

## THE FOURTH OF JULY.

### How the Day was Celebrated in Hope.

The morning of the Fourth broke bright and clear. Old Sol had on his war paint, and the early hours of the day betokened that it would be a screecher. All the stores and business houses were decorated with flags and bunting, also many private dwellings, and presented a bright and gay appearance.

At 6 o'clock a salute of guns was fired, awakening the echoes of the hills, and our people hardly finished their matin meal before the country folks began to arrive. They came in carriages, buggies with tops and buggies without tops, vans, wagons and on horse back—and some by the still more primitive means of personal transportation, where the distance to be traveled was not great. By nine o'clock the streets were filled by a happy, good natured crowd of people, determined to lay aside for one day their cares and seek relief in forgetfulness.

The first thing on the programme was the calithumpian parade. Into this was pressed a heterogeneous lot of farming implements, drawn by a large traction engine, and each mounted by a grotesque character. There were clowns, negroes, Indians, warriors, monkeys and whatnot. The pleasing thing of the procession was a number of young ladies dressed in white, each representing one of the states of the Union.

Immediately following the parade came the races, which attracted the entire crowd.

The first race was a running race, free for all, mile heats, two best in three, for which there were the following entries: Warrey's Ike and Soley's Topo. The first pulled out; Topo took second money. The second race was a trotting race, free for all, one mile, for which there were entries, viz: Scollard's Black Dan, Luce's Queen, Farlow's Susie. Black Dan 1st, Susie 2d. The other hurt herself in first heat and pulled out. The third race was a running race for two year olds, half mile dash, for which A. Gilman entered his bay filly, W. A. Williams his brown filly, and Fred Pope his brown gelding. The race was won by Pope's gelding. Williams first, Pope 2nd. In the pony race were entered Henche's Deacon, Grant's Dan Jones, Algeo's Capt. Clay. Dan Jones 1st, Deacon 2d.

After dinner the crowd assembled around the band stand and listened to an oration by Capt. M. R. Flint of Fargo, who was introduced by Mr. J. P. McMahon. Capt. Flint made a brilliant address, and at the close was loudly applauded, and we regret that time and space does not permit to give a synopsis of his remarks.

Then followed a game of base ball between Broadlawn and Pickert, which was won by the Pickert club, the score standing 14 to 5.

During the afternoon and again at night the Hope dramatic club gave performances in the Opera house of the "Soldier of Fortune," which were attracted by a large number of people. All the ladies and gentlemen who took part did remarkably well, and those present showed their appreciation by generous and well timed applause.

The festivities of the day closed with a grand display of fireworks, which were the most brilliant ever seen in this section, followed by dancing at the Opera and Hope House by those not too wearied to indulge in that light and airy pastime.

#### NOTES.

The G. A. B. boys fed a large number of people and their exchequer was replenished with an agreeable amount of legal tender.

The Ladies' Relief corps dispensed lemonade, ice cream and fruit, and their receipts were quite satisfactory.

Booths were erected at different points and were patronized by many who didst hunger and thirst.

No disturbances of any kind occurred to mar the pleasure of the day, and all our guests returned home feeling well satisfied with their holiday.