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The people of Dickinson have just voted almost unanimously to bond for \$23,000 for a municipal water works system. This is one of the most necessary improvements for a town and of greater importance than a lighting plant. If Cooperstown only had a water works system what a swell little city it would be.

The Valley City Times-Record sounds a note of warning against paying out good money to professional writeup fakirs—these fellows who come along and work you for the long green and say that they are going to write up your town. We have had another advertising grafter at Cooperstown recently. A fellow came along and got \$2 or \$3 apiece from a lot of our business men for a card advertising scheme. The fellow fixed up a few ads in colored inks with a shading pen, put the ads in a cheap frame and nailed the frame up on a wall in some part of town where very few see it. What good does this do those business men. If they would spend that much money with the local papers instead of giving it to somebody who never spends a cent in the town, they would be getting better results for their money.

The telegraph operators strike is still going on in a kind of a half hearted way. The strikers claim that they are making headway while the railroads claim that they are filling the vacant positions and that the strike is gradually going to pieces, and there you are. However, the roads are running their trains just the same in pretty good shape and claim to be in shape to handle the business better than any previous fall. The Northern Pacific has 5,000 more cars this year than it had two years ago and 2,500 more cars on the west end than it had last year. One thing is sure that the strike is bound to have a bad effect on moving the crops now being harvested and we hope that the strike will be settled satisfactorily to all concerned. We believe that both the men and the roads have a grievance and that neither one side or the other is entirely right. The men are fighting for some points they ought to have while the railroads are standing out for some points that are also right. The whole affair ought to be settled by arbitration and that quickly, too. We don't believe that the public generally ought to be made to suffer because of differences between employer and men.

That Cup Game.

MR. EDITOR:—We would ask space in explanation of the facts concerning the late Binford-Cooperstown cup game, which occupied so much valuable space in the last issue of the Binford Times and elicited the editorial "Piggies keep the cup." At the outset we only wish to state the facts as they were and do not expect to enter into any long winded controversy. With this article the incident will be closed so far as we are concerned. Binford challenged for the cup in due form and the game was set for 6:15 p. m. Aug. 4, 1905, by the home team. As is usual at every game there was some delay in getting started. In this particular case neither club was ready to play at the hour advertised although Binford was ready first at about 6:30 p. m. The question of umpire had not been decided and when Cooperstown took the field there was still a delay of 15 or 20 minutes, occasioned entirely by Binford's refusal to select an umpire. There was no thought at this time of claiming the game for Binford by default, which the Times indicates as point one in Binford's claim for the cup. Finally Mr. Theo. Thompson appeared on the grounds and was literally forced onto the field by Binford to un-

pire the game. Play then started about 7:05 p. m. fully 50 minutes after the scheduled time, not through the fault of Cooperstown but because Binford refused to play with the outside umpire we had suggested, claiming they wanted a local man instead. The game was played fast and Binford never had a "look in" to win until it became too dark to see a batted ball. No one knows this better than the Binford spectators themselves. At the end of seven innings the score stood 7 to 2 in favor of Cooperstown when the game should have been called on account of darkness, and would have been had there been any other than a local man umpiring. Binford, of course, did not want to stop and nothing to lose by continuing the game. Under protest Cooperstown commenced the eighth inning in which Binford scored three times without registering a base hit, the runs all being made on fielding errors due to the darkness. At any other time every hit in this inning would have been an easy out, as they were all infield grounders. It was impossible to see even throws across the diamond that were below the horizon line. (According to the Times every Binford batsman was transformed into a herculean giant about this time, ready to slaughter Dretchko.) Cooperstown went out quickly in their half of the eighth and took the field for the ninth. The umpire at this point decided to call the game as he couldn't see the ball when it left the pitcher's hand, but being importuned by Binford let the game go on. Binford kept up her wonderful fusillade of hits, sometimes rolling the ball even past the pitcher and losing it in the grass. Our boys were very diligent in their search of the ball and found it nearly every time.

