

The old settlers' picnic held at the grove east of town last Wednesday was attended by a large crowd. The day opened up fine and gave promise of breaking the hoodoo of the past few years, but it did not hold out and about three o'clock in the afternoon a thunder storm accompanied by a heavy shower drove the people away. This has happened the past three years and it is getting to be a regular thing on the day that old settlers hold their picnic. After this the committee should either have the picnic the day before or the day after. Attorney C. W. Almklov was the first speaker of the afternoon and those who heard him say that it was a very good address. Judge John H. Kirk, of Bottineau, was billed as the chief speaker of the day and just as he got nicely started the storm came up and the crowd scattered like sheep and that ended his part of the program. It is too bad that the storm interfered as the people would have been pleased to have heard Mr. Kirk. Notwithstanding all these little troubles those who had congregated in the early hours of the day had a good time and we hope the old settlers will not get discouraged but try it again—"it is a long lane that has no turn," and we can beat out the rain proposition if we stick to the job.