

THE NINTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE D. A. AND M. SOCIETY.

The enumeration of articles in the basement, where the field crops, vegetables, fruits and flowers, medicinal plants, machinery, leather and findings, cutlery, hardware, produce, etc., etc., are classified, involves even more of the insurmountable, for daily newspaper purposes, than the itemizing of the wonderful display of home-manufactured dry goods and fancy articles on the main floor, barely glanced at in our report of yesterday.

Nor are we at this moment, when sitting down to hastily review, in groups, the objects that met our almost bewildering gaze this morning in the basement, quite positive whether to begin here with our further report; so many things in the room above worthy of notice, having of necessity been omitted. In gazing again this morning upon the display of cloths from our woollen manufactories, admiration was succeeded by amazement. We involuntarily asked ourselves, is it possible that such improvement has been accomplished in the short space of four or five years, the interregnum between the present and last exhibition of the Society? If, then, indeed, such strides have been made in the absence of any generous rivalry as should be promoted by the stimulating influences of the yearly exhibition and comparison of our products and manufactures, how much greater ratio of improvement shall we have reason to expect from the incentives given to home industries by the inauguration of an uninterrupted annual succession of exhibitions, such as we confidently hope will be the case in future?

First in importance to all communities pre-eminently stands the agricultural interest. All others are but auxiliary. From this is evolved the very germ of all physical existence. It is the staff of the industrial pursuits; while they reciprocally, as the vitalizing oxygen of life's fluid, containing the effervescent element, animate and encourage the producer, and thus each acts mutually promotive of the other's progression and success.

In the class of Field Crops, Messrs. A. P. Rockwood, L. W. Hardy, John Van Cott, Anson Call and J. Weiler, Awarding Committee, for the best fenced and cultivated farm of not less than twenty acres, a silver medal was awarded to H. S. Eldredge.

In this connection we may be excused for "letting out" the secret that the prize would have been awarded to another gentleman; but, upon inquiry, it was, unluckily for him, discovered that he was not a member, and consequently not eligible to receive an award from the Society. This we state without any derogation from the high claims of Gen. Eldredge, the excellent condition of whose lands in Davis County is known to all conversant with that locality. It is rather to be regretted, we must say, that any individual having the experience, skill and perseverance adequate to the erection of the best fenced and cultivated farm in the Territory of Utah, should so far overlook his obligations to himself and the community of which he is a unit, as not to identify himself with a Society having for its aim the laudable object of advancing the paramount interest of the whole people.

For the best five acres of tame grass, a diploma was awarded to A. P. Rockwood.

For the best five acres sugar cane, a diploma was awarded to Charles Graves, of Provo, Utah County.

For the best twenty acres of wheat, a life membership in the society was awarded to Anson Call, of Bountiful, Davis county.

For the best ten acres of potatoes, a similar premium was awarded to Anson Call.

A special premium was awarded to Mr. Sudberry, on the African bearded wheat, a spring variety we believe, grown in Kaysville, Davis county, on bench land, without water; yielding thirty six bushels to the acre and turning out 47½ pounds superfine flour to the bushel.

Some samples of the Tappahannock wheat were presented by Wm. Wagstaff, as also, by sundry persons, other valuable products, the award on which by the Committee we did not learn; but that they were highly estimated we are well assured.

For the best 100 lbs flour, a diploma was awarded to M. Tanner, of Provo.

The samples of cheese, butter, molasses, wine, and preserved fruits were very fine, and showed a marked improvement on those of earlier years.

Among the contributions from the distant counties, we noticed some vegetables and roots from Charles C. Rich, of Rich County, which the Committee considered well worthy their attention, and in consideration of his laudable efforts, recommended that he be made a life member of the Society, which was subsequently acted upon by the Board of Directors and granted. Among these samples, the potatoes and carrots were especially large and excellent in appearance. One of the cabbages measured seventeen inches in diameter.

We were gratified to see Sanpete county so creditably represented in this department. Some of the Early Rose potatoes, from Moroni, said to be the finest ever seen in this country, measured nine inches in length and twelve inches in circumference.

Having taken a cursory glance at the field crops and vegetable departments, our references to most of what remains must partake more of the promiscuous than we could have desired, were all contingencies at our own disposal.

