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THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR.

A VERY SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION.

Large Attendance.—Fine Exhibits.—Good Races.

The forty-fourth annual fair of the Columbia County Agricultural Society is past and gone and all that remains is history.

It was one of the most attractive fairs the society has ever held, the exhibits in every department being larger, grander and more varied than ever before.

The attendance on Wednesday and Thursday was about up to former years. On Friday a continual down pour of rain kept people away, and prevented the races from taking place.

Among the leading exhibits on the ground were:

Hawley—Slate Furniture Company with a fine exhibit of bedroom suits, extension table, sideboards, etc.

The space occupied by Creasy & Wells, lumber dealers, attracted a large number of people and the chalk talks by Mr. Taylor were very interesting.

J. Saltzer, was on hand with a fine line of pianos, organs and sewing machines.

In the west side of the large building was the Normal School exhibit.

It contained specimens of work in clay modeling, wood work, drawing etc.

The display of lamps by James H. Mercer caught the attention of everybody. It was tastefully arranged and presented a fine appearance.

The Aqueduct Mills, G. W. Keiter, proprietor showed a nice display of his product. This mill manufactures the brand of flour known as "Moss Rose," every sack of which is guaranteed. It has an extensive sale.

L. E. Whary displayed the latest patterns in stoves, etc.

There were many other exhibits, which we would not attempt to enumerate, consisting of curious relics etc.

The attractions were numerous. The Original North Carolina Jubilee Singers; largest living gorilla in the world; victims of Spanish cruelty, and many other shows of various kinds were on the ground and judging from the number of people going in and out, did a paying business.

The races were never more interesting, some of the best horses in the state contesting. In the free for all race on Saturday, Democracy, owned by J. G. Millbourne of Chester, Pa., broke the track record of 2:14, going a mile in 2:13, thereby winning an additional purse of \$50. Considering the heavy condition of the track, caused by Friday's rain, the time made is remarkably fast. All the other races were well contested. Follow are the summaries:

2:18 CLASS PACING—PURSE \$300.	
Harry M., br. g., Watkins, N. Y.	1-1-1
May Wilkes, b. m., Chester, Pa.	2-2-3
Joe Pilot, b. g., Red Hill, Pa.	6-4-2
Strath Blue, b. m., Antioch, Pa.	2-5-2
Uncle Job, ch. g., Athens, Pa.	2-5-3
Lady Alice, b. m., Union City, Pa.	4-6-5
Wm. Brookfield, br. g., Bolivia, N. Y.	5-6-5
Time, 2:17, 2:17, 2:17.	
2:27 CLASS TROT—PURSE \$300.	
Tida Blonde, b. m., Patterson, Pa.	1-1-1
Prince Royal, b. g., Williamsport, Pa.	2-2-3
Antezella, b. s., Girardville, Pa.	3-2-2
Dock E., b. g., Scranton, Pa.	4-4-4
Time, 2:25, 2:25, 2:20.	
2:30 CLASS PACING—PURSE \$300.	
Drex, blk. g., Rushville, Ind.	1-1-1
J. B. S., br. g., Sidney, N. Y.	4-3-3
Lady D., b. m., Savon, N. Y.	2-2-2
Heart of Oak, b. m., Trenton, N. J.	3-2-2
Budd Weiser, blk. g., Lewisburg, Pa.	2-5-4
F. J. Dr. s., Ithaca, N. Y.	7-5-4
Theoda Clark, b. m., Towanda, Pa.	6-7-2
Time, 2:23, 2:23, 2:24.	
2:30 CLASS FARMERS HORSES—PURSE \$150.	
Grace m. m., Light Street, Pa.	1-1-2
Mary K., blk. m., Foundryville, Pa.	2-2-2
Nellie, b. m., Espy, Pa.	2-1-3
Mary H., b. m., Light Street, Pa.	4-4-4
Mime, 2:54, 2:49, 2:46, 2:47.	
2:30 CLASS TROT—PURSE \$300.	
Mid. g. g., Lewisburg, Pa.	1-3-1
L. H. Chase, ch. m., Watkins, N. Y.	2-2-2
Excel, b. g., Camden, N. J.	2-1-3
Nancy W., Port Jervis, N. Y.	4-4-4
Time, 2:30, 2:30, 2:26, 2:26.	
2:39 CLASS TROT—PURSE \$300.	
Tida Blonde, b. m., Patterson, Pa.	1-1-1
Antezella, b. s., Girardville, Pa.	2-2-2
Prince Royal, Williamsport, Pa.	3-2-3
Binghamton Wilkes, blk. g., N. Y.	6-4-4
Belle of Hedgefield, b. m., Pittston, Pa.	4-5-5
Dock E., b. g., Scranton, Pa.	6-6-6
Time, 2:34, 2:29, 2:26, 2:26.	
2:34 CLASS PACING—PURSE \$300.	
Drex, blk. g., Rushville, Ind.	1-1-1

