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## THE CELEBRATION.

Rain the First Day Causes a Slim Attendance For the Opening Day.

The Stock Exhibit Was the Finest Ever Held in the State.

The Attendance was Small Compared to Former Years. The Association Is Loser.

The fourth annual race meet and stock exhibit of the Griggs County Fair Association was pulled off last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 2, 3 and 4. For days before the celebration the people were praying for rain but it never came, but it did come on July 2d, the first day of the celebration, and notwithstanding that it knocked out the program of the Association as well as several hundred dollars gate receipts it was very acceptable. The races and sports for this day were declared off excepting a ball game between Jessie and Binford which event was pulled off at 7:30 p. m., in a misty rain. Considering all the conditions it was a good game and considerable interest was manifested from start to finish, the rooters in the grand stand being pretty well divided. For Jessie and Binford was in the box and pitched a good game, while for Binford an imported battery from Litchville officiated, but the pitcher had been celebrating during the day and could not control the ball causing the Binford boys to lose the game. Score 13 to 4. Binford and Jessie both have good clubs and can put up a good article of ball.

### FRIDAY.

The day opened up cloudy and threatening and the attendance was small compared to other years, the people undoubtedly be afraid to come to town for fear it would rain. The Cooperstown band headed the procession to the grounds about 9:30 where the stock exhibit and judging of stock took place, Prof. Shepard of the Fargo Agricultural College being the judge of cattle, which was the finest exhibit ever held in this state bar none. There were fine exhibits of Shorthorns, Herefords and Galloways and in a great many instances it was hard for the judge to decide between the animals exhibited. We expect to give a list of awards in our next issue.

At 10 a. m. the second game of ball was called, the contestants being Hannaford and Cooperstown. This turned out to be one of the best games ever played on the local diamond and the grandstand was again divided between the two clubs. Wellington Irysh umpired the games and his work gave universal satisfaction. For the home club the old reliable Chet Hoar toed the slab and while Hannaford succeeded in filling the bases on several occasions, the "old dog" pulled himself out of the hole and retired the visi-

tors without letting them once cross the rubber. For Hannaford our friend Willie Sinclair passed out the benders and pitched an elegant game and it is to his credit to be able to hold the opposing team down to 2 runs against a pitcher like Mr. Hoar. Willie is certainly clever with the sphere and without Chet in the box can give the locals a whirl for their money. The score by innings is as follows:

Hannaford 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
Cooperst'n 1 0 0 0 0 1 0-2

In the afternoon the races came up, the first being the 2:20 trot or pace purse \$400, there were four entries for this race, as follows and finishing as indicated below:

Violet E.....	1	1	1
Thelma Arthur.....	2	2	2
Joe Hardin.....	4	3	3
Billy the Kid.....	3	4	4

Time 2:24, 2:29, 2:25.  
In the 2:30 class trot or pace purse \$300, there were four entries finishing as given below:

Sunshine.....	1	1	1
Delbert G.....	2	2	2
Rosy Pleasanton.....	3	3	4
Archie.....	4	4	3

Time 2:34, 2:34, 2:34.

In the pony race half mile heats there were six entries. This was for a purse of \$50 and was won by Al Strue's pony Nip. This was a good race in every heat.

The three gaited race was a warm number and was won by Pat Kelly's roan.

In the evening a very fine balloon ascension and parachute drop was made by the aeronaut, which pleased the crowd immensely. The minstrel show and the two bowery dances kept the crowd busy the rest of the day.

### JULY 4TH.

The nation's independence day opened up bright and clear but somewhat cooler than is usual on July 4th but it warmed up some in the afternoon. The band opened up the program by playing some national airs and the fellows with cartridge canes kept up a bombardment all the time which with the assistance of the small boy with the festive firecracker made you think it was indeed the fourth. The first on the program was a ball game between Cooperstown and Jessie for a purse of \$225 and the championship silver cup. This was supposed to be a warm game but it turned out to be very tame as compared with the game of the day before. Widlund pitched for

Jessie and Hoar for Cooperstown. Jessie made quite a showing for the first two innings getting over the rubber three times, after that not a Jessie ball player reached the home plate. Cooperstown got 2 in the first, 7 in the second, 1 in the fourth and 1 in the eighth.

The score by innings is as follows:  
Jessie 2 1 0 0 0 0 0-3  
Cooperst'n 2 7 0 1 0 0 1 0-11

The races in the afternoon were supposed to be hot stuff but the 2:10 trot or pace \$500, seemed to be easy money for the little bay mare Violet E. There were six entries for this race and they finished in the following order:

Violet E.....	1	1	1
Boone Pleasanton.....	4	2	2
Thelma Arthur.....	2	3	4
Frank S.....	3	4	3
Country Girl.....	6	5	5
Cona W.....	5	6	6

Time 2:20, 2:19, 2:21.

The 2:25 trot or pace, purse \$300, only had three starters and finished in the following order:

Sunshine.....	2	1	1
Isabelle.....	1	3	3
Joe Hardin.....	3	2	2

Time 2:32, 2:28, 2:27, 2:25.

The free for all running race for purse of \$150, brought out four entries. The horses came in as follows:

Galileo.....	1	1
Elmer Allen.....	2	2
Paul G.....	3	3
Ranger.....	4	4

Time 1:04, 1:04.

This concluded the races and the last game ball was then pulled off between Hannaford and Binford for a purse of \$150. Willie Sinclair was again on the slab for Hannaford while Luther Houghton officiated for Binford. It was a good game all the way through and required the full nine innings before the game was won, the score being 8 to 7 in favor of Hannaford. The score by innings:

Binford 1 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 3-7  
Hannaford 2 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 1-8

Cooperstown won first money and the championship cup, Jessie second money, Hannaford third and Binford fourth. All four teams are pretty evenly matched and we predict that there will be some warm games between them in the near future.

### NOTES.

The special quarter mile running race between Black Rebel and Elmer Allen was a dandy, the latter winning the \$50 side bet.

Messingham & Cosgrove had a fine herd of Herefords on exhibit and were pleased with their first trip to Cooperstown.

Butler & Upton, S. Fletcher and A. A. Booth had fine Shorthorns on exhibit and each one got a whack at the purses.

The half mile horse race by lady riders was the best of the bunch. Elsie Glaspell won the race and money.

One fellow got a crack in the neck for looking too close after a beer keg. The other fellow broke his wrist hitting the blow.

The stock exhibit was the best ever.

The judging of stock was a hard matter in some cases and Prof. Shepherd had a hot time deciding for first premium in many cases.

The improvement in the looks of horses and cattle was very noticeable over other years which shows that our farmers are taking more interest in preparing their stock for exhibition.

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