

THE PICNIC.

The weather again this year was against the Old Settlers Association and practically spoiled what promised to be the largest gathering in town for some time. A heavy rainstorm the night previous put the roads in bad condition and spoiled the race track and kept hundreds of people at home who had intended coming to town to have a little fun with the old timers. The program of sports advertised for the forenoon had to be abandoned. The parade was called off although Gus Rothert got out with a four ox team and paraded around to the amusement of the people. Ox teams were the only ones used in the early days and thousands of acres of these rich prairie lands were broken up and put into crop by these slow but sure beasts of burden. Now they are a novelty while our old timers are riding to town in fine carriages, and automobiles. The reorganized Cooperstown band furnished music during the day and are to be complimented upon the good work rendered. The boys have as good a band as any around here and all they need is practice. In the afternoon the crowd adjourned to the fair grounds and the boys and men pulled off some foot and potatoe races, etc., followed by a ball game between old settlers, Soren Berg being captain of one nine and Charley Hall the other nine. Soren won out and got the six dollars, then the whole crowd adjourned to the ice-cream stand and spent the whole business there and Marquardt got the base ball purse after all. This was followed by a game between Hannaford and Binford and was the finest game ever played at Cooperstown, taking twenty-two innings to decide the game. There was not a score made until the twelfth inning when both teams got a run apiece. Then there was not another run made until the last inning when Hannaford circled the rubber and won out, score 2 to 1. Gulliver Peterson pitched for Binford and Will Sinclair for Hannaford, and it was a battle royal all through the game. Gulliver struck out 21 men and allowed 9 hits, Sinclair struck out 17 and allowed 6 hits. The people were pleased to watch that game. Both sides played fast ball and it was the most exciting contest ever played on this diamond and next to the longest ever played in the state which was twenty-four.

After the ball game came the farmers trot or pace for green horses. Nelson Beans won first money, \$25; C. Fredenberg second money, \$12.50; Ernest Johnson, third money, \$7.50 and Lars Boreson fourth money \$5.

In the three gaited race Louis Carlson captured first money, \$7.50; Alec. Urquhart second money, \$3.75; C. Steinborn third money \$2.25.

In the running race Henry Jones got first money, \$5; Cody Sells second money, \$3 and Jimmie Flynn \$2.

Griggs county was a little too heavy for the Steele county fellows and in the tug of war pulled their opponents over the line very easily.

There was quite a crowd present in the afternoon and they enjoyed themselves well making proper allowance for the weather conditions. The old settlers are not discouraged at the set back they have got both years and will try it again next year on a largerscale hoping that they will be favored with bright weather.