The Democratic Watchman.

BELLEFONTE, PA:

Friday Morning, October 15, 1869.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

——The premium list has crowded out our locals "muchly,"

——The weather is growing cold—sure sign that winter is drawing nigh.

——For handsome young ladies come to Bellefonte. We have lots of them

——Radicalism was terribly rebuked by the Democracy in Centre county on Tuesday last.

——Our devil says only one thing prevented Jere Butts from being elected, and that is, *he didn't get votes enough.*

——We call attention to the award of premiums made by the different committees of the Agricultural Society *in another place.*

Election day passed off very quietly in this place. We believe there was but one fight, and that didn't amount to much.

Mr Black, of the Bush House, will accept the thanks of the WATCHMAN editors for a good breakfast the morning after the election.

——The Rads about town are any thing but jubilant. They expected to carry the county, and their overwhelming defeat knocks the talk out of them

——Locals are very scarce this week, or else we haven't been able to "see" them. By next week the WATCHMAN force will feel recruited, and things will then go on again as usual.

——We issue but a half sheet this week, owing, however, to the county *returns*. The table published on our first page is the official return of the Judges, who met in this place to day (Friday.)

——Whisky flowed as freely as water among the Radicals, in this place, on Tuesday last. They thought they were drinking success to their mongrel ticket but they drank confusion to themselves.

——We beg the indulgence of our readers for the unusual tameness of the WATCHMAN this week. But they must remember that this is the week after the election, and all hands feel somewhat exhausted.

——The Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Gregg Post office, will be dedicated on Sunday, the 24th instant. Rev. D. Sch[illegible] is the pastor of the Church, and he respectfully invites the presence of the public generally. We acknowledge an invitation, and shall be pleased to be present, if possible.

As the sporting season is at hand we would advise those wishing a good rifle gun to call on Mr. Lucas Deschler, gunsmith, High St., where they can find an complete assortment of double and single barrel shotguns and rifles, as well as be found in any establishment outside of Philadelphia or New York. He has also just received a [illegible] of powder, shot and lead, and can sell lower than any place in the county. Give him a call.

A man said to have some wheels loose at Milesburg, while under the influence of liquor on the evening of election day fired a pistol through the show window of the millinery establishment of Miss McBride on Allegheny St., at a woman with whom he had a spat. It is said he has a wife, who resides in Philadelphia.

Common Schools. On Wednesday evening interesting ceremonies were had in the new school building in Bellefonte, situated on the corner of Allegheny and Linn streets. The ceremonies commenced with a song by the children of the several schools, accompanied on the melodeon by Mrs. Dunham. Rev. James Mullen made a prayer after which Dr. Thos. H. Burrows, who may almost be said to be the father of the common school system in this State, having been for the past thirty-five years identified with, and instrumental in furthering it, made an address replete with interest, tracing the growth of the system from its incipiency to the present time. He was followed by Rev. Mr. McGann and Rev. Mr. Mullen. The exercises altogether were pleasing and we only regret there were too few citizens and ladies.

List of Premiums awarded at the Annual Exhibition of the Centre county Agricultural Society, held on the 5th 6th, 7th and 8th days of October A. D. 1869. Persons to whom Premiums have been awarded will please call at the office of the Secretary, with McAllister and Beaver, Bellefonte. All Premiums not called for before the 10th day of December next will be forfeited to the Society.

CATTLE

The committee on cattle make the following awards:

To Joseph Tressler of Spring, for best Durham bull $5.00

To Samuel Gilliland of Bellefonte for best Durham calf $5.00

To John M Furey of Spring, for best Native cow, $5.00

To Snyder Tate of Benner, for best bull calf, $3.00

To Joseph Tressler of Spring, for heifer between one and two years $4.00

To Frank Wallace of Boggs, for heifer calf, $2.00

To F W Hale of Bellefonte, for working oxen $5.00

The stock of cattle on exhibition was very limited and not what it should have been, by any means, for this county.

