

# MAYOR SETS THE BONFIRE GOING

## Brighton Starts in on the Observance of Its 100th Anniversary.



With a huge bonfire, the continuous snapping of firecrackers and three big dances, Brighton, the former home of the greatest cattle industry in New England and the scene of the keenest business activity, but long since a quiet suburb of Boston, formally usnered in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of its birth last evening in a most auspicious manner. The town became a part of Boston in 1874.

The district was ablaze with light. Hundreds of electric bulbs were strung across Cambridge and Washington sts from pole to pole and in many sections homeowners kept red lights burning all the evening. Japanese lanterns were greatly in evidence, especially along Western av in North Brighton.

Alderman Woods' place on Washington st, Brighton Center, was strikingly brilliant with the electric lights finished off in artistic effect by a large crayon portrait of Mayor Fitzgerald, framed in electric light bulbs. Just before 8 o'clock the alderman opened up a firecracker carnival which lasted fully half an hour with no letup.

Mr Woods took frequent trips in his auto all over the district, and with the aid of an assistant dropped bunches of lighted firecrackers into the road at frequent intervals. This served effectually to bring out the people, and before 3 o'clock the streets were crowded.

The three dances, in Warren, Braintree and Roddy halls, were well patronized. Mayor Fitzgerald's first duty upon arriving in the district was to visit each hall, where he remained for a short informal reception. He was loudly cheered everywhere he went.

Shortly before midnight with Alderman Woods, John H. Lee, Representatives Fisk and Coyle, the mayor was driven to Dummy field, off Everett st, where he performed the duty of touching the match to the big bonfire pile of railroad sleepers, barrels and other material. Pretty soon the flames leaped high into the air and then followed a noisy demonstration from the hundreds who had gathered to witness it.

Mayor Fitzgerald was next driven to Alderman Woods' house on Union st, where he found a goodly gathering of local politicians awaiting him. The company sat down to a sumptuous spread and afterward enjoyed an informal good time until about 1 o'clock.

Today the celebration will be continued, as has been announced. The district is resplendent in patriotic decora-

tions. Station 14 and the old town hall on Washington st are among the most artistic designs. All of the store-keepers along Washington st from the police station to Parsons st have decorated their premises on an elaborate scale and here and there are seen electrical devices which add to the general effect of the street illumination.

All of the organizations that participate in the parade this afternoon will keep open house afterward. Hundreds of citizens have also thrown open their doors to friends, and it is anticipated that the day will be one long to be remembered by the people of Brighton.

Among the organizations that will keep open house are the Brighton Rebekahs, Allston Heptasophs, Riverdale associates, Lady O'Byrne branch, I. N. F.; St Genevieve court, M. C. O. F., and auxiliary 6, A. O. H.

The homes of Alderman Woods on Union st, Representative Michael J. Coyle, John H. Lee and Dr George Lee on Parsons st are especially attractive in decorations. Dr Buckley of Faneuil st, D. D. Corcoran of Academy Hill road, Mrs Mary Nyman of Washington st, Mr and Mrs William Munroe of Washington st, J. A. Hatway of Chestnut Hill av, Dr A. M. McCauley of Market st, Jeremiah Sullivan of Market st and John Crowley of Henshaw st will all keep open house during the day. The Brighton democratic club will keep open house to members only from 2 to 5. The Brightheimstone club will have open house in the clubhouse on Cambridge st during the same hours, and the W. T. C. U. in the Thomas Gardner school on Brentwood st, Allston.

### HURDY-GURDY DANCE.

Enjoyed on the Lawn of James Welch on Faneuil St, Brighton.

Last evening a lawn party and hurdy-hurdy dance was held on the spacious grounds of James Welch, 42 Faneuil st, Brighton. The grounds were prettily decorated with lanterns and bunting. Dancing was enjoyed on a stand erected for the occasion until 10:30, at which time refreshments were served, and the guests witnessed a beautiful display of fireworks.

A large number of neighbors and guests from Dedham, Cambridge, Needham, Wellesley and Hopkinton enjoyed the occasion.

The party broke up at midnight to witness the bonfire, which was the formal opening of Brighton day.

The exercises were in charge of Miss Marie Welch and Henry M. Carey.