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A CORRESPONDENT WISHES TO know where he can get some White Rio seed and the Mammoth Red clover...

THE STATE FAIR.

Before the matter gets cold we wish to say something more about the State Fair. So far as attendance was concerned the fair was a success...

Our view of this matter, as a member of the Society, is to urge on the Legislature favorable action on the bill already presented to afford relief to the Society by an appropriation of \$6,000.

The offer of liberal premiums will do much to bring together articles produced and manufactured in all parts of this region.

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.

ANNUAL STATE FAIR.

We give 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, Marjman, Morris, Moses, Perkins, Perkins, Plummer, Reed, Sappington, Sifers, Siglin, Simon, Smith, Stanton, Thornton, Stewart, Starkweather, Stearns, Tanner, Tyson, Waters, Webb, Wibur, Speaker, President—40.

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

A GHOSTLY 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 man was in 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 Lappson 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.

WORSTED WORK ON HAIR CLOTH BY MISS THERESA D'ARCY.

Miss Theresa D'Arcy, 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' award.

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.

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.

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 Hatch, 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, Aunity, 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, first 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.

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.

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.

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; and ewe two years; ewe one year.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

Mrs. A. Smith, of Wirth, five pounds butter. DOMESTIC WOOLEN MANUFACTURES. Mrs. J. M. Kinsey, 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, Dallas, 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. Kinsey, Aumsville, assortment hand dried fruit, second prem. Mrs. M. G. Harbad, Salem, ten varieties jellies, first prem. 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 destruction, 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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There is really no mystery in learning to swim—an accomplishment which is possessed in perfection by the most stupid of frogs. More than once I have explained how any one can teach himself. The trunk, less the arms, is heavier than water; with the arms it is lighter; all, therefore, that a person has to do is to acquire the habit of drawing in the breath when he is preparing to make a stroke, and expelling the breath while he is making it. Let any do this and keep calm, and he will find that he can swim. But, perhaps, it is better to acquire confidence by a preliminary course of floating. To do this it is only necessary to lie flat on the water, stretch out the arms with the palms of the hands downward, throw back the head, and whenever the body sinks low, slowly to fill the lungs with air.—London Truth.

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