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FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL FAIR.

Large Attendance.—Fine Exhibits.—Exciting Races.

The forty-third annual exhibition of the Columbia County Agricultural Horticultural and Mechanical Association was held last week, and was undoubtedly one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Society. The weather could not have been any nicer, it being if anything a little too warm for comfort. There was an unusually large number of entries, every department being filled. The live stock department attracted the attention of a large crowd who could not help but admire the fine cattle, swine etc.

The exhibition building was as usual the center of attraction, people going there to examine the display of fancy articles etc., and it was so crowded that one had to undergo considerable jamming to get through.

The number of side shows on the ground was about up to former years. Among the most notable being Noah's Ark.

Among our town merchants who had displays were, L. E. Wharey, stoves and chinaware; J. H. Mercer, lamps; J. Saitzer, pianos and organs; Gomer Thomas, musical merchandise; also an exhibit of clay modeling by the Normal School.

The races were unusually exciting this year, and the track record was lowered from 2.16 to 2.15. The Jackson combination which gave exhibitions between heats was very good and interested everybody. The summaries of the races follow:

THURSDAY.

2:35 CLASS TROTTING, PURSE \$300.
Red Frank, ch s Ohio.....4-1-1-2-1
Bud Johnson, br g Auburn.....3-3-2-3-3
Brother Pat, b g Newcomerstown.....5-2-3-1-2
Richmond, b g Guilford.....1-6-5-6-4
Binghamton Wiles Binghamton.....7-4-4-4-7
Malva, ch m Pittston.....6-7-6-5-6
Kate Medium, br m Jermy.....8-8-7-9-9
Rex, b g Mahanoy Plane.....9-9-8-8-8
Time—2:30-2:29-2:27-2:27-2:25-2:25.

2:19 CLASS, TROT OR PACE, PURSE \$300.
Kodak, blk c Camden.....1-1-1-1-1
Dolly Spencer, br m DuBois.....2-2-2-2-2
Charley Temple, b g Nazareth.....7-3-3-3-3
W. O. Brady, blk g Reading.....4-5-11-11-11
Medium Boy, b s Tankhannock.....6-7-5-5-5
Harry P., blk g Lancaster.....5-4-8-8-8
Coral Wood, blk m Warren.....8-10-10-10-10
Pessie A., b m Centralia.....11-9-4-4-4
Maud L., ch m Taylor.....3-12-6-6-6
Chas. Summer, b s Chafee, N. Y.....12-6-9-9-9
Daisy B., br m Middleton.....10-11-7-7-7
Bertha C., m Scranton.....10-11-7-7-7
Boo T., St. Albans, Vt.....13-1-1-1-1
Time—2:19-2:19-2:19-2:19-2:19.

2:30 CLASS, PACING, PURSE \$300.
Jennie Lewis, b m Sidney.....1-1-1-1-1
Mie L., s m Hughesville.....3-2-4-4-4
Platter, b g Camden.....2-4-3-3-3
Minnie Russel, br f Lewisville.....4-2-4-4-4
Prince, s g Kulpville.....5-3-5-5-5
Hal Kyster, b h Newcomerstown.....9-5-7-7-7
Tommy B., b g Lehigh.....6-5-7-7-7
Bonnie Boy, blk s Buffalo.....7-9-8-8-8
Nancy Russel, br m Newbury.....1-1-1-1-1
Time—2:24-2:25-2:25-2:25-2:25.

The music was furnished by the Ninth Regiment Band of Wilkesbarre, under the direction of Prof. Alexander. The fair association could have made no better selection. The music was excellent.

We have not been informed as to the exact number of tickets sold, but it is the opinion that the attendance every day was the largest ever had.

FRIDAY.

3:00 CLASS, FARMERS HORSES—PURSE \$150.
Young Topsy Taylor, b m Espy 2-2-1-1-1
Daisy, b n Light Street.....1-1-3-2-2
Belle, s m Espy, Pa.....3-3-2-3-3
Nellie, s m Espy, Pa.....4-4-4-4-4
Time—2:55-2:54-2:51-2:52-2:51.

