ERIE COUNTY

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At the Annual Exhibition of the Erie County Agricultural Society held in the Garrison Park in the City of Erie, on the 3d, 4th and 5th days of October, 1855, nearly two thousand entries were made for Premiums, besides a large number of articles of very high merit were placed on exhibition to add to its interest without being entered for premium

Much credit is due to a large number of citizens of Erie County, as well as numerous citizens of Chautauque County, N. Y., Warren and Crawford Counties, Pennsylvania, for the interest taken in the exhibition

The afternoon of the last day being stormy, the people were deprived the privilege of hearing the Annual Address which was to have been delivered at 1 o'clock P. M. by the Hon James Thompson, who delivered holding his audience in the storm A part of the awards were read by the Secretary, but the public sale of Cattle, Sheep Swine and other articles was necessarily dispensed with

It would have been singular indeed, had the judges in all cases been correct in their awards, and all persons satisfied therewith and it is probable that by reason of the hurry in making decisions, as well as other causes, injustice has been done in some cases — Be that as it may, it is still the interest of our citizens to spend a day or two each year in comparing side by side their own productions, with that of their fellow citizens; and if others can excel, let it be a stimulus to make further improvement

The following are the awards as reported by the Judges to the Secretary, viz.

On Horses, including Stud Horses and Stud Colts

Best Stallion for Carriage to Jonathan Stafford, Dip & $5 00
2d do do H P Whallon, 4 00
3d do do H D Richardson 3 00
4th do do G. H. Turner, 2 00
Best Stallion for Draft, S Maxwell, Dip & $5 00
Best 3 year old Stud Colt Dr S Dickinson, Dip & 4 00
2d do do George Hewitt. $3 00
Second premium on a two year-old Stud Colt, was awarded, to R C Halliway, 2 00
Horses, including Matched, Single and Farm Horses
Best 4 year old gelding, Stephen Stuntz, Dip & 3 00
2d do do Franklin Willis, 2 00
3d do do Presley M'Creary, 1 00
Best span of farm Horses, H B Harverstick, Dip & 4 00
2d do do Thomas Henderson. 3 00
3d do do Amos Stone, 2 00
4th do do John Uhr, 1 00
Best span of matched Carriage Horses, W R. Brown, Dip & 4 00
2d do do Wm Hinton, 3 00
2d do do John Mills, 2 00
4th do do John Kreider 1 00
Best span of Farm Mares, Seth Pettit, dip & 4 00
2d do do Amos Martin, 3 00
3d do do A G Davison, 2 00
Best Span of Carriage Mares, W W Davison, dip & 4 00
2d do do M Caldwell, 3 00
3d do do G W Coover, 2 00
Best Saddle and Carriage Horse of any age James Hart. dip & 3 00
2d do do H G Sessions, 2 00
3d do do Amos Burford. 1 00
Best Saddle and Carriage Mare of any age W W Bishop, dip & 2 00
2d do do W C Braley 2 00
3d do do James I Eusworth. 1 00

The Committee further recommends the following for premium, on fast trotting horses, viz: Stockholm 1st premium, M Caldwell 2d and W H Brown of Meadville 3d, do

For fast trotting mares to trace Nelson, 1st premium, J Halderman 2d do and to Dr Wilcox, 3d do

Horses including Brood Mares and Colts of every description except Stud Colts of a year old and over

Best Mare and Colt, Thomas Wanzey, dip & 1 00
2d do do D T Bennett, 2 00
3d do do Alexander M'Clelland 2 00
4th do do Wm H M Comb 1 00
Best 3 year old Gelding, Isaac B Wilder dip & 3 00
2d do do E. Olds, 1 00
3d do do Austin P Boden 1 00
Best 2 year old Gelding, O. B Dunn 2 00
2d do do James Dunn 1 00
Best 3 year old Mare, James Janes 3 00
2d do do Joseph Arbuckle 2 00
3d do do J L Cosper 1 00
Best 2 year old Mare, Stewart Chambers 2 00
2d do do James Dunn, 1 00
Best 1 year old Colt Thomas Elliott, 2 00
2d do do Wm H M Comb 1 00
Best sucking Colt under 1 year H A Sherwin, 1 50
2d do do A Brainard. 1 00

Fat Cattle and Working Oxen

Best pair of fattened Oxen for beef, John C Graham, 4 00
Best fattened Animal for beef, Z. Mayer 3 00
2d do do 2 00
Best pair of Working Oxen James Sampson 3 00
2d do do Moses C. Giddings 1 00
3d do do Oscar Dunn, 1 00
4th do do Porter Willard 1 00
Best pair of trained 4 year old Steers dip & 3 00
2d do do 1 00
Best pair of trained 3 year old Steers, N D Lowry, 2 00
2d do do James Asbury 1 50
Best pair of trained 2 year old Steers native,) James Asbury, dip & 2 00
Best trained Calves under 1 year old H O Root, 1 00
2d do do James Evans, 50

