

PETER WITT ORIGINATED IDEA.

The idea of celebrating the anniversary of the founding of Cleveland by marking its observance with a holiday, originated with Peter Witt, the city clerk. The hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city was observed ten years ago by a centennial celebration which lasted several days. It was a celebration on a large scale, but it differs materially from Witt's plan. His idea in his own words is this:

"Let us set apart one day a year in which the people of this city shall stop work, shall suspend business, get together and in unity glorify our past attainments and declare for future attainments.

"Of all the cities in the United States, to me Cleveland stands out as the best and grandest. A beautiful city, a city of homes, of wide streets, of magnificent parks, of great manufactures, or growing commerce; but, greater than all of these, a city that has a heart as well as conscience, and whose people in the past have shown more civic pride than any other community in the United States.

"Why not choose the natal day of our city for this celebration? Why not make this day an annual event? Let us on this day, as it comes every year, resolve to push forward the spirit that has made our glorious past possible, and seeks to make our future still greater; that knows not men, but understands measures; that is citizen ever, and partisan never."

SCHOOLS NOT INTERESTED