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On Saturday, the fourth day of July, 1857, Mr. Thomas Houck and Miss Elizabeth Cox, both of this place, were married by Dr. J. V. A. Woods.

FROM THE PELLA GAZETTE OF JULY 2, 1857

THE FOURTH OF JULY

The eighty-first anniversary of our national independence will be celebrated in the city of Pella in the following manner:

The day will be ushered in by a grand national salute and the ringing of bells.

The procession under the direction of Will Drumbiller, marshal, assisted by John S. Baker, J. L. Wisner, G. R. Ledyard, P. H. Bousquet and O. H. Parrish, city marshal, will form at precisely 9 o'clock, in front of the Gazette office, on Washington street, in the following order:

1. Pella Brass Band.
2. Orator and officers of the day.
3. Deputation representing the states.
4. Clergy.
5. Mayor and city officers.
6. Revolutionary soldiers and soldiers of 1812.
7. Associations.
8. Citizens and strangers.

The procession being formed will march to the ground prepared for the oration—in a fine grove just north of the city—when the following exercises will take place:

1. Music by the band.
2. Firing a salute.
3. Prayer by the chaplain, Rev. F. H. Scarff, A. M.
4. Music by the band.
5. Reading Declaration of Independence by Dr. A. V. Baldwin.
6. Orations by Rev. I. C. Curtis and Rev. H. P. Scholte.
7. Salutes.
8. Music by the band.
9. Benediction.

The procession will then reform under charge of the marshal and assistants, and march to the grove adjacent to Mr. Scholte's garden, where tables will be spread with a bountiful repast, and appropriate toasts will be given.

Two eloquent speeches delivered on the fourth day of July, 1857, by Rev. I. C. Curtis and Rev. H. P. Scholte, the one a pioneer American, the other a Hollander who had emigrated to America ten years before. We publish these speeches because they show how deeply our pioneer fathers were imbued with the fundamental principles of liberty and justice, on which the American government was founded.

SPEECH OF REV. I. C. CURTIS

Fellow Citizens:—If the emperor of China was suddenly ushered into this vast concourse, surrounded by a retinue of the nobility, and clad in the habiliments of royalty peculiar to an eastern clime, he might well ask, "What means this coming together? Why has this vast multitude of every age and condition