

Miscellaneous.

VIRGINIA "BLUE LAWS."

The following communication, signed Le Roi Sunderland, appears in the Boston Transcript:

We have all heard more or less of the "Blue Laws" of Connecticut and of the "Blue Code" of the South. But I did not know till since the present war commenced, that any such religio-legal enactments had ever been made by the Southern chivalry of the Ditch-land, as we have understood by this term of "Blue Laws." Some two years since, a soldier of the Potomac army, on entering the Court-house in Warrick county, Va., found the old records of the court, which he forthwith confiscated, and sent to me two pages, from which the following items are copied. The paper is quite thick and measures 16 by 10 inches. The chirography is peculiar, and there are twenty-six entries of decisions made by that court, under the date of October 21, 1863. This MS. is interesting, not only from its remote antiquity, but also on account of the information which it gives us as to the religious and legal manners of our Southern neighbors two hundred years ago. Witness the following:

"Mr. John Harlow, and Alice, his wife, being by the grand inquest presented for absenting themselves from church, are according to the act, fined each of them fifty pounds of tobacco, and the said Mr. John Harlow ordered forthwith to pay one hundred pounds of tobacco to the sheriff, otherwise the said sheriff to levy by way of distress."

"Jane Hardee, the wife of Henry Hardee, being presented for not tending church, is according to act fined fifty pounds of tobacco, and the sheriff is ordered to collect the same from her, and in case of non-payment to distress."

"John Lewis, his wife this day refusing to take oath of allegiance, being ordered her, is committed into the sheriff's custody, to remain until she take the said oath, or until further ordered to the contrary."

"John Lewis, his wife, for absenting herself from church, is fined fifty pounds of tobacco, to be collected by the sheriff from her husband, and upon non-payment, the said sheriff to distress."

"Robert Reynolds, being prosecuted for absenting himself from church, and summoned by the Sheriff of this Court, to make his appearance, and appearing not, is fined for both offences one hundred and fifty pounds of tobacco, to be levied by the Sheriff by way of distress, upon his non-payment thereof."

"George Harwood, being prosecuted for his absenting himself from church, is fined fifty pounds of tobacco, to be levied by way of distress by the Sheriff upon his non-payment thereof."

"Peter White and his wife being presented for common swearing, are fined fifty pounds of tobacco, both of them, to be collected by the Sheriff from the said Peter White, and upon his non-payment of the same to distress."

"Richard Ring, being presented as a common swearer, is fined fifty pounds of tobacco, to be levied by the Sheriff, by way of distress, upon his non-payment."

From all I can learn there was but one "church" in Virginia in 1663, and that was the English, or what is now the Protestant Episcopal Church, and it was for non-attendance on this church that the fine of fifty pounds of tobacco was inflicted by the Old Dominion two hundred years ago; and the chivalrous descendants of the race that passed those laws in Virginia have been the men, in later times, to taunt us with the memory of "blue laws," as if none such had ever been enacted except by the Yankees. This record speaks of no fine imposed by the Virginia Court except on "tobacco," and from which we learn that this weed was not only a staple commodity at that early period of our country, but it was so much so that it became a substitute for currency. This ancient record thus brought to light by the fortunes of war, seems to me of some historical value, and accordingly I have deposited it for safe keeping in the archives of the New England Historical Genealogical Society, 13, Bromfield street, Boston.

BLONDIN OUTDONE—A ROPE-WALKER IN OIL CITY.—On the Fourth of July the residents of Oil City, Pennsylvania, and surrounding country, witnessed the accomplished feat of walking across the Alleghany river on the cable of Lay's Ferry, an inch in diameter. The performer of this feat was Mr. J. B. Allen, who is understood to have had

no previous practice or experience, and is only an amateur in the wire-walking business. The wire used on the occasion was 1,000 feet long, and was suspended at a height of eighty feet above the surface of the river. Mr. Allen's apparatus consisted of a flagstaff set into a piece of ordinary gaspipe, surmounted by an eight foot flag. This staff was about thirteen feet above and nine feet below the wire. To the end of this was a balance weight of seven and three-quarters pounds.

This staff was run upon the top of the wire by means of a pulley wheel not fastened in any means to the wire, and was drawn over by the walker. The large crowd that had assembled to witness the performance lined the banks of both sides of the river. About four o'clock Mr. Allen got upon the rope on the Latonia side of the river, and proceeded on his perilous journey, which he accomplished in safety, much to the satisfaction of the spectators. As usual in such cases, a number of bets were made, and large amounts changed hands. Mr. Allen relied entirely upon the generosity of the spectators for remuneration, and upon a collection being taken up \$150 was contributed, which was handed over to him.

