

THE GRIGGS COUNTY FAIR

Fine Weather Prevailed During Entire Three Days, but Attendance Was Not Very Large.

The fair held on July 3, 4 and 5 was anything but a financial success and the directors will again be confronted with a good sized deficit. The first day there was a very slim attendance but on the fourth there was a fine big crowd. On the fifth also there was a fair attendance and the people seemed to be having a good time. The stock exhibit this year was better than ever especially in the horse department. There was a splendid showing of fine horses. In the cattle department Messrs. John Armstrong, E. C. Butler and J. G. Mills & Sons had splendid exhibits of Shorthorns and Herefords. The races every day were good. We had the best aggregation of race horses that we have had for years. There were ball games each day between Jessie, Blabon, Binford and Cooperstown. On the first day Binford and Jessie played in the forenoon the former winning. On the second day Blabon and Cooperstown played in the forenoon the latter winning. On the last day the two losers played in the forenoon Blabon winning out and in the afternoon the winners played for first money. This was the real game of the series it was supposed and for the first three innings it looked like a league game. Sletten went in to pitch for the Cooperites and held down the job four innings and the Binford bunch only got one hit the score standing 4 to 1 in favor of the home team. Sletten then retired and Thor Carlander, who does not lay any claim to being a pitcher, went into the box for the local team and from that time on the Binford boys did nothing but pound out two and three base hits and the stuff was off. The locals failed to hit Gulliver to any alarming extent, the old war horse putting 'em over the plate in his customary good style. The game finished about 14 to 5 in favor of the boys from Binford. Thor Carlander distinguished himself by making the only home run during the four games played. Binford gets first money, Cooperstown second and Blabon third. So long as the first money must go out of town the Courier is pleased that Binford got it. The boys from Binford are a gang of jolly good fellows, work together all the time, and they deserve everything they get. They stick to the fair and help out whenever called on and we say again we are glad they got the big end of it. Cooperstown appreciates the help it gets from not only Binford but from Jessie where they have another lot of good fellows who boost things along and the town reciprocated by rooting itself sick in trying to put Jessie over against Blabon. The circus and numerous other picnics interfered with the attendance at the fair also. It is uphill work for the directors to get up a good fair without money to do it with and under the circumstances the fair this year was good. The speeches by Hon. A. E. Chamberlin, of South Dakota and Hon. J. H. Worst, of the Agricultural College, were exceptionally good. Both are fine speakers and their talks were full of good things. Mr. Chamberlin made a statement in regard to taxing the land for the purpose of providing funds for a fair that seems to meet with general approval. He suggests that a tax of 80c be levied on every quarter section of land in the county and then the farmers and their families would be admitted free to all the doings at the fair except the grandstand. This tax would provide a fund here of \$4,000 and would put a stop to this deficit experienced by the directors and make the county fair a success. We favor the scheme and if there is any way to bring this about let's go to it. The fair is a good institution and there is scarcely one farmer in the county who would kick on that 80c tax if no charge is made for them to attend the fair. On the whole the fair is all right but the attendance