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FAIR GROUNDS—NINTH WARD!

TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY,
and FRIDAY,

September 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th.

THE FAIR.

THE SECOND DAY.—We were much gratified to see a much larger number of people at the fair grounds yesterday than on Tuesday. The ladies, who always take interest in such gatherings, not only coming themselves, but frequently bringing many of the other sex with them, were well represented. Had the day been brighter, many more would no doubt have been present.

We have many subjects of interest to notice this morning, several of which arrived on the ground since our last issue.

FRUITS.

Floral Hall contained a very handsome display of fruit. Among the finest exhibitions we saw was that of Mr. Jno. Smith, proprietor of the Mount Hope Nursery. He showed specimens of no less than ninety-three different varieties, a few of them susceptible fruit, the balance of them belonging to an earlier or later period. By of course cannot attempt to particularize such a multitude of different sorts. A few will, however, be adverted to that particularly attracted our admiration.

Two heaps of apples might have been observed on the stand whose size and color would at once strike the observer. They would be denominated by fruit culturists as "very large." They were of a bright yellow, and their flavor was very high. They ripen in August, so that they would be a very valuable summer variety for market. These apples were termed the *Lime Juice* and *Hornet*. The latter is not very well known. It is a native seedling, obtained at Meadville some years ago, accidentally, it is supposed. It became very popular with the neighborhood where the tree grew, many of the people frequently going far to get fruit off of it. They finally called it the "Hornet Tree," for want of a better name, a swarm of hornets having built a nest among its branches. The tree was after wards propagated by agriculturists. The Maiden's Blush—a very excellent and well known apple, was exhibited; also the Kentish Fillbasket and Hubbard's Nonesuch, both of which are thought to deserve more popularity than they have yet attained. They are certainly very handsome fruit, and, it would appear, worthy of general cultivation. Also the Baldwin and Roxbury Russet, quite popular here. Three varieties were pointed out to us as being new, the Williams, Minister and Cook's Pleasant. The first is a summer variety, ripening in early August. It is much larger than the Early Harvest and of a beautiful red hue. Another great advantage it has is that it keeps far better than any early apple. Its flavor is sprightly, mild and pleasant and it is very productive. The Minister is a late winter variety, also quite sweet. Its color is green, with a red blush to the sun and it is very hardy. It is a good bearer. Cook's Pleasant is a very large fruit and comes to perfection in December, but will keep longer. It is a good bearer.

The peaches exhibited by Mr. Smith were very fine. The Griffith and Golden Cling, both excellent fruit, were very large and tempting. The Old Mixon and White Cling were also quite fine. Cole's early red and the Early Tillotson, both standard early peaches, could not be exhibited, as the trees had all done fruiting the middle of last month. However, the Grand Signeure, Malta, Crawford's Late Red Cling, Morris' Red Rareripe, Red Cheek Melocoton were all shown and were handsome specimens of good fruit. There was one other very large cling, called Smith's Seedling, which Mr. S. himself originated. Its size and flavor recommend it highly. We presume it would be ranked as "very large." It is a first rate fruit and would do admirably for market.

There were no pears on exhibition. Mr. S. has, however, a number of young healthy nursery trees of the most popular varieties. His pear orchard partially failed the present season.

FULL BRED AND GRADE STOCK.

The number entered was not large. Mr. Hogsett, who resides about 2 miles out on the Steubenville Pike, had some noble specimens of the Durham breed, including 1 bull, 3 cows, and 2 calves, full bred, and 5 grade cows. It is needless to say the animals had fine points, as any one who has had the least acquaintance with thorough bred cattle would have pronounced favorably on those of Mr. Hogsett. They are all roans. The bull was extremely large and his breadth both "fore and aft" was such as to excite the highest admiration in a stock breeder. The cows were also large, and exhibited a similar prominence of shape. They were all great milkers, far surpassing our common cows in the qualities of milk and butter. These advantages, added to that of size and facility of taking on flesh, render the Durham far more profitable than the poor runts we ordinarily see on farms, and it is a marvel that farmers are not aware of this fact. If they were, stock raising would be a far more money-making business.