Walter R., s. g., Mt. Carmel, Pa.	2-3-4
Nannie L., s. m., Williamsport, Pa.	3-2-3
Spain, b. g., Wilkesbarre, Pa.	4-4-2
Margold, b. g., Lewisburg, Pa.	5-5-8
Highwood spider, b. g., Williamsport Pa.	3-5-5
Pielljero, ch. s., Middletown N. Y.	7-7-7
Era A., b. g., Scranton, Pa.	9-8-6
Boltman, br. g., Scranton, Pa.	6-9-9
Time, 2:23, 2:21, 2:23.	
FREE FOR ALL TROT OR PACING—PURSE \$100.	
Democracy, g. s., Chester, Pa.	1-1-1
Rocky P., ch. s., Red Hill, Pa.	2-2-2
Gesner, s. g., Sing Sing, N. Y.	6-3-8
Charles Sumner, br. s., Watkins, N. Y.	3-4-4
Mascot, b. g., Buffalo, N. Y.	4-3-2
Allen, s. g., Mt. Carmel, Pa.	5-4-2
Time, 2:18, 2:14, 2:15.	

Politics at the Fair.

Friday was to have been a great day for politicians at the fair, but the rain spoiled it, and the gathering of the clans was postponed until Saturday. First, Mr. Woodin came down from Berwick with a special train, and two brass bands. At 10.41 Lieut. Polk came up from Danville with a special train and a brass band, and was met here by the Bloom Band and a large delegation. He was accompanied by Co. F 12th Regiment U. S. V. of which company he is an officer. They marched to Main street, up to East, and down the other side to the fair grounds. They were cheered all along the line. Hon. J. Henry Cochran of Williamsport, candidate for Senator, spent the afternoon on the grounds, and met many people.

Died at Porto Rico.

The sad intelligence of the death of Charles Stohner, youngest son of Mrs. B. Stohner, proprietress of the Central Hotel, which occurred at Porto Rico, on October 3rd, reached town by way of a letter from Wilbur Fisher, a member of the same company, Friday last.

On the fore part of July, when Captain Ellicott visited several of the towns in this state in search of recruits, Stohner in company with Wilbur Fisher, went to Scranton where they stood the examination and were accepted. They went to Camp Townsend, Peekskill, N. Y., where the company was encamped for nearly six weeks, after which they were taken to Porto Rico. His mother has had no word from the Captain of the company, as to the cause of her son's death, but the letter states that it was typhoid fever. He died at 2 o'clock in the morning, and was buried with military honors, at four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

Charley had not been enjoying good health for a long time before he joined the company, and he frequently was laid up for two weeks at a time with severe attacks of rheumatism. But despite his condition, he was determined to go and do what he could for the oppressed.

An effort will be made to have the body sent home.

No exhibit on the Fair ground last week attracted so many people as the handsome, and elaborate display made by our hustling music dealer J. Saltzer. In his booth in the east side of the large exhibition building he had tastefully arranged all the leading makes of pianos and organs, consisting of the Mason & Hamlin, Kraukauer, Jacob Bros., and the celebrated Shoemaker gold string pianos, eleven organs, among which were represented the very best makes in the world. Beside this he also showed several patterns of the high arm Singer, and Demorest sewing machines, five rotary wash machines, and four 1898 model Demorest bicycles. It was the largest and handsomest display in that line on the ground. Five first class musicians supplied good music and the place was constantly surrounded by an admiring crowd.