2:24 CLASS, TROTTING, PURSE \$300.
Passport, b m Bethlehem.....1-1-1-1-1
Red Bird, b g Elmira.....6-2-2-2-2
Sis Prose, b m Hollidaysburg.....7-3-3-3-3
Prince M., b s Herrick Centre.....3-4-6-6-6
Hurricane, b g Shillington.....2-5-7-7-7
Capt. Payne, ch g Buffalo.....5-0-4-4-4
Orianna, g m Allentown.....4-7-5-5-5
Time—2:23-2:25-2:23-2:23-2:23.

2:40 CLASS, PACE, PURSE \$300.
S. W. W., b g Sidney.....2-1-1-2-2
Minnie Russel, br f Louisville.....1-2-2-6-6
Handy, blk g Clarion.....1-1-3-2-2
Thomas W., s g Kulpville.....5-3-4-4-4
Hal Kyster, b h Newcomerstown.....5-5-3-3-3
Miss Lillie, b m E. Buffalo.....7-7-6-5-5
Jib, b m Stevensville.....7-7-6-5-5
Lillie H., s m Luzerne.....6-6-4-4-4
Nancy Russel, br m Newburg.....8-4-8-8-8
Time—2:24-2:24-2:23-2:23-2:23.

2:45 CLASS, TROT, PURSE \$300.
Silver King, ro g Hazleton.....2-1-2-2-2
Novet, b g Wilkesbarre.....3-2-1-1-1
Richmond, b g Jamesstown.....3-3-3-3-3
Belle of Hedgefield, b m Pittston.....4-3-4-4-4
Pococo, br g Wilkesbarre.....5-4-5-5-5
Maggie Collins, b m Shamokin.....6-6-6-6-6
Time—2:26-2:27-2:27-2:27-2:27.

The grand stand was packed with people every day. Saturday's races proved the most interesting of the fair. The 2:24 class pacing was especially good. Three horses in different heats finished neck and neck. In the free-for-all, Superior Gift, owned by George Henning, of Ontario, Can. created considerable surprise, by winning the

race and twice breaking the track record.

SATURDAY.

2:40 CLASS (PACING), PURSE \$300.
S. W. W., b g T. P. Simons.....2 1 1 2 1
Minnie Russel, br m W. S. S.....1 2 2 6 2
Gracy.....1 2 2 6 2
Handy, blk g C. A. Wheelock.....3 4 3 1 3
Hal Kyster, b g G. Lee.....4 5 5 3 4
Miss Lillie, b m Sam. Resh.....7 7 6 5 4
Thomas W., s g John J. Troxell.....5 3 4 4 4
Lillie H., s m J. N. Haight.....6 6 7 4
Nancy Russel, br m J. J. Clancy 8 dis
Jib, b m A. B. Burrows.....9 dis
Time—2:24-2:24-2:23-2:23-2:23.

2:45 CLASS, PURSE \$300.
Norvet, b g, Elwood Smith.....3 2 1 1 1
Richmond, b g, J. W. Hines.....1 3 3 2 2
Silver King, b g, H. Dryfoos.....2 1 2 6 6
Pococo, br g, D. G. Callahan.....5 4 5 4 3
Maggie Collins, b m, G. S. Fisher.....6 6 6 3 4
Belle of Hedgefield, b m, M. L. Perrin.....4 5 4 5 5
Time, 2:26, 2:27, 2:28, 2:29, 2:28.

Free-for-all, Purse \$400.
Superior Gift, b g, George Henning.....3 1 1 1
Raven, blk, m, Dr. J. L. Wentz.....1 8 6 7
Vete, br, m, R. Hentschel.....4 3 2 2
Guy Wonder, b g, Jerry Gauff.....2 2 4 4
Cling, blk, g, O. A. Titlow.....6 5 3 3
Minnie P., b m, C. S. Powell.....8 4 5 6
Nellie Rooker, b m, W. F. Hall.....7 7 8 5
Mary Russel, b m, H. A. Moorhead.....5 6 7 dr
Time, 2:16, 2:15, 2:15, 2:16.

