

Thursday July 1st
 Dad. and I went back first thing this morning and fixed the wire on the posts that Nuby put in on John Wessling and Dad. let the cattle into the back field. There is some lovely pastures in there and it is beginning to get short in the gully. Frank went down town to celebrate and has been down all day but came home at supper time to help Dad. do chores I went down after dinner, stayed at Nuby's for tea and went up and sat around the park till half past ten. Ersk and Sid went down this morning and stayed at the James's all day. Dad drove after them to night. It was a fine day for the celebration and there was a big crowd. It was sunny but not too hot or dusty. It looked very black this afternoon but all blew over but they say there was an awful storm down east. Besides the usual list of foot races and tug of war, they had the cadets perform and representation of the "Queen Elizabeth" under Rear Admiral ^{John} Gordon bombard the forts at the Dardanelles Harry Noon was very much in evidence in this performance with a long tailed blue coat and flowing beard. He yelled him self hoarse through an instrument which served equally well for a megaphone, ear trumpet

or funnel when he took a drink from a black bottle which was suspended in mid-air on a gallows which later in the day served to stretch the neck of an imitation Kaiser. Another item on the list of sports which I think was an original idea was a duck chase in the harbor. They let an old tame duck loose in the harbor and gave a prize for the one that caught it. There were a good many boys swimming after it but they couldn't catch it. They tried diving and coming up under it and cornering it but it was no use so at last they drove it up on land and let young Dickerson catch it. Nuby was down there with the scow and Lila went in after the duck. Young Betty Cusker got a chill from being in the water too long but apart from that I didn't hear of any accidents and everyone had a good time.

Friday July 2nd

We thought the hay was a little too damp to work in this morning so Dad. hoed corn and I cut some of the lawns. Before dinner we greased the wagon and put the stakes for the slings on the rack, as it looked rainy and we thought it would be better to get a load in first and then rake up what was in swath. We got a small load in after dinner but it was very heavy and short. We put