FOWLS.

Mr. Sikarl, of Sharpsburg, had on exhibition a number of splendid fowls. His stock included all the fancy breeds, such as Shangeals, Brahams, Sumatra Games, Dorkins, White Games, Dakivies, &c. Also Muck ducks, White Leke ducks, Mole Head ducks and a mammoth pair of wild geese. The ducks were very handsome, and, we thought, highly creditable to the breeder. The chickens were also fine specimens of the feathered tribe, especially the white games, whose mettlesome look and handsome plumage were much admired. An old Sumatra game, the hero of some thirty battles, in all of which he came out victorious, was also an object of interest on account of his tall, stately carriage and bold demeanor. All the fowls were evidently full bred.

PATENT WAGON LOCK.

This was one of the great curiosities of the Fair. A miniature wagon was exhibited, showing precisely how the improvement was intended to work. It consisted of a cross bar placed on the back bounds, to both ends of which a hook and chain is attached, which is coiled twice round the inside portion of the hub of each wheel and connects with either end of the lock bar. The lock bar is placed on the under side of the bounds and of course is constructed to slide backwards and forwards, as in the case of all locks. A coil spring attached to the lock bar makes it fly back from the wheels as soon as the pressure necessary in locking is removed. A pair of rods runs from the cross bar to the tongue of the wagon, to the end of which a ring is affixed, and the breast chains of the team are attached to this ring. A rope or other attachment is also made to this ring, which is held by the driver, and by means of it he can lock the wagon at his pleasure. When the horses pull on their breast chains, the wagon becomes locked as long as the animals are going forward, so that in going down hill it is only necessary to hold back the team. If it is desired to back, the retrograde motion of the wheels throws the lock out of gear The locking is done entirely by the *wheels*. George Beebeaux, of Hickory, Washington county, is the patentee.

ADDRESSING MACHINES.

This is an ingenious contrivance patented by Mr. George Hutchinson. The machine is for sale by the proprietor, who is to be found on Beacon street, Allegheny city. It is designed to print the address on newspapers, cards, etc., and for large printing establishments would accomplish a great saving of labor. The type are placed in a wooden frame, which is so constructed as to revolve. Paper covers (or whatever is intended to be printed) are placed on the type and by turning a crank are run through at great speed. The work is done in neat style, there being no blurring of the ink or rumpling of the paper. We timed the machine with a watch and found that it would print no less than 15,000 papers in an hour. Its capacity therefore is all that is required. The price is something less than a hundred dollars.

SMITH'S PULVARIZING AND MASHING MACHINE.

This is an invention of Matthew Smith, Esq., of Pittsburgh, No. 41 High street. It is intended to mash canes, apples or other fruit, pulverize charcoal, paint, etc. It consists of an iron wheel with a wide rim, closed on one side, in the interior of which another wheel smaller in diameter revolves by the friction of its rim against the rim of the other. The merit claimed for the machine consists in this. Heretofore it has always been difficult to so arrange wheels that their rims shall form a sufficiently small wedge to catch anything intended to be crushed. Placed in any other position it would require wheels 40 feet in diameter to make as small a wedge as those used by Mr. Smith, which are less than two feet in diameter. This renders his machine widely and makes a wide difference in the expense. One with wheels of the size suggested above would be too costly for general use. Mr. Smith's invention is durable and will do more than the work of any other machine.

THE CONTINENTAL CORN SHELLER.

