

4TH OF JULY!

A GRAND SUCCESS!

The morning was quite chilly and lowering, having every appearance of rain, but the Saluting Cannons at Sunrise proclaimed a day of rejoicing. Thus began the 119th anniversary of our Nation in our City. Notwithstanding the unpropitious appearance of the weather the people began to appear as if by magic and by 9 o'clock there were crowds. The first thing on the Program the Calithumpian parade was extraordinarily Novel in its organization and pleasing in the exhibition. The next on the program was Rain, and a regular downpour it was. The crowds found shelter in the various business houses and in the opera house. The rain stopped a great many from coming to the Celebration and although keen disappointment was stamped upon the countenance of many for a time, yet the thought that the rain may mean many dollars of additional return when the grain is marketed this fall gave a golden appearance to the disappointed expression. About 1-30 it cleared up and the afternoon was fine.

The oration of the day was delivered by the Hon. J. M. Devine in the Town Hall to a large audience. Mr. Devine is an eloquent talker and the address was able and instructive. It was full of advice and patriotism. His cheering remarks and National eulogiums were fine and all those who came to hear him felt fully repaid for coming out on the 4th.

The Field sports was next on the Program. 100 yard foot race, Frank Algeo, 1st prize \$7.00. Guy Jackson 2nd prize \$3.00. 100 yards foot race free for all, Seth Curry 1st prize \$2.00. Throwing base ball, Guy Jackson 1st prize \$300.

The next was an interesting game of Base Ball skilfully played on the Hope Diamond. After the Ball game the crowds surged to the race course to witness the horse races.

Trotting: O. G. Major, 1st prize \$15.- Rob. Whisnand, 2nd prize \$10.00.

Running: E. Grant, 1st prize \$15.00. Hugh Carpenter, 2nd prize \$10.00.

Pony Race: L. Roney, 1st prize \$10.00 Ira Baker, 2nd prize \$5.00.

After the races it was too late for any more sports and it was time for everybody to get their tea.

Owing to the rain and the limited time the following sports were shut out, bicycle race, wheel-borrow race, slow mule race, potato race, egg race, sack race and tug of war. The citizens of Hope are sorry that the full program was not given, but under the circumstances it was unavoidable.

The evening was given to the Play, the Confederate Spy, which was produced in a first class manner and is creditable to an amateur troupe. We found that our opera house was not nearly large enough to accommodate the patrons to a play in this place. Fully a hundred were turned away because they could not get seats or standing room.

The Modern Woodman closed the scene with a gay and festive dance, which continued into the small hours of the 5th.

Taking everything into consideration, the 4th was a complete success. May the Eagle ever scream.