HENRY KELLER,
Chairman

HORSES

The committee regret to report that with some few exceptions the stock of horses fell far below what they had reason to expect They are well aware that Centre county can make a good show in horses of every description including colts down to three months old, superior draft horses finely formed driving and riding horses, broad mares of great excellence we know are numerous in our valleys, and may at all times be seen on the farms and on the roads yet the owners seem careless about contributing this very important feature in a county fair. Our farmers are certainly standing in their own light in withholding anything they may have to exhibit of stock kind and farther early good horse stock they should do all they could to keep up with the progress of our growing country and which is best seen in the product of the soil this is the aim of all our fairs and should be highly appreciated by the farmers with them rests the responsibility. Many of our citizens are willing to spend their time and money and are doing both to keep up a growing interest in our fairs but if not met with the right kind of encouragement by the farmer, their labor will be in vain. We call on all the farmers in Centre county to aid this society at our next annual fair and each one for himself to contribute whatever he may have of stock, or produce kind and make our county for what it is intended to be a credit and an honor to our farming community

Your committee after a full examination of all the horse stock on exhibition do now make and award as follows

Best stallion heavy draft three year old, John A Keller first premium

Second best stallion heavy draft four year old David Harter second premium

Best stallion light draft Jno Shaffer jr, first premium

Second best stallion Joseph Dressler, second premium

Best filly or colt between two and three years old John Rishel first premium

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Best yearling filly colt H McAllister first premium

Best spring colt John Sarconey diploma

Best horse colt between two and three years old Charles Wittner first premium

Best pair heavy draft horses Harrison Levy first premium

Best pair light draft horses John M Furey diploma

Best draft horse John M Furey, first premium

Second best draft horse Foster Fox diploma

Best brood mare John M Furey first premium

Second best brood mare John Rishel second premium

Best draft mare Lewis Spangler first premium

Second best draft mare John M Furey, second premium

Best single carriage horse John Stamper first premium

Second best carriage horse Adam Hoy, second premium

Best working horse Kyle M Farnsworth premium

Best set of horse shoes Joseph Shark first premium

Best display of shoes H H Mitchell first premium

Best two horse team W H Gray first premium

Best three year old mare John M Furey first premium

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Best pair two year old mares D R Bullock diploma

Best pair two year old mares Isaac Dale diploma

All of which is respectfully submitted

JOHN IRWIN Jr.
EZRA SPANGLER
MILLER STEWART
JOHN A HUNTER

SHEEP AND SWINE

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For the Keystone Harvester, a combined mower and reaper, manufactured in this county, which has been greatly improved during the past year, and in the judgment of the committee, now takes rank with the best machines in the country—price $180.00 To McLanahan, Stone, and Isett, Tipton Blair county Pa for a mower, said to run light and work well, diploma.

To J M Ross Linden Hall for a very superior horse power, corn sheller and seperator, said to shell 150 bushels of ears per hour, price $75.00 First premium—diploma

To G S Garth, Mill Hall, Clinton county, for a hay and straw cutter new, simple and well made price $10.00 diploma

To T B Rupert, Zion Pa., for a hay fork, diploma

To B F. Alexander, Glen Hope Pa., for a hay fork diploma

The committee were divided as to the merits of these two forks, finally concluded to award both premiums on the same basis. The former can be obtained of Mr Rupert and the latter called the Anchor at Milesburg at $12.00 They both work exceedingly well A Harpoon hay fork was also exhibited by McLanahan Stone and Isett, which has merit

Pa A D Swartz, for Harpsters patent corn planter, a very superior article, (with improvements,) and which the committee deem worthy of special notice price $45 First premium—diploma

To L K Dunkle, for a seeding machine in ten feed sowing broad cast, seeds of every description more regularly than can be done by hand As tested by the committee, will sow wheat 30 feet wide oats and clover seed 50 feet, well worthy of a trial, price $15 Diploma

