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The Society to the managers of corporations or to Mr. Villard, as the controlling mind, will show them that they will incidentally gain enough in other ways to make up what they will give by conveying all articles intended for exhibit free.

It lies in the power of our Legislature to grant a small financial aid, such as other States frequently give, and that California has liberally given, that will relieve the Society financially. Its members have given their individual security for \$10,000 of the Society's debt, that, too, when they have not a dollar's interest to protect. They have done this patriotically, and certainly some recognition of this liberal and loyal spirit is not out of place.

Conveyance of freight intended for exhibit free of cost will bring all parts of the Pacific Northwest to participate in our State Fair, and will create a popular interest that will in turn make paying business for the transportation companies. We hope they will see it in that light.

We should never rest until we make the Annual Fair of the State Agricultural Society a faithful exposition of the agriculture and material progress of the whole Pacific Northwest. It is too much to expect that a few farmers can do this unaided, and it is creditable that they have accomplished what they have.

Let Portland have its Mechanics' Fair, and let the whole State assist in making it what it should be. Let there be no unfriendly rivalry or jealousy. Let us have both fairs and sustain both and make each one a credit to the country we live in. There is room for both, and for that matter, so far as any cause for prejudice an exist, the two could be conducted under the same management. We do not say they should be, but make the illustration to show that there need be no conflict between the two.

THE LEGISLATURE.

We shall not attempt to give anything like full reports of the proceedings of the Legislature, as to do so would occupy a great deal of space, and the bills presented, many of them, will never be acted upon. Our intention is to give the substance of important legislation when it is perfected, and to notice any matter of importance as it transpires.

Very many bills are already introduced in both Houses, but their substance cannot be told from the mere titles. Quite a number relate to assessment and taxes, concerning which we may expect some action to amend the existing laws. Also, quite a number of bills are already introduced to regulate corporations, one being to create a railroad commission. Besides the pilage and towage bill introduced by the merchants of Portland, through its Board of Trade, another bill has been presented, supposed to favor the opposition pilots. This matter requires careful legislation, based on good understanding of the whole subject, and we hope to see a law passed that will cover the ground and establish our commerce on a good footing as to charges against shipping and for the benefit of producers.

The Senatorial question has engrossing interest, and but little progress will be made with legislation until the Senator is elected. The vote in each House was taken on Tuesday, the 19th of Sept., when Mr. Mitchell received 36 votes, the Democratic vote of 33 being cast for Judge Pim, and two Independents from Washington, Bruce and Dunbar, voted scattering.

On Saturday Mr. Mitchell's vote increased to 40, and the ballot stood as follows:

Mitchell—Brewer, Carson, Colvig, Curtis, Duffer, Cohen, Falconer, Gault, Hare, Harris, Hirsch, Humphrey, Hunt, Kelly, Long, Marston, Marquand, Morris, Moses, Perkins, Perkins, Plummer, Reed, Sappington, Sifers, Siglin, Simon, Smith, Stanton, Thornton, Stewart, Starkweather, Stearns, Tanner, Tyson, Waters, Webb, Wibur, Speaker, President—40.

Prim—Blyden, Cauthorn, Clow, Crawford, Cyrus, Durr, Furry, Gates, Haines, Hayes, Hendricks, Hudman, Hout, Ison, Jamison, Kier, Moss, Myers, Nelson, Noyer, Parker, Pennington, Rice, Robnett, Sperry, Stanley, Veatch, Whitney, Wright—29.

Hare—Baughman, Bleakney, Carter, Davenport, Ford, Gilbert, Hawley, Jessup, Jones, Keade, Nichols, Patters, Rigidon, Sharp, Tynitt, Voorhes, Waldo—17.

Falling—Lee—1.

Four Democrats—Sifers, Siglin, Curtis and Long—going over to Mitchell.

Up to the hour of going to press, there is but little change in the vote save that of Mr. Dunbar, of Washington county, who voted for Mitchell—giving Mitchell 41. There is considerable complimentary voting being done by anti-Mitchell Republicans and Democrats.

A GHASTLY FIND.

A Floater Picked up Near the Honeyard with the Throat Cut.

