

CENTRE FARMER.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

Monday, August 16, 1875.

P. of H.—An adjourned meeting of Centre Co. Council, Patrons of Husbandry, will be held in the COURT HOUSE, Bellefonte, on THURSDAY, August 19, (inst.) A full attendance is respectfully urged upon the representatives from the subordinate Granges of the County, as business of moment to every Patron will be brought before the Council.
JAS. F. WEAVER, Sec'y.

JUDGES.

In another column will be found a complete list of the judging committees elected by the Executive Committee, to serve at our next fair. Persons who find their names in this list, and who, for any reason, cannot serve upon the committee to which they have been elected, will please so notify the Secretary, D. S. KELLER, Esq., Bellefonte, that others may be appointed in their places. Those who do serve are, by resolution of the Executive Committee, entitled to complimentary tickets to the fair, and will receive them upon application to Mr. KELLER.

FARMERS AT OUR NEXT FAIR.

It may be true that in years gone by the affairs of our Society were mainly conducted by gentleman-farmers, living in or near the county seat, and that, for this reason, the real agricultural element played a less conspicuous part at our annual fairs than was desirable, or in proportion to its importance in the county. Of late, however, this has been gradually changing, until now the Society is emphatically in the hands of the farmers of the county. Of the thirteen officers of the Society, nine, including the President, are practical farmers, living on their farms, and depending upon them for a livelihood, while of the remaining four, two own and personally direct the daily affairs of good farms, though their chief business requires them to have their residence in town. Thus, in the full list of thirteen officers, we have but two, the Secretary and Librarian, who are not farmers, and of the eleven, a majority belong to the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. This is as it should be, and is a subject of congratulation not only to the farming community, but to all the real friends of the Society. It is eminently proper that an agricultural society should be officered and conducted largely by farmers, as it is for the advancement of their direct interests that it chiefly exists.

It must not be forgotten, however, that "with possession comes responsibility," and while we may, with all propriety, congratulate ourselves upon having the control of our Society in our own hands, we must remember that this very thing makes us responsible for its conduct, and upon us, "to a greater degree than upon any other class, will the credit and benefits of a success reflect, or the ignominy of a failure rest." This consideration should stimulate and incite us to use our best efforts to make the coming fair a success, and demonstrate our ability to make the most of our opportunities. If our fair is not a better one than any of its predecessors have been, the fault will be our own. Let us show what there is in us!

REMOVAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE.—The offices of the National Grange have been removed from Washington D. C., where they have been located since 1867, or since the organization of Patrons of Husbandry has had its existence, to Louisville, Ky., where the National Grange will be located permanently.

We are informed the Patrons of Centre county contemplate holding a Grand Harvest-Home Pic-Nic some time in September, on the Fair Grounds. Look out for a regular ground swell. The tramp will be like the tramp of thousands. Will advise our readers in our next.

THE MILLIKEN PRIZES.

Three handsome prizes, in the form of GOLD MEDALS, have been presented to the Agricultural Society of Centre county, by JAMES MILLIKEN, Esq., and will be awarded to the successful contestants in rifle shooting, walking and throwing matches, arranged by the Society.

The medal for rifle shooting has in its central portion, on a plate of red gold, an engraving representing a rifle range, with figures. Encircling this is a band of yellow gold, bearing the inscription in black enamel, "Milliken Rifle Prize, 1875." This is surrounded by a laurel wreath of green tinted gold. Radiating from, and forming a background to, these parts are golden rays. On the lower part of the medal are two crossed rifles in miniature, accurately modeled in gold and platina; the whole suspended from a broad bar inscribed in enamel, "Agricultural Society, Centre County, Pa."

The running prize has a slab of gold, marked in enamel, "Milliken Prize," with two athletes running. Above these is a shoe, emblematic of foot racing. The slab is supported by laurel branches on either side, tied together with a ribbon. Pointed rays spring from behind these; all depending from a wreathed bar pin.

The third medal is elliptical in form, composed of strap and buckle, with the enameled inscription, "Milliken Prize, Throwing Shoulder Stone." Within the strap is a figure in the act of throwing the stone. Two sprigs of laurel are crossed below this, and a glory of golden rays glistening behind. The medal is suspended from a plain flat bar pin. Each medal has the national tri-colored ribbon attached to the bar pin; all having been designed and made by Messrs. Tiffany & Co. of New York, for Col. MILLIKEN.

