

Looking back on the Fourth of July by Leslie Korenko

July 4, 1872 – The 4th of July evening social entertainment will be given at Kelley's Hall which will undoubtedly be a fine affair. The Great Western Band has been engaged to furnish the music. An efficient committee of arrangements have the matter in charge, and will spare no effort to make every one feel at home. A very quiet day. Everybody and his wife went to Sandusky to attend Barnum's show and until night the Island had more the appearance of a quiet Sabbath than a National holiday.

July 4, 1874 – The glorious Fourth of July 1874 is past, and those who survived the perils of the day without burnt fingers or accidents may rejoice over the good time they had burning powder and making a noise. The papers will herald the calamities of the day and the doctors will have a good time binding up the wounded, or rather in getting paid for binding up the wounded. Thus, pleasure and pain go hand in hand together. A very large crowd came over on the steamer *Ferris* in the evening accompanied by the Germania Reed Band. Kelley's Hall was crowded and a pleasant dance until midnight was participated in by the islanders and strangers.

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