D. S. Nisphy, a watchman at the Company's honeyard, picked up the body of a man near that place yesterday morning, and sent for the Coroner, who took charge of the corpse and held an inquest at the morgue, without getting any light on the subject. The body had on white cotton undershirting, new boots, brown pantaloons, dark coat and vest, white shirt and black necktie. His appearance is that of a poor man. In his shirt front was a small, cheap glass stud. He has black hair, brown mustache, and 30 or 35 years of age. In his pockets were \$2.00 in gold, and a Queen of the Pacific steamer check, but nothing to lead to his identity. Chief Lappan took the check to the Company's office yesterday afternoon, and learned there that the check was given in exchange for the passage ticket, as is the rule, and was to be delivered up at the gang plank when the passenger left the ship. Having the check on his person when found is evidence that he went overboard. There is a strong theory of suicide, though murder is possible, and may have put an end to himself by cutting his own throat and then dropping into the river. The cut on the throat was one that would require an extra amount of nerve to be self-inflicted, but would not be impossible. Money being on him weakens the theory of murder. The inquest will be continued until the Queen returns on Saturday, for further developments.

ANNUAL STATE FAIR.

We gave a brief notice of the State Fair of the Oregon Agricultural Society, held last week, and, this week, give the lists of premiums in some leading departments.

There was never a week of more beautiful weather. The only exception to the comfort and consequent dust, that worked somewhat against the pleasure of those who had to travel the roads, which have already been badly cut up by the multitude of loaded teams hauling wheat from every direction. It is probable that many were detained from the Fair on account of harvest work being incomplete, for, while this has been a very remarkably early season, owing to prolonged summer weather, yet there are many threshers still in the field. So quite a proportion of the farmers of this valley could not absent themselves at this time.

There was an immense attendance in response to the good weather, showing that the people, and especially the young, count on having their annual holiday, but there was not nearly as good a display of products as we had a right to expect. The stock display was not anywhere near what our State could show with all its good stock well represented, even though what was there was of a high order of merit.

For the benefit of those not familiar, and readers abroad, we will say that the State Agricultural Society owns a large tract of beautiful prairie, containing, we think, 140 acres, about half of which is enclosed as grounds for Fair buildings, race track, &c., and the other half is left for the use of persons who come here to camp with their families. This campus is mostly covered with groves of young oaks, and afford beautiful camping ground for thousands. Any one who chooses can have a lot of ground on which to build rough cabins or shanties to occupy during fair time, a privilege that hundreds have availed themselves of. The ground is laid off in alleys, so that houses and tents are placed in some sort of order. The railroad has a platform and temporary station at the eastern edge of the grounds, only a short walk from the gate, so that transportation facilities are every way convenient.

There is camping ground on both the East and the West, and one of the most attractive features of the Annual Fair is to visit this camping ground, especially at evening, where fires are lit and social order reigns among the multitude of visitors. The chief attraction for many is to see friends from far and near, and renew pleasant associations. For this alone the Annual Fair possesses great value, as it brings together citizens of different counties and districts of our own State, and many come hither from Puget Sound and Eastern Washington. Besides this, we always have numerous visitors from California, often men who bring fine stock for sale, and often strangers from Eastern States take this opportunity to see the people and products of this region.

It is not easy to say with accuracy how many people were in attendance. The grounds are extensive; the camps are never deserted, and the immense pavilion and machinery hall can contain many thousands without inconvenience. There are always crowds about the stock yards; the race track is attended sometimes by many thousand people, not only those who occupy the stands, but hundreds of carriages drive inside to witness the speed trials. We have thought in former years that the Fair grounds have contained fifteen thousand people, and do not think any former attendance excelled in numbers that of last week. It was well worth an effort to see such a great throng, including men, women and children, so admirably conducted and free from rowdiness, and no drunkenness in sight.

The fall rains frequently commence here in October, and as that is the month when the products are ready and the great mass of farmers are through with harvest work and ready for recreation, as well as provided with means to use, it has been the natural thing for the State Fair to be held in October. That was all well, while we had good weather, for attendance was always good, and there was a liberal exhibit in response to offer of good premiums. So our State Fairs were immensely popular, and were financially successful while we had the weather on our side, but unhappily the weather went back on us for several consecutive years, and instead of making headway and being able to pay expense incurred for improvements, the Fairs failed to meet expenses, and in some instances the premiums were unpaid.

