

The POTTER JOURNAL AND NEWS ITEM.

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WE HEAR it asserted in connection with agricultural fairs—indeed, I think the JOURNAL has said something of the kind—that a trotting course, or some form of racing is necessary to their success.

But is a trotting course or other racing an essential part of an agricultural fair? or is speed the best quality in a horse to be exhibited?

The training, riding and sympathizing with a good horse until he becomes not only your servant, but your friend and companion gives not only a sense of physical power, but a feeling of being better and stronger morally—more ready to cope with temptation to evil; more sensible of all the helps given to us in the natural world, more conscious of how little and helpless we are of ourselves and how all things are made to help us if we only use them aright.

THE FAIR held here last week was such a happy disappointment to Coudersport people, who feared that, as a first attempt after so many years it might be rather meagre, that we hope it has been as satisfactory to the people of the County.

At the Chemung county fair the Hon. A. S. Diven offered a premium to the best lady equestrian and we think this was wisely done. Not for display but to encourage cultivation of the noble art of horsemanship which is so lamentably falling into disuse.

But for good training and the best riding horses must not intrusted to vulgar and coarse people. Like people they are influenced by their associations and it needs a thorough gentleman to manage and train a colt to bring it to its perfection of gentleness and courage, speed and docility and above all trustworthiness.

Probably we will amend in a good many ways by next year and we hope the people of the whole County will bring everything they have.

OLEAN is to have two first-class hotels—so says the Times. Both the Fobes House and the Olean House are undergoing thorough repairs and will be very much improved.

ALTHOUGH we would hardly feel justified to say with the Icelander, "This is the best country that ever the sun shone upon," yet we think any one who went through the fair here last week and saw what our county can produce, what it is producing every year, could reply that Potter is a good county to live in.

The Fair itself was but a partial one, was in fact as far as quantity and variety are concerned, but a meagre show of the County's products. Nothing of the kind has been attempted before since 1860 and now there has been no effort to work up a large show.

The statistics of the school indicate a progressive spirit on the part of the scholars in the various departments.

The Common School moves on evenly and visitors will notice that the scholars speak out plain in recitations.

Among the last reports in the High School there were about four-

teen students whose marks ranged from ninety-seven upward—one reaching as high one hundred in deportment, punctuality and recitations.

Such then are the products of the County for this, a cold, backward season, and such the show made of them under the most unfavorable circumstances.

The interest that has been created by this Fair and the spirit of emulation that it has inspired will certainly be felt another year, both in producing something to exhibit and in exhibiting it.

COMMUNICATIONS for this paper are always gladly received and we feel grateful to friends who offer us their thoughts and observations.

Some of these articles show good ideas and bright fancies, but want fitting expression.

Let all these young authors persevere because it is the writing, not the publishing that enables them to improve.

LAST Friday the Constitutional Convention, after a great deal of discussion and many amendments passed the article on Education in a very short and satisfactory form.

Sec. 1. The Legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public schools, wherein all the children of this Commonwealth above the age of six years may be educated; and the Legislature shall appropriate at least one million dollars each year for that purpose.

Sec. 2. No money raised for the support of the public schools of the Commonwealth shall be appropriated to or used for the support of any sectarian school.

Sec. 3. Women, twenty-one years of age and upwards, shall be eligible to any office of control or management under the school law of this State.

OLD LAUDANUM.—It is only a few days since a lovely child of a Sunbury family was given a few drops of old laudanum, and it went to sleep never to awake.

A REMEDY FOR WOUNDS.—Take a pan or shovel, with burning coals, and sprinkle upon them brown sugar and hold the wounded part over the smoke. In a few minutes the pain will be allayed and recovery proceeds rapidly.

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Great run on a well known Institution.—The famous Regulator man, C. H. Simmons' Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, Wells-ville, N. Y., has recently been subjected to an extraordinary pressure—the pressure of crowds of sufferers that have been in the habit of buying from small dealers and paying enormous prices.

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A teachers' class will be organized, and attention given to those from abroad, who wish to prepare themselves for teaching or to those who wish to post up in one or more of the branches. D. C. LARRABEE, Secretary, W. W. SHEAR, Treasurer.

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