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Remember the days of old, consider
the years of many generations: ask
thy father, and he will show thee;
thy elders, and they will tell thee.
--Deut. 32:7

"Almighty God, who hast granted unto
our country freedom, and established
sovereignty by the people's will:
We thank Thee for the great men
whom Thou hast raised up for our
nation, to defend our liberty, pre-
serve our union, and maintain law
and order within our borders. Ever
give unto the republic wise and
fearless leaders and commanders in
every time of need. Enlighten and
direct the multitudes whom Thou
hast ordained in power, that their
counsels may be filled with knowl-
edge and equity, and the whole com-
monwealth be preserved in peace,
unity, strength and honor. Endue
with the spirit of wisdom those to
whom in Thy name we entrust the
authority of government, that there
may be justice and peace at home,
and that, through obedience to Thy
law, we may show forth Thy praise
among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our
hearts with thankfulness, and in the
day of trouble, suffer not our trust
in Thee to fail; all which we ask
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Henry Vandyke)

Our Summer Communion will be
observed on Sabbath morning, July
21st, three weeks from to-day.

The Sunday School will enjoy
the annual picnic July 13th at
Central Park, Pa.

Next Thursday, the 4th of July,
is our greatest national holiday,
and for over a century was univers-
ally celebrated in every community
in the land. Many of us must re-
gret that in late years such cele-
brations have been discontinued,
and the younger generations lose
the inspirations of patriotism
supplied by such occasions.

"Address - July 4 -1827 -Oxford."

This statement on the back of a manuscript is all we know of the author of the following Fourth of July address. Oxford, at that time would be old Oxford, now Hazen. The manuscript belongs to Mrs. Edward Badrow, and she got it from her ancestors, who were Butlers, Craigs and Templetons. That the author was a man of education and talent as a writer is evident, and the sentiment expressed is peculiarly pertinent to present day conditions. We give a large selection from it as the voice of a patriot of 113 years ago. There is no salutation, but he begins thus simply:---

"When we take a view of the causes, and trace the effects resulting from the events which gave rise to the anniversary of this ever memorable day, even the birth day of one of the greatest empires now existing on this globe:- In searching the principles which impelled our forefathers to the contest; in recalling the feelings which supported them in the struggle for our independence; in calling to mind that fifty one years have elapsed since our ancestors, laboring under the pressure of a foreign oppressive government whose hostile fleet and armies in battle array darkened our coasts, invading our defenceless country and threatening them with destruction or abject unconditional slavery; when our fathers like true patriotic sons of liberty rose and laid the cornerstone of this magnificent empire, and in defence of their liberty and in the face of a warlike invading foe, blew the trumpet of freedom which sounded from Georgia to Maine, and declared that America was and should be a free and independent nation which after a long and arduous struggle of seven eventful years was at length accomplished;- This should fill us with gratitude to that Almighty Being who governs the world, who has cast our lot in a land of liberty and freedom.

"But fellow citizens, we have assembled this day not to boast but to realize; not to raise our national vanity by a pompous relation of past achievements either in the council or in the field, but from a modest

retrospect of the digified part already acted by our countrymen, and from an anticipation of the scenes that yet remain before us to be unfolded, and from thence to learn and familiarize the duties that still await us as citizens, and as a free and independent people.

"Every member therefore must feel it his interest and know it to be his duty to preserve the Constitution inviolate on which the security of the public so much depends, when founded on free and benevolent principles, and should be equally ready to assist the magistrate in executing the laws, and the subject in defence of his right. And so long as this noble attachment to a constitution founded on free and benevolent principles exists in full vigor in any State that State must be flourishing and its people happy.

"But when corruption, bargain, contract and intrigues are made use of to obtain high stations, and offices are sold or bought or bartered for in a government and thereby swindling the people out of their dearest rights, depriving them of the free choice of their rulers, all confidence is lost, and a way is left open for some aspiring demagogue, like a tiger to leap over the walls of the Constitution and to aggrandize himself and party, forgetful of the reverence due to law and justice, degenerate into tyrants and oppressors, unmindful of their duty, seduced by base corruption, betray their trust, soon reduce the country to a state of vassalage and fatten themselves upon its ruins. It is characteristic of an American to be tenacious of his property or his rights; make an attempt to wrest an American's rifle or firelock out of his hands and you will meet with a very indignant resentment, but by depriving him of his right of suffrage you take from him a far more valuable deposit."

This is about half of the address and the rest is a political appeal for the election of Andrew Jackson at the election in 1828. In 1824 Jackson had a plurality but not a majority of votes, and the House of Representatives selected John Quincy Adams as President.

Oxford Railroad Notes

The recent discontinuance of passenger trains, leaving but one train a day each way, and with no mail clerks on them, is a discouraging change for Oxford. It is the latest step in diminishing the local R.R. service. Probably there would not be even these trains if it were not for the government mail contracts.

Old residents can remember when the railway activity in Oxford was at its height along about 50 years ago. The story of its rise and fall is almost completed. The beginning was in 1856 when the first train passed through Oxford. It consisted of one coach, having two compartments, for passengers and baggage, and a tiny engine driven by two wheels. The name of the engine was "Lilliput" and it was highly ornamented. The train stopped in front of the old Mansion house, There was a small band on the train and it played The Star Spangled Banner.

For six years the trains ran on the loop by the station west of the old Furnace Stock House, and by the mansion house. But when the tunnel was completed in 1862, the trains followed the present route through Oxford.

We had the above details about the first train from the late Mr. Theodore Little, who as a boy of 12 years, was present and remembered it vividly, even the name of the engine.

The date of completing the tunnel is fixed by the legend on the west end of it which is as follows:-

Van Nest Gap Tunnel

Completed 1862

Warren R.R.

John I Blair President

James Archibald Engineer

McCallister & Weistling Contractors.

Some writers about the railroad fail to remember that the original name of the D.L. & W. in this county was the Warren R.R.

The original D.L. & W was the line from Delaware Gap to Scranton, of which George W. Scranton, was the President and chief promoter.

About a year after the Warren R R was completed it was leased to the

D.L & W. and the name changed to that line.



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