Of course it was farcical to attempt to play ball without lanterns at this time, and finally after three balls were lost the umpire was obliged to call "game." Then Binford did roar. They knew that according to Rule 25, which is as follows: "If the umpire call game on account of darkness or other cause after five innings have been completed the score shall be that of the last equal innings played," the game was lost by them. The rag chewing that ensued was loud and wearisome. The umpire of their own selecting was heaped with indignities and ridicule for doing his plain duty. But in order to be fair Cooperstown then and there offered to pay their expenses to stop over and finish the game next day or play a new game. Both propositions were refused by Binford, though nothing could be more fair. The Times claim number two for the cup vanishes in air. Spaulding's rules were designed to cover precisely similar cases and Binford hasn't a shadow of ground for kick. These are the undisputable facts concerning this game. Was there anything in it to warrant a newspaper in devoting the major portion of its columns in roasting the citizens of Cooperstown who have always treated the Times editor fairly and courteously? Ought any sane man use such epithets as "little piggies," "rotten aggregation," etc., with reference to our base ball management, as did the Times last week. The arbitration board, to whom all disputed questions concerning cup games are referred, is comprised of old and honored citizens. No one doubts but that they acted in this case honestly and fairly and the citizens of Cooperstown unanimously endorse them. We haven't spent so much "filthy lucre" to win or retain this cup. We had our hired battery, it is true, but did not Binford have more hired players? The cup was more hired by Cooperstown citizens and we won it fairly according to the rules of the game. As to our offering to give up the cup if Binford would let us claim the game, such a proposition was never made nor entertained. We will cheerfully give the cup to any team that will win it. The Times editor would lead the public to believe that Binford was subjected to unfair hardship in playing this cup game. They put up their \$25 forfeit money to the Fair Association as Cooperstown had to when Hannaford held the cup. The game was called at 6:15 p. m. by Cooperstown as was her right, because that hour is the most convenient time for our players to leave their work. Had Binford named an umpire promptly as our manager wanted them to do, the game might have started twenty minutes earlier. It is true the rules allow five minutes grace in which to commence play, but that is after the selection of an umpire. By what manner of reasoning can the Times editor claim the game for Binford by default when there was no umpire to decide the point at 6:15 or even 7 o'clock. We are extremely sorry that this incident has arisen, but feel that our management and ball team acted fairly and honorably and strictly within their rights. Could Binford have done any

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differently under the same circumstances? We think not. A FAN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.
For Cooperstown Special School Dist. No. 18, County of Griggs, State of North Dakota, for the year 1904-05.

Receipts.	
Cash on hand at beginning of school year July 1, 1904	\$ 21248 54
Total amount received during the year from the apportionment of the State Tuition Fund	636 11
Total amount received during the year from the apportionment of the County Tuition Fund	952 36
Amount received during the year from taxes levied by the district school board, including outstanding warrants redeemed or endorsed in the collection of taxes	10425 33
Amount received during the year into the sinking fund, interest on deposits	333 85
Amount received during the year from other sources	190 25
Total receipts for the year, including cash on hand July 1, 1905	33961 37
Expenditures.	
Amount paid during the year for school house, sites and furniture	24500 00
Amount paid during the year for apparatus, fixtures, etc.	706 25
Amount paid during the year for teachers wages	4280 00
Amount paid during the year for services and expenses of school officers	50 00
Amount paid during the year for interest on bonds and warrants	649 98
Amount paid during the year for incidental expenses	2870 61
Total expenditures for the year	32915 84
Cash on hand June 30, 1905	1045 53
Grand total, expenditures and cash on hand, to balance above total receipts	33961 37
Relating to Sinking Fund	
Amount received into and transferred to the sinking fund during the year	1359 98
Paid out of sinking fund for interest	649 98
Balance in sinking fund June 30, '05	700 00

SEVAL PRISWOLD,
Treas. Cooperstown Special School Dist. No. 18
Approved this 3rd day of August, A. D. 1905.
By order of the District School Board:
DAVID BARTLETT, President.
Attest: OSCAR D. PERLTON, Clerk.

Clerk's Statement of Indebtedness of District.
Whole amount of bonds outstanding June 30, 1905: 15000 00
Total indebtedness of district, June 30, 1905: 15000 00
Approved this 9th day of August, A. D. 1905.
By order of the District School Board:
OSCAR D. PERLTON, Clerk.

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