Company A, First Regiment, United States Volunteer Engineers, has been mustered out of service and is on the way home from Porto Rico. Word to that effect was received in town on Monday. Skyles M'Killip and Wilbur Fisher are members of this company. They are expected to arrive here in about ten days. The experiences they have had during the three-months' stay in the battle-burdened country will, no doubt, be very interesting to hear.

Adjutant General Stewart says that former members of the National Guard, who enlisted in the United States service and were honorably discharged, will be given sixty days after their muster out to re-enlist in the National Guard, and those who re-enlist within the next sixty days will be credited with continuous service in the National Guard. The old regiments will retain their old numbers.

Swallow Not In It.

As the Philadelphia Record alleges, there is manifestly a conspiracy of "open and covert" Republican Machine organs to deceive the voters as to the probable outcome of the political campaign in this state. Dr. Swallow himself says he will have 375,000 votes. The chairman of the Prohibitionist committee declares that the Doctor will be elected. The Quay organs, avowed and surreptitious, by magnifying everything Swallow does, and either ignoring, misquoting or belittling the great speeches of Mr. Jenks and his colleagues on the ticket, are clearly striving to make their readers believe the arrant falsehood that the fight for the Governorship is between Stone and Swallow, and that if the former is not successful, the latter is sure to be.

No man a single remove above the level of an idiot can make study of the figures and agree to any such conclusion. Last year there was a sort of Swallow craze. He had made himself conspicuous in connection with the expose of the Grace church and other Machine scandals. He had been taken into court and tried for libel. It was an off year. The Democrats were hopeless, the Republicans more or less disgruntled and disorganized. Everything that could go Swallow's way went that way. He and his backers were sure of election as they are now, yet in the poll he had less than half as many votes as Brown, his Democratic opponent, though Brown's vote was the lowest vote cast for any Democratic candidate in the state for many years past, and the vote for Mr. Ritter, the Democratic candidate for Auditor General, was 268,341, as against Swallow's 118,969, or 150,000 greater. Not since 1860 has the Democracy polled less than twice Swallow's vote of last year; often it has been three times as large, and in 1896 was 433,228, or 315,000 above it.

As Chairman Garman said, in a recent interview, he would have to add 200,000 Democrats and as many more Republicans, or one out of every three Democrats and one out of every three Republicans to win. No man with a head on his shoulders believes that he can come within hailing distance of doing that. His claims are absurd. The behind-the-fence Machine organs that seek to bolster them are deliberately deceiving their readers and know it. Wherever Swallow got a large vote last year the craze is spent. In every such locality he will certainly lose all his Democratic supporters. He carried Lycoming county. At a Swallow meeting in Williamsport, Lycoming's county seat, last week, less than 100 voters attended. Swallow will not poll half of the 365,000 votes he claims and which he says will elect him. Yet Delemater was defeated in 1892 with 447,655 votes when both the normal Republican and the normal Democratic vote were smaller than they are now.

Mr. Jenks' vote, on the other hand, is not likely to be much less than 500,000. He will get the Bryan vote of 1896, the Palmer and Buckner vote of the same year, the Democrats who voted for McKinley and all the independent Republicans who are really sincere in their professed desire to rid the party of their incubus and disgrace of the Quay Machine. When a score of men like George Baer, of Berks; A. B. Farquhar, of York; Simon P. Wolverton, of Northumberland, and Senator Cochran, of Lycoming, sit down with another score like James M. Guffey, of Allegheny, and Joseph C. Sibley, of Crawford, as they did in Philadelphia last week, to devise ways and means to elect Mr. Jenks, it means that Mr. Jenks and his colleagues and the platform satisfy every section of the party, that the two wings of the party are flopping together, that there will be no defections to Swallow or anybody else, and that Democratic victory is in the air.

And when the newspapers that profess to be against Machineism and yet are doing all they can to give it aid and comfort, are compelled to abandon their policy of suppression or distortion of the facts, as they soon must be, it means that such independent Republican drift as seems to have been going to Swallow will revert to the ablest, purest and in every way the best man that has been nominated by any party for Governor of Penn-

That Romance is a Fake.

