

mark out the corn ground. They told me that the band was going down to meet the "Colonial" which is the new passenger boat from Erie making its first trip today and which was due to arrive at noon. I went up to Bill's at two as he told me yesterday but he had old Jack Cross with in the chair and said he would not be ready for me for another hour so I went down to Charlie Bridgewater's and he regaled me with tales of the war. I went back to the dentist at eleven but Bill said his wife wanted to go down and see the boat come in so I had better come back at two. I then went down to Auntie's had dinner and then joined the band and went down to the dock to welcome the new boat, and when that affair was over Bill filled my tooth. It was rather late when I got over to the farm but Dad had just finished marking and Frank had got a good start at planting. I helped him plant the rest and we finished soon after six and Harry B. & I came home.

Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>

The past three weeks have been so crowded with activity that there has been little time and much less

energy for recording it. The first week in June was the hottest on record for that time of year. It was next thing to unbearable in fact there were a good many fatal prostrations in the cities due to it. There was a good deal of breeze here all the time but it was of a hot drying nature that shriveled and blighted growth with its hot breath. It was so hot I hated to work the horses and didn't do much with them although I worked up the young or chard and hauled out the bottom of the old alfalfa stack to put around the little trees where I couldn't plough the sod down, and I worked for a few hours one after noon on the summer fallow. I sowed & I planted the corn on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. We would plant a few rows and then rest in the shade and drink cold water. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Bagley came out and took Mary & the children down town and Mary had some work done at the dentist's. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Mary had Mrs. Dove come over and help her for the first. She liked her very much. On the 5<sup>th</sup> I went over home and Dad, Frank & I got part of a load of old shingles that were ripped off the Sunday school. We also got a coal oil stove at Brody's for \$2.25 a bargain and some bread tickets from Della and Mary. Locks at