The boys had done their work well. scattering the red powder over a large area and leaving the most daring boy of the crowd to set the mass off.

Soon the fire bells were tolling and the exciting jingle of the fire apparatus denoted a race was on between the different companies who were desirous of securing places of vantage from which to fight the supposed conflagration.

In this race it is needless to say the members of the "Our Boys" were indulging to their hearts' content. They all swore allegiance to one company, the Vigilant, and were head and front of the rush with the hose reel of that engine.

At the end of the street the cause of the light was discovered, and again the tongues of the citizens were set wagging, and the younger generation of young men voted the day's celebration a great success. Even the solitary paper of the town, while taking the conspirators to task the following day for the fright they had given the townspeople, could not but commend the plan for its originality and startling effectiveness.

Among the boys of the town the story leaked out, and soon the details of the celebration were known to all. To say that the "Our Boys" Club took a boom but faintly expresses it. Every boy in town put forward his name as an applicant for membership, but "exclusiveness was desired," and the tone of the club remained at its first great height for several years thereafter.

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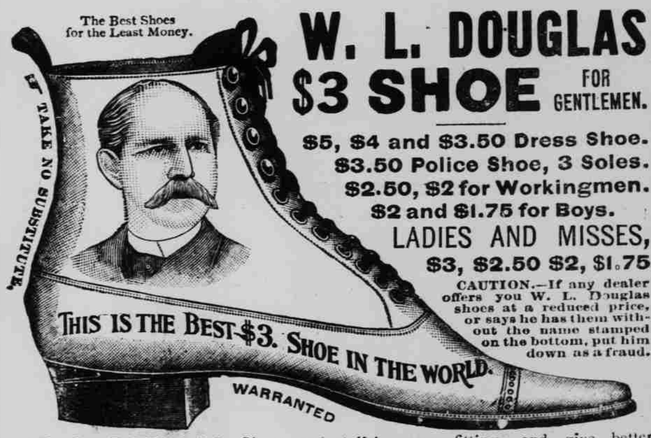

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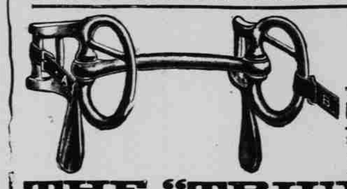

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