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The Second Annual Meeting of The Steele County Driving Park

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Thousand People July 4th —By Far the Largest Gathering In the

HISTORY OF THE TOWN.

July 3, 4 and 5, will long be remembered by everybody who attended the second annual meeting of the Steele County Driving Park Association.

The three days' meeting was a decided success in every sense of the word and the association is well satisfied with the attendance and treatment accorded them by its patrons.

It is true, the receipts will not quite balance the expenditures, but still, general satisfaction is the verdict of all interested, and Hope entertained the largest gathering of people at one time, in her history. It is estimated that 4,000 people witnessed the sports on Tuesday, the 4th. The weather, generally speaking, was all that could be asked for, and the attendance was good. Everything advertised was given, except the balloon ascension, which was no fault of the association, nor the owners. The balloon people were unfortunate. Each day an accident occurred preventing the ascension. The first day everything possible was done to make it a success, but one accident after another prevented. The second day rain was the cause and the third day the balloon caught fire and there you are. On Monday, July 3, the crowd was

fairly large and all races were good. Then Tuesday the 4th, people began coming in at daylight and continued to arrive until noon. The ball game at 10 o'clock was first on the program, Casselton vs. Cooperstown, and was won by the latter, as usual, in a very one sided and uninteresting game. The score being 13 to 2. Then came the horse and bicycle races, roman chariot races, hippodrome races etc., all first-class.

The third and last day was not so well attended of course, but still a large crowd was here. The rain the night before kept many away. The ball game between Tower City and Cooperstown was very tame and Cooperstown was again victorious, score 7 to 4 six innings.

The town hall was filled each night and Mr. Freeland's bowery dance amused many, while Prof. Russell gave a good free show of war scenes and moving pictures, on the street.

Last night the Hon. Ignatius Donnelly, of Minnesota, spoke to a large audience at the town hall. His subject was: "If a Man Dies Shall He Live Again?" From the expressions heard on the streets this morning, it would have been better had

MR. DONNELLY DIED

en route to Hope—and never live again. He would have far more friends in Steele county—dead than alive. He is severely criticised by all who were unfortunate enough to hear him. In a few words we might say that his attempt to speak last night, was a failure; although he has a wide reputation in—"two continents."

In conclusion let us say that every undertaking by the association was accomplished to the best of its ability and should be praised for its efficient work.

Owing to the late hour and the fact that Secretary Ward is out of town, it is utterly impossible to give a complete report of the entries and races; consequently we will have to pass them up until next week.

It was suggested that a collection be taken up for the benefit of the "rubber-necks" on the outside of the fence and they be escorted on the inside and introduced to those willing to pay their way.

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