

# CENTRE FARMER.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

Thursday, July 15, 1875.

**MINERALOGY.**—We take pleasure in calling special attention to class 23 of our Premium List, under the above title. Col. FAIRLAMB is much interested in the mineralogy and geology of our county, and will take great pleasure in seeing those who may favor him with specimens. Let every man who has iron or other minerals upon his farm send samples.

## HALF MILE TRACK.

Recognizing the importance attached to, and the interest manifested in, the improvement of our driving horses by many of our citizens, and recognizing the fact also that we have in our midst the facilities for marked improvement in this respect in our breed of horses, the Executive Committee of our Society, at their last meeting, appointed a committee of well known gentlemen to consider what could be done in the way of increasing our present track to a half mile. J. D. SHUGERT, Esq., Capt. THOS. A. HICKS, and Mr. JOHN HARRIS were appointed this committee, the Executive Committee feeling that their superior knowledge and great interest in the subject would insure prompt attention, and more intelligent action than if the matter had been taken in hand by a sub-committee of the Executive Committee of the Society. It has been more than intimated that one of our wealthiest citizens at one time offered to present to the Society the sum of \$300 for the purpose of enlarging the track, provided the amount necessary for the purpose were raised by friends of the society. The committee appointed will no doubt take the whole subject into consideration, see what additional ground—if any—is necessary, and take such steps as may result in our having a half mile track in time for our next fair. We have authority for saying that if the offer of \$300 above referred to be made good a generous friend of the society and of all public improvements will give an equal amount to the society, to be expended in improving and beautifying the fair grounds. We hope these gentlemen may incite each other, as well as many more, to generous deeds.

## FENCES.

NICHOLAS BIDDLE, the great financier, once made an estimate of the cost of fencing in Pennsylvania. At that time—forty or fifty years ago—he estimated the cost of fencing at the full value of all the land and all the other improvements made upon the land of the entire State. The cost of fencing since that time has increased much more rapidly than the increase in the value of the land and the increase in the value of improvements made thereon. This question of fencing is becoming one of the absorbing questions of the times with farmers. It is even now the question between making and losing in our farming operations. It must become, in the near future, a question of much more absorbing interest, as the cost of materials increases. How shall we cheapen our fences? or, what is better, how shall we dispense with them entirely? are questions which every farmer is immensely interested in answering. To the solution of the problem involved in these questions every intelligent farmer ought to give his best thought and his best efforts. Is it possible to dispense with the fences entirely? If not, what can be substituted for our ordinary modern fences which will take their place, and at the same time cost less and last longer?

## COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT THE STATE COLLEGE.

An invitation from President Calder reminds us that the anniversary exercises of the Pennsylvania State College will take place in the last week of this month. These occasions are steadily growing in interest, and deserve the attention of all who can witness them. Located in our own county, a State institution, having attractions for every intelligent citizen, but particularly for progressive farmers, the college should be visited by multitudes during the approaching Commencement week. Those who knew the college in its darker hours should go and see the great improvements which lately have been made. Those who have sons or daughters to educate should go and see that, almost in sight of their own homes, they can send their children to one of the cheapest, safest and most thorough colleges in America.

The following is the programme of exercises for the week beginning with Sunday, July 25:

July 25, 3 P. M.—*Baccalaureate Sermon*, by President CALDER.  
Monday, July 26.—*Examination of Classes*.  
Tuesday, 27.—*Examination of Classes*. 1 1/2 P. M.—*Trial of Mowers*. 7 1/2 P. M.—*Class day exercises, Class of 1875*.  
Wednesday, 28.—*Examinations concluded*. 10 A. M.—*Annual Meeting of Trustees*. 1 P. M.—*Meeting of Delegates to elect Trustees*. 3 1/2 P. M.—*Trial of Reapers*. 7 1/2 P. M.—*Junior Contest for Kaine Prize*.  
Thursday, 29.—*Commencement*. 2 P. M.—*Annual Meeting of Alumni*. 7 1/2 P. M.—*President's Levee*.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF FIFTH DEPARTMENT.

