

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

BIG THROG AT THE BLOOMSBURG FAIR

THE CHILL WEATHER WAS A HANDICAP TOO.

If It Is Warm Today the Management Is Confident It Will Have from 18,000 to 25,000 People on the Grounds—Judges at Work Distributing Prizes—Midway Was Thronged with Sightseers All Day. Race Attracted the Greatest Attention—Winners of the Events.

From a Staff Correspondent.

Bloomsburg, Oct. 10.—Over 6,000 persons thronged the spacious grounds of the Columbia County Fair association here to-day, viewed the exhibits in the mammoth exposition hall, strolled through the midway, enjoyed the varied attractions there presented and watched with keen interest the three good horse races which were run off. The cold westerly wind doubtless served to keep away a number of spectators, but, just the same, it was the biggest, merriest crowd that had ever been seen here on the commencement of a fair in all the forty-six years of its existence. And, no wonder; for it is worth traveling many miles to participate in. The managers argue for to-day's attendance that with fair weather to-morrow there will be from 18,000 to 25,000 patrons.

During the day many features of interest were on the programme arranged. Of course the horse races were the premier attractions. Of these Heart of Oak, of Pittston, won the first; Allen S., of Carbondale, the second; and the third was secured by Allen S., of Carbondale.

Between the heats there was an attempt to have a dog race. Two stamper came up in single sulks. The first time, right after the word, "Go," a wheel on one of the sulks broke, and the race was postponed. When they again appeared one of the dogs had a fit of sulks and would not go. They were again taken off and two teams of two dogs each driven and went half a mile, being started by small boys. Then the equipage with four dogs trotted out on the track and showed off.

Cold Day for Them.

There were also acrobatic performances on a high platform, directly in front of the grand stand, to amuse the crowd while waiting for the horses, as well as a clever troupe of trick dogs. On the midway, feminine performers stood out in the various departments, arms and bosoms and short skirts to allure the gazing multitudes within their different show tents.

The 240 class trot for Columbia county horses was postponed until to-morrow afternoon, to take the place of the 230 trot, which did not fill.

At 9 o'clock the Ninth Regiment band from Wilkes-Barre marched into the grounds in full military uniform and playing an inspiring march. This was the signal for the formal opening of the fair. Immediately after that, the judges in the various departments were assembled in Secretary Yost's office, provided with a liberal supply of blue and red tickets, emblematical of first and second premiums, and sent off to discharge their duties. The largest crowd of all that followed after the word went into the horse paddock, to witness the judging of the best samples of horse flesh. F. G. Smith was the umpire in this division. He made each owner put his horse or colt through his best paces in a promenade about 100 feet long. His decisions seemed to give general satisfaction, although in several cases the exhibits were so nearly equally matched that it was hard for him to make a selection. The road horses, single and double teams, were driven around the track and their gait and style counted in the awarding of the premiums. This work occupied two hours and a half, and was very interesting to a large body of onlookers.

Making the Awards.

The other judges, especially those in the poultry and ladies' departments, will hardly be able to get through their work before some time to-morrow. The long exhibition hall is packed full of choice specimens of the work of deft feminine fingers, and is as pretty a collection of dainty things as was ever displayed in this or any other fair. The midway was full of sight-seers all day. There are all manner of entertainments on view there, most of them of a decidedly frothy nature. One, however, is of a more wholesome cast. That is where a man named Verne is supposed to be buried alive. At 11 o'clock this morning he was placed in a large pine box, with a blanket and a pillow, lowered into a hole four feet deep, and the box was covered over with sand. There will be stay, according to his manager, until 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, without food or drink. A large air chute leads from the ground into the coffin to supply him with breathing material. Another entertainment, if it can be called such, is "Bosco," who advertises to eat live snakes. He has a rival here in "Rosco," a feminine, whose appetite runs in the same peculiar channel. Then there is a "Moorish Palace," a colored variety show, and many kindred entertainments, some of which are of a high class.

First Race.

218 class, pacing; mile heats, best three in five; purse \$500.

First heat—There were nine starters out of the first lot of twelve, making a large and unwholly field. Starter Smith's steatorian would could be heard in every part of the course, as he directed the drivers. He didn't need the megaphone which was furnished but he didn't use it. The horses got started on the sixth race. They had hardly made the turn on the back stretch when the sulky drawn by Sally Derby

sacred precincts of Susquehanna. If this is "a campaign of education," it is most fortunate that the great majority of our people can read. Dr. and Mrs. Peck will entertain the Wilkes-Barre relatives.

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AVOCA.

The following ministers attended the general conference of the Primitive Methodist church held on Tuesday at the Primitive Methodist church: Rev. W. F. Nichols, Tannock; Rev. T. Bell, Haines; Rev. S. Cooper, Carmel; Rev. M. Harvey, Plymouth; Rev. S. T. Nichols, Girardville; Rev. T. M. Barbe, Nanticoke; Rev. H. J. Burlington, Wilkes-Barre; Rev. R. W. Wilson, New Castle; T. E. Wilson, Avoca; H. G. Russell, Hudson; Rev. J. Walker, Archbold; Rev. G. Lee, Scranton; Rev. J. Moore, Shenandoah; Rev. J. O. Olyphant, Scranton; Rev. J. G. Guinness, Youngstown; Rev. Charles Hall, Freedom; Rev. G. J. Jeffries, Nanticoke. The meeting was held for the purpose of transacting business pertaining to the general conference to be held at New Castle, N. Y., May, 1907.

The marriage of Frank Howard, electrician for the Avoca Electric company, and Miss Grace Howard, popular school teacher at St. Albans, Pa., is announced to take place on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the residence of the bride's parents. They will reside in the Bailey residence on Main street.

George Olders, of Grove street, has returned home after a four years' stay at Southampton, England.

A pleasant surprise party was tendered Mrs. Mary A. Golden at her home on Tuesday evening, in honor of her birthday. The usual social diversions were indulged in and a sumptuous repast was served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. James Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, Mr. J. F. O'Brien, Misses Kate Cummings, Alice and Agnes Mitchell, Jennie Brennan, Josephine, Belinda and Kate Dempsy.

The Avoca and the Pittston Rugby teams will play a game at the West Avoca grounds this afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Smith, of Dupont, this afternoon.

The marriage of Miss Anna Connor and Joseph Clark, both residents of this town, was solemnized in St. Mary's church on Tuesday evening, Oct. 9. Rev. M. F. Crane performed the ceremony.

FOREST CITY.

Forest City, Oct. 10.—A meeting was held last evening by the local branch of the United Mine Workers of America to elect delegates to the convention at Scranton Friday. It is hoped that the difficulties will be satisfactorily adjusted at that time.

A large number of Forest City men went to Scranton yesterday to witness the big labor parade.

F. E. Powderly, of Scranton, was a visitor in town yesterday.

A six-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Devine died at his home on Main street yesterday after a short illness with diphtheria.

Miss Eva Knapp is suffering with diphtheria. Her condition is very serious.

Henry Box, of Carbondale, was in town last night.

Rev. J. L. Williams and family leave this week for their new home at Susquehanna.

A dance is advertised to be held at Danforth on Tuesday evening next by some Forest City young men.

STARBUCCA.

Starbucca, Oct. 10.—Mr. Benjamin Sampson, of Carbondale, is spending the day at J. Sampson's.

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