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Letter from Wm. Cyrus.

Scio, Oct. 15, 1877.
 Editor Willamette Farmer:
 I wish to inform many of your readers who are Patrons of Husbandry, that I am expecting to take passage on the Steamer that leaves Portland to-day for San Francisco, on my way to meet with the National Grange, which will meet in the Central Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 21st; and that I shall be absent about two months. Overseer A. R. Shipley, of Oswego, Clackamas Co., Oregon, will be Acting Master of the Oregon State Grange in my absence. All communications of an official character will be addressed to him in my absence.

WILLIAM CYRUS,
 Master Oregon State Grange, P. of H.

MARION CIRCUIT COURT.

Several old State cases were called and continued.
 Thos. Farley vs P. C. Parker. Continued.
 Board of School Land Commissioners vs George B. Wagnon. Sale confirmed.
 Chas. E. Pullbrook et ux vs O. C. R. R. Co. Dismissed.
 F. H. Hill vs J. T. Cooper; decree for plaintiff.
 R. M. Wade vs G. T. Shaw; dismissed.
 W. H. Cunningham vs G. W. Kibbee; dismissed.
 W. L. Adams vs L. E. Pratt; dismissed.
 Sarah E. Cushman vs John Cushman; continued.
 J. G. Wright vs L. S. Duvoisin; decree of foreclosure ordered.
 Abner Allison vs J. L. Parrish; decree of foreclosure granted.
 Thomas Jory vs J. M. L. Johns; settled and dismissed.

OCTOBER 16, 1877.

Grand Jury brought in a true bill against George Herring for larceny.
 E. Carwright vs Alfred Savage; action at law. Cause on trial on adjournment at noon.

OCTOBER 16, 1877.

State of Oregon vs George Barlow—larceny. Plead guilty and fine fixed for sentence 90 days.
 State of Oregon vs Frank Germain. Arraigned and given until 9 A. M. Wednesday to plead.

OCTOBER 17, 1877.

Seely C Johnson vs S. M. Cook. J. J. Walton appointed referee to take and report testimony.
 John Hughes vs C. W. Shaw et al. Judgment by default.

Catharine Egan vs Patrick Egan. Divorce. V. H. Hyde appointed commissioner to take testimony.
 S. W. R. Jones vs C. C. Lillithrall. Judgment \$336 54 gold coin.
 E. Cartwright vs Alfred Savage. Jury verdict \$1,035 for plaintiff.

State of Oregon vs James Wilson, for larceny, and Wm. Marshall for larceny, arraigned, plead guilty and to appear for sentence October 19th, 1877.

E. J. Hardin vs A. Chamberlin. Change of venue to Multnomah county.
 J. W. Greenwood et al vs Mary C. Cline et al venue changed to Clackamas county.
 Mary A. Tharp vs Frank Tharp. Divorce, continued to next term.

Sam Penter vs E. McFarland et al. George Downing appointed a commissioner to sell the land in controversy.
 Court adjourned until 10 o'clock p. m.

Correction.

COTTAGE GROVE, Oct. 6, 1877.
 ED. FARMER: I see in your issue of the 6th, in the treatment of diphtheria you have made a slight mistake in regard to the preparation of a gargle. You will find it in the sixth line from the bottom, it should have read "tartaric acid, one dram," instead of "tartaric acid. Please make the correction, and oblige yours, JAS. H. SHORTRIDGE.

Mrs. Hunt, Lecturer State Grange, P. of H. will meet with Oak Plain Grange at Halsey the second Saturday in November and a full attendance is desired.

You Have no Excuse.

Have you any excuse for suffering with Dyspepsia or Liver Complaint? Is there any reason why you should go on from day to day complaining with Spasmodic, Sick Head-ache, Habitual Constipation, palpitation of the Heart, Heart burn, Water-brash, Grawing and burning pains at the pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue, and disagreeable taste in the mouth. Coming up of food after eating, Low spirits, &c. No! It is positively your own fault if you do. Go to your Druggist—and get a Bottle of GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER for 25 cents your cure is certain, but if you doubt this, get a Sample Bottle for 10 cents and try it. Two doses will relieve you.

