



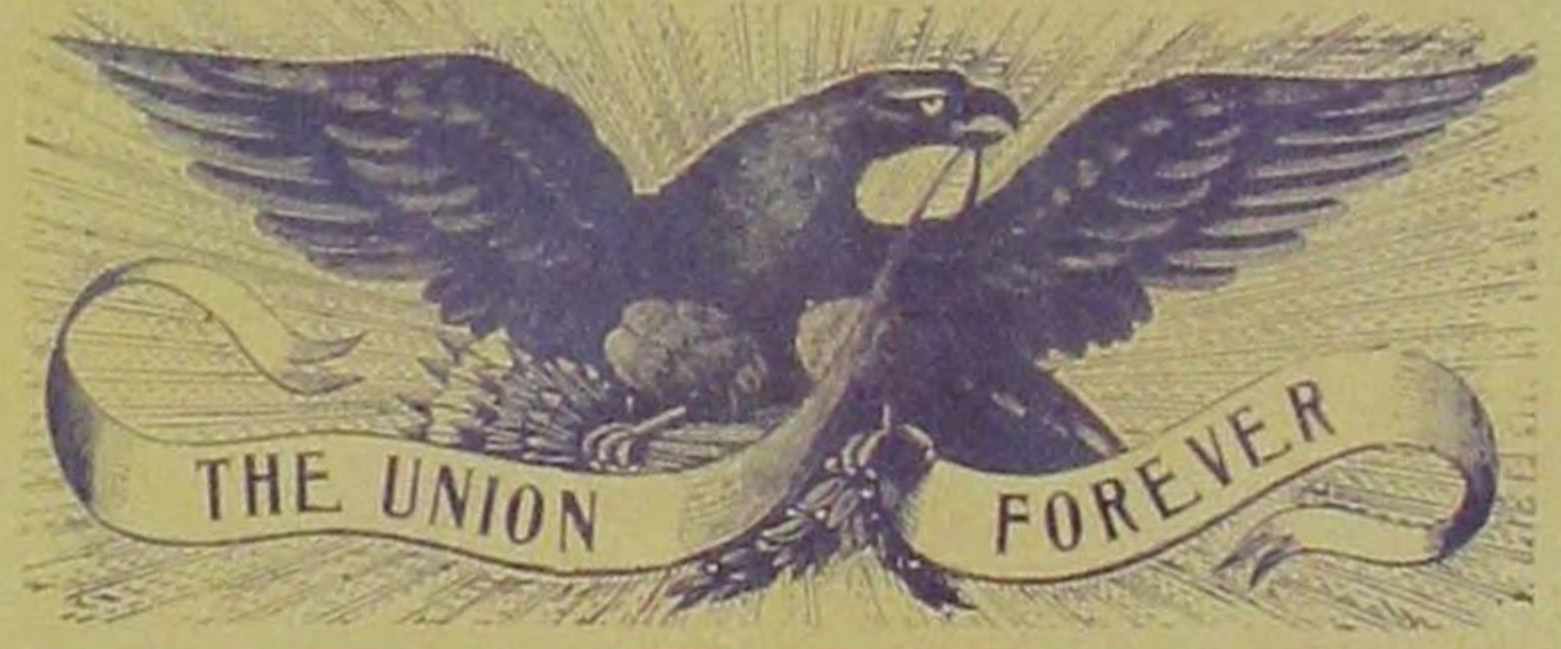
Above: Fourth of July parade in Maquoketa, 1919. (Photo by Cundill). Opposite: 1901 broadside.

FOURTH OF JULY A Photographic Celebration

Iowans have celebrated Independence Day by sending fireworks into the sky, parading floats and flags down Main Street, gathering for family picnics or political speeches — each activity bedecked in yards of red, white, and blue. Herewith, a sampling of images from the collections of the State Historical Society of Iowa.

