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This Year's Fair Eclipsed All Others

Large Display of Stock and Farm Products.

Large Exhibits, Ideal Weather And Tremendous
Crowds Mark Columbia County's
Annual Exhibition.

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL FAIR.

The annual exhibition of the Columbia County Agricultural Society has once more passed into history. It is a fact which cannot be denied that the fair this year was the biggest and best in the society's history. It simply knocked all the others into "smithereens." Its great success is of course the result of good management and good weather. The man who governs the atmosphere was particularly kind this year. It would be difficult to dish up a better article than he gave us. Every day was simply ideal. But then Bloomsburg always has been fortunate, at least that's what a Milton man says. The gentleman in question was in one of our barber shops Friday morning. Some others in the shop were congratulating the society on the weather, when the Milton man broke in, "Why you couldn't make it rain for this fair. They're the luckiest people on earth. Why you could throw a bucket of water up on Monday morning of the Bloomsburg fair week and it wouldn't come down till Saturday."

But now to the fair. As we have already stated it was the best ever, and the assertion holds good from almost every stand point. True the attractions might have been stronger. We refer to the entertainment which is provided to beguile the tedium between the races. The cycle whirl, had it been up to the standard, would have been a good feature, but it was so inferior to some others seen here in former years that it fell flat and failed to please. In this, however, the society is not to blame. They thought that they were getting the best. They might have provided a greater variety, but then it must be taken into consideration that really good attractions are hard to get.

THE EXHIBITS.

The main building this year was given over to the usual large line of fancy work, quilts, drawn work, pen and pencil drawings, etc. as well as to the pastries, fruits, vegetables, jellies, jams and so on. The exhibits in every department of the building were up to those of former years, while in some instances they were larger and more varied.

The main building also contained exhibits of many of our business men. Among them was L. E. Whary with a large and handsome display of stoves and heaters. In an adjoining space he showed a beautiful line of chinaware. The decorations of the booth were in blue and white, which brought an effect that was pleasing to the eye. The display by the Normal School is deserving of special mention. It consisted of drawings, paintings and magazine cover designs, and was constantly surrounded by an admiring crowd.

An exhibit which by reason of its beauty never failed to catch the eye was that of Jas. H. Mercer. Mr. Mercer is always on hand at the fair and the people always look for him. His showing this year of lamps was simply gorgeous. His lamps were all trimmed and burning, reflecting a soft mellow light over his exhibit, and many were the exclamations of delight as the people passed along.

Hartman & Mendenhall, occupied a space with a display of stoves and heaters. The display made by the White Milling Company, which represented the product of this mill, was visited by hundreds of people. This company has a reputation all over the country, and their flour is shipped to every state in the union.

S. R. Bidleman's exhibit of wall paper and window shades was among the most admired in the building. The women folks are

always interested in the decoration of the home, and Mr. Bidleman's display was one which appealed to them.

A display which was without doubt one of the finest in the building was that of the Leader Department Store. It consisted of a fine showing of carpets, rugs and furniture, to which the light from forty-eight electric bulbs imparted an added charm. The Leader company knows how to make a display and they have the goods to do it with.

The Supplee-Mather Company exhibit was among the beauty spots of the building. They showed a nice line of carpets, rugs, furniture, stoves, etc. The display was artistically arranged and called forth many expressions of approval. J. Saltzer the music dealer scored a big hit this year. His display is always one of the first, but it has never been what it was this time. Jerry is a distinct leader in his line, a fact to which everybody who saw his display will agree. His space was constantly surrounded by people who were admiring the handsome line of pianos, organs and sewing machines shown and listening to sweet music discoursed by his orchestra.

Moyer Bros. wholesale and retail druggists made a fine showing of choice perfumes, while a line of proprietary medicines of their own manufacture were also exhibited.

Our esteemed contemporary, the *Morning Press*, had a booth in the main building, in which there were two telephones, of which the public was given free use.

W. S. Capwell, the Market Square photographer and W. K. Beagle both made exhibitions of their work, which was greatly admired.

Among the other exhibitors were the Berwick Store Company, The Ludwig Piano Company, Geo M. Howard portrait painter and Chas. M. Steiff piano and organ dealer.

LIVE STOCK.