To Musser Foote and Bower Millheim Pa., for a very superior two horse cultivator, well made and properly constructed in every particular first premium diploma

To Irwin A Wilson hardware dealers, Bellefonte Pa for a hand back eye lever corn sheller, also exhibited a union churn, a cider mill, both the latter entitled to favorable notice, a *diploma*

To James Zimmerman, for a shovel, hoe and manure fork For all, premium $1.00

To Wm Williams, Martha Furnace, Centre county Pa, exhibits a portable dry house complete This apparatus is intended for drying fruit of any and every kind, in the best manner and in the shortest time, preserving fully the properties of fruits, vegetables and meats, without being charred or scorched, yet the operation is so expeditious, that no fermentation can take place and the fruit is caused to have a bright and clear appearance Apples, peaches &c can be perfectly dried in one day Price $75 to $80 The committee desire to add that this apparatus is one that has been greatly wanted and is well worthy the attention of fruit growers and others and therefore, although not in the published list for competition recommend an honorary mention of diploma

All of which is respectfully submitted, Bellefonte October 8th 1869

Committee—C. Humes, David Keller, Peter Ruble Isaac Kaup, Conrad Struble

POULTRY

The committee to judge of the merits of poultry, award the following

To Joseph Baker, for best coop of chickens $1.00

To Joseph Baker for pair of ducks, the Practical Farmer

To John Kube for best pair of chickens, the American Agriculturist

To Claud Linn for coop of Bantams, a napkin ring

Committee—John D Wingate, Wm Allison jr John Robinson L Green

FRUIT

We the committee appointed to report upon the merits of fruits on exhibition find a large and quite variety making it difficult to decide The display is very creditable to the county, showing an awakened interest in this important branch of industry we award as follows

To Christian Dale for the best and largest variety of apples $1.00

To T B Rupert for best varieties of apples $1.00

To same for best varieties of peaches $2.00

To same for best twelve varieties of fall apples $2.00

To William P Fisher for best twelve varieties of winter apples $2.00

To Joseph Baker for best twelve varieties of pears $1.00

To same for best water melon $1.00

To same for best musk melon $1.00

To same for best display of fruits $2.00

To same for best varieties of grapes $2.00

The committee also found the apples of J G Larimer the summer belle flower, apple of John Weaver the display of apples by John Q Musser and the display of grapes and apples by Hamel Boal and many more worthy of premiums but for the fond of the society will not award premiums not on the list They would state that the fruit stand should be larger

Committee—Jas A Rankin, Adam Hess, John Musser sr, J S Priestley

FLOWERS

To the present lovers of flowers of the Centre county Agricultural Society Your committee appointed to examine and decide as to the merits of the various plants flowers &c presented for exhibition in this department respectfully report

The appointing of the members of this committee was held when it was found that three members Miss Maria Foster, Miss Rebecca Leonard and Miss Annie Stadmon were absent the duty devolving on the second named lady Miss Sarah Thompson and Mrs Mary Neff Your committee found on their tables for examination articles of great merit and beauty, and after consultation it was concluded to place the premiums where they would do the most good, and encourage the cultivation of plants and flowers, and where they would be most appreciated by the women, who are entitled to the honor. We have their interests at heart, and believe we are only performing a duty we owe them in awarding them the premiums offered by Dr H L Y McKee of Spring Creek Village, A Pomeroy Shearer, Esq. of Bellefonte, and others. We have also taken into consideration the labor and care in the production of the articles, and have given premiums to those we believe have spent most time and labor in their production. We have also taken into consideration the development of taste in the production of the articles, and have awarded premiums to those we believe have shown most taste in the production of the articles. We have also taken into consideration the fact that some persons have more time and better facilities than others, and have awarded premiums to those we believe have overcome the most difficulties in the production of the articles. We have also taken into consideration the fact that some persons have been in the habit of producing articles of great beauty, and have given premiums to those we believe have shown most improvement in the production of