2:24 Class (Pacing), Purse \$300.
Trixie Lee, b m, R. Hentschel 1 1 5 6 1
Halt-Past-Seven, b g, Jerre Gauff 2 2 1 2
Pearl Alfred, b l, Maplewood Stock Farm.....4 3 1 4 6
Dolly Quinn, b m, M. P. Conell.....5 9 6 2 5
James H. Eckels, b s, formerly Silver Leaf, J. M. Shannon.....7 4 3 3 3
Leota C. g, m, Elwood Smith.....3 6 7 5 4
Little Dan, s g, R. A. Stiver.....6 8 4 7 dr
Plater, b g, J. M. Patterson.....8 5 8 dr
Fern Cliff, b g, J. F. Nisely.....10 7 dr
Beau Ideal, ch g, F. S. Stillwell 9 10 dr
Time, 2:21, 2:21, 2:22, 2:22, 2:22.

2:29 Class, Purse \$300.
On account of darkness, it was agreed between the judges and owners of horses to decide this race with one heat.
Sis Prose, b m, B. Caldwell.....1
Barre, br g, Elwood Smith.....2
Lelle Leland, b m, Maplewood S. Farm 3
Electric Prince, blk g, H. E. Hoover.....4
Time, 2:23.

Thus the forty-third annual fair has passed into history, and the only thing to be regretted was the admission to the ground of the many gambling games, whose sole object was to cheat people out of money. This is the first time so many fakirs of this kind have been allowed on the ground, and it is to be hoped it will be the last.

HOME THEATRICALS.

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings of last week there were given at the Opera House, dramatic entertainments which were as good as any that have been seen there in some years, and far better than most of the performances given here by professional troupes. The company consisted of young ladies and gentlemen of Bloomsburg, and Herbert Wyle of Danville, the latter consenting to take part only because no one could be found here who would play the role of "Prof. Potts." Much time and labor were expended in preparation, and the result merited much larger returns than were received, the net profits of the two nights amounting to about sixty dollars. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new organ for the Episcopal Church.

The play of "Consolidation" was written by Fred Ikelor Esq., and depicted the sad close of the career of an old Wall street broker, who after experiencing the ups and downs of a stock speculator, dies just as he learns that he is made rich again through some railroad stock that he believed to be worthless, but which, by the manipulation of his young partner, Mr. Forrester, advances to par by consolidation with other roads. Mr. Ikelor played the part of the old broker, Mr. Thompson, and did it well. Though this was, we believe, his first appearance on the dramatic stage, his acting was that of an experienced player, and he even surpassed the expectations of his friends who knew he would do it well. The other characters were Mr. Forrester by Sam. H. Harman; Mr. Brown, a misconfidential man, by Harry Stees; James, the office boy, by Arthur Grotz; and Mabel, Mr. Thompson's daughter, by Miss Katharine Gardner, all of whom did admirably. At the close of the play Mr. Ikelor was called before the curtain.

"Mr. Bob" was a two act comedy, and caught the audience at once. Miss Rebecca Luke, a spinster who is fond of cats, and who also has legal business with Benson & Benson, has decided to make some alterations in her residence to provide for her cats, and has consulted an architect by the name of Brown whom she expects to call upon her, but is desirous of concealing the fact from her nephew Philip, and her niece Katharine, and

so cautions her maid Patty, and her butler, Jenkins, that if Mr. Brown calls he is not to mention his name. Katharine is also expecting her school friend, Marion, to visit her. She has nicknamed her friend Bob, and Philip falls into the error of believing this friend to be a man, and Katharine carries on the joke by not undeceiving him. Philip also is expecting a friend named Saunders to visit him. The arrival of Mr. Brown, clerk to Benson & Benson, to see Miss Beckie on legal business, leads to a series of amusing situations. Philip mistakes him for "Mr. Bob." Katharine mistakes him for Saunders, and Miss Beckie thinks he is her architect.

Fred Ikelor showed his versatility in the humorous character of Mr. Brown; Miss Katharine Gardner as Patty, and Ed. E. Caldwell as Jenkins were immense, and added greatly to the fun. County Superintendent John K. Miller as Philip played his part to perfection, and Miss Maud Runyon, both in make up and acting, portrayed faithfully the character of a maiden lady. As Katharine, Miss Lilla Sloan did herself proud, and Marion or "Mr. Bob" was well taken by Miss Annie Maize.

WERE YOU HERE LAST WEEK?