The exhibit in the live stock department was exceptionally good. Every stall and pen was occupied. The display in this line was easily the finest ever seen on the ground. The wisdom of the society in providing additional space for the poultry was proven. Had it not been for the new building, half of the display would have been without shelter.

THE MIDWAY.

Talk about eating stands and fakirs, it beat anything we ever saw on the ground. And yet, numerous as they were, all did a rushing business. The big dining hall conducted by St. Columba's church was simply eaten out. They served about twelve hundred dinners on Thursday and were forced to turn people away. The Catawissa stand was also largely patronized, and the numerous other stands which made a specialty of oysters did a big business simply because it was a case of eat oysters or nothing.

There were any number of shows such as they were. There was the couchee couche dancers, the fat babies, the two legged horse, the greatest of all magicians, the dog and pony show, the merry-ground and last but not least, the great Egyptian palmitist, who told you all about your life. She read the lines in your hand and told you what you were, what you might be and what you will be. She found pretty easy picking and gathered in a lot of the people's hard earned coin.

There were several skin games on the ground Thursday, but fortunately the management was put wise and they were forced to quit.

REDEMPTION OF U. S. GOVERNMENT 5 PER CENT. BONDS.

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WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

THE RACES.

The races were a great disappointment. This was due to the fact that many of the best horses that had been entered were unable to get here owing to the damage to railroads by the big storm of the previous week. The finishes in some of the races were close, but the absence of so many of the good horses cut down the starters, and the first heat determined the race.

In the 2:21 pace on Thursday, the driver of Emblem was thrown from his sulky just after the race started and was severely cut and bruised about the face. The horse, dragging the sulky ran twice around the track and leaped over the fence at the three-quarter pole, but was uninjured.

Following is a summary:

WEDNESDAY.	
2:25 Pace—Purse \$400	
King Delmar, b g, George Phillips Newark, N. J.	3 4 5
Rosewood, a m, J. B. Simmons, Sidney, N. Y.	1 1 1
Minnie Tillan, blk m, J. Seager, Bath, N. Y.	4 2 3
But L., blk g, F. J. Boyle, Hazleton, Pa.	6 6 6
Lucey L., b m, M. L. Perrin, Pittston, Pa.	5 5 4
Ambler, b m, J. H. Aylward, Syracuse, N. Y.	2 3 2
Time—2:21 1/2, 2:18 1/2, 2:19.	
2:27 Trot—Purse \$400	
Algeo W., b m, William Fredericks, Lock Haven, Pa.	1 1 1
Martha Washington, s m, John Herran, Roadstown, N. J.	2 2 3
George H., b g, T. Cannon, Verilon Centre, Pa.	3 3 2
Time—2:29 1/2, 2:27 1/2, 2:27.	
Gentleman's Road Race, best two in three heats	
W. O. Bradley, blk g, G. Kishbach, Berwick, Pa.	5 4
Caravan, r g, W. A. Hartzell, Bloomsburg, Pa.	4 5
John Spaul, b g, George H. Ketter, Bloomsburg, Pa.	2 2
Mabel W., b m, Ben Mollenry, Benton, Pa.	1 1
Surprise, g g, Harry Mitchell, Berwick, Pa.	3 3
Time—2:27 1/2, 2:33.	
THURSDAY.	
2:15 Pace—Purse \$400	
George C. Easton, br g, J. F. Shurtz, Lewisburg, Pa.	1 1 1
Direct Mack, br g, C. E. Ball, Lock Haven, Pa.	2 2 2
Ozette, b m, E. C. Downs, Binghamton, N. Y.	2 3 3
Rebe, blk m, Flock Brothers, Williamsport, Pa.	4 4 4
Time—2:19 1/2, 2:16 1/2, 2:16 1/2.	
2:19 Trot—Purse \$400	
Deputize, b g, O. E. Kemmer, Nazareth, Pa.	2 1 1 1
Hattie Mack, b m, John W. Gurnett, Watkins, N. Y.	1 3 3 4
Dobbie, b g, Thomas W. Williams, Bridgeton, N. J.	4 2 2 2
Maud Adair, b m, J. N. Aylward, Syracuse, N. Y.	4 4 3 3
Happy E., b g, C. E. Ball, Lock Haven, Pa.	da
Time—2:24 1/2, 2:21 1/2, 2:20 1/2.	
2:21 Pace—Purse \$400	
Rosewood, b m, J. B. Simmons, Sidney, N. Y.	1 1 1
Minnie Tillan, blk m, J. A. Seager, Bath, N. Y.	2 3 3
Fannie B., ra m, N. D. Grander, Warrenton, Pa.	4 5 3
Billy H., g g, T. Smith, Norristown, Pa.	5 4 4
Ambler, b m, J. H. Aylward, Syracuse, N. Y.	da
Time—2:29 1/2, 2:21 1/2, 2:17 1/2.	
FRIDAY.	
2:18 Pace—Purse \$400	
Oligus, s g, U. P. Kahler, Nazareth, Pa.	5 5 6
Ivanhoe, g g, J. Adams, Oak Hill, Pa.	2 2 3
Southern, b m, Geo. C. Dokes, Roehrs, N. Y.	4 3 2
Miss Jennie, br m, Wm Mier, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	6 6 4
George C. Easton, br g, J. F. Shurtz, Lewisburg, Pa.	1 1 1
Pearl Alton, b m, Thomas W. Williams, Bridgeton, N. J.	5 4 4
Time—2:18 1/2, 2:17 1/2, 2:17 1/2.	
2:22 Trot—Purse \$400	
Happy E., b g, C. E. Ball, Lock Haven, Pa.	4 3 da
Kitty Wilkes, b m, W. K. Young, Johnstown, Pa.	2 4 2 2
Dabbie, b g, Thomas W. Williams, Bridgeton, N. J.	1 2 3 3
Maud Adair, b m, J. N. Aylward, Syracuse, N. Y.	3 1 1 1
Free-for-all trot of pace—Purse \$500	
Indiana, b g, E. A. Clark, Great Barrington, Mass.	1 1 1
Direct Mack, br g, C. E. Ball, Lock Haven, Pa.	3 3 3
Contry, b g, Flock Brothers, Williamsport, Pa.	2 2 2
Time—2:16 1/2, 2:16 1/2, 2:16 1/2.	

