

The three days race meet and fair of the Griggs County Fair association held in this city last week was a great disappointment to the officers and managers as to attendance, very small crowds turning out in comparison to other years, which is largely due we believe to the existing conditions of poor crop prospects. The association will go into the hole a large amount of money as a consequence. There was the best collection of race horses here that ever came to the state and the races each day were good. There were chariot races, relay races, broncho riding stunts and other attractions in between to help amuse those who attended. The balloon ascensions were good when it was possible to make them, but on account of the wind only two trips into the clouds were made. The side shows were clean and well conducted. The base ball games were good. Binford got first money, Hannaford second money and McHenry third money, and they were all good snappy games. The stock show was good as was also the woman's exhibit and especially the exhibit from the manual training department of our high school. Taking the fair all in all the officers are to be congratulated in carrying the program out so successfully in the face of such great odds against them. Dr. Winsloe and Theo. Thompson worked like beavers to carry out the details as secretaries and it is no small job, either. The Cooperstown band was faithful and blew out music just as cheerfully with a small crowd as with a good big one and their work was appreciated. Dr. Winsloe acted as starter for the races and we want to say that he made a good one. He made only one poor start and that was done unintentionally but after he said go that settled it. There were no protests and everybody was well pleased with his work. In the face of the many discouragements the association is to be congratulated on the way the whole fair was conducted, just the same. Let us all keep smiling and boost for another year.