WELCOME TO FORT DODGE TO SPEND THE 4TH OF JULY

1776



1901

GRAND PROGRAM

of Independence Day Events. The Brightest and Best City in Iowa extends an invitation to everybody to spend a Happy National Holiday within her gates. The People will be addressed by the Peerless Orator and Statesman, Senator

J.P. DOLLIVER

BALL GAMES

Greatest ever seen in Northern Iowa. Giants of the Diamond on every base and in every position + + + + +

Racing Balloons

Monster Flying Machines guided by daring atmospheric navigators in a marvelous race among the clouds + +

DAYLIGHT FIREWORKS

One of the most unique and amusing Exhibitions ever shown on such an occasion. Don't fail to see it + + + + +

Pain's Fireworks in Evening

A grandly Brilliant and Costly Spectacle. The most gorgeous illumination yet seen in Northern Iowa + +

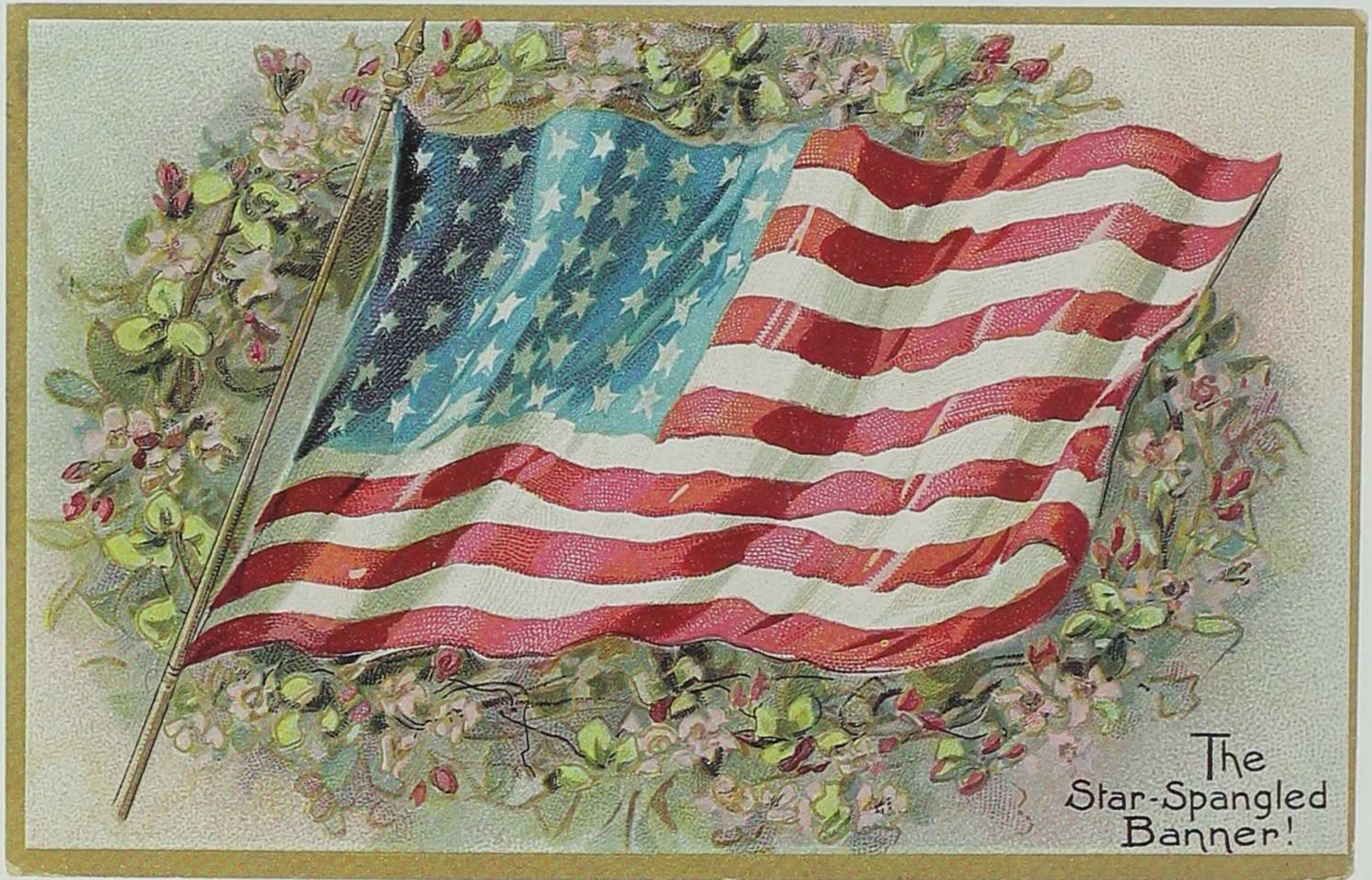
PATRIOTIC MUSIC BY MANY BANDS

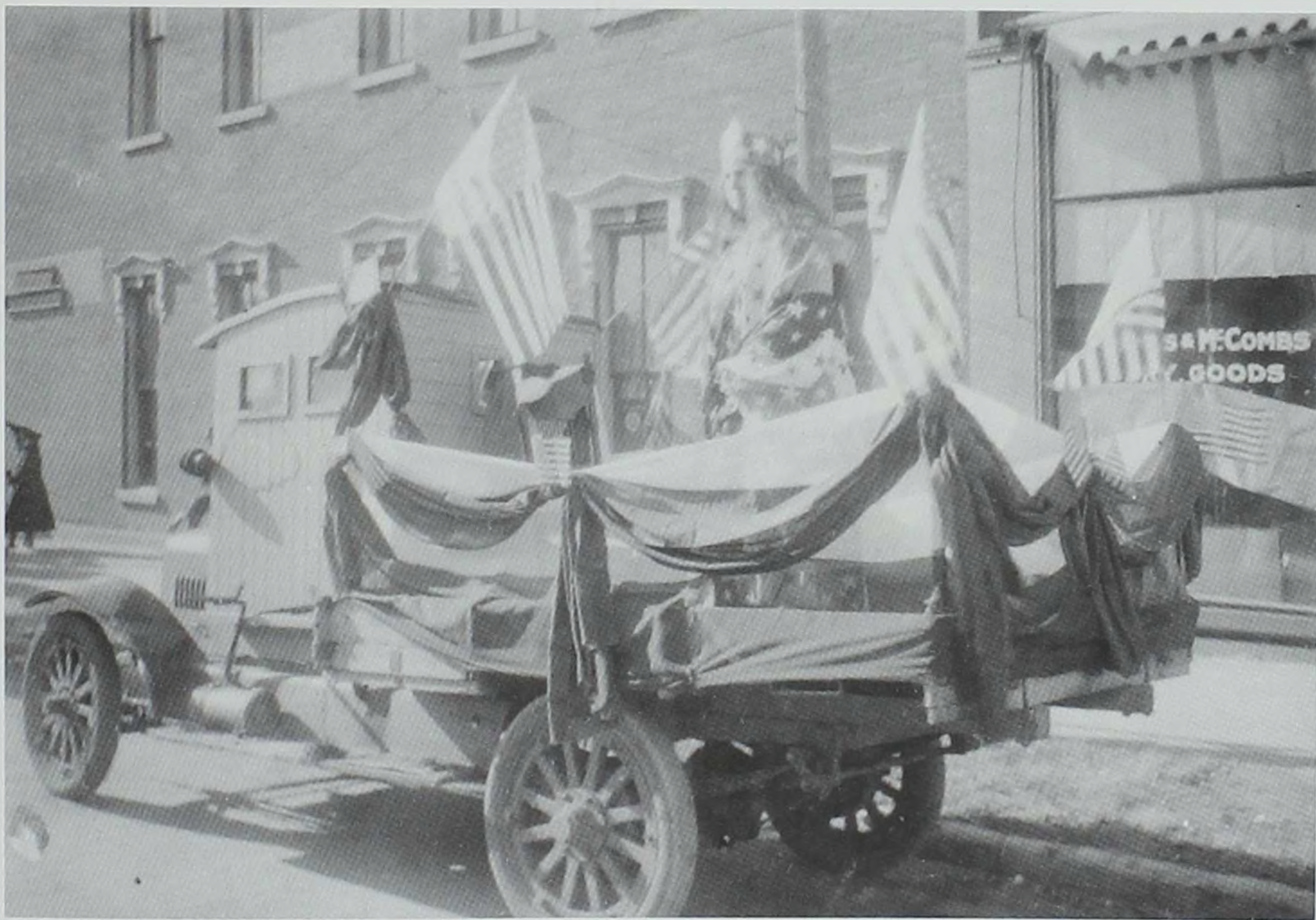
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ALL RAILROADS WILL GIVE REDUCED RATES.

