

this morning and has been cutting all day. He raked up what he cut this morning before he went to night. The cattle were in on the oats again this morning and Dad had to fix the fence where they got in first thing this morning. I did a few odd jobs around here and then went out and started to weed & trim the mangels. Dad came out with Belle before I got one line done and I helped him cut the mangels and part of the potatoes before dinner. Bradley was here for a long time today, as Dad didn't get out very early. I went back with Frank at noon as he was the rube back and wanted some help to get through the gates and then I started at the mangels again till Dad was ready to bring Belle out. Then we finished cutting the potatoes and went over to the garden and cultivated every thing we could there. Auntie was over at noon to help celebrate Dad's birthday. Dick went down with her after dinner to post a letter to M: Nab. His old bank manager out West who wrote him the other day wanting him to come back at 1000 a year. Dick doesn't want to go back just yet. Soon after they left Dess came over and stayed till about five o'clock, then as Dick didn't

come back she went down again. She evidently missed him down there for Dick came home about seven o'clock having had his tea at Auntie's. He rode Frank's wheel back down town but didn't stay long. I went down to band practice to night. We had a lot of new music and Ed wasn't there. Out my way home I met Cousin Clara escorted by Alan & Lizzie and Leticia Smith. They had been down at Auntie's. Leticia informed me that there was some cake left so I went down and found Auntie there repackaging the last piece of a cherry pie and making alarm in roads into a chocolate cake, but I was in time to check his advance and save a couple of pieces. He had brought down a lot of sweet cherries from home so Auntie Alice gave me some to bring home so I approached home I could hear great revelry and found the family engaged in song & dance in the parlor. The Shands had been here. Very nice day sun & light

Tuesday July 8th

Frank went back this morning and continued to cut till about eleven o'clock when he broke the pitman rod on the mowers and had to stop. He went up to