The prizes will be on exhibition after the 1st of September. The rifle shooting prize will be awarded for the best three shots from the shoulder, at one hundred yards range, with open sights. The walking prize to the first in on a fair heel and toe, a five mile walk on the track. The throwing prize to whoever will throw the shoulder stone (a 16lb cannon ball?) the greatest distance.

The contests will take place during the continuance of the Agricultural fair this fall. It must be remembered that these contests are open to all known residents of Centre County, and the following adjoining counties: Mifflin, Huntingdon, Blair, Clearfield, Clinton, and Union. The Agricultural Society will also give second and third prizes in money, the amount not named as yet. All communications in reference to these contests should be addressed to D. H. HASTINGS, Bellefonte.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SECOND DEPARTMENT.

Mr. SAMUEL B. LEATHERS, of Howard township, who had been elected Superintendent of the Second Department, which embraces the Agricultural and Horticultural Products, has notified us that he will be unable to discharge the duties of the position, and Mr. JOB W. PACKER, who is among the oldest citizens of the county, and one of the best farmers in Curtin township, has been elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. PACKER is one of our practical men, and his excellent judgment, and pains-taking habits, will aid largely in making the exhibition in his department a success.

CENTRE CO. COUNCIL P. OF H.

A regular meeting of this body was held in the Court room, Bellefonte, on Monday, August 2, Worthy Master M. P. WEAVER in the Chair. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a very respectable number of representatives from the different Granges of the county were present. The proceedings were

harmonious, and the best of feeling prevailed throughout the entire session. It occurs to us that this organization is working well, and promises to develop a higher business standard among the farmers. What the mainspring is to the watch, organization and consequent development of the latent powers of the mind is to the sturdy sons of toil, who, by their energy and perseverance, make the "wilderness and solitary place to blossom as the rose."

STATE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Our limited space will not allow us to gratify ourselves by an extended account of the very interesting commencement at the State College, but we take great pleasure in referring our readers to the very complete reports published in the weekly papers of the county. It was our privilege to be present during the more important part of the exercises, and to say that we were much pleased with all that we saw and heard, would be giving but a very faint idea of the favorable impression made upon us. However just may have been the adverse criticisms of former years, we are sure that the College is now one of the most desirable of all the educational institutions in the State. All its surroundings are eminently healthful, in a moral and religious, as well as physical sense; the discipline maintained is of that "mild, yet firm," character so well calculated to make students discipline themselves, and to develop a high degree a self-government; while the curriculum is large and varied enough to fully meet whatever demands may be made upon it.

ANOTHER SPECIAL BUTTER PREMIUM.

We are greatly gratified at being able to announce a special butter premium in addition to the one already offered by Mr. HARRIS. This time Mr. SECHLER, Bellefonte's most enterprising grocer, steps to the front, and proposes to do for packed butter what Mr. HARRIS does for roll butter, evidently thinking that we should fare as well in the winter, when the butter fountain is habitually dry, as in the season of its full flow. Mr. SECHLER's offer is as follows:
For best lot of packed butter.....\$6 50
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The butter to be packed in stone jars holding not less than five gallons.
The judges of Class 26 will award both the SECHLER and HARRIS premiums.

This makes a total of \$25 offered in butter premiums for this Fall's show, and should result in a splendid exhibition.

In this connection we desire to say that there will be but one more issue of our paper before the fair, and if there are others who intend offering special premiums, they will please advise either the President or Secretary of the Society at once.

FARMERS TO THE FRONT.

In an article on "The Elevating Power of the Grange," the *Farmer's Friend* has the following, which we may, without much effort, construe into a compliment both for the Order and the Society:

"A few years ago at most of our agricultural fairs, the principal committees were made up of sidewalk farmers, or of persons who never set foot on a farm, except as visitors. The tide is now turning. Almost every premium list we have received this year, has a majority of solid farmers on each agricultural committee; and where the Granges are strong, most of the farmers are members of the order. Taking the pamphlet of the 24th annual fair of the Centre County Agricultural Society, to be held at Bellefonte, Pa., October 5 to 8, 1875, as a specimen, we observe that not only a majority of the superintendents are farmers, but that a majority of the officers are also of the same calling. Further, the Grange being strong in Centre county, a majority of the officers are Patrons. This speaks well for the standing of the Grange. It also reminds us of the old and trite adage, 'The gods help those (farmers included) who help themselves.'"

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