Cows and other Cattle not included in the first committee of native breed

Best Bull over 2 years old David Chambers, dip & [illegible]
Best Bull of any breed or age sweep stakes James Sampson, dip & 3 00
best bull Calf, W W Davison, dip & 1 00
2d do do Wm King. 1 00
Best heifer Calf. Thomas Dunn, 2 00
2d do do Peter E Burton 1 00
Best 2 year old Heifer, Hugh Rutherford 2 00
Best Milch Cow. Hugh Rutherford, dip & 3 00
2d do do Asa Brainard, 2 00
3d do do W W. Davison. 1 00
Best yearling Heifer, Asa Brainard, 1 50
2d do do L A Cowden, 1 00

Durham Cattle and other Improved Breeds

Best Durham bull over 2 year old, D Lott, dip & 4 00
2d do do W Culberston, 3 00
3d do do P F I. Brown, 1 00
Best Durham bull over 1 year old and under two, Shadduck, Burton and Parker, dip & 3 00
Best Durham Cow, Henry A. Pendergast, dip & 3 00
2d do do Shadduck, Burton & Parker, 2 00
Best Durham bull Calf, Henry A Pendergast, dip & 2 00
2d do do P F I. Brown, 2 00
Best Durham heifer Calf, John McKee, 2 00
2d do do Henry A Pendergast, 1 00
Best Devon bull, Jesse R Prindle, dip & 4 00
Best Devon heifer Calf, Shattuck, Burton, Root and Parker, dip & 2 00

Awards were also made to Messrs Shattuck & Co for best 1 year old Devon heifer, and to P F I Brown for best 2 year old Durham heifer, but not being the premium list, the Committee could not award under the rules of the Society.

Best Hereford bull over 2 years, N Griffin, dip & 4 00
Best Hereford Cow, James Sampson, dip & 3 00
2d do do James Sampson, 2 00

A premium was also awarded to James Sampson for the best 2 year old Hereford heifer but it was not provided for in the list.

Best cross of Durham and Hereford bull Sampson & Koehler,
Best cross blood Calf, Wm Sampson,
2d do do H C Wadsworth
Best 2 year old bull cross of Ayrshire and Durham, R. G Dunn, 2 00

An award was made to Henry A Pendergast for best 3 year old Durham heifer, which was not in the list

Best 3 year old heifer cross of Hereford and Devon, A O Hill, 2 00

Graded Cattle

Best Milch Cow, T A Bemus, 3 00
2d do do M A Hayes, 2 00
3d do do H C Wadsworth 1 00
Best 2 year old heifer, Thomas E Kendrick 2 00
2d do do Thomas E Kendrick 1 00
Best yearling heifer, A Brainard 2 00
2d do do A Brainard 1 00
Best heifer Calf Thomas Dunn, 2 00
2d do do Adna Steele 1 00
Best pair trained 3 year old Steers L A Cowden, dip & 2 00
Best pair trained 2 year old Steers Alexander M'Clelland dip & 2 00
2d do do Samuel Chambers 1 00
Best pair trained 1 year old Steers, H O Root 1 50
2d do do H Shattuck, 1 00

Sheep

Best Leicester buck, J R Moorhead, dip & 2 00
2d do do D K Baker 2 00
3d do do W A Bean, 1 00
Best 2 Leicester Ewes, T C Kendrick 2 00
2d do do J R Moorhead 1 00

D. K. Baker's Leicester Ewe was considered best, but there being but one, could not take the premium

Best Leicester buck lambs, Moses Reeker 2 00
2d do do J R. Moorhead, 1 00
Best Merino or fine wool buck, Thomas A. Bemus, dip & 3 00
2d do do Thomas Elliott. 2 00
3d do do P. D. Bryant, 1 00
Best two Ewes of fine wool, Thomas Elliott, 3 00
2d do do Thomas A. Bemus, 2 00
3d do do Thomas A Bemus, 1 00
Best 3 fine wool buck Lambs, Thomas A Bemus, 2 00
Best 3 fine wool Ewe lambs, Thomas A Bemus, 2 00
Best Cotswald buck, John M'Cord, 2 00
2d do do John M'Cord. 1 00
Best two Cotswald Ewes. Thomas Willis, 2 00
Best two Cotswald buck lambs, J. McCord, 2 00
Best two Cotswald Ewe lambs. T Willis, 2 00
Best Southdown buck, Moses Reeker, dip & 3 00
2d do do D. K. Baker, 2 00
Best two Southdown Ewes, Moses Reeker, 2 00
Best French Merino buck, Thomas Elliott, dip & 3 00
Best buck of any breed (sweepstakes,) J. R. Moorhead, dip & 2 00

The Committee also recommended a premium to D. K. Baker for Southdown ewe and buck lamb — Also to W A Bean for 1 Southdown buck