STATE FAIR OF 1877.

The rains that preceded the week of the State Fair would have been sufficient to have seriously injured its success, because they caused general apprehension and deterring many from being present and from adding to the exhibit who would undoubtedly have been present if the weather had been clear and settled. But added to this Wednesday proved to be a rainy day and this caused thousands to absent themselves who would then have come had the day fulfilled the promise of its predecessors and remained fine. After the clouds and down-pour of Wednesday it was only possible to realize a partial success and the pleasant days that followed, thankfully as they were received, could not atone for the bad roads and general discomfort.

It can be truly said that the Fair was in one sense a success. The exhibit was good. The Pavilion and Mechanics Hall and the machinery sheds were all well filled with the very best of material. Take the exhibit as a whole it has scarce ever been equaled and if all things had been favorable it would have been still more excellent than it was.

In the Pavilion considerable space was occupied by the rival paint exhibits. The Rubber Paint, under direction of Mr. Jesse Healy, proprietor, made a fine display in one corner, while the Averill Chemical Paint Company of Cal., had another corner occupied with their goods, under care of Mr. Jewell. Towards the wind up the Rubber Paint wore a display of blue ribbons and claimed to have won the gold medal. Both of these paints are excellent and the public seem much interested in their contest for superiority.

The south end of the Pavilion was made especially gay by the presence of the wonderful display of Plummer Dried Fruits, which has never been excelled in this State. Forty boxes of the beautiful fruit came from J. H. Lambert's orchard, Milwaukie. Each box is covered with glass and the fruit arranged with great taste. There must have been nearly a hundred boxes in all, of many different varieties, and it is safe to say that better fruit was never manufactured by any process.

Outside the Pavilion, on the west, were various sizes of Plummer Fruit Dryers in active operation, manufacturing the fruit before admiring spectators. Among his products were some fine dried codfish, caught on this coast and of good size and quality. Plummer claims to be able to dry almost anything, and the gold medal which he won shows that his merits were fully appreciated by the committee of awards.

There were several other dryers on exhibit, one from the patent of Mr. Kelly of East Portland, and another from Polk county, a recent invention of Mr. Purvine of Zena. There is a great deal of interest felt in fruit drying and as Oregon is a wonderful country for fruit we have an especial interest in developing the best. A great many have confidence in the value of the dryers invented by both Mr. Purvine and Mr. Kelly.

The Fruit display was most excellent.—Mr. H. W. Prettyman was at the extreme south with at least forty varieties of apples and pears, also with some specimens of fine yearling grafts from his Railroad Nursery, East Portland. He had blue ribbons, a fair share. Mr. Prettyman shows also specimens of the Silver Prune, a seedling from Coe's Golden Drop, which promises to be one of the most valuable of all the prune family.

S. Luelling & Son, of Milwaukie, had a magnificent display of all fruits, including sixty varieties of apples, forty of pears, twelve of plums and prunes, twelve of peaches, twelve of grapes, including the Black Hamburg grape, so excellent in California, but not known to ripen in Oregon. These gentlemen take the gold medal for the largest and finest display of all fruits. They show two varieties of hybrid crab apples found in the woods, that must have become mixed with cultivated fruits. The best of these is named the Davenport, after T. W. Davenport, who found it, and is an excellent fruit.

J. H. Lambert, of Milwaukie, showed twenty-five varieties of pears, fifty-eight of apples, also plums, prunes, and grapes, takes a good number of premiums and the silver medal.

Mr. Joseph Hamilton, of Linn county, also had a good display of apples, and took a fair share of first premiums.

GRAINS.

The show of cereals was excellent, and satisfactory proof of all that is claimed for Oregon products. The chief exhibitors were,

C. P. Burkhart, of Albany, who had the variety that he usually exhibits, consisting of various kinds of wheat, buckwheat, oats, barley, rye, and grass seeds, on many of which he received first premiums.

