

THE PICNIC.

Contrary to expectations last Friday was as beautiful a day as could be wished for, consequently so far as the weather was concerned the Ancient Order of United Workmen were strictly in it. Early in the morning teams loaded with merry picnickers commenced driving into town from all directions and by noon several hundred people had gathered in the city. Our citizens had lined Burrell avenue with trees and decorated their buildings with flags, thus making the town quite pleasing in appearance. The Cooperstown band opened up the day's exercises with a few choice selections, after which the people were invited to the ball ground to witness a game of ball between the Cooperstown and Mardell clubs for a beautiful silver cup, put up by Griggs Lodge No. 13, Ancient Order of United Workmen. The game was a good one all through, barring the usual errors, and was won by Cooperstown. Score 9 to 6. The professional league players might come up here and get pointers on how to keep down the score.

Following the ball game came dinner after which the races took place at the race track. The first on program was a green trot, best three in five, 1st prize \$15, 2d prize \$8. There were three entries for this race, Biorn's Pocahontas, Udgard's Black Spider and Washburn's Rollin. Pocahontas got first money and Rollin second.

There were two entries in the free for all running race, Sinclair's Linden and a horse belonging to H P. Hammer. Linden got first money \$15, Hammer second money, \$8.

The Pony race came next. There were several entries by Indians for this race and one pony entered by W. Sinclair. Sinclair got first money, \$10, while Rain-in-the-face got second money, \$5.

The slow race was participated in by a lot of Indian ponies, and created quite a lot of amusement. Man-afraid-of-soap had the slowest pony and won the pot.

The bicycle race was won easily by Andrew Reite, Theodore Marquardt being his opponent.

This finished the races at the track and the people adjourned to the ball ground to witness another game of ball between Hope and Cooperstown. It was agreed to play only seven innings and the score closed at 8 even. Many were disappointed that another inning was not played to determine the game, but the boys refused to play.

Supper followed the ball game after which followed the balance of sports. The foot race was won by Wilson, of Hope. The three legged race was won by James and Andrew Sinclair. Wm. Hamre came under the wire first in the boys race while Geo. Graf was a little too fast for the other fellows in picking up potatoes, and won the purse. Carl Nordhongen climbed the greased pole and got \$2 for lots of hard work while the crowd got considerable fun out of it. This closed the program for the day and an adjournment was taken to the bowery to listen to a speech by H. L. Loomis, of Fargo, who gave a brief history of the order from its start up to the present time. The bowery dance followed the speech and was the wind-up of a very pleasant and successful picnic.