Swine,

Best Suffolk boar over 1 year old, Robert Counson, dip & 1 00
2d do do L. C. Bliss, 2 00
Best Suffolk sow, Robert Cochran, 2 00
2d do do E C Bliss, 2 00
Best 4 Pigs between 2 and 6 months old P E Burton, 2 00
2d do do A O Hill, 1 00
Best mixed blood boar L A Cowden 3 00
2d do do Amos Stone 2 00
Best mixed breed breeding sow, Peter L Burton, 2 00

Best sucking Pigs on the ground (of Suffolk breed, not being 3 weeks old, the Committee recommend to the Committee on Cattle to add these articles to award a premium to L C Bliss

Poultry

Best and largest variety of pure bred fowls, Dr S Dickinson, 3 00
Best pair of Shanghaes Thomas Willis, 1 50
2d do do Jacob Flury, 1 00
Best Bramas Poulas L A Cowden, 1 50
2d do do J D Dunlap, 1 00
Best Scotch Game J D Dunlap, 1 50
Best pair of mixed breed Jacob Flury, 1 50
2d do do L A Cowden, 1 00
Best Common Fowls Jacob Flury, 1 00
2d do do James Evans, 50
Best pair of Ducks Thomas Willis 1 50
Best pair of Geese L A Cowden 1 00
2d do do James Evans. 75

Wheat, Barley, Oats and Corn

Best bushel of Seed Wheat S Chambers, 2 00
2d do do J Burton. 1 50
3d do do J R Moorhead, 1 00
4th do do P McCreary, 75
5th do do S M. Brown, 50
Best 12 ears of Seed Corn. P McCreary, 50
2d do do 25

The Committee also recommend a premium to Porter Willard for his superior specimens of seed corn

This Committee will hold its session at the Agricultural Room in the new Court House in Erie on the third Wednesday of February 1856, to examine and decide upon whatever is offered belonging to their department for Winter premium

Field Crops other than Wheat, Barley, Oats and Corn

Best bushel of Clover Seed, Samuel M. Brown, 1 00
Best bushel of Timothy Seed, Seth Pettit, 1 00
2d do do A O. Hill, 50
Best specimens of Basket or Ozier Willow, Dr Ira Sherwin, 1 50

This Committee will also meet at the Agricultural Room in the new Court House in Erie on the third Wednesday of February 1856, to decide upon such articles as shall there be presented for premium in their department

Bread, Butter, Cheese, Honey, Sugar, etc

Best 10lbs of Butter, Ellenor Leland. dip & 1 00
2d do do Tobias Fickinger, 50
3d best Firkin of butter made in June, A. Leeland, 1 00
Best Cheese A K Miller, dip & 2 00
2d do do A K Miner, 50
3d do do John Burton. 2 00
4th do do John Burton 1 00
5th do do John Johnson, 1 00
Best Honey to Comb, John M Warren, 1 00
Best Bee Hive, John M Warren, dip & 1 00
Best Maple Sugar, Daniel Fenton, 1 00
2d do do Daniel Fenton, 50
Best Dipt Candles, Thomas Fickinger dip & 1 00
2d do do James Evans 1 00
3d do do Robert Evans, 50
Best specimen of Brown Rosten Fowl, dip & 1 00
Best do Rice Rosten Sewl dip & 1 00
2d do do Robert Evans 1 00
3d do do M J Olds, 50
Best Bars Soap A [illegible] 1 00
2d do do John Evans Jr 50
Best do Mary C Chambers 50

Ploughs and Ploughing

Best Ploughing Thomas Elliott 5 00
2d do do John Burton 4 00
3d do do Wm W Davison 3 00
4th do do J Hutchinson 2 00
5th do do J Wood 1 00
Best Ploughing by boy under 17 years 1 00

The Committee report no investigation of Plough exhibited by Wm Allis of Westfield N Y and so only on a premium

Best green sward Plough, Glass and Chase Cast Iron, dip & [illegible]
Best double Plough Sennett, Barr & Co Patent Beam, dip & 2 00
Best sub soil Plough, Messrs. Lindell, Kepler & Co, dip & 1 00

Farming Utensils other than Ploughs

Best collection Farm Tools, John Burton, 3 00
Best Harrow, Lindell, Kepler & Co. 1 00
Best Horse cultivator, Sennett, Barr & Co 1 00
Best Stump Cutter Clark A McCarter 1 00
Best Stump Cutter Henry Jessup 1 00
Best Wheel Drill Root Evans, 1 00
Best Mowing Machine Sennett Barr & Co.
Best Corn Sheller W W Davison 50
Best Grain Fan R L Sibley 1 00
Best Green Cradle W W Davison 50
Best do do Brown & Wheeler 50
Best Churn, Clark & McCarter, 50
Best do Yankee Boy Clark & McCarter 50
Best Farm Wagon, Walter Glenn 3 00
2d do do I C Bennett. 2 00

The Committee further recommend a premium for the following articles as very meritorious

Best hay Cutter Box Wm Allis of Westfield N Y
Best Crushing and Grinding Mill Joel Weigle,
Best Wheat Drill Henry Jessup

Flour

Best barrel of Flour known to the smallest quantity of water, John Bennett dip & 2 00