The town was thronged with strangers, nearby neighbors and friends the past week; a great many buyers and some visitors. This store was a busy place indeed, and that our efforts at value giving were appreciated was plainly evident. The Men and Boys' Suits was a busy part of the store, in fact so busy that our buyer left Tuesday for the different clothing markets, and by Saturday entirely new things will be shown. The Children's Suit Novelties, such as Fauntleroy, Vestee, Junior, Blouse and Reefer Suits for Youngsters, age 3 to 8, also suffered, therefore look for entirely new things in this department.

New Reefers for Children

in Chinchilla, Astracken, Lambs' Wool, etc., made (3 to 8) with large sailor collar, Braided, from 9 to 15 with plain velvet collar or large storm collar. Entire new lines will be shown Saturday, starting at \$1.75 for a Splendid Reefer and running by easy stages to \$6.00.

Men and Boys' Overcoats,

Blacks, Blues, Brown, Gray and Tans in all sizes, made plain or with fancy linings; starting at \$3.98 and up to \$20.00.

Storm Coats Ready, \$5 to \$20.

GIDDING & CO.,

Two doors below Post Office. Nearly Opposite Court House.



We place on sale next week the above new shapes in Collars. They are strictly correct and Up-To-Date. Made and introduced by Cluett, Coon & Co., and sold throughout the United States.

Mrs. F. J. Richards Dead.

Mrs. Fred J. Richards died at her home on Normal Hill Sunday evening. It was nearly seven o'clock, when, surrounded by her family, her spirit took its flight to the great beyond. The deceased had only been sick for a few days. Doctors did everything in their power, but without avail. Her death was due to heart trouble. Her immediate survivors are her husband, Fred J. Richards, member of the Town Council, and three children—Catharine, Jennie and Julia. Mrs. Richards had an exceedingly large circle of friends. She was a most estimable lady and many who had learned to love her will mourn her death.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. B. C. Conner, of the Methodist Church. Interment was made in Rosemont Cemetery.

Miss Goldsmith's Success.

At the recent Bloomsburg Fair prizes were awarded to those presenting the most finished and artistic oil paintings. Artists throughout the region entered the competition. We publish with great pride the name of one of the winners, one of the town's most estimable young ladies, in the person of Miss Helen Goldsmith, who had entered the contest, and who has just received the intelligence that she was one of the successful contestants. The picture which she presented is entitled "Wide Awake," and consists of the heads of six small children, all wearing different expressions. The picture is certainly a difficult one to present and one which required skill to execute.—Mt. Carmel Item.

Always be Honest with the People.

In business, in politics and in all things, it is best to be square, honest, truthful and sincere. The demagogue and the trickster, the political jockey and the Janus faced pie-hunter, can only stay on top a short time. The end of all such men is worse than the beginning. The truth is mighty and will prevail. In the end right will come out on top. Every deceiver will be known and every jackass will have his ears exposed.—E.v.

HOUSES ROBBED.

While attending the fair last week, thieves broke into three different houses and stole a considerable amount of money beside many articles of clothing. Thomas Webb's house was robbed of a lot of clothing. At the house of Alvin Smith, they secured \$30 and a gold watch, and Alonzo Kressler had upwards of \$16 stolen. An attempt was made to break into several other houses, but the robbers were frightened away before having sufficient to accomplish their purpose. The whole town was running over with tramps, dead beats and suspicious looking characters.

The Truant Officer.

An act approved on the 12th of July last amends the act of the Legislature approved May 16th, 1895 by making the selection by School Boards of cities of an attendance or truant officer mandatory. The third section of the old act left it optional with School Boards in this language: "If deemed necessary for the provisions of this act, boards of school districts or school controllers in cities, boroughs or townships may employ one or more persons to be known as attendance officers, whose duty it shall be, etc." This section as amended provides that "Boards of School Directors or School Controllers shall in cities, and may in boroughs and townships, employ one or more persons to be known as attendance officers, who shall have full power and whose duty it shall be to look after, arrest, apprehend and place in parental relation, or the Board of Directors or Controllers may designate truant and others who fail to attend school.

Pedestrian Rights.

Those who ride in buggies, on bicycles or any vehicle should always remember that in crossing a street or highway the person on foot has the right of way. The law says so, and if you injure a pedestrian by careless riding or driving you are responsible. No one is required to run across a street to keep out of the way of bicycles or vehicles. The riders are the ones to look out for a clear track.

Get your job work done at the COLUMBIAN office.