The managers have worked disinterestedly, and have pledged their own credit to sustain the cause. Whatever could be done they have done, but with rainy weather to contend with they have had an uphill business of it. These facts account for the want of display in some departments, and failure of the people to respond. The premium list has been cut down, so that there was little inducement to compete, and these happen to be many in this world who work for coin.

With financial success to crown the efforts of 1882 and a suitable appropriation from the full treasury of the State, we may expect more liberal management and a revival of the State Fair in all its pristine glory another year.

So far as the exhibit was made, though not nearly up to our capacity as a State, it was still large and very creditable. The pavilion showed what we can do in growing fruits and vegetables, and the taste of our florists and amateurs in gardening was exemplified by the display in the pavilion, and the tropical beauty and luxuriance of the floral annex filled mainly from the hot houses of Mr. Henry Miller, of this city. The ladies' department and fancy work contained miracles of needle work, and our artists were present with creditable performances with pencil and brush. Among the articles in the ladies' department, special mention might be made of a Turkish rug by Mrs. George Brown; a chair pillow by Mrs. F. M. Wilkins; Miss Augusta Richter and Mrs. J. W. Weatherford show sofa pillows;

worsted work on hair cloth by Miss Theresa D'Arcy; Miss Ada Breyman, collection point lace bars and collars; also some window and mantle lambrequins were quite beautiful; specimens of ladies' underwear were very fine work; there were carpets of home manufacture; home-made blankets and some quilts that are really beautiful work, deserving of Robbins' won.

The Mechanics' Hall displayed the usual assortment of agricultural implements, and gave satisfaction to many farmers who depend on finding a full assortment of farm machinery when they come to the State Fair, but really they had a right to be disappointed, as several leading houses of this city had no display there at all. About the grounds were the usual variety of windmills, patent gates, and other things usual at such occasions.

In the line of horses, the display was perhaps not as full as we have seen at other fairs, but was good enough to show that Oregon can compete against the world with fair prospect, in times, that taking a leading place as a horse-producing region. Strangers, who come here in ignorance of our ability to show horse stock, find that the drays and trucks of this city are worked by as good stock in that line as any great city in the United States can turn out. Our breeders have different strains of the English and French draft horses for sires. Our State can show prize animals of both Clydesdales and Percherons, as well as excellent grades. The work horses and roadsters must have been very superior, when such a team as the bikers of our old friend, W. W. Brooks, of Aumsville, passed without a ribbon. They weigh about 2,800 pounds, and are noble animals in any country.

The horses of all work were out in force, and prizes were awarded as follows: J. W. Myer, Dallas, brood mare and colt, first prem. James Robinet, Creswell, mare three years, first prem. E. B. Keeney, Brownsville, brood mare and colt, second prem; stallion four years, first prem. A. J. Keeney, Goshen, filly two years, second prem. John Pender, Vancouver, stallion two years, first prem. Reuben R. Lee, Aumsville, stallion three years, second prem. C. A. Frost, Aumsville, stallion four years, first prem. Sherman Hatcher, Salem, mare and colt two years, first prem. W. W. Brooks, Aumsville, stallion one year, "Reliance," first prem. T. G. Richmond, Dallas, mare four years, second prem. W. W. Starr, Corvallis, stallion three years, second prem. R. W. Phillips, Anvity, farm team, second prem. W. W. West, Seapoope, stallion three years, second prem. A. J. Pickard, Marion, stallion two years, second prem. C. Barnes, Portland, mare four years, first prem.

The premiums for roadsters were as follows: A. J. Keeney, Goshen, stallion four years, second prem. C. T. Parver, Salem, stallion four years, first prem.; for carriage teams R. W. Phillips took second prem., and C. Barnes, first prem.

