

Rain interfered with the old settlers picnic. Friday morning opened up with wet weather and with a prospect for more rain and the committee in change of the arrangements declared all sports off as it was thought none would come to town. However the rain quit for a few hours and by noon, notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads, about a thousand people came to town. The big ox had been barbecued under the direction of J. N. Brown, and was done to a turn, so that the multitude adjourned to the fair grounds where they were treated to all the beef they could eat as well as coffee, and it kept those in charge busy waiting on the people. The big ox disappeared quickly. After dinner Cady Thornton had an ox team parade and a race through the main street and was awarded a prize of \$15 for having the team representing the early years of the county's history. A ball game between old settlers also took place and a lively time was had by those participating. Then came the attraction of the afternoon, a ball game between Hannaford and Cooperstown for a purse of \$30. Hannaford smarting under the defeat of the Saturday previous, came up loaded to the muzzle with players and Bob. Martin who informed us once more that we would not get a look in. Mr. Gilmore, a man from Moose Jaw, was put in the box for the visitors, and in the third was batted so hard that he got cold feet and quit the game, but not until he had lost it to Cooperstown. A new man was put in the last few innings and he kept the score down. Dretchko and Grangaard was the battery for the locals. The game ended 9 to 5 in favor of Cooperstown. Three runs were made on both sides in the first inning and all on errors. Had it been a fine day five thousand extra people would have been in town. Next year we hope to have fine weather for the old settlers picnic.