We had the pleasure of seeing one of these admirable machines in operation, and have no hesitation in pronouncing it one of the very best in use. The rapidity with which the cobs were thrown out reminded us of those driven by steam in Illinois. It will shell a hundred bushels of grain in a day, and that in as satisfactory a manner that not a grain will be broken or left on the cob. A complete separation is effected. The whole machine is of iron except the frame, and combines durability, cheapness and dispatch. It is retailed at $10, so that the figure is within the reach of every farmer. The advantages of the Corn Sheller to farmers need not be adverted to, as the loss of feeding grain is the case to stock or swine is well known. It should be a concomitant of every corn crib in the county. Mr. C. A. Chamberlin, of Allegheny city, is the agent.

MYERS' PISTON GRAIN DRILL.

This grain drill was exhibited to a large number of people so as to show the nature of its operation in the field. It is constructed upon nearly similar to other drills, though there are important differences contributing to the excellence of the machine which would only be observed upon close examination. By turning a thumb screw attached to each piston, the amount of grain sown can be very accurately regulated. The farmer may sow thick or thin, a bushel or a bushel and a peck, or more, as he prefers. If he drills oats, he may put in three or four bushels. We saw last spring a field of oats sowed by one of these drills, and afterwards observed the grain when at maturity. Though the ground was poor, the ridges made by the soil by the pistons were filled with thick grain-bearing stalks of heavy grain, giving conclusive evidence of this sterling merit of the implement. In a latitude where winter grain is so apt to freeze out an our own, the advantages of such a drill as this can hardly be overrated.

MOORE & KELLY'S PATENT PORTABLE PICKET FENCE AND MACHINE FOR WEAVING IT.

We seldom see a more ingenious piece of mechanism than the foregoing machine. Our space will not admit of a description of it, if we were able to make one sufficiently clear to be intelligible to our readers. We will only observe that it is quite complex in its construction, but still well adapted to the end intended to be subserved. It is easily managed, not liable to get out of order, requires but little power to drive it and will weave over half a mile of fence every ten hours it is worked. It weaves pickets of any thickness or length and from two to six inches apart. Its character may be partly conjectured from an account of the picket fence. Of all fences yet introduced, it embraces most effectually the purposes of the agriculturist, being a complete inclosure, insurmountable and invisible, and at the same time easily removed or transposed, allowing every inch of soil to be cultivated. It is woven on strong strands of wire, to convenient lengths, the slats or pickets having a lozenge form, and the wires which supply the place of rails twisting alternately about and clinching them most securely. The economy of wood in this structure is a very essential item. To illustrate—A piece of timber 4 feet long and 1 foot square, will make 48 palings, 3 inches wide, 1 inch thick and 4 feet long; such is the result which can be obtained by making palings in the old and well known form; the same size of timber above named will make 96 palings of the lozenge form, 4 feet long, 8 inches wide and 1 inch thick in the centre. By following the rule commonly used in putting up picket fences, which is to leave the space between each picket equal to the picket used, the 48 pickets of the common and well known form will make 24 feet of picket fence; by following the same rule, the 90 pickets of lozenge form will make 45 feet of picket fence. This is a very great difference in the two results obtained from the same size of timber; it gives the lozenge form nearly twice the number of pickets, and nearly double the length of fence over the common form of pickets. This fence took the premium and diploma for the best specimens at our State Fair. In its construction it scarcely costs little material, and being of very simple fabric, if it all needs repair, requires but the work of a moment. Any man can erect of it, in a single day, an enclosure of a dozen acre field, and when put in position, it is not only substantial, but extremely handsome. It is very convenient for transportation, and is suitable for any surface, unsusceptible as well as level. It is adapted to every purpose for which such a protection is desirable—garden, pasture, meadow or field of any description. It would make a beautiful surrounding for a country seat, and could be put up at half the cost of an ordinary picket fence. We think it deserving of attention.

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John S. Murray and Joseph Snowden were, on motion of Col. R. H. Kerr, appointed Secretaries.

The districts were then called over and the delegates presented their credentials in the following order:

PITTSBURGH.