Fruit

The Fruit Committee of the Erie County Agricultural Society to examine Fruits have attended to the duty of their appointment, meeting weekly through the Summer and Fall, report that they awarded the following Premiums

Best 6 varieties table table Apples, Lincoln Fay, Chautauque county, N Y dip & 2 00
2d do do Philip Osborn, 2 00
3d do do Robert Sewell, 75
4th do do Henry Gingrich 50

Best specimen of varieties Winter Apples, Robert Sewell, 2 00
2d do do Philip Orborn, 1 00
3d do do Robert Evans, 75
4th do do Curvin Leet 50

Best greatest number good varieties of Apples, L C Bliss, Chautauque county, 97 var's, 2 00
2d do do L Fay do 88 do 1 00
3d do do R Sewell, 48 do 75
4th do do W Kelley, 44 do 50

Best specimen of Summer Pears, S P Beecher. 1 50
2d do do Calvin Leet, 1 00
3d do do Wm Kelley 50
Best Autumn Pears, James Evans, 1 50
2d do do Robert Sewell. 1 00
3d do do Calvin Leet, 50
Best Winter Pears, S P Beecher, 1 50
2d do do Robert Sewell, 1 00
3d do do E C. Bliss, 50
Greatest number of good variety of Pears, S.P. Beecher. 9 var's, 1 50
2d do do R Sewell, 7 do 1 00
3d do do John Rice, 6 do 50

Mr Lott of Warren county, Penna., sent a specimen of Seedling Pears, which the committee pronounce to be a valuable variety

Best Peck Quinces, Chester Jones, 1 00
2d do do Mrs D S Clark, 75
3d do do J K Caldwell. 50
Best 6 varieties Peaches S Dickinson, 1 00
2d do do E Babbitt, 75
3d do do George Kellogg, 50
Greatest variety good Peaches, Calvin Leet. 1 50
2d do do S Dickinson 1 00
Best collection Plums [illegible] 1 50
2d do do O Coombs, 1 00
3d do do J D Dunlap 50
Best collection Apricots G Sanford 1 00
2d do do Wm Kelley 75
Best collection Cherries Jacob Farver 1 00
2d do do S P Beecher 75
3d do do Wm Kelley. 50
Best Prunes [illegible]
2d do do James Evans. 50
Best and most extensive collection Grapes Lincoln Fay, 1 50
2d do do Robert Sewell, 1 00
3d do do J K Caldwell. 50
Best late variety Grapes, Henry Gingrich 75
2d do do W W Warner 50
Best early variety Grapes, Wm Kelley, 75
2d do do T Sanford 50
Best Water Melon, Calvin Leet 75
2d do do James Moorhead 50
Best Musk Melon J A Moorhead. 75
2d do do Calvin Leet. 50
Best early Apples Wm Kelley, 1 00
2d do do Philip Osborn, 50
Best Strawberries, S P. Beecher, 1 00
2d do do S P Beecher. 50
Best Currants, Henry Gingrich, 50
Best Blackberries, W W Eaton, 50

The Committee would observe that the variety of Apples were remarkably fair and fine, which made it difficult to decide among the competitors. Excellent specimens were exhibited by Messrs Dean Parker, Stephen Stuntz, A P Beldin, A Leland, Amos Stone, Jacob Flury, Samuel M. Brown, Tobias Fickinger, Thomas Willis, Jas. M. Moorhead, David Chambers, John K Caldwell, John Rice, Wm Graham, A M Leet, M. R Barr, J. C. Spencer and Jacob Farver — Fine Grapes by Capt Porter Willard, L H Couse and W W. Warner Mr Bliss presented a bottle of Wine, the juice of Isabella Grape, which the committee pronounced very superior.

Flowers and Green House Plants

Best Floral Exhibition, Jas Hubblewhite, dip & 4 00
2d do do John Sampson, 3 00
3d do do John Sampson, 2 00
4th do do John Sampson, 1 00
Best and most extensive collection of Green House Plants, John Sampson, dip & 2 00
2d do do James Hubblewhite. 1 00
3d do do Mrs. P. Willard, 50
Best Bouquet, John Coppersmith, 1 00
2d do do John Sampson, 75
3d do do Miss M. Moorhead, 50