The following were not able to classify: Wm. Townsend, work mare four years, second prem.; ditto two years, first prem. Forest Davis, stallion two years, first prem. Cameron & Co., stallion four years, second prem. L. O. Kennedy, stallion two years, first prem. S. G. Reed, stallion four years, first prem.; mare four years, first prem.; mare two years, first prem.; stallion one year, first prem. Henry Fletcher, stallion two years, first prem. M. Porter, mare one year, first prem. Wm. Ryals, stallion three years, first prem. John Downing, stallion three years, first prem. B. F. Tyler, stallion four years, second prem.; W. W. West, do, first prem. D. Grierson, mare two years, second prem. Grierson & Chalmers, mare four years, first prem.; do one year, first prem.; best sucking colt, first prem. O. P. Adams, mare four years, first prem. Henry Fletcher, mare one year, second prem.

The Society's premiums on thoroughbred horses were: J. A. Porter, Forest Grove, mare Caddie R., four years, first prem. Same, mare Trade Dollar, second prem. R. E. Bybee, Portland, mare Neala, two years, first prem. D. R. Wells, Salem, stallion Roseburg, four years, first prem. Charles Marsh, Salem, stallion Jessie B., first prem.

A mere mention of horses, in general, will not convey the fact that our State has in possession as good stock of trotting and running animals as the world affords. In one race of last week there were three horses of highest trotting pedigree, and it was from Oregon, a few years ago, that the old horse Foster went down to San Francisco, and ran a four-mile race that made him a world-wide reputation, and made him saleable at \$30,000.

SHEEP.

The best breeders in this vicinity showed excellent sheep of various breeds, fully sustaining the reputation of our State as a superior wool-producing country. We note the following premiums:

D. M. Guthrie, Dallas, ram one to two years, second prem.; ewe two to three years, second prem.; pair ram lambs, second prem.; pair ewe lambs, second prem.; pair ewe lambs, first prem. John Minto & Sons, Salem, ewe two to three years, first prem. T. L. Davidson, Salem, one-year-old ewe, first prem.; two-year-old ewe, first prem.; pair ram lambs, first prem.

FRENCH MERINOS. D. M. Guthrie, Dallas, ram two to three years; ram one to two years; ewe two to three years; ewe one to two years; pair ram lambs and pair ewe lambs, first premium on all. Mrs. Guthrie has made a study of breeding French Merinos, and is undoubtedly the first in producing this class of Merino sheep among our Oregon breeders. He is successful as a breeder also of.

AMERICAN MERINOS. Awards in this class are: D. M. Guthrie takes second premiums on rams two to three years, and one to two years;

ewes one to two years, and two to three years; and first premiums for pair ram lambs and pair ewe lambs. The best awards for this class, however, fall to lot of John Minto & Sons, who received first premiums for ram two to three years; ditto one to two years; ewe one to two years; ditto two to three years; and second for pair of ram lambs.

GRADED FINE-WOOLED SHEEP. D. M. Guthrie takes first premiums for buck two years; sweepstakes for ram and five lambs; and second for ewe two years, and yearling ewe. W. A. Taylor, Macleay, takes first prem. for ewe two years; ewe one year; best ewe lamb. T. C. Shaw, for ram over one year, takes second prem.; buck lambs, first prem.

COTSWOLDS.

Mr. David Craig, of Aumsville, purchased the flock owned formerly by Mr. James Richards, and fully sustains their reputation. He takes first premiums for pair ram lambs; pair ewe lambs; ram two years; ewe two years; ewe one year.

ANGORA GOATS.

Franklin Yocum, Sheridan, is on hand, as usual, with his high bred Angras, and takes first premiums on all his entries.

SAMPLES OF FLEECE WOOL.

D. M. Guthrie takes first for fleece wool, washed and unwashed. Named and placed on cards, also for best and greatest number of samples by one breeder, with names of breeds of sheep. Also for exhibit of one fleece each, fine wool, combed and medium, age, weight and quality considered.

CATTLE.

Our State had an early infusion of Short-horn blood that has proved valuable to the stock interests, but did not repay the enterprise of those who made the investment. Of late we have had excellent stock introduced of all classes, and Oregon possesses bands of cattle that trace their origin back to the best families in existence.