WOMEN OF THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—A lady writing from Honolulu to the *Bulletin*, thus discourses upon the native women and their free and easy manner. The women are erect, wide in the shoulders, and carry their heads like queens. Many of them are truly handsome, wearing their hair falling over their shoulders in curls, and surmounted with little straw hats, garlanded with wreaths of lovely native flowers. They clothe themselves modestly and prettily, wearing the dress to cover neck and arms, and falling loosely from the shoulders to the top of the feet, which are often bare. Not being civilized like us, they have not been enlightened into compressing their ribs with iron and whalebone corsets, nor to disturb, and torture their feet into over tight shoes, nor to put bonnets upon their heads running up into turretts of silk and artificial flowers, and leaving the ears at the mercy of the bitter winds, nor to make up forty-five yards of steel wire into cages and fasten themselves within them, nor to carry an extra half yard of dress stuff bravely after them over the pavement through thick and thin. Yes, these women have the advantage of us, for are we not foredoomed by the exigencies of custom, when we come with our long garments upon any impurities of the pathway, to shut our eyes and clench our teeth and rush blindly over them, whereas these Kana-ka women, at the sight even of a spot of water, lift their light garments gingerly and pass over, clean and unsullied from its contact. Can this be barbarism?

PERSEVERANCE.—Edward Livingston after a labor of two years, had prepared for the Legislature of Louisiana a complete code of criminal laws, in both the English and French languages. One night he retired, after sitting up late to give the last touch to his work. An alarm of fire awoke him and he rushed in his study to find his work reduced to ashes. He was sixty years of age, but the next morning, nothing daunted, he sat down to begin again. In two years more the reproduction was complete—a phoenix of what had been destroyed.

COST OF BRIGANDAGE IN ITALY.—A letter from Turin says:—"The Ministers of the Interior, it may be remembered, demanded a supplementary credit of 4,500,000f, for the extraordinary expenses caused by the campaign against brigandage. The Chamber granted him 4,000,000f. The sum which brigandage has cost the Italian government since 1861 is estimated at more than 20,000,000f, without reckoning the expense of keeping up an extra garrison in the southern provinces, and the considerable damage experienced by private individuals."

BLASTING ROCKS.—A very simple and effective invention for blasting rocks has been patented by Mr. D. S. Sutherland, of 34, Great George Street, Westminster. He proposes to introduce into the bore-hole a cone, either of wood or hollow metal, between the powder and the outer side of the hole. The apex of the cone is outward, and the hole is then filled up with sand, sufficient room only being left for the passage of the fuse. The effect of this cone is that the force of the explosion is much increased, the sand rendering the blowing out of the cone impossible.—London Mining Journal.

—Dumb bells are the only bells in the world—to a deaf man.

Agricultural.

PREMIUMS AWARDED AT SPRINGVILLE FAIR, HELD SEP. 29, BY THE UTAH COUNTY BRANCH OF THE D. A. & M. SOCIETY.

CLASS A.—STOCK.

Best Stallion, L. H. Roundy.
Second best, E. Taylor.
Third best, H. Groesbeck.
Best blooded Mare, L. H. Roundy.
Best Brood Mare, L. H. Roundy.
Best 2 year old Filly, L. H. Roundy.
Best spring Colt, L. H. Roundy.
Best Sow and Pigs, William Mendenhall.
Best Boar, (Suffolk,) J. E. Johnson.
Best Sow, (Suffolk,) J. E. Johnson.
Best Ducks, D. Graves.

CLASS B.—FIELD CROPS.

Sample of Wheat, Wm. Robinson.
Best Dent Corn, A. Blanchard.
Second best, M. Child.
Evergreen Sweet Corn, H. Wild.
Second best, H. Wild.
Best Flint Corn, M. Child.
Best half bushel Oats, D. Graves.
Otehetian Cane, A. Blanchard.
Best acre of Corn, H. Wild.
Sorghum, S. C. Perry.

CLASS C.—VEGETABLES.

Best Cucumbers, R. Low.
Second best, O. Hayman.
Best Squash, S. C. Perry.
Best Tomatoes, C. Twelves.
Second best, D. Graves.
Best Cabbage, C. Twelves.
Best Red Cabbage, C. Twelves.
Best Red Onions, C. Twelves.
Second best, D. Graves.
Best White Onions, C. Twelves.
Second best, D. Graves.
Best Mercer Potatoes, R. Lowe.
Second best, C. Twelves.
Best Sweet Potatoes, J. E. Johnson.
Best quart of String Beans, D. Graves.
Best quart of Early Peas, D. Graves.
Second best, John Hatfield.
Best 12 stalks of Rhubarb, H. Wild.
Best 6 Blood Beets, D. Graves.
Best 6 Turnip Beets, C. Twelves.
Best 6 Sugar Beets, H. Wild.
Best Lettuce, C. Twelves.
Best Bunch Parsley, C. Twelves.
Second best, D. Graves.
Best Radish, R. Lowe.
Best Cultivated Garden, H. Wild.
Best Red Peppers, H. Wild.
Best Egg Plant, C. Twelves.
Best Carrots, H. Wild.
Best collection Garden Seeds, C. Twelves.
Best Cantelopes, J. E. Johnson.
Best Nutmegs, J. E. Johnson.
Best Pie Melon, R. Lowe.
Best Watermelon, W. Robinson.
Best West India Gherkin, D. Graves.