We cannot omit notice of the samples of home-made cloth, straw-work, artificial flowers, and hair-work, from Fort Ephraim, Sanpete county. They reflect much credit upon the ingenuity of the makers. Though entered at a late hour, these articles were generously awarded special premiums by the Board.

Three black Spanish fowls, four months old, from eggs imported by J. H. Laytey, were awarded a special premium. These fowls never sit, and lay nearly continuously.

A potato-digger, an ingenious little contrivance, the workmanship of Sidney Hudson, together with other pieces of mechanism from the same hand, received a premium.

A sample of brown sugar, from Honolulu, manufactured by George Nebeker, was neatly ensconced amid a group of other good things from divers localities.

"Our Dixie" had her nook of productions, as evidence that something had fortuitously survived the aggressions of the hoppers. Her wines were highly exhilarating, we doubt not, though we have no "experimental evidence" of the fact. The figs, the prunes, the pomegranates, by President Snow, and some other tropical productions indexed what is in store for the faithful in that naturally forbidding, volcanic region, and what commodities may yet constitute a profitable source of trade and commerce with Southern Utah.

Gen. Rockwood called our attention, while passing "with a rush," along the little pyramids of luscious-looking apples, pears, peaches, plums, servers of black and white grapes, and fruits of almost every description, to a plate of strawberries, actually the second crop of that delicious fruit, the present season.

Upon the same range of tables were attractively exhibited "piles stupendous" of plain and fancy soaps, from the factory of Ornstein and Popper. While this staple can be manufactured at home in such quality, at figures to compete with the imported, of course the foreign soap avenue need not be longer kept open for the absorption of Utah capital.

An exceedingly ingenious watch was exhibited by O. L. Eliason, of this city. It winds by opening and closing the case, when it needs winding; otherwise it is not, by the action of opening or closing, thrown out of gear. The hands are set by pressing with the thumb upon a little knob on the glass-rim and moving the case at the same time. It needs no key. A patent is applied for. Truly a valuable improvement in the watch, and one well deserving the gold medal awarded its inventor as a special premium.

A special prize was also awarded to Thomas C. Jensen, of Sanpete county, for a beautiful chime of sleigh-bells, arranged upon a single column and intended to be fastened upon the harness, instead of being suspended upon leather from the neck or elsewhere.

In our report of Class E, Cattle, deeming it of great importance, we have spared no pains to present the result of the committee's examinations in full.

For the best blooded and wool buck of any breed adapted to the soil and climate of Utah, the prize was awarded to Joseph Harker, of West Jordan, on his half-blooded French Merino.

For the best two ewes of the same qualifications, the premium was awarded to Samuel Bennion, of West Jordan.

Classified and special premiums were also awarded as follows:

To Wm. Jennings, for the best improved Kentucky buck and Southdown buck and ewes.

To the D. A. and M. Society, for the best improved Kentucky ewes and best cotswold buck and ewes.

To Charles Crismon, for the best Leicester buck and ewes and three lambs.

To J. Harker for the best Merino buck and ewes.

To D. Grenig for the best pair Cashmere goats, buck and ewe.

To Wm. C. Rydall, of Grantsville, for the best Durham bull over two years old, the best Durham cow, heifer, and imported yearling.

To S. P. Hoyt, for the second best Durham bull.

To H. J. Faust, for the best native bull and the best draft stallion.

To President Young, for the best Devon bull over two years old and the best Devon cow.

To Wilford Woodruff, for the best Ayrshire cow, the best brood mare, draft, the best three-year old colt, draft, and the best two-year old stallion, draft.

To H. P. Kimball, for the best brood mare, roadster, and the second best cow, calf and yearling.

To H. S. Eldredge, for the best stallion, roadster.

To O. P. Rockwell, for the best four-year old filly, and year-old mule colt.

To Milo Andrus, for the best imported French stallion.

To John Allan, of Coalville, Summit County, for the second best stallion, roadster.

A native bull, six years old, weighing 1960 lbs., raised by John Malin, at Rockport, mouth of Three-Mile Canyon, attracted some attention.

The Committee of this class were Messrs. A. O. Smoot, Wm. C. Rydall, H. J. Faust, C. Layton and Joseph Harker.

