

THE FOURTH AT BINFORD.

After having been inconvenienced to a great extent by pending band engagements, place to celebrate, etc., the Binford band shouldered the responsibility of setting up a celebration at Binford and the start was not made until on June 28. But it was known that if the start was made our energetic citizens would all help to push the matter with all possible force, and we are glad to know that they all did who could possibly get away from business for a long enough time to accomplish much. There are hundreds of spikes and nails in the grand stand and nearly every man in town helped to put them there, besides helping in many different ways to decorate or in some way prepare the good old town for the occasion. A fifty-foot flag pole was raised in the square in the center of the business portion, which with a flag at the top, in addition to streamers of bunting from all four corners of the business blocks and crossing at the flag pole made the square a very pretty spot.

Arrangements had been made for the McHenry band and ball team to be with us on that day, but for some reason they failed to keep the engagement. However, some of the boys were here including Dr. LeBien who very ably assisted our band upon the claritone instead of our own artist who flunked out on us just at the last moment. The doctor is a good musician and his part was very well rendered, and he has the sincere gratitude of the whole band and town.

The first attraction of the day was a ball game between Hickory and the second nine of Binford, the game lasting a good long time but finally ending in a score of 9 to 8 in favor of Binford.

This game was played in the forenoon.

An effort was made to provide for some patriotic exercises to occupy the mid-day period, during which time there should have been an address, but as there was not enough time left to perfect all arrangements, the plan had to be abandoned.

In the afternoon first was to have been a game of ball between McHenry and Binford, but on account of the former failing to put in an appearance, it was found necessary to pick up a team to play against Binford. The nine was composed of some of the Hickory team and other good players and the game took place finally ending in a score of 14 to 8 in favor of Binford.

Just before supper a number of foot races and sack races were pulled off and a great deal of amusement was created by the latter especially the boys' sack race. The mens' foot race and sack race were both won by Barney Palmer while the boys sack race was won by Johnie Johnson. Another foot race took place between Otto Knapp and Anton Hanson the considerator being a side but which was won by Knapp.

The Binford Cornet Band furnished music throughout the day and evening, until the dance which ended the day's enjoyment. The dance lasted until about 1:30 when everyone seemed satisfied with themselves and with the day in general. The music for the dance was quite good, Mr. Raebel of McHenry playing 1st violin and Dr. LaBien the cornet while Mrs. Paterson of this place and Miss Frances Anderson of McHenry officiated at the piano in a very able manner.

It is just possible that Binford

will celebrate next year if nothing happens, and if we do we will take more time to prepare for it.

JUSTICE BOOTED AND SPURRED.

The case of John Joseph Kean, the kidnapper of Eddie Muth, shows that justice in this country occasionally puts on her seven-league boots. Kean was captured in the morning. Before noon he had been examined before a magistrate, and held to the grand jury. In another hour he had been indicted, brought in to court, pleaded guilty and sentenced, and was stowed in the penitentiary for twenty years.

Compare this record with that of Patrick, the murderer, who singled-handed has kept the whole criminal process of New York state at bay for six years; or with the Gaynor and Greene case, where the power of the United States was exerted in vain for five years before they could even be brought to trial, and one is tempted to ask what makes the difference?

There appear to be two or three differences, some rather more vital than others. In Kean's case there was an active public sentiment against him, there was no doubt of his guilt, there was no real or made-up defense. Public sentiment doubtless had more to do with swift justice for Kean than any other cause. There was not a lawyer in Philadelphia who would have cared to assume the responsibility for a prolonged application of the familiar devices of delay in his behalf.

With this element out of the case, it was as easy to try Kean, with perfect attention to the exactitudes of justice, in two hours as it would have been in two years. The evidence adduced