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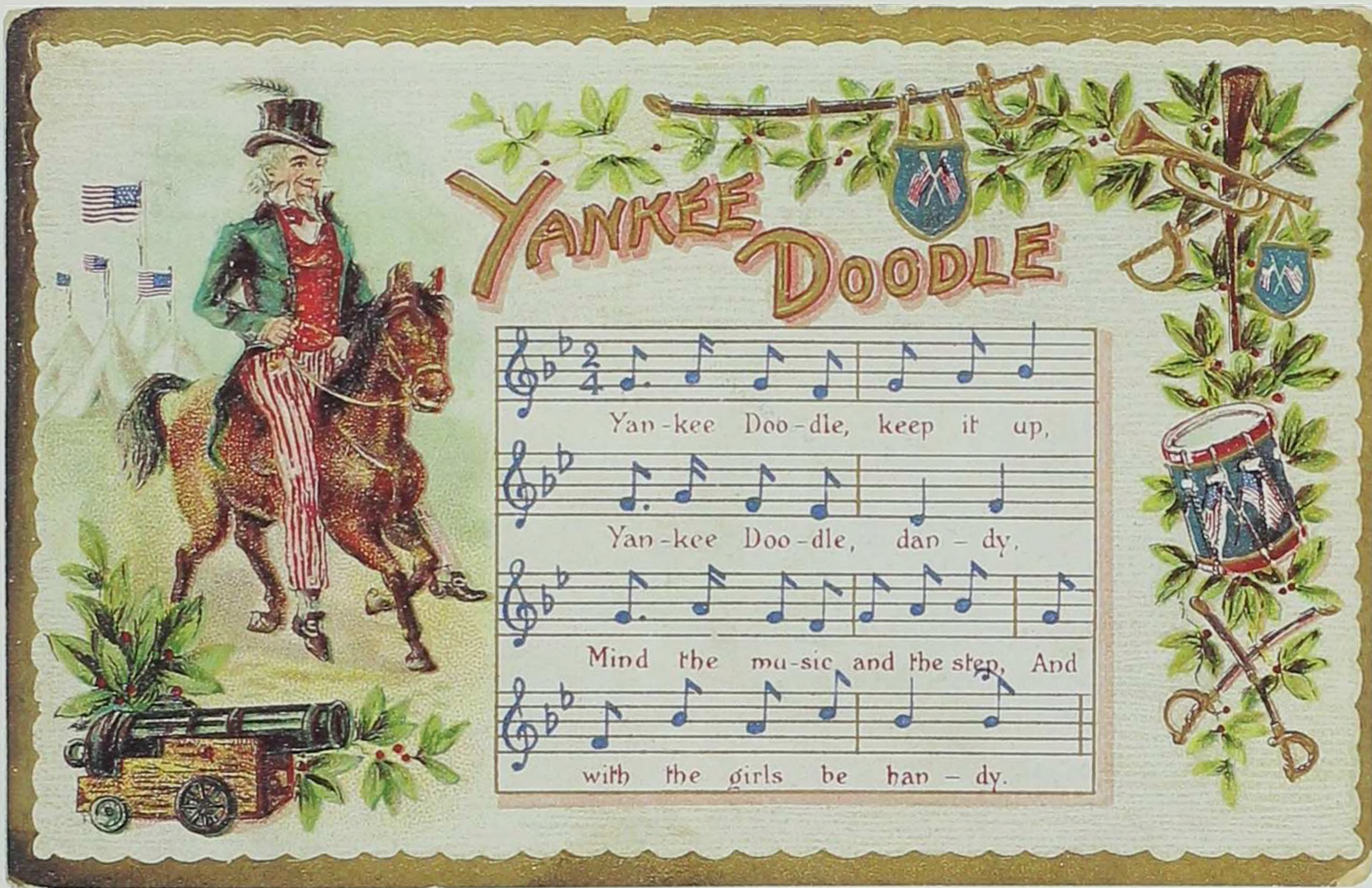




Above: The Goddess of Liberty (Mrs. E. L. "Annette" Bower) prepares to meet her public in a 1910 Guthrie Center parade. Left: Setting fireworks in Carroll, c. 1901; postcard (date unknown).



FOSTER COLLECTION, SHS



Left: Frank E. Foster and sons John E. and Fred H. Foster add to the noise of a typical Fourth of July celebration as they light firecrackers in Iowa Falls, about 1900.