CLASS D.—FRUITS & FLOWERS.

Best 12 Fall Apples, R. Lowe.
Second best, H. Wild.
Third best, J. Roylance.
Best 12 Winter Apples, H. Wild.
Best 12 Peaches, Thomas Day.
Second best, S. C. Perry.
Best Grapes, Thomas Day.
Best quart Plums, Jos. Burton.
Best Currants, H. Wild.
Second best, D. Rogers.
Best Walnuts, M. Child.
Best Chufos, J. E. Johnson.
Best col. Eosces, D. Graves.
Best col. Dahlias, J. E. Johnson.
Best col. Petunias, J. E. Johnson.
Best Asters, J. E. Johnson.
Second best, E. Whiting.
Best Verbenas, J. E. Johnson.
Best Boquets, J. E. Johnson.
Best col. Balsams, 26 colors, D. Graves.
Second best, J. E. Johnson.
Best col. cultivated Flowers, J. E. Johnson.
Second best, D. Graves.
Best col. sweet scented Plants, J. E. Johnson.
Best col. Lillies & Bulbous roots.
Best House Plants, J. E. Johnson.
Best col. Creepers, D. Graves.
Best col. Midical Plants, J. E. Johnson.
Second best, D. Graves.

CLASS E. was not represented.

CLASS G.—LEATHER.

One Side Kip, J. Roylance.
One Side Upper Leather, J. Roylance.

CLASS H.—DRY GOODS.

Best Suit of Clothes, A. Johnson.
Best col. Flannel, A. Blanchard.
Second best, Jabez Duffee.
Best Kersey, C. Sanford.
Best Jeans, A. Taylor.
Second best, Julian Crandle.
Best Woollen Blanket, H. Wild.
Second best, A. Blanchard.
Best Hearth Rug, Sarah A. Saunders.
Best Woollen Shawl, Ann Curtis.
Second best, A. Johnson.
Best Fur Muff, J. Snelson.

CLASS J.—FINE ARTS.

Best Sun Dial, D. Graves.

CLASS L.—LADIES' WORK.

Best Table Cloth, Wm. Mendenhall.
Best Netted Curtains, Mrs. McEwan.
Best sample Shawl Plaid, M. King.
Second best, M. Bringham.
Best Ornamental Needlework, S. Tubbs.
Second best, S. Tubbs.
Best Muff, S. Tubbs.
Lady's Work Bag, J. Johnson.
Best Child's Socks, J. Johnson.

CLASS M.

Box Cigars, E. Johnson.
Best Butter, J. Snelson.
Second best, W. Wardworth.
Best sample of Cotton, M. Child.
Best sample of Madder, S. C. Perry.
Best Molasses, Dr. Rogers.
Best Cup of Starch, S. Johnson.
Best Cheese, Mrs. Wardworth.
D. GRAVES, Secretary.

PREMIUMS AWARDED BY THE UTAH COUNTY BRANCH, OF THE D. A. & M. SOCIETY, AT THE AMERICAN FORK FAIR, HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 1864.

CLASS A.—STOCK.

Best Brood Mare, Wm. Kelly.
Second best, Ezra Hawley.
Best Stallion, Wm. Kelly.
Best yearling Colt, Wm. Kelly.

Best yoke of Cattle, John Eldredge.
Best 3 year old Steer, Wm. G. Dunn.
Best Cow, Thomas Shelly.
Best Hog, Wm. Kelly.
Second Best, George Robinson.
Best Shote, Samuel Robinson.

CLASS B.—FIELD CROPS.

Best Sugar Cane, Richard Steele.
Second best, Niels Nielson.
Third best, H. Winters.

CLASS C.—VEGETABLES, Etc.

