

KENSAL CELEBRATION.

THE TOWN OF KENSAL DID ITSELF PROUD IN ITS CELEBRATION ON THE FOURTH. THE CROWD WAS LARGE AND THE ENTERTAINMENT GOOD AND VISITORS WERE MUCH PLEASED.

The town of Kensal did itself proud with its celebration on the Fourth of July. The day was all that could be desired for such an occasion and the citizens of Kensal started early in the morning to show visitors a good time and there was no let up until the next morning when everyone was thoroughly satisfied. The parade in the forenoon was a great success and evidenced much enterprise on the part of the merchants and others who prepared exhibitions and it was much appreciated by the large crowd of spectators who gathered early that nothing might escape them and all during the day might be heard people praising this part of the day's sports. This was followed by various races, not the least interesting of which was the fat man's race and the sack race.

After dinner all repaired to the race track and ball-grounds and at 2:30 the races began. The first was the farmers' race and this was won by George McKenzie's horse driven by Will Gallivan. Hans P. Johnson came in second and S. J. Wells third. John Nihill and Fred Burleson also had horses in this race. In the free for all class George Armstrong's Prince Wilkes won first money, Will Gallivan second and Andrew Joos of Wimbledon third. Bob Clendenning of Wimbledon gave an exhibition with his trotting mare and trotted the mile in a little better than 2:29, making a running horse go some to keep up with her. The running race was hotly contested and Anderson's horse won first money.

After the races there was a ball game between Kensal and Wimbledon which was a very interesting exhibition of the national game and was won by Wimbledon by a score of 6 to 3. In the evening there was the usual bowery dance that always follows a Fourth of July celebration and this was participated in by a large number and much enjoyed and all went home well pleased with the manner in which they had been entertained by the good people of Kensal.

Accidental Shooting.

J. J. Bascom of this place, while at work in his garden Wednesday afternoon, received quite a painful accident and narrowly escaped from being fatally injured. Two young ladies were engaged at hunting gophers and shooting at various objects with a 22 calibre rifle in the vicinity of where Mr. Bascom was at work and in some unknown manner Mr. Bascom was hit with one of the bullets, it entered his left hip and lodged in the flesh. He dropped to the ground instantly and made an outcry for help. D. R. Swartwout happened close by and helped the injured man to his home and summoned Dr. Wanner who pronounced the injury as not being serious but advised Mr. Bascom to go to Valley City that evening where the X-rays was used in locating the bullet but the physicians decided no

to remove it unless they found it necessary later on. At this writing the patient is doing as well as could be expected and will probably return to his home here within a few days.

It is supposed that it was a glancing bullet that caused the accident. The young ladies naturally feel very sorry that the accident occurred and in the manner it did. It should be a lesson, however, to many in the future, who indulge in such sport. One can not be too careful in the handling of these guns, that although small, they are dangerous.—Wimbledon News.

State Crop Report.

Bismarck, N. D., July 6.—The past week has not been, on the whole, a very favorable one. Heavy rains fell in most sections, with temperature slightly below the average, and but little sunshine, and although some crops on high, sandy soil were benefited, yet on low land that was already saturated by previous heavy rains, that have been frequent during the month of June, crops have deteriorated, and in many instances, especially in the lower Red River Valley, have been greatly injured, and the outlook there is not promising. Hail storms were frequent during the week, but as most of them were not accompanied by high winds, but little or no damage was done.

Early wheat is heading out in some sections, and the crops is as a rule, in shot blade. Most fields are very weedy, especially those on stubble land and fall plowing, but with warmer weather it is expected that the grain will push ahead of the weeds.

Rye and barley looks very good, and that sown early is mostly headed out. Oats are very promising; the plant is generally strong and vigorous, and a heavy yield is expected.

Flax is not doing well; the weather has been too cold and wet for it, and most of the crop looks yellow, and fields seem ragged. A period of warm weather would be of great benefit.

Corn is backward, as it usually is at this time of the year, but like flax, with warmer weather, it will make rapid growth. In some places the plant looks yellow, the effect of too much moisture and cool weather. In the central section the crop has been cultivated the first time, and is generally clean and free from weeds.

Haying has commenced in some sections. There promises to be as good a crop as ever put up, both of tame and wild grass.

A Curiosity.

J. A. Johnston uncovered in a well he dug for Andrew Fleutch of Spiritwood, a veritable curiosity, thirty-five feet below the surface. It was a large portion of crystalized rock covered with a round soapy rock. The ball of crystal, or round head was broken and plainly shows the effects of various deposits of past ages. Mr. Johnston has recently got good wells for Geo. Orange, Dick Gainsforth and Mr. Wine.—Alert.

Memorial to Spurgeon.

Several projects are on foot in England for honoring the memory of the late Charles H. Spurgeon, the great Baptist preacher. One is the plan to buy the large and beautiful estate of Westwood and convert it into a home of rest for ministers and missionaries.