Roots and Garden Vegetables

Best 6 stalks of Cellery, John Sampson, 50
do 2 heads of Cauliflowers, L. H. Couse.
do 2 heads of Broccoli, (not numbered,
do 12 Table Turnips, John Coppersmith
do 12 Carrots, A Leland
do 12 Table Beets, Mrs. Emeline W Caswell,
do 12 Onions, A Leland
do 12 Parsnips, S. P Beecher,
do 3 Tomatoes, E C Bliss
do 12 Sweet Potatoes L H Couse
do 12 Heads of Cabbage S P Beecher
do 2 Egg Plant, James Hubblewhite,
Best quart of Lima Beans, Lewis Steele
do Winter Beet, Robert Reed
do bushel of domestic Onions, Lewis Steele
do varieties of Squashes John W Hays
Largest and best Pumpkins Seth Pettit
Best 12 ears of Sweet Corn Dr Ira Sherwin,
Best half bushel of table Potatoes, Porter Willard
2d do do John Johnson
Best seedling Potatoes, John Johnson.
2d do do Jonas A. Parker,
3d do do D C Terrell,
Greatest and best variety of Garden Seeds, L H Couse,
2d do do Lucius A Steele
Best and greatest variety of vegetables raised by exhibitors, L. H Couse
Greatest varieties of Potatoes 16 kinds very excellent, the committee recommend a premium to L. C. Bliss. A superior variety of Potatoes, (new kind) was exhibited by G S. Russell, and also by Robert M C Tate, a very fine variety, to both, a premium is recommended by committee

Household Manufactures.

Best pair of Woolen Blankets Mrs Presley Arbuckle, dip & 1 00
2d do do H Crider & Co., 50
Best Rag Carpet, Mrs P. Willard, dip & 1 00
2d do do Robert Custard. 50
Best Woolen Coverlet, Mrs. P Willard, dip & 1 00
Best pieced Bed Quilt, Benjamin Brownel, dip & 1 00
2d do do (mistake in the No.) 75
3d do do Mrs. J. M. M Creary, 50
Best Counter Pane, Miss Martha Brown, dip & 1 00
2d do do Mrs D S Clark. 50
Best Table Spread, Mrs H Leland, dip & 1 00
2d do do Mrs. A E Hayes. 50
Best Tow Cloth of 20 yards or more, Mrs H. Leland, dip & 1 00
Best specimen of Sewing Silk of 6 skeins and more, Mrs R. Brown, dip & 1 00
Best Hearth Rug, Miss Thayer, dip & 1 00
Best pair of Woolen Gloves, Mrs A. E Hayes, 50
Best Woolen Yarn, Henry Shattuck, 50
Best pair Woolen Shirts, Mrs P Willard, dip & 50
Best pieced Bed Quilt, Miss E E Fleming, dip & 50

Domestic Hardware

Best two horse Hearse, Peter Hume, dip & [illegible]
Best one-horse Carriage, Geo. Nelson, (open buggy,) dip & 3 00
2d do do J M. Case. 2 00
3d do do Yale & Breece, 1 00
Best Cooking Stove, Sennett, Barr & Co., (Western American,) dip & 2 00
2d do do Liddle, Kepler & Co
Forest Oak
Best Par Stove for wood, N. Murphy, (iron self regulator) dip & [illegible]
2d do do Liddle, Kepler & Co
Best Parlor Stove for coal L N & Co
2d do do Sennett Barr & Co
Best Blacksmith Work Elias Iddings, (horse shoes) dip & [illegible]
2d do do E Brown
Best tin and Copper Ware Lucius A Steele
2d do do Sennett Barr & Co
Best exhibition of Manufactures in Tin, Sheet Iron and Zinc, H Jarecki,
2d do do [illegible]
Best Brass Work Mr [illegible]
2d do do H Jarecki
Best Gunsmith Work Brooks & Horton
2d do do D Weiss

Miscellaneous Manufactures

Best Marble Work, Lindell & Kepler
do Potash Making, Olds & Aiken
2d do do Olds
Best Tanning and Currying E Pratt
do Book binding Oliver Spafford
do Printing, Young & Lum
do Tailoring, John Gallagher
2d do do [illegible]
Best Dentistry A B Robinson
do Silver Ware and Jewelry A M Martin,
do Carriages, H Crider & Co
2d do do James Cochran
Best Boots, Joseph Case
2d do do J John Case,
Best Furniture, H Crider & Co
do Brick making, L. Goodrich
do Tile for draining, E Goodrich

Painting, Drawing, Daguerreotypes etc

Best Daguerreotype specimen, J C Sharpture,
Best Drawing S F Fox
2d do do Oseana Brown
Best drafting in machinery Henry F Sennett

Millinery and Dress Making

Best Millinery, Mrs A Barrett,
2d do do Mrs L. S Lum
Best Dress Making, Miss A Fox
2d do do Mrs J. L. Cooper

Needle Work, Bar Work and Embroidery

Best plain Needle Work, Miss M M Moorhead,
2d do do Mrs Moorhead
Best fine Needle Work, Mrs Moorhead dip & 1 00
2d do do Mrs Moorhead,
Best Embroidery in Worsted, Miss Parkin dip & 1 00
2d do do R W Vancise,
Best Embroidery in Paper Mrs Thomas Moorhead, dip & 1 00
2d do do Miss Nancy Moorhead 50
Best Embroidery in Silk, Miss M Moorhead dip & 1 00
2d do do Miss L Gould
Best Embroidery in Muslin, S L Zimmerman,
2d do do S L Zimmerman
Best Embroidery in Lace Miss M Moorhead dip & 1 00
2d do do Mrs Moorhead
Best Silk Patch Work, Mrs J Vincent dip & 1 00
2d do do Miss Thayer, 50