Since the publication of our Premium List, Capt. THOMAS A. HICKS, who was our very efficient and energetic Superintendent of Amusements last year, and had been re-elected for the present year, has found that it would be impossible for him to give to the duties of the position that time and careful attention which it requires, and has, therefore, resigned. While we very much regret the loss of the gallant Captain's valuable services and genial presence, we are glad that the interests of this important and rapidly developing department will gain rather than lose by the change, which places it in the very capable hands of D. H. HASTINGS, Esq., of the law firm of BUSH, YOCUM & HASTINGS. Mr. HASTINGS' well known executive abilities and careful methods are a sufficient guarantee of the successful management of his department, and with the substantial aid which it is receiving from such liberal and disinterested citizens as the Hon. JAMES MILLIKEN and others, we can safely promise such an array of innocent and desirable amusements as have never been witnessed at any County Fair in the State.

## PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

An open Grange assembly was held at the stated June meeting of Merion Grange, Montgomery County, at which a public lecture was delivered by SAMUEL R. DOWNING, Esq., Master of one of the Chester County granges. We are indebted for the following abstract of his lecture to the *Farmers' Friend*, which, by the way, is one of the most faithful and ably conducted organs of the order which we have seen:

Many present learned more of the Grange movement, its origin, purposes, and contemplated future, than they previously had any conception of. The lecturer gave a brief resume of the causes which, eight years ago, conspired to develop in the minds of a few agriculturists this order of farmers; which still in its infancy, to-day numbers in the United States over two millions. He explained how all the other interests banded together in secret organizations, for mutual aid and benefit; the coal trade in its secret sessions, controlling the price of fuel, to which all submit; the corn ex-

change, numbering comparatively but a few, yet regulating in the farmer's trade the price of the grain his farm produces. The Board of Trade, the various orders of mechanics, and lastly the farmer begins to comprehend the mighty power of united action. Throughout the land, as a class, they have lived isolated lives, pressed down with toil, with little time for rest and recreation. The Grange, in its social features, modifies these lifetime hardships; admitting upon an equal footing the farmers' wives and daughters as members; teaching them how to combine pleasure with needful labor; and finding in their pleasant gatherings at the Grange the refining influences of music, and kindly greetings of neighbors; all alike interested in the business of the order, and all concurring to make of them better citizens. Politics cannot enter within the Grange; yet the farmers fully realize their position, they will not submit to being entirely represented in the Legislature and Congress by persons from every rank of life but their own.

## AN OLD HORSE BREEDER'S VIEWS.

"I beg and urge each and all to patronize only pure-bred males, and never a mongrel. My taste would incline me to patronize the thoroughbred stallion, the best for all purposes that horses are used for. 'Blood will tell' in everything, from a chicken to a man. If you propose to breed trotters, or mules, you want a dash of blood to give the produce the staying qualities desirable on the farm or on the turf. I hold that our true policy is to breed only the best, and have them well cared for. The days of pay or pleasure in handling inferior stock are numbered among the things that were. So of half-feed and poor accommodations for the comfort of your stock. A few good ones, well cared for, afford more pleasure and profit than a host of inferior ones fed on shucks and promises."

This holds good in all sorts of farm stock—raise only the best, if you would "make it pay." Our county is gaining rapidly in this direction, and has more good stock of all kinds within her limits now than ever before. Let the good work go on.

## PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NOTES.

A Pomona grange has been organized in Susquehanna county. The Buffalo Grange, 531, has built a large hall and purposes opening a grange store. Valley Grange, 38, has taken one share of stock in the Towanda Eureka Mower Company.

Oak Hall Grange, 429, reports a saving of 23 per cent. on its purchases during the past year.

The *Farmers' Friend* is responsible for the statement that Saltsburg Grange has \$20,000 in the treasury.

Ferguson Grange, 157, has completed a cosy little Grange Hall, 40x30, which it will occupy before long.

**BEGIN NOW.**—It is not too early for farmers to plan their entries for the next fair. A much fuller and better fair will be had if farmers will take the subject in hand in season. The plain, practical tillers of the soil need to arouse themselves to greater activity, and should not put off making their entries till the last day. The remark is frequently heard upon the fair grounds, "I have better specimens than these shown here. I wish I had exhibited some of my stock, or my grain, or my vegetables. I could just as well have done it, and would certainly have taken the premium." This is the time, rather than after the fair has commenced, to carefully examine your own stock and products with a view to becoming an exhibitor.

H. C. WILLETT, of Greenfield, says that a strong tea made of burvine root fed to the hogs in their slops will cure the cholera, as he has proven in several cases. It is also useful as a preventative. Among the other articles he uses to prevent his hogs from contracting the disease and keep in a healthy thriving condition are charcoal, ashes, sulphur and saltpetre.

## BUSINESS CARDS.

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