G. H. Riddell, of Linn county, also made an excellent showing, and took the 2d premium for best display of grain grown by one man. J. B. Dimick, of Hubbard, took first premiums for best fields of five acres of both oats and barley. George Belshaw, of Eugene, took sweepstakes for best bushel of grain of any kind.

There were many other exhibitors, including Joseph Hamilton, W. T. Newby, W. D. Prettyman, W. M. Hillary, J. W. Nesmith, Samuel Higley, T. H. McIndire, D. Clark, D. D. Prettyman and others, whose merits will appear when the premium list is published. Farm products are in the same class, and the premium list, when published, will also show which excelled in that line.

GARDEN PRODUCTS.

There were in great variety, and of especial excellence, the competition being very sharp for all premiums offered.

P. M. Rinearson, of Oregon City, made an excellent exhibit and took second premium for largest and best display of vegetables.

L. Dielman took first premium for a mammoth pumpkin that weighed 200 pounds.

E. L. Delashunt, of Dallas, who always makes a good display, was on hand with his usual assortment, and carried away his full share of ribbons.

G. Stolz and I. M. Adair, both of Salem, had a good showing; Dimick, of Hubbard, carried off the ribbons for his three entries of potatoes.

Samuel Higley, of Salem, had an excellent display and carried off many premiums. There were many exhibitors of lesser magnitude, and we must again refer to the premium list to show who were most deserving.

FLOWERS, ETC.

The display of flowers was most attractive. Henry Miller, the well-known Portland florist, was there with choice plants from his green houses and received many first premiums. His Cactus plants were much admired as rare and beautiful.

Miss Florence Garrison, of Salem, had a great variety and swept the board for premiums, receiving 19 first and 14 second. Mrs. N. L. Cook, of Salem, had a good display, also Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Mrs. J. V. Taylor, of Salem; Mrs. J. M. Davis, of Elkhorn; Mrs. M. Lindsey, of Monmouth; Mrs. J. H. Haas, Salem; Mrs. S. D. Dodson, Dallas; Mrs. Dr. Chace, Salem; and others who contributed less, added greatly to the collection. The floral display grows year by year more attractive as people devote more time and attention to care of choice and rare plants.

Vick's Special Premiums called out a beautiful display, and we should all feel much obliged to that enterprising gentleman for his liberality and kindness.

Miss Florence Garrison took the 1st premium for best show of flowers under this head and 2d premium for best collection of cut flowers.

Mrs. S. D. Dodson, of Dallas, took 1st premium for best collection of cut flowers, and best ornamental floral work.

Mrs. E. A. Colvert, of Brownsville, took 3d premium for best collection of cut flowers, and Mrs. A. Wilth, Salem, the 4th.

THE DAIRY.

Dairy products were not in great abundance but were of first quality. We really feel like protesting against the slim display made by our lady friends. Mrs. E. L. Delashunt, of Dallas, took 1st premium for 5 lbs. fresh butter; 2d premium for 25 lbs. 6 months old. Miss Fannie Campbell, of Dallas, took first premium for 5 lbs. butter made by girl under 15 years of age. Mrs. H. C. Graves, Springfield, 1st premium for best 25 lbs. 6 months old. Mrs. M. A. Cole, Canby, 2d premium for best 5 lbs. fresh butter.

POULTRY.

The poultry pens were a great attraction and we are inclined to believe that the display was the best ever seen in Oregon, for while the entries were less the best high-class poultry were there in greater number and excellence than ever before.

