

## JULY FOURTH.

To begin with the day was an ideal one from morning until night and assured us of a real good time that could never be forgotten.

Early in the morning a clown band was organized, using the old battered brass instruments which had been condemned, hidden and forgotten many years ago. The band was composed of boys outside of the regular band, who know but very little music, and in their efforts at playing some patriotic airs produced most laughable sounds which afforded everyone some fun. Led by Martin Sampson, carrying a flag, they went to the different buildings on the grounds and were met with applause and hearty laughter.

During this time a committee of employes, assisted by some of the boys, were preparing and decorating the school yard where our boys and girls were to spend a glorious Fourth together. Four tables were put up where entables were to be served. "Old Glory" and the cadet banner were floating to the breeze in the center of the square. Red, white and blue fronted the yard.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the boys and girls assembled in the school yard and a little while after that the time for sport was called. There were a three-legged race, potato race, blind mans "fate," sack race, rolling race, 50-yard dash for boys under 12 years old, 50-yard dash for girls under 12 years old, 50-yard dash for large girls, and tug of-war between Brewer Hall and Mitchell Hall in which Brewer Hall won. The feature of the sports was the blind man's "fate." This caused much merriment as each contestant was blind-folded to hunt a designated spot, at a given time and in

their hurry to succeed they bumped one another, some going in different directions, and others were reminded when they hit the fence that they were beyond the limit. Liberal prizes were given to the winners.

At five o'clock the refreshments were much enjoyed. There were buns and cold meat, sandwiches, potato salad, ice-cream and cake and coffee. An abundance of all was provided.

At half-past seven the "real" battle began. From the time when "General" Smith gave the command, "fire," until the ammunition gave out, an unceasing fusillade was engaged in by both sides, boys and girls, the sound of which was drowned now and then when the giant cannon was fired. Many sighs of "despair" and "groans" were heard when some torpedoes were shot up into the deep sea of ether or some mine burst up in heaven, scattering many brilliant colors and lighting the atmosphere around. At ten o'clock all were hushed and both sides, boys and girls, were defeated on account of lack of ammunition. This gave "Secretary of War" R. G. Henderson a lesson to have enough ammunition for the next engagement.

Thus ended the day of enjoyment, of patriotism and of observance of that great day in 1776, July 4.

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A new crew was sent to Mr. Drilstrom on Tuesday.

Philip and Jerry Rees left this week for Washington state.

The fifth and sixth grades are busy with examinations this week.

The first team broke even at Albany on the Fourth, winning the morning game 4 to 2; losing in afternoon game 10 to 1. They played the Albany league team.