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THE CENTRE FARMER will be issued
monthly, and is devoted exclusively to such
subjects as have a direct bearing upon the
interests of the farming community in gen-
eral and the CENTRE COUNTY AGRICULTU-
RAL SOCIETY in particular.

Terms Free, and Postage Prepaid.

ADVERTISING.—We have still room
for a limited number of advertisements—
giving preference to such as will be of in-
terest to farmers.

Terms—\$1 per inch for first insertion,
and 75 cents for each subsequent insertion.
Local Notices—20 cents per line.

Our next Annual Fair will
be held on the Society's grounds,
at Bellefonte, on Tuesday, Wed-
nesday, Thursday and Friday,
being the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th
days of October, 1875.

STATE COLLEGE HOTEL, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

A DAILY STAGE, belonging to the un-
dersigned, leaves the hotel at 7 o'clock A. M.
reaching Bellefonte in time for the 10 A. M.
train. The Stage starts, on the return trip
to the College and Pine Grove Mills, at 1
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safely and cheaply.

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Having good facilities for handling PRODUCE OF
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AMUSEMENTS AT OUR FAIR.

An Attractive List—Milliken Prizes—
Over \$400 Premiums in the Trials of
Speed—Grand Review of the Military
of Centre county—Balloon Ascension
—A Galaxy of Attractions.

The prospects were never so flattering
for a most successful exhibition of the
Agricultural Society, in October next.
Every department is better organized,
through sub-committees, than ever be-
fore. There is positive assurance that
every department will be most complete.
The department of amusements will be
unusually attractive.

The MILLIKEN PRIZES are now on exhi-
bition at Welch's Book Store, in Belle-
fonte, and are admired by all who see
them. They are made of solid gold, and
were designed by TIFFANY & Co., of
Broadway, N. Y., which fact is sufficient
guaranty of their quality and beauty.

The first of these—the SHOULDER STONE
PRIZE—will be awarded to the man, resi-
dent in this county, or any county that
adjoins Centre, who shall throw a sixteen-
pound cannon ball the farthest, subject
to the rules governing the contest. This
interesting trial will take place on Wed-
nesday of Fair week.

The MILLIKEN PRIZE for the BEST RIFLE
SHOT is, perhaps, the costliest and most
beautiful of the three, (if there be any
difference at all,) and will be awarded to
the man who shall make the best string
in three off-hand, shoulder shots, with a
rifle, at one hundred yards. This con-
test will take place on Thursday morn-
ing, October 7, at 11:30 o'clock.

The MILLIKEN WALKING-MATCH PRIZE
will be contested for on Friday, the last
day of the Fair, and will be awarded to
the man who shall walk five miles in the
shortest space of time.

All these contests will take place on
the Fair grounds at the above named
dates, and will be subject to the stand-
ard regulations for such contests, to be
found in another column.

TRIALS OF SPEED will take place daily.
The track has been placed in excellent
order, and a number of improvements
have been made upon it. Over FOUR
HUNDRED DOLLARS will be given as pre-
miums in the different races. An effort
will be made specially to reward breed-
ers of fast horses in Centre county.

The BALLOON ASCENSION will take place
on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 6. Signor
PHILIPPI, the celebrated ITALIAN AERO-
NAUT AND ACROBAT, will make the ascen-
sion in his mammoth balloon, "ITALIA."
The Signor has few equals in this coun-
try as a trapeze performer, and while his
balloon is leaving the earth he will per-
form a number of daring feats on a tra-
peze depending by long ropes from the
balloon.

In addition to the above named amuse-
ments there will be a host of others, of
minor importance.

The HUSKING MATCH always excites
great interest, and a large list of entries
is expected for this contest.

The annual contest for the premium
in the National game—BASE BALL—will
be attended with considerable interest.
The different clubs entering the list will
be handsomely uniformed. A large num-
ber of amusements of lesser note will oc-

cupy the full time of the exhibition days.

The STATE COLLEGE CADETS will be pre-
sent on Thursday, in full force, number-
ing over one hundred Cadets in line, and
will give a review and dress parade.

The Bellefonte and Philipsburg mili-
tary companies will give a competitive
drill for a set of musical instruments.

All communications in reference to
any of these amusements, should be ad-
dressed to
D. H. HASTINGS,
Bellefonte, Pa.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

For the Olympian Games under the aus-
pices of the Agricultural Society of
Centre county, to be played on the So-
ciety's Grounds during the progress of
the 25th Annual Fair, October 5th,
6th, 7th and 8th, 1875.

These sports are open to all citizens of
Centre county and of all counties that
adjoin Centre.