The following fairy tale is going the rounds of the papers, and would be very romantic if there were a word of truth in it. On inquiry we can find no trace of the people named. Here is the story.

Samuel Gassaway, who was believed to have been dead for thirty-seven years, has just returned to Bloomsburg and been reunited with his wife. They were married in 1858. When the rebellion broke out Gassaway enlisted for two years, and when he returned his wife had removed from Bloomsburg. Mrs. Gassaway believed her husband was dead, as he had not written. This is now accounted for, as he had been badly wounded and was in the hospital for many months.

Gassaway made a thorough search for his wife, and not finding her, went to Van Wert, Ohio, where he subsequently married. Six children were born to them, but they all died and the mother soon followed the last one. Mrs. Gassaway believed herself a widow, did not apply for a divorce, and in 1888 married Jesse Headington, of Catawissa, with whom she lived unhappy for seven years. Headington, crazed with drink, later committed suicide.

A few days ago Gassaway came back to Bloomsburg and was startled to learn that his wife was alive. He called on her, but she failed to recognize him, and after he had informed her who he was she was most indignant at his supposed impudence. He later convinced her beyond a doubt and they have happily resumed marital relations.

The report going the rounds of the newspapers to the effect that the Bloomsburg Silk Mill is to be removed to Lock Haven, is all a fake. The proprietors never thought of making a change, though they may be interested in a branch mill that is going up at Lock Haven.

Democratic Meetings.

Democratic meetings will be held at the following times and places. Able speakers will be present to discuss the issues of the campaign.

Tuesday, Oct. 18—Mill Grove and Light Street.

Wednesday, Oct. 19—Millville and Bear Gap.

Thursday, Oct. 20—Hetterville and Diets' School House.

Friday, Oct. 21—Slabtown and Grovania.

Saturday, Oct. 22—Beaver Valley and Canby.

Monday, Oct. 24—Waller and Stonytown.

Tuesday, Oct. 25—Centralia and Miller's Hotel.

Wednesday, Oct. 26—Catawissa, Buckhorn and Fowlersville.

Thursday, Oct. 27—Mifflin X roads, Stillwater and Five Points.

Friday, Oct. 28—Swamp School House, and Mifflinville.

Time and places for other meetings until the close of the campaign will be announced later.

The Centralia Teachers.

The newly appointed Centralia School Board met last Friday evening and elected Capt. W. W. Heffner, superintendent of schools vice Smith Murphy, who taught the last term. J. H. Eisenhower's claim was ignored entirely. Five members of last year's corps were deposed and the following elected to take their places: Misses Katie Moran, Sallie Black, Ella Gorman, Bridget Laughlin and Harriet Cook. Several of these ladies filled positions on the corps several years ago. The entire corps consists of eleven teachers and a superintendent. The schools opened on Monday.—Ashland Telegram.

Methodist Church Notes.

The ordinance of Baptism will be administered to children in the Sunday School room next Sunday morning Oct. 23rd, at 10:00 o'clock.

Love Feast will be held on Wednesday evening Oct. 26.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered Sunday morning and evening Oct. 30.

Special revival services will be held for four weeks, beginning Sunday Oct. 30. All the members and friends of the church are earnestly asked to pray for the meetings and to do all in their power to make them a success.

Charles A. Bomboy, oldest son of Mrs. Hester Bomboy, died of pneumonia at his home in Espy on Monday last, at the age of 22 years.

His illness was of very short duration, having taken sick but two or three days before his death. He was a general favorite among all who knew him, and his sudden demise has cast a gloom upon the whole community. His estimable character was ever in evidence, being conscientious and energetic at all times. He was interested in church work, and his death was unnecessary to develop his sterling qualities. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the M. E. church at Espy, conducted by Rev. H. D. Flannigan.

Mrs. Miller, wife of Clark Miller, departed this life at her home on East street Tuesday morning. The deceased was about thirty-two years of age, and had been in ill health for some time past. She is survived by a husband. Mrs. Miller has an unusual large number of relatives, and the funeral which will be held to-day will no doubt be largely attended. The remains will be interred at Swenoda.

The room on the second floor of the Exchange Block, directly over James Riley's barber shop will be fitted up and used by the Prohibitionists as their headquarters from now till the close of the campaign.