The attendance was the largest in the history of the society. The exact number, of course, is not known but is estimated that at least 25,000 people were on the ground on Thursday and Friday's crowd was even larger. The trolley road did a rushing business. They collected about 35,000 fares during the last two days. In spite of this heavy traffic they handled the people remarkably well, and not a single accident occurred.

The music was first class. The Catawissa Band was present on Wednesday and Alexander's Ninth Regiment Band of Wilkes-Barre

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and the Bloomsburg Band were in attendance on Thursday and Friday.

All told it was a great fair compared with which all fairs in this section sink into insignificance.

WILL GET WALTER'S MONEY.

If reports are true the estate of the late Herman Walter, who met his death by being struck by a car on the Columbia & Montour Electric railway, the disposition of which gave promise of necessitating a legal fight, has an heir. Coroner Sharpless has received a letter from the German Consul at Philadelphia, stating a half sister has been found. Her name is Mrs. Marie Nolt, and she resides near Hanover, Germany. The letter further advises the coroner not to part with any of the money, books or papers, until Mrs. Nolt expresses her wishes as to what course to pursue. If the woman's relationship can be established the whole estate will go to her.



Shot in the Ankle.

J. M. Fairchild of Berwick was shot in the left ankle Tuesday evening by a foreigner who had been trespassing on his premises. Mr. Fairchild and his men were in a field shooting corn, when two men out hunting, appeared at the edge of the woods. Mr. Fairchild walked toward them and ordered them off the land. They refused to obey and the one, placing the gun to his shoulder, pointed it at Mr. Fairchild and threatened to shoot. The latter immediately started to retreat, but had taken only a few steps when the foreigner fired, the shot taking effect in his left ankle. The men in the field hastening to their employer's assistance, but the marauders escaped. The injured man was taken to his home and Doctors Reagan and Gardner summoned. The wound is quite serious but is healing nicely.

Mr. Fairchild has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party. It is hoped that the fellow will be caught, and receive the full extent of the law.

Dr. Welsh is one of the instructors before the Susquehanna County Teachers institute in session at Montrose this week.

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