First Ward—Hugh Espy, John Rodgers.
Second Ward—Chas. Barrett, J. M. Kirkpatrick.
Third Ward—Wm. Montgomery, Andrew Hayden.
Fourth Ward—C. L. Fetterman, Col. H. Keyser.
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BIRMINGHAM.

Elizabeth—R. G. Walker, Robert Galway.
West Pittsburgh—R. Row, Joseph Rodgers.
Mononghela—John Quigg, Patrick Murry.
Manchester—John Hamilton, Jas. Hamilton.
Lawrenceville—Dr. Jas. Kerr, Jas. Pollock, jr.
East Birmingham—Thos. Hopkins, Terrence Campbell.
Duquesne—Jno. S. Johnson.
Temperanceville—Wm. Spence, H. McAfee.
Lawrenceville—Joseph Keller.
Sharpsburgh—Wm. Smith, Jacob Kyle.
Church Ward—E. McKelvy, Jno. Stewart.
South Pittsburgh—J. S. Murray, R. McMahon.
Torrenton—John Moore, J. E. Hoag.

TOWNSHIPS.

Pitt—Joseph Snowden, Moses McClock.
Collins—John Gunter, Thos. Donnelly.
Penn—John A. Gamble, Theodore Wilson.
Richland—John W. Frost, Joel K. Schum.
McCandless—Samuel Reel, H. B. Cowan.
Ross—Stephen Woods, Mathew Harbison.
Moon—Philip Stevenson, Robt Kendall.
Baldwin—Hugh Hamilton, Wm. Lafferty.
Peters—James Maylor, Wm. Fairfield.
McKeesport—Henry Gaul, Geo. Crouch.
Upper St Clair—Barnet Fawcett, Jno. Shore.
North Fayette—Saml Gregory, Alex. McFarland.
Robinson—Wm. Bell, Richard Patterson.
McKeesport—Col. R. H. Kerr, Maj. Thos. Bailey.
Forward—Jno. B. Congruve, Jas. C. Richie.
Patton—John Mealy, Jas. McCloskey.
Versailles—John Gill, Oliver Evans.
Elizabeth—David Weber, Chas. McElheny.
Charleroi—Samuel Duff, A. J. Lowry.
Jefferson—Joseph Lusk, Henry Zeller.
Snowden—Wm. Nesbit, jr., Wm. Snowden.
Fox—Thos Gibson, Jas. McMillan.
West Elizabeth—Wm. Bryson, Wm. Foust.
Indiana—Peter Hutchinson, Joseph Benton.
Lower St Clair—Jas. Schock, Adam Steiss.
South Versailles—Wm. Hall, Solomon Hays.
North Versailles—I. C. b Whitsell, Thos. Sweeney.
Elizabeth—J. S. McCalla, J. M. Russell.
Forward—John Lively, Andrew Fox.

West Elizabeth borough, and Penn, Franklin, East Deer, Neville, Fawn, Wilkins, Hardley and Ohio townships were unrepresented.

On motion of Mr. R. C. Walker, the Convention adjourned at 10½ o'clock for one hour, to allow time for absentees to report themselves.

The Convention re-assembled at 11½ o'clock, when the list of unrepresented districts was read over, and a number of delegates appeared, presenting their credentials for admission, took their seats.

The question of contested seats coming up in the case of the Fourth Ward, Allegheny, and the first district in Peebles township, which had elected two delegates from each district, but being contrary to the custom of the Democratic Conventions to admit more than one from each precinct, on motion the chair appointed the following a committee, and the meeting proceeded to examine into the above: Charles Barnett, Dr. G. H. Keyser, Manus McCloskey, Squire McCabe and Dr. Kerr.

During the absence of the committee, Judge Shannon was called upon to address the meeting, and made quite a flowery harangue. It abounded in touching apostrophes to the ballot, and eagle, the Stars and Stripes, and our Revolutionary Sires, but to our infinite surprise, omitted his favorite poetical allusion to

——Autumn leaves in Vallambrosa,"&c.