Best Lamp Mat not embroidered, the number numbered the Committee could not designate the owner)

Best ornamental Shell Work, Miss L A Tennant, dip & 1 50
2d do do Mrs. Bridget O Brien 50
Best Artificial Flowers in Wax, Anna L Zimmerly, dip & 1 00
Best Crochet Collar, Mary G Chambers, dip & 1 00
2d do do M A Knogle,
Best Crochet Collar and Sleeves, Miss Eliza Kolb, dip & 1 00
Best article of Ornamental fancy Bead work, Miss L Zimmerman, dip & 1 00
Best specimen of Knitting, Miss M Moorhead, dip & 1 00
2d do do Miss M Moorhead. 50
Best specimen of Netting, Mrs Jos Moorhead, dip & 1 00
2d do do Mrs Moorhead, 50
Best herbarium of Superb Flowers, Mrs T Moorhead, dip & 50
Best transfered Work in Lace, A L Zimmerman, 50
Best Leather fancy Work, Miss L A Tennant, dip & 50
Best Embroidery on Jaconet, (an infants dress,) Miss L S. Jackson, dip & 1 00
Best embroidered Collar on Jaconet, Miss L M Curry, dip & 50

There was an Ottoman Cover which would have received a premium, but there was no number on it to designate the owner

Best basket of very handsome Shells Mrs T [illegible] 50
Best Embroidery on baby's dress, Mrs J Wa[illegible]
2d do do Mrs A Barrett 50

There were numerous articles, [illegible] silk patch Work, a Lamp Mat [illegible] Work, and many other very meritorious [illegible] not sent in time to receive premiums [illegible] would have received them

Miscellaneous Articles Generally

Best case of tools, carriage trimmings [illegible] ery, &c., Rogers, Kenney & Reynolds dip & 1 00
Best Gang Plough Wm Allis, dip & 2 00
Best self acting Regulator for Ventilators &c John Cary,
Best Leicester Ewes, D K Baker
Best Southdown Ewe D K Baker
Best Southdown Buck Lamb D K Baker
Best Dorset Buck W A Bean
Best Mechanics Tool Chest, A [illegible]

A very fine article of Sawed [illegible] worthy of notice by James [illegible]

Best Copying Press Sennett, Barr & Co
Best Coal Grate and fixtures, Sennett, Barr & Co 1 00
Best Washing Machine, T. F Adams,
Best Maps McLean and Moore,

There was also a very fine piece of worked collar made by Mr Russell, well worthy of notice

Best Sucking Pigs under 8 weeks old on the ground, Suffolk, E C Bliss, dip and 2 00

The Annual Meeting of the Society will be held at their Agricultural Room in the new Court House in the City of Erie, on the third Wednesday of February 1856, at 10 o'clock, A M for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year Any persons who may become members this year by the payment of one dollar, will be entitled to vote, and are requested to be present at that time Persons entitled to Premium money can call on J C Spencer, and those entitled to Diplomas can have them by calling at the office of the Secretary. STEPHEN C LEE, Pres

JAMES D DUNLAP, Sec'y.

DON'T TRY TO TALK LATIN.—"No use of me trying to collect that bill, sir," said a collector to his employer, handing the dishonored document to the latter. "Why?" "The man who should pay it is *non est*." "Then take it and collect it, sir. A *non est* man will not fail to meet his obligations."

HOW MARBLES ARE MADE.—The common mode of grinding childrens marbles is a curious instance of simplicity of machinery.—A number of stone chips, broken to a suitable size are put together in a tin box, and fastened to the rim of a water-mill wheel, and there left to grind themselves into shape.

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ERIE, PA.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 20, 1855

The Result in the State.

We have not thought it worth while to prepare a table of the results, as far as ascertained by Counties, for the simple reason that in the present confused state of the figures it would neither be satisfactory to us, nor our readers. Briefly, however, we think Plumer's majority will not fall short of 15000, and may be even more! In the Legislature it will more than likely will have from 60 to 70 members of the House, and from 1 to 2 majority in the Senate, thus giving us a majority close overpowering and effective Last year, as our readers recollect, we had but 18 members of the House true to the party and its principles Verily, the days of "Sam" have been few and full of trouble, reminding one of that famous couplet:

"As I am so soon done for,
I wonder what I was begun for?"

A question, by the by, the whigs might most mournfully answer by pointing to their disorganized ranks, and their shattered hopes.

One of the Reasons.

The original of the following curious document was forwarded to us from Springfield with a request to publish The sender thinks it fully explains why "R R Robinson, Esq., County Commissioner, &c" became soon after his election violently opposed to a county subscription to the Sunbury road We have no doubt there is a good deal in this suggestion If there is'nt the "pass" is rather difficult of explanation The "Cleveland and Erie Railroad" company certainly has no favors, *of its own, to ask* of the "County Commissioner, &c" Not at all, besides, the managers were never known to extend the courtesy of a "pass," and especially for a whole year, to any one who they do not expect to use. We think the "pass" is no less curious than "R R Robinson, Esq., County Commissioner, &c" [illegible] Many of the tax payers of the County no doubt think Mr Robinson a very proper sort of person, [illegible] subscription [illegible] I love [illegible] And perhaps on a look at this, and then [illegible] the Sunbury road:

CONDUCTORS OF
CLEVELAND AND ERIE RAIL ROAD.