Above: Women and flags, possibly Story City, date unknown. Note on back of postcard: "How did you like the fireworks? Have a good time and don't shoot your toes off" (1909)

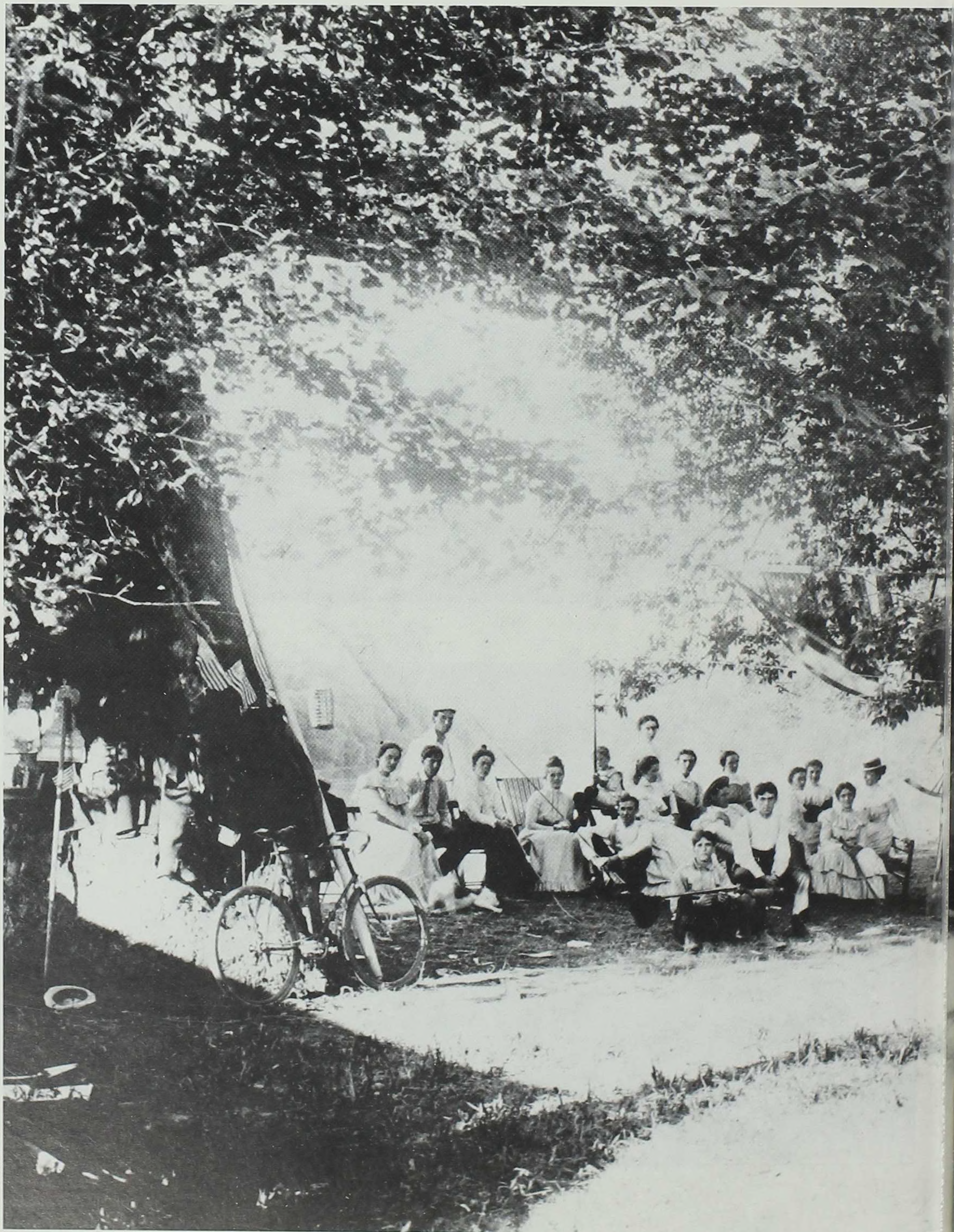


An entry in the 1904 Fourth of July parade in West Liberty. Postcard above dated 1911.



Long shadows precede the flag bearers (date and location unknown). Date of postcard below unknown.





CRANE COLLECTION, SHSI



Sunlight filters through the trees and Old Glory as the Crane family and friends relax at a Fourth of July picnic on the Melton farm south of Mt. Pleasant, around 1900.