The specimens of carriages, wagons, etc., were admired by all. From the Utah Co-operative Carriage, Wagon and Sleigh Manufacturing Company, J. C. Little, Agent, were on exhibition a magnificently finished top-buggy, open buggy and double-seated carriage; also a model traveling carriage and several creditable-looking two-horse wagons, all evincing an advance in this new line of home manufacture of which every citizen must feel justly proud.

The Naylor Bros., also, presented two well put-up wagons as samples of their manufacture.

It would be an omission not to speak of an elegant silver-covered gold cup, not strictly home-made, but constructed from the first gold obtained from the California mines, bequeathed to the first child born in California of "Mormon" parentage, whose parents, if we are correctly informed, were passengers upon the ship *Brooklyn*.

A slight inadvertence occurred in our report yesterday. The "gem of a quilt" was not a contribution of the 14th, but of the 9th Ward, whose other samples, in the Ladies' Department, were very creditable.

The visitors were cheered, during the hours of exhibition, by the sweet strains of Capt. Croxall's brass band in front of the Rooms and by piano music from various performers in the hall.

The "rush" was, if possible, greater than yesterday; but the excellent precautions of the committee of arrangements, Messrs. J. R. Winder and F. A. Michel, prevented anything like a jam, and everything passed off with "ecclat."

Of the silk department we should not omit to state that a gold medal was awarded to Geo. D. Watt, for the best fifteen pounds of silk cocoons, a sample from fifty pounds; also, that a silver medal was awarded to him for the best pound of reeled silk.

We were highly gratified with the appearance of the samples of cotton hose, from the Ninth Ward Relief Society, to which a premium was awarded.

A pair of lace curtains, netted from Dixie cotton, first exhibited this morning, considerably received a premium from the committee. The contributor's name we could not ascertain.

A piece of gingham, of Dixie cotton, spun, wove and colored at home, by T. S. Wennerholm, 14th Ward, was a highly creditable sample of real domestic work.

A Danish lady, whose name we regret that we could not ascertain, attracted much attention with her pillow lace apparatus, and the skill with which she used it.

Samples of Honiton lace collars, from the 16th Ward Relief Society, were exquisite enough to adorn the neck of the Empress of France.

Mrs. Mary Yates, of the 16th Ward, gave indubitable proof of her skill in embroidery upon a baby's dress of bishop's lawn. It is a sample of rare excellence.

Among the samples of ladies' ornamental work from the 20th Ward Relief Society, the ruche, for bonnet trimming, was much admired; as also a beautifully-designed netted stand cover.

Upon the west wall of the hall was suspended a crochet bedspread, worked with life-size figures designed to represent Rebecca and Eliezer, the servant of Isaac, at the well. We did not learn the name of the industrious and ingenious worker.

A special premium was awarded to Wm. Dunford for fine samples of ornamental lettering on card-board.

The samples of fancy-colored stocking yarn from the Deseret Wasatch and Excelsior Woollen Mills, we think, are unexcelled in any respect, by the imported.

A water-cooler manufactured from tin at the shop of F. A. Mitchell, gave incontestable proof of superior skill in the tinner's art; as also a chamber-set, consisting of foot-bath, water-jug and bucket.

From the tin-shop of the Sharkey estate were also exhibited a bath-tub, water-cooler, and other articles, very creditable to the establishment.

Hemp in the stalk, in the rough, dressed, and manufactured into rope, cord and twine, by all odds, the best ever yet exhibited here, produced and manufactured in Rush Valley, as we understand, by a gentleman named Green, justly received a premium.

Cotton rope, cords and sinches, by W. A. McMaster, also received a premium.

The patterns for castings, by Wm. J. Silver, and other articles presented by him, are truly the workmanship of a master's hand and well merited the premiums awarded.

The samples of sole, upper, saddle, harness and other leathers, from the tannery of Wm. Jennings, fully equal the imported—so say competent judges.

The belting, calf, upper and sole leathers, from the tannery of R. Margetts, are also unsurpassed. The belting is a specialty of great credit.

A tombstone, chiseled and polished by W. W. Player, from Provo Valley marble was no dishonor to the artist.

A model bee-hive, manufactured here by W. Stevens, was very ingenious.

It will be very apropos to wind up our present notice of the sights seen at the exhibition with the sweetest of all things, (excepting always the fair sex) the confectioneries.

A column of pure sugar, by J. H. Kelson, architecturally wrought from the most