Best Cucumber, H. A. Cheever.
Second best, D. Graves.
Best Pumpkins, Stephen Mott.
Second best, J. B. Shelly.
Best Squash, Stephen Mott.
Second best, George Clark.
Best Watermelons, E. Davis.
Second best, E. Davis.
Best Tomatoes, C. Twelves.
Second best, J. Elliott.
Best late Cabbage, E. Davis.
Second best, J. Eldredge.
Best Savoy Cabbage, E. Robinson.
Best Red Cabbage, D. Graves.
Second best, C. Twelves.
Best Red Onions, Thomas Needham.
Second best, Charles Twelves.
Best seed Onions, J. Wagstaff.
Best White Onions, J. Wagstaff.
Best Potatoes, J. Crompton.
Best Lima Beans, H. A. Cheever.
Best quart Beans, D. Graves.
Second best, H. A. Cheever.
Best quart Windsor Beans, Thos. Woolley.
Best quart early Peas, D. Graves.
Second best, Charles Twelves.
Best Blood Beets, Wm. Greenwood.
Second best, H. Buckwater.
Best 6 Sugar Beets, J. Proctor.
Second best, J. Duncan.
Best Turnips, George Clark.
Second best, Stephen Chipman.
Best Sweeds Turnips, J. W. Preston.
Best Lettuce, Charles Twelves.
Best Parsley, Charles Twelves.
Second best, Daniel Graves.
Best sample Radishes, C. Twelves.
Second best, J. Crompton.
Best Peppers, H. Winters.
Best Sweet Peppers, J. Eldredge.
Best Egg Plant, H. A. Cheever.
Second best, C. Twelves.
Best Carrots, Richard Steele.
Second best, E. Robinson.
Best collection Seeds, C. Twelves.
Best Madder, H. A. Cheever.
Best Sweet Corn, C. Schweinsteln.
Best West India Gherkin, D. Graves.

CLASS D.—FRUITS & FLOWERS.

Best 12 Fall Apples, H. Winters.
Second best, H. L. Harrington.
Third best, A. H. Scott.
Best 12 Winter Apples, H. Winters.
Second best, H. Winters.
Best 12 Peaches, H. Winters.
Second best, Stephen Chipman.
Third best, W. H. Ivens.
Best 3 bunches Grapes, H. A. Cheever.
Second best, H. Winters.
Best quart Plums, Mary Hindley.
Second best, J. Woolley.
Third best, J. Buxton.
Best 12 Walnuts, A. H. Scott.
Best Pea Nuts, H. A. Cheever.
Best Petunia, Mary Hindley.
Best Boquets, Mary Hindley.
Second best, C. Twelves.
Best Hollyhocks, Mary Hindley.
Best collection Greenhouse Plants, Mary Hindley.
Best collection Medical Plants, D. Graves.

CLASS E & F.—MACHINERY, Etc.

Best Barrow Wheel, J. Crooks.
Best Crank and Spindle, J. Crooks.
Best Sun Dial, D. Graves.

CLASS H.—DRY GOODS.

Best Coat, Isaac Copper.
Second best, Stephen Chipman.
Best collection Flannel Cloth, S. Mott.
Second best, A. J. Stewart.
Best White Flannel Cloth, Mary Wareham.
Best Kersey, Niel Nielson.
Best Linsey, George Robinson.
Second best, J. Shelly.
Best Single Jeans, M. A. Robinson.
Second best, T. J. McCullough.
Best Double Jeans, Richard Steele.
Second best, J. Shelly.
Best Coverlet, Mrs. H. L. Southworth.
Second best, Sarah A. Wareham.
Best Table Linen, T. J. McCullough.
Best woollen Dress Pattern, T. J. McCullough.

CLASS R.—HARDWARE.

Best Combs, H. A. Cheever.
Best Sash, E. Eastman.
Best Axe Handle, S. Chipman.
Best Ox Bows, S. Chipman.

CLASS L.—LADIES' WORK.

Best Toilet Cover, Mary Hindley.
Best Straw Hat, Mrs. M. Wareham.
Best Patchwork Quilt, Mary Hindley.
Second best, Mrs. M. Wareham.
Third best, Mrs. Eldridge.
Best Fancy Knitted Curtains, Mrs. McEwan.
Best Knitted Comforter, Mrs. A. Hunter.
Second best, T. J. McCullough.
Best Baby Robe, Mary Hindley.
Best Embroidery, S. Thornton.
Second best, Mrs. M. Wareham.
Best Wool Embroidery, Mrs. Eastman.
Second best, Mary Hindley.
Best Bead Work Collar, Mary Hindley.
Second best, Mrs. Wareham.
Best Eugene Cotton, Mrs. J. Thornton.
Best unfinished Quilt, Mrs. Eastman.
Second best, Mrs. Mott.
Best Pillow Lace, M. Durrant.

CLASS M.—PRODUCE, Etc.

Best Cheese, J. Neff.
Best Pickles, Mary Hindley.
Best Molasses, J. Chipman.
Second best, E. Eastman.

CLASS N.—COLORS.

Best Madder, H. A. Cheever.
D. GRAVES, Secretary.

—The fabulous Unicorn has been found by a traveler. He says it exists in the interior of Tibet, in India, where it is well known to the inhabitants. It is the same as the Unicorn of the Scriptures, and is mentioned by ancient writers. It is said to be about the size of the horse, extremely wild, and seldom, if ever caught. They have a horn projecting from their foreheads, go in herds, and are to be met with on the borders of the Great Desert.