For the athletic sports, there will be
two referees and one judge for each
sport.

All objections, disputes, etc., to be set-
tled by the referees, together with the
judge. The judge's decision to be final.

Entries for PUTTING THE SHOULDER
STONE will close at 9 o'clock A. M. on
Wednesday, October 6—for RIFLE SHOOT-
ING at 9 o'clock A. M. on Thursday, Oc-
tober 7—for the WALKING MATCH at 9
o'clock A. M. on Friday, October 8. All
entries forfeited that do not play.

The books of entrance are now open
at the office of D. H. HASTINGS, Superin-
tendent Department of Amusements,
Bellefonte, Pa.

The sports will take place on the
grounds of the Agricultural Society near
Bellefonte.

The entrance fee for each sport will be
one dollar for each player, to be paid at
the time of entrance.

Any competitor wilfully impeding or
hindering another shall be disqualified.

Each player may be entitled to select
and wear conspicuously his own colors.
Players shall be entitled to choice of col-
ors in the order of their entering.

The official awards will be made on
the evening of October 8, 1875, at 7½ P.
M. in the Court House, in the Borough
of Bellefonte; at which time the prizes
will be presented to the various win-
ners, with suitable addresses, by persons
selected by the Society.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR PUTTING THE SHOULDER STONE.

1st Prize—The elegant Gold Medallion,
known as the Milliken Shoul-
der Stone Prize.

2d Prize—Ten Dollars.

3d Prize—Three Dollars.

In the competition three tries will be
allowed each player, and then the three
best will be allowed each a further three
tries; the best of these last three to win
the prizes in their order of superiority.

The Putter will stand between two
parallel lines, seven feet apart, and may
run up and deliver from the inside line;
the distance will be measured from this
line to where the ball drops.

If, in delivering, either foot touches
the inside line, or after delivering, the
putter oversteps this limit, the throw is
not allowed, although it is counted among
the number of tries allowed.

The weight of the stone will be six-

teen pounds, and will be furnished by
the Society.

THE RIFLE SHOOTING CONTEST.

1st Prize—The elegant Gold Medallion,
known as the Milliken Rifle
Prize.

2d Prize—Ten Dollars.

3d Prize—Three Dollars.

The distance will be 100 yards.
All shots must be made with rifles,
using only the open sights.

Each marksman must come prepared to
furnish his own target and rifle.

The measure of the shots will be tak-
en by a pair of compasses or tape, and
will be from the centre of the bullet hole
to the centre of the bull's-eye.

The prizes will be awarded to the three
shots making the shortest strings in the
order of their merit.

Each shot must be made off hand from
the shoulder, without arm-rest or other
artificial support.

Each marksman must follow his shots
in the order required by the referees and
judge.

All scores outside of an eight inch
radius from the centre shall constitute a
miss, and one miss shall defeat the con-
testant. Targets must therefore be not
less than 16 inches wide.

All conversation during the firing
strictly prohibited.

THE WALKING MATCH.

1st Prize—The elegant Gold Medallion,
known as the Milliken Walk-
ing Prize.

2d Prize—Ten Dollars.

3d Prize—Three Dollars.

The race will take place on the track.
Contestants will start from a score, op-
posite the Judges' Stand, at the signal
made by a pistol shot; and will walk a
fair heel-and-toe gait for five miles, un-
der the inspection of the referees, who
will accompany them, mounted.

All other persons are forbidden the
track at the time of the race.

No attendant to accompany a compet-
itor at the starting post, or during the
race.

Fifteen circuits of the Track will con-
stitute five miles, and all players must
come to the winning post, which will be
at the place of starting, to be entitled to
a prize.

JOHN A. WOODWARD, President.

D. S. KELLER, Secretary.

A CHALLENGE TO RIFLEMEN.

The various Rifle Teams of Centre
county send challenge to the riflemen
of Mifflin, Huntingdon, Blair, Clearfield,
Clinton and Union, to come to Belle-
fonte and contest with them on Thurs-
day, October 7, 1875, for the elegant gold
prize offered by JAMES MILLIKEN, Esq.,
through the Agricultural Society of Cen-
tre county—for the best three shots off
hand, one hundred yards range, with
open sights—and for either of them to
take the prize from this county if they
can.

By order of the Rifle Teams of Centre
county.
D. H. HASTINGS,

Superintendent Amusement Department.
Bellefonte, Sept. 23, 1875.

B. F. PHILIPS, in Rural New Yorker,
states that the application to his potatoes of
five pounds each of copperas and slacked
lime, dissolved in twenty gallons of water
effectually destroyed the potato bug.