[illegible]

R R Robinson, Esq.

[illegible] Commissioner, &c.,

[illegible]

May [illegible] B [illegible], Pres't

CRAWFORD COUNTY. This county, which used to be reliable for 300 majority, gives Nicholson a majority of 70, and elects the entire anti-Democratic ticket, even Commissioner by majority ranging from 100 to 400! The Meadville *Journal*, in less jocund strains than this result, says:

[illegible] Nicholson has a majority [illegible] Plumer, and Amos Williamson, 791, we [illegible] Democrat, therefore, that [illegible] the Republican [illegible] this county are [illegible] in favor of Free Soil.

Taking into consideration the fact that there was no choice and no between the successful and the defeated upon a Know Nothing for Senator this clear must be truly cheering to our brother [illegible] to the *Democrat* it is not often people [illegible] their own graves, and then tumble in [illegible] their own [illegible], but in the case of the Democrats it is Crawford—or rather their leaders about Meadville—that seems to have been the exact result Query,—with a Democratic Senate, and a Democratic House, won't the Bank and Railroad projectors of such politicians be likely to have a nice time of it? Should but wonder!

TROUBLE, TROUBLE.—So long as Cuba remains a dependency of Spain, we don't see but what we are to have trouble on that quarter — The other day the Black Warrior steamer arrived at New Orleans, bringing the nice sum of $50,000, received from the Cuban authorities as indemnity for the detention of that vessel in Havana, a year or two ago, and so ends the Black Warrior difficulty. But, as it would be decidedly unfashionable not to have a quarrel on hand with that troublesome little dependency of hot-headed Spain, the same steamer brings one Dr Edward Worrell, United States consul at Matanzas, who in his turn brings his flag, his passports, his complaints and his wounded feelings, to lay them before the Secretary of State and the President The present difficulty appears to be as follows: An American citizen died in Matanzas, and the consul took charge to his effects, sealing them up with the seal of the consulate The Alcalde requested that the seal might be opened, so that, in accordance with a well known law, an inventory of the effects of the deceased might be taken The consul refused to allow this, the Alcalde reported the refusal to the Captain General and the Captain General ordered that the law should be enforced at all hazards upon Dr Worrell feels himself, and through him, his republic insulted, and packs up his carpet bag for home — By this time the carpet bag and over-burdened feelings are unpacked, and the story of his wrongs is probably laid before the powers at Washington We wait with intense anxiety the proceedings on the Worrell case The amount of indemnity claimed is not yet announced.

A young man named Alonzo West, was convicted, a few days ago, in the St. Joseph's Circuit Court, Michigan, for placing obstructions on the Michigan Central Railroad. He says he obstructed the road merely to see a smash-up, and that he did not go out to kill any one. He has respectable connections, who are overwhelmed with distress at the revelation of his crime

CENSUS OF NEW YORK.—The New York *Times* gives the census returns of all the counties in the state but five, and they show an aggregate of 3,002,146 The five counties that are not given in the above return, namely, Columbia, Kings, Queens, Ulster and Westchester, have probably an aggregate population of 380,000; this would fix the population of the state at about 3,382,146 souls, being an increase of 245,105 over the census of 1850. This being below the aggregate increase of the cities, it appears that the population of the state, outside of the cities, has actually decreased during the last five years.

FACT.—It is a fact that Erie county elects the only Democrat to the Legislature west of the Allegheny river. Where is Crawford county?

Modern Reformers.