The Judge inculcated harmony, and deprecated any discussion of those unfortunate issues upon which the members of the Convention differed. He concluded with a highly colored eulogy of "Harry Foster."

The committee returning, reported through their chairman, Mr. Barnett, that two delegates from each district would be entitled to a seat in the Convention, and that John Conway and Frederick Loy, of the Fourth Ward, Allegheny, and Major James C. Richey, of Peebles, should be admitted.

On motion the Convention proceeded to elect a permanent Chairman, voting *viva voce*. On the first ballot there was a tie. Before proceeding to another ballot, a resolution was passed prohibiting delegates voting for their absent colleagues. On the second ballot, James Salisbury, of Birmingham, being elected, was conducted to the chair by Judge Shannon and Mr. Connolly. Six Vice Presidents were also chosen, and the Secretaries continued.

On motion of Col. R. H. Kerr, a committee of five was appointed by the President to draft resolutions. The committee consisted of R. H. Kerr, C. Barnett, P. C. Shannon, J. E. M'Cabe and James C. Richey.

A resolution offered by Mr. Charles Barnett, to proceed to the nomination of candidates for Assembly, was carried. There were twelve gentlemen put forward. John Peterson, Samuel H Keller, Lee A. Beckham, Joseph E. M'Cabe and Wm. Wilson, having received the five highest votes, were declared duly nominated.

The following were the nominations by the Convention for county offices:

Clerk of the Courts—John H. McElhenny.
Recorder—Philip Stevenson, Moon township.
Register—W. H. McKee, Allegheny City.
Commissioner—Jacob Tomer, Seventh Ward.
Auditor—Wm. M. Hartzell, Sixth Ward.
Surveyor—James W. Patterson.
Director of the Poor—John Kreghan, Monongahela Borough.

At this stage of the proceedings the Committee on Resolutions proceeded to report through their chairman, the irrepressible Benton Kerr, a Democrat of the Breckinridge stripe. Benton read off the following as the report of the committee:

Resolved, That in HENRY D. FOSTER, the Democratic candidate for Governor, we have a man well worthy of the vote of every true friend of Pennsylvania interests. His fame and integrity are without reproach, and he has ever been found faithful in every trust bestowed on him. A united, reliable and truth loving people will place him in the executive chair to the well being and honor of the Old Keystone State.

Resolved, That we pledge our undivided support to the ticket this day nominated, as they are honest and capable.

After Mr. Kerr had read the resolutions, Jno. M. Irwin, a Douglas Democrat, put the significant query to Benton, whether the Committee intended to ignore the action of the conventions at Baltimore and Charleston. Major Ritchie charged Benton with suppressing a portion of the resolutions. A scene of the wildest tumult ensued, and at one time a general knock down and drag out seemed inevitable. Cat-calls, hisses, cheers for Douglas and Johnson, and for Breckinridge and Lane, filled the room. Disorder reigned supreme; and oaths, defiant threats and angry menaces were heard on every side.

The pandemonium of several of the Celtic Delegates had been warmed by frequent potations of "old rye," who were evidently "travelling on their muscle and spoiling for a row." In the midst of the uproar, Major Ritchie moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was finally decided by the chair to be adopted, with the others:

Resolved, That in the present crisis of political affairs, it is our duty openly to renew our allegiance to the National Democracy, and we hereby approve of the Cincinnati and Charleston platforms, and pledge ourselves to sustain the nominations made at Baltimore, to wit: Stephen A. Douglas and Herschel V. Johnston.

Subsequently the following resolution, which had been laid on the table, was also adopted, on motion of Major Ritchie, who appeared to be the master spirit of the assemblage:

Resolved, That the imprisonment of our County Commissioners, by the Judges of the Supreme Court, for performing a sworn duty to the tax payers who placed them in power, is an act of oppression that should not go unpunished, and the humbling language of the Imperious Chief Justice (Lowrie) in passing sentence, is in character with his blundering stupidity, arrogance, and presumption, which the people will remember should he ever presume to come before them for office.