Luther Myers, of Salem, showed ten different varieties, all high-class and carefully bred. He had the first Plymouth Rock fowls ever brought to Oregon, and this is the most recent attraction East in the chicken line; also Silver Spangled Polands, Golden Spangled Polands, Silver and Golden Spangled Hamburgs, Aylesbury Ducks, Buff Cochins, Light Brahmas, Black Brest-

ed Red Game. A. F. Miller, of East Portland, also had Light and Dark Brahmas-Houdans, Black Spanish and White Leghorn chickens. Both Myers and Miller took first premiums on all entries. Mrs. Jno. F. Miller showed a trio of Black Turkeys, very fine looking birds. D. B. Pickens had Buff Cochins.

CATTLE.

The exhibit of cattle lacked something of the interest of former years as the best herds in our State were not all represented. However, those enterprising breeders and dealers, B. E. Stewart & Sons, and G. W. Dimick, of Marion county, were present with good representatives of their herds, and the display was creditable. G. W. Dimick showed 13 entries in cows, "Short Horns," and took many premiums. There were five entries under the head of "Devons," very fine animals. He also had two entries of "fat stock" and a number of very fine graded stock. Mr. Dimick makes a business of breeding fine stock of Short Horn and Devon strains, and is very successful, though his stock show that while they are well kept they are not pampered.

J. H. Hastings, of Dallas, had three entries of graded stock and carried off two first and one second premium.

B. E. Stewart & Son, of North Yamhill, showed fine selections from their well known herd of Short Horns and Holsteins, and some good graded cattle. They captured many first premiums on all their stock exhibited and added greatly to the interest of the cattle show. They are among the first importers of thoroughbred stock into Oregon and have prosecuted the business with enterprise.

Thomas Cross, of Salem, entered the Arena again, after some years absence, showing good graded cattle and some very fine fat cattle.

O. G. Marshall, of Monmouth, took 1st premium for best Jersey bull, which we remember to have seen this summer, a very fine animal.

T. W. Davenport, of Silverton, takes first premium for best Devon bull. R. C. Geer, of Silverton, took first premium for best Holstein bull 2 years old.

FLOUR AND MEAL.

are exhibited in Machinery Hall, to the west of the main Pavilion, where are also sewing machines, musical instruments, and various articles of one sort and another showing usefulness or ingenuity. McLeran Bros., of Portland, had a very fine exhibit of flour, corn meal, buckwheat flour, oatmeal, cracked corn, or hominy, cracked wheat, Graham flour, and commanded first premium for the great variety of their products as well as their excellence. We are reminded, in this connection, that this firm took a first premium at the Centennial Exposition for their oatmeal, and their reputation hardly needs the endorsement of a Centennial award to those who are familiar with their products, which are for sale in all the towns of Oregon.

HORSES—THOROUGHBREDS.

The entries in this class were not numerous.

John Young, Salem, takes 1st premium for mare 4 years old and upwards, name Rosa Mansfield.

G. J. Baskett, Polk Co., takes 1st premium for Mattie Glyde, mare 3 yrs. and upwards.

John F. Miller, Salem, takes 1st premium for Dr. Lindsey, stallion 4 yrs. old and over.

Hiram Tripp, Roseburg, shows Seilm, Arabian stock, stallion 4 yrs. old and over.

DRAFT HORSES.

John Savage, Salem, took 1st premium for stallion 2 yrs. old, weight 1,532 pounds.

W. C. Myer, Hortense and colt, 2d prem.

M. Wilkins, Lane Co., took 1st premium for stallion 2 years old.

G. W. Dimick, 1st p. for filly 2 yrs. old.

A. K. Wilcoxson, Monroe, span of horses for draft, first premium.

H. H. Watson, Lincoln, 1st premium for stallion 1 year old.

A. M. Waddie, Lafayette, 2d prem. for stallion 4 years old.

James McCallough, Amity, 1st premium stallion 3 years old and over.

J. Freeman, Hillsboro, 1st premium 1/2 blood Clydesdale colt 1 year old.

A. G. Marshall, Monmouth, 2d premium stallion 2 years old and over.

ROADSTERS.