It has become fashionable to denounce every public teacher, either in politics or morals, who does not embrace all the new isms of the day as an "old fogy,"—"a slow coach,"—entirely behind the genius of the age, and the spirit of the times. In politics, if the editor ventures to adhere to the time honored and well tried land marks of his party—if he does not see fit to go into spasams over the imaginary wrongs of the southern slave—if he ventures to hint that the true way to war against that "peculiar institution" of one half of the confederacy, is not to preach a crusade afar off, but to plant and maintain the standard of opposition in its very midst—he is at once styled by our "modern reformers" an "old fogy," with a face of "dough," and nose of "putty" They tell him he is not blessed with "back-bone," that his "spinal column" is defective, and sneeringly point at his apparently jog trot speed, while they rush by with head-long locomotion astride of their new and popular "ism." The same is said of the editor, clergyman, or other individual, who lacks faith in the restraining efficacy, or constitutionality of prohibitory liquor enactments. If it is said that prime brandy in the "original package," in New York, will produce as much misery as the same article pedled out by the drink, these "modern reformers"—these *fast* men of this *fast* age—at once pronounce the luckless wight who ventures to doubt an exceedingly antique specimen of an "old fogy." If he should not be silenced by this charge, and still aver that it is the height of nonsense to pass a law that no man shall get drunk on less than a quart, as our Legislature did last winter, it then becomes very evident to the aforesaid fast men that he is a poor deluded disciple of the battle, and no friend of the "great reformatory movements of the day." These "fast men," so ready to claim for themselves all the virtues of the age, forget several important items necessary to successfully achieve the end for which they profess to strive. They forget that toleration is an all important element of success to any question of morals or politics. The human mind is so constituted that you cannot drive men into virtue by denunciation, or reform their morals or tastes by fines and penalties You cannot convince the reasoning man that he is wrong, even in his "old fogy" notions, by windy declamation, or frothy vituperation Calm reasoning, close analysis of cause and effect, brotherly kindness, and above all honest and consistent action and practice, are the only weapons which ever vanquish the doubts of an opponent. Men cannot be legislated into heaven, or forced by the scoffs and sneers of reforming pharasees from positions calmly considered, and conscientiously adopted In view of this fact, we think it about time our modern reformers should see—if they are capable of seeing, and the late election ought to sharpen their vision—that any measure of government, originating and carried through by excitement—any sectional or sectarian or religious feeling—or even benevolent enterprise—that does not keep plainly in view the great and vital principles upon which rests the fair fabric of free institutions, will tend to sap the foundation of the government, and eventually effect immense mischief. We talk about "freedom," "liberty," "patriotism," but often use these terms to define what in action is rank *tyranny* What is adapted to one climate or meridian is not always proper for another And what is fitted to the intelligence and genius of one people or State, would be very often entirely out of place and illy adapted to the uses of another. Intelligence and reason, which are the basis upon which democratic liberty rests, should regulate all, and control in deciding what are the rights and interests of the masses of the people, under the compact upon which such questions depend. There are a thousand different motives that govern men in coming to conclusions upon measures of government; but there is one safe rule in trying ourselves when we are called upon to act And we should ask whether the tendency is to restrict or enlarge our liberties and equalize our rights, or restrain and make partial the enjoyment of them A moral end, a moral intent, a moral effect, are absurd, unmeaning and nonsensical except as controlled and estimated by the standard of clear reason. Let those who desire reforms in government, and the morals of communities, try to produce moral results in any other way and they will be disappointed. Modern morality is fanatical *Genuine morality*—the essence of philanthropy, benevolence, and Christianity—depends entirely upon clear, unbiased reason.

They must have queer politicans up in Ohio Proof—the Cleveland *Herald* went in for CHASE, the "Fusion" candidate, with a "perfect looseness;" but no sooner is the election over, and Chase secure, than it turns round and says he could have been elected a good deal easier if he had been an honest man Query; what sort of an Editor has the *Herald*? Is he "*honest?*"

ILLINOIS.—The Springfield *Journal* publishes returns from four counties—those whose progress has not been very rapid since 1850—and the average at the same rate gives the State a population of 1,180,000. This would be an increase of nearly half a million in five years. But the Journal thinks the returns will show a still larger population, and place Illinois the fifth in the Union

The official majority in Clarion is 646 for Plumer, and the whole Democratic county ticket elected. Last year Bigler's majority was about 100, and the Democratic county ticket defeated. Good for little Clarion!

We learn from Pittsburgh that our famous Railroad case, viz: the Cleveland and Erie railroad company vs. the City of Erie—comes up for argument to-day, Saturday 20th. When we shall have a decision is uncertain!

CALIFORNIA.—The election in California has resulted in favor of the Know Nothings; Gov. BIGLER having been defeated by a combination of circumstances similar to those which defeated his brother in this State last Fall; and what is still more singular, the successful candidate, *J Neeley Johnson*, is a stick of the same timber of that famous individual, Gov. Pollock! A fact, by the by, that proves conclusively that all the flapdoodle-fed politicians don't stay on the Atlantic slope of the confederacy.

OHIO.—Fusion has prevailed in Ohio, electing Chase Governor by some 20,000 over Medill, Democrat; but still leaving the fusionists in the minority. Of course fanaticism and disunion is rampant, but they are only so by shutting their eyes to the fact that the Democratic vote shows a gain of some 50,000 in a year! Another such a year as the last will fix Ohio. Wait a little longer.

The Future.—More Recruits.

It is a common remark of Fusion politicians, that both the old parties are broken up and scattered; but it seems to us that, so far as the Democratic party is concerned, the events of the last few months tell quite a different story. As was remarked by an old whig the other day, when the Democratic thunder began to roll over the mountains of Pennsylvania, the Democracy may be defeated, but the party can't be killed; its reparative powers are wonderful Apparently annihilated last year, this year it was on its feet, and went into battle with as much enthusiasm as in its days of undisputed glory. The secret of this, our opposition friends can't see; but it is plain to us, and to every other Democrat. It is simply because of its steady adherance to principle It turns neither to the right nor to the left to gain recruits, whereas the opposition are always throwing out grapples for every strange craft that goes flo