

mence the day that made us a nation.

Accordingly, as the sun in nearing the horizon, on the fourth inst., had changed the eastern sky from the cool gray of early morn to the golden brilliancy of his first appearance, he was saluted by volley after volley from the Idaho National guards, and then by several national airs rendered in excellent style by the brass band. By this time the whole town was astir, and all was animation.

At 8:30 a. m. one of the most novel and ingenious industrial parades, that was ever gotten up in this state, was formed in an obscure part of town, and took up its march through the crowds of admiring citizens in the principal streets. Among the interesting features of the procession might be noticed the brass band. The boys dressed in their pretty uniforms, riding in a highly decorated wagon, drawn by four noble grays. Following came the Idaho National Guards in their military dress, carrying a banner, and all stepping in time to the soul-stirring music of the band. Then came the goddess of liberty and the thirteen original colonies, represented most beautifully by fourteen of our pretty little girls. The bouquet of beauty was a feature of attraction and admiration. The car representing the wild flowers of Idaho was really a surprise to all, showing great work and patience on the part of its committee. The M. I. A. brought distinction to itself through the life and energy indicated by its representatives in the parade. In the rear of this car was a company of beautifully equipped equestrians, followed by early and hard times in Idaho; the emigrant, the cowboy and the rusty miner. The changes from the "poverty hook" to the modern implements of husbandry; a complete carpenter shop on wheels, with its corps of busy artisans; a blacksmith shop in full blast; a concourse of clowns who showed surprising originality in their ludicrous make-up and *modus operandi*; and a number of citizens in carriages brought up the rear. An invitation having been sent to our neighboring settlements, we had many visitors to join us in our merriment, notwithstanding the county celebration that was held at Paris.

At 10:30 the citizens having assembled, in our spacious meeting house, a lively program, consisting of patriotic songs and speeches, appropriate toasts and recitations, all enlivened by thrilling music from the band, was rendered to the gratification of all. Most of the afternoon was spent by adults in witnessing a match game of base ball in which a nine chosen from the Bloomington and St. Charles clubs gained a victory over a nine selected from Montpelier and Ovid. The children had an excellent time in a dance, where they were supplied with ouths and candy to their hearts' content. As a closing feature to the day's doings, the grand ball in the evening was participated in by a large company of merry dancers, in which many of our settlements were represented.

From beginning to end our program was carried out without a hitch, jar, or unpleasant feature, and to the satisfaction of all who felt how good it is to

celebrate at home and be happy with friends who happily join us.

On the 5th inst. Elder D. A. Kroger, who has spent over two years in West Virginia preaching the Gospel arrived at his home in Bloomington, accompanied by his wife, who, during his absence, has spent much of her time with her brother Dr. A. B. Dunford of Salt Lake City. Their home was invaded in the evening by the brass band and the members of the choir who expressed in sweet words and music their joy at the return of the long absent ones. ORIWA.

NEWS OF THE WEST.

The Saratoga valley is becoming a great place for raising small fruits and berries.

Large black crickets are said to be doing considerable damage to gardens in the upper end of the Big Horn basin.

The Buffalo, Wyo., people are working hard to secure a semi-weekly mail service from that city to the Basin, and hope to succeed before long.

Lusk (Wyo.) *Herald* says: The ground is getting exceedingly dry and unless we have some rain within the next week or ten days crops will be a failure and there will be but little hay cut on the ranges.

There are a few over 1,700 Indians on the Shoshone reservation, but they are said to be fast dwindling away. There is not a single Arapahoe Indian on the reservation who is not affected with lung trouble.

The assessed valuation of Sheridan, county, Wyoming, will, it is said, come very close to the high water mark of \$2,000,000. Sheridan county has paid bounty on nearly forty wolves during the month of June.

Falcon, Colorado, was in sorrow at 4 o'clock on Tuesday morning. Otto Roth, an employe of the Union Pacific, while charging an improvised cannon was seriously injured by having one hand blown off and otherwise burned.

Six yearlings were put on the cattle scales at Tempe, Ariz., last Sunday that tipped an aggregate of 4800 pounds, or an average of 800 pounds each. They were valley raised and had never known other feed than alfalfa.

At Lander, Wyo., a man is making preparations to erect an extensive plant for the purpose of sawing and polishing the beautiful native marble found in that section. The marble takes a handsome polish and resembles somewhat in color the famous Tennessee granite.

William Fredericks, the murderer of Sheriff Pascoe in California is still at liberty, but the officers are confident of eventually capturing him. A dispatch has been received in which it said it was believed that the outlaw crossed the Feather river bridge and was traveling toward Butler county. A strong posse has gone in pursuit, and it is expected that the murderer will soon be overtaken.

While fishing near the head of

Nebo creek, Ernest Foote severely fractured his knee cap when in the act of jumping across the creek from one rock to another. He was some distance from camp but finally succeeded in catching his horse and rode down to town, arriving home in the evening. He suffered severely from the injury but it is hoped that he will soon recover.—*Nephi Courier*.

V. Henry Merrill of Wardner, Idaho, under arrest for the murder of Jones Ellison, June 13, and out on \$1000 bail, committed suicide on Saturday. He purchased a handsome, costly coffin, and taking it out in the forest near his home he deliberately laid down in it and blew out his brains. Here he was found some hours later by his wife, who swooned upon witnessing the awful sight. Merrill was wealthy, but of an eccentric turn of mind.

The residence of Tom Magor, the leading merchant at Bagge, on Snake river, sixty miles south of Rawlins, Wyo., has been entirely destroyed by fire. Nothing was saved except an organ, feather bed and trunk, all the furniture, clothing, etc., being burned, together with \$250 in currency and checks. Mrs. Magor was also seriously burned about the head and face in her effort to save some of her personal effects and the money. Her physician hopes to save her eyes. Total loss about \$1500.

What came near being an awful accident on the night of the Fourth was averted only by a special dispensation of Providence. Out in the Western addition, on McAllister street, near Buchanan, there was an explosion of "red fire," which shook the buildings within several blocks of the vicinity, shattered panes of glass, wrecked a drug store, partially demolished a grocery and injured several persons. Exactly how the accident occurred nobody seems to be able to tell, but that there were not more people hurt is little short of a miracle.

While nine prisoners were grubbing sagebrush near the Nevada penitentiary the other afternoon two of them escaped by crawling until out of sight and then running. The prisoners were some distance apart, and the tall sagebrush and uneven country facilitated their escape. When their absence was discovered horses were procured and the convicts were tracked up the Calson river and recaptured and brought back to prison. One was in for nine years for horse stealing and the other two years for housebreaking.

Russel Swain, a young man who for the past ten days has been stopping at the Columbia Hotel, Denver, Col., has been placed under \$200 bonus on a charge of obtaining board under false pretenses. Swain represented that he was salesman for a San Francisco tea company and was expecting a remittance from his firm. To secure the hotel proprietor he deposited an envelope purporting to contain a draft for \$300. The landlord became uneasy after a few days and opened the envelope and found that it contained only a blank draft and that his security amounted to nothing.

A fifteen-year-old black-eyed girl and two men giving the names o