H. S. Hadley took 2d premium for pair of mares fast and far.

S. G. Reed, 2d p. for stallion 4 years old.

W. Williams, 1st p. stallion 4 years old.

J. J. Welch 1st p. gelding, for fast and far driving, also 1st p. for gelding 4 years and upward.

Chas. Stewart 2d p. mare 4 y. and upward.

FARM TEAMS.

R. C. Clark took 1st p. and D. Swick 2d p. for pair of horses weighing 2,000 and not over 2,500.

R. W. Phillips carriage horses 16 hands and not less than 2,400 pounds 2d premium.

John Chalmers pair of farm horses over 2,500 pounds 1st premium.

Wm. McLagan 2d p. for ditto. Also 1st prem. for cart horse over 1,200 pounds.

CARRIAGE TEAMS.

J. Lueky pair matched carriage horses 2d premium.

J. M. Myers saddle horse 2d premium.

S. C. Buster walking horse 1st premium.

W. D. Hoxter matched family team 1st p.

Wm. Higham saddle horse 1st premium.

G. J. Basket pair carriage horses over 16 hands 1st premium.

PURE BRED PERCHERONS.

W. C. Myer, White Prince, stallion 4 yrs. and over 1st. Pride of Perche, ditto, 2d p.

Seventy-Six, stallion 1 year old 1st p. Doll and foal 1st p.; White Rose, mare 4 yrs. old 1st p.

This display made by Mr. Myer was creditable both to him and to this State. His importation of Percheron horses is sure to increase the wealth of Oregon and add to our reputation as a horse-breeding country.

This display of Percherons was not more interesting than the show made of their colts, and the presence of a great number of one and two-year-olds, half blood, and their magnificent appearance, was conviction of the great value of the stock.

PURE BRED CLYDESDALES.

Mej. Bruce received the 1st premium for his magnificent animal, Glenelg, which was a prize winner at Philadelphia in 1876.

S. G. Reed showed his fine stallions, Marquis and Brutus, and these were the only entries.

Between the Percherons and Clydesdales our State is blessed with good heavy draft stock and it will be difficult to decide which is the more valuable. Some incline to one and some to the other, and it is apparent that both are excellent and valuable to breed from.

JACKS, JENNIES, AND MULES.

C. P. Bacon, Portland, took 1st premium for Jack-Graddard.

Wm. White, Dayton, 2d premium for Oregon bred Jack.

NEEDLE WORK.

We are unable to do justice to the display of needle work, not having had a lady superior in the Pavilion, and being too much occupied elsewhere to have time to note such handiwork, even if we possess the ability to critically notice it, which is very doubtful.

The general assertion is that the display was good and the interest taken in it justifies that belief.

ART WORK.

We might well class as a work of art a beautiful and elaborate center table, worked by Wm. Chambers, a very superior mechanic who is unfortunate in being in the State Prison, where he has worked for many months, with many kinds of woods, making this table, which is a double octagon, with an inlaid chess board, inlaid work all round, forty-two inches diameter, and of which we can give some faint idea by saying that it contains over 31,000 pieces.

The display of pictures includes some oil painting from the brush of Clyde Cooke, of Salem, a promising young artist whose taste deserves the best education and cultivation. He took the first and second premiums for best oil paintings from nature.

Mrs. W. R. Andrews, of Portland, again added to the interest of a State Fair by display of pictures, rusti; sketches and charming use of bark and mosses to produce quaint humorous or beautiful effect. We saw nothing more attractive.

Wm. Parrott, a Salem gentleman, almost entirely self-taught, had some fine pictures on exhibition.

Mrs. Della A. Dowd took the first premium for best oil painting.

The display of drawings was also fine. Miss Jennie Griswold took first premium for a beautiful crayon that was admired by all, and she had several other deserving pictures.

Mrs. S. B. Woodworth, of Salem, had several first premiums for her pictures.

Miss Alice Scott, first premium for an oriental painting.

Miss Nellie Meacham, a premium for imitation coral display.

Buchtel & Sicke had a good display of photo-graphs, in all styles and finish. The art department deserves more space.

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