An adjournment was then carried, and the members from the 21st District nominated one Dr. James Kerr, of Birmingham, for *Congress!!* The Doctor very properly expressed his profound astonishment at this unexposed honor; in fact, stated that he was almost "paralyzed" by the compliment bestowed upon him.

The members from the 22d District elected the following conferees, to meet with those selected by Butler county: Col. R. H. Kerr, Robert Morrow and Jacob Whitsell. Adjourned.

LOCAL PREACHER'S ASSOCIATION.—Quite a number of Local preachers residing in the bounds of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Districts, met in convention at Smithfield Street M. E. Church on yesterday morning, for the purpose of organizing an Association to promote increased activity and success in preaching the Gospel, by unity of effort, and mutual improvement.

The meeting was organized by calling Rev. Henry B. Lewis, of Sharpsburg, to the chair.—After the adoption of a Constitution and By-Laws, the following officers were elected to serve until the first Saturday in March, 1861: President, James L. Graham; Vice Presidents, Asa Mill; Secretary, Wm. H. Kincaid; Treasurer, John A. Scott; Executive Committee, J. W. F. White, W. H. Kincaid, J. F. Dravo. The Constitution provides for quarterly meetings. The first quarterly meeting will be held in McKeesport, Pa., commencing on (Saturday) the 1st of December, at 10 A. M., and continue over the Sabbath.

The Association elected the following lay ministers, as delegates to the annual meeting of the National Local Preachers' Association, M. E. Church, which meets in Philadelphia, on Saturday, the 20th of October next, at 4 p. m.: J. L. Graham, J. F. Dravo, J. W. F. White, W. H. Kincaid, J. Mills, H. H. Lewis, J. Murray, J. A. Scott, J. Wilkinson, C. Gregg and D. K. Stevenson.

Rev. H. H. Lewis was appointed to preach the quarterly sermon at the next meeting of the Association, at McKeesport, and Jno. A. Scott, alternate. Adjourned with benediction.

REPUBLICAN MEETINGS.—There was a spirited Republican meeting, last night, on Poplar alley, at the pole recently raised there, and speeches made by Hon. Jasper E. Brady and others. The Sixth ward Wide Awakes turned out in full force, making a fine display and lent the meeting—was in the midst of the democratic reaction of the ward, it was a successful experiment. The locofocos were very noisy and riotous and made numerous efforts to break up the meeting—a game which they had better not undertake to repeat.

There was also an enthusiastic gathering at a Pole Raising in the Fourth ward, Allegheny. The pole is a beautiful one, and the meeting was quite large. Speeches were made by Jno. M. Kirkpatrick and Hon. R. McKnight.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT DRAVO'S.—1500 FARENES OUT.—The Republican meeting at Dravo's, nearly opposite McKeesport, on Tuesday night, was the finest demonstration of the campaign, so far. Over 200 Wide Awakes marched in procession, and at least 1500 people gathered to hear the speaking. Eloquent speeches were made by Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Howard, and the meeting was kept up until after 11 o'clock. The Republicans of Mifflin are wide awake, enthusiastic and well organized—wide awake and enthusiastic *Farenes* well organized, and will give a largely increased Republican vote. Let other townships follow her example.

A. ACCIDENT.—An Englishman named Thomas Dougherty came to his death on Tuesday evening, at Little Saw Mill Run, in a shocking manner. He had been working in a coal pit of the little Saw Mill Run Railroad Company, about three miles from Temperanceville, in the afternoon. When he had finished his day's labor, he put into car which was coming out of the pit, for the purpose of riding down to the boarding house which was about a mile below. Being unacquainted however with the width of the pit, he was struck by some projecting timbers, thrown off the car, and crushed by the wheels in such a horrible manner that he died soon afterwards. The deceased was about 35 years of age,