The time has come when we can afford to raise dairy cattle and have such a fastidious market for dairy products that there is encouragement to make butter and cheese and possess cattle of superior quality. Also, we have now a growing market for beef, as Portland butchers must supply good meats to customers who demand the best. This, taken with the fact that Eastern Oregon cattle ranges are changing from cattle to sheep, and the goat herds of the past have been cleared off to Eastern buyers, makes a decided change in the stock interests of this whole region.

SHORT-HORNS.

The herd of G. W. Dimick, of Hubbard, was well represented at the fair, and took first and second premiums for cow three years old; first for bull calf less than one year; second for bull calf any age; cow of any age, and for heifer one to two years.

Herby Myers, of Dallas, is one of the oldest and most reliable of our cattle men, and his herd claimed a full proportion of awards as follows: He took first prem. for first bull two to three years; best bull any age; heifer two to three years old; best cow any age; heifer one to two years; calf six months to one year; and second for cow one to two years. J. H. Hastings, Dallas, was awarded first prem. for bull one to two years old. Ben. Davenport, Silverton, was awarded a premium for his Devon bull, Victor.

JERSEYS.

The exhibit of cattle has been much larger with regard to Short-horns, and has included Holsteins and Alderneys as well as Short-horns, but never before has there been such a showing of Jersey cattle as we saw last week. Some of them were in excellent condition and showed good care as well as good breeding. Premiums were awarded as follows: D. C. Sherman, Salem, was given first prem. for bull calf six months old. J. H. Albert, of Salem, took first premium for heifer six months old, and second for bull three years, calf six months, and three heifers one to two years old. A. G. Cunningham, East Portland, was awarded first premium for bull three years; cow three years; cow two to three years; bull one to two years, and second for calf six months. J. T. Apperson, of Oregon City, was awarded first premiums for bull two to three years old; cow one to two years, and second for cow two to three years, and cow three years old.

GRADED CATTLE.

Awards in this class were: D. C. Sherman first premium for heifer. Henry Myers first prem. for heifer, and second for cow. J. H. Hastings first for cow and also for heifer.

SWINE.

The best breeds of swine can be found in this State, and in traveling through Eastern Washington we have seen large numbers of hogs of choice breeds running out there. People are beginning to realize the value of swine that can be easily fattened, and to find out that pork making is one of the most profitable branches of farming.

At the fair the exhibit of swine consisted of Essex, Berkshire, Poland-China and grades. G. W. Hunt, of Waido Hills, showed Essex and took first premiums for breeding sow two years old and litter of pigs six to nine weeks old. E. J. Chambers, of Salem, took first prem. for Berkshire boar one year old. R. C. Hally took first prem. for boar one year, and second prem. for boar under one year. R. W. Carey took first prem. for litter of pigs six to nine weeks old, and second prem. for four under one year.

Thomas Cross & Sons, of Salem, took first premiums in Berkshires for boar two years breeding sow two years, sow one year and sow under one year, and second for boar less than one year, sow one year, sow under one year, and for litter of pigs six to nine weeks old. Thomas Cross & Sons also took first premiums in Poland-Chinas: Breeding sow two years; best boar any age, best sow any age; second prem. for boar less than one year, and first and second for sow one year, and sow less than one year.

W. W. Percival, Monmouth, took first prem. for Poland-China sow under one year. A small poultry exhibit was made by Stanton & Harbord, of Salem, Mrs. Lydia Wright, of Salem, Miss Flora Hally, Salem, and A. Frazier, Salem.

FARM PRODUCTS.

E. Kimsay, Aumsville, half bushel rye, first prem. John Simpson, Sualaw, half bushel Golden field peas, first prem. D. D. Fretzmann, best bushel wheat any kind, first prem.; display six varieties Wintor wheat in sheaf, first prem.; display meadow grasses, first prem.; spring wheat in sheaves, first prem. John Wiettschen, Turner, bushel Surprise oats, first prem.; bushel Side oats, first prem.; peck white beans, first prem. L. White, Aumsville, broom corn on stalk, first prem. C. Baltimore, Salem, three varieties corn on ear, first prem. H. Massey, Salem, bushel Oregon White Winter wheat, second prem.; bushel Sonora Club wheat, first prem.; bushel Side oats, first prem.

John P. Ronco, display of corn on stalks, first prem. Jacob Ogle, Salem, Chili Club wheat, first prem.; French Club wheat, first prem. Alf. Savage, Salem, six specimens onions, first prem. J. J. Price, Turner, bushel Surprise oats, second prem.

NATURAL HISTORY.

William Hezler, Colored bird's nest and eggs, first prem. Mrs. Dr. Shelton, Eugene, cabinet of shells, first prem.

DAIRY.

Mrs. A. Smith, of Wirth, five pounds butter.

DOMESTIC WOOLEN MANUFACTURES.

Mrs. J. M. Kimsay, Aumsville, five yards Jean, first prem.; five yards Linsey, second prem.; five yards flannel, first prem.; ten yards wool yarn carpet, first prem.; Balmoral skirt, home made, first prem.; pair blankets, second prem.; ten yards stair carpet, first prem. Mrs. M. E. Richards, Aumsville, pair blankets, first prem.; ten yards hit or miss rag carpet, first prem.; Balmoral skirt, second prem.; five yards Linsey, first prem. Mrs. M. E. Gibson, Salem, ten yards rag carpet, first prem. Mrs. Sam. Buster, home made wool stockings, first prem.; home made wool socks, first prem. one pound white wool yarn, first prem.; one pound colored wool, first prem. Mrs. Henry Caster, Whitaker, best pair coveralls, first prem. Mrs. B. Forward, Salem, log cabin worsted quilt, first prem.

BREAD, CAKES, PRESERVES, DRIED FRUITS.

Mrs. E. L. Delshmut, Dalles, four varieties wines, first prem. Mrs. Dr. Warner, Salem, canned fruits, first prem.; four varieties wines, second prem. Mrs. A. Wastle, Salem, best swiss, first prem. Mrs. J. Condit, Aumsville, hop rising bread, second prem.; potato yeast, second prem.; soda biscuit, second prem.; hand dried fruit, first prem. Mrs. G. C. Litchfield, Salem, soda biscuit, first prem. Mrs. O. T. Taylor, Salem, hop rising, first prem.; potato yeast, first prem.; assortment pickles, first and second prem.; piccadilly, first and second prem. Mrs. J. M. Kimsay, Aumsville, assortment hand dried fruit, second prem. Mrs. M. G. Harbad, Salem, ten varieties jellies, first prem.

FRUITS.

H. Massey, Salem, prunes, first prem. Mrs. Frank Cooper, Salem, four varieties fall apples, second prem. Mr. A. Frazier, Salem, ten varieties pears, first prem.; six varieties pears, first prem. Sweepstakes for fruit exhibit, first prem. Frank Cooper, exhibit prunes, second prem.; fall apples, first prem.; best variety prunes, first prem.

Insects as Talkers.

"Two ants," says Buchner, "when they are talking together, stand with their heads opposite to each other, working their sensitive feelers in the liveliest manner, and tapping each other's head." Numerous examinations prove that they are able in this way to make mutual communications and even on definite subjects. "I have often," says the English naturalist Jesse, "placed a small green caterpillar in the neighborhood of an ant's nest. It is immediately seized by an ant, which calls in the assistance of a friend after ineffectual efforts to drag the caterpillar into the nest. It can be easily seen that the little creatures hold a conversation by means of their feelers, and this being ended they repair together to the caterpillar, in order to draw it into the nest by their united strength. Further, I have observed the meeting of ants on their way to and from their nests. They stop, touch each other with their feelers, and appear to hold a conversation, which, I have good reason to suppose, refers to the best ground for food." Hague writes a letter to Darwin that he one day killed with his fingers a number of ants who came every day from a hole in the wall to some plants standing on the chimney-piece. He had tried the effect of trashing them away, but it was of no use, and the consequence of the slaughter was that the ants who were on their way immediately turned back and tried to persuade the companions, who were not yet aware of their want to turn back also. A short conversation ensued between the ants, which, however, did not result in an immediate return, for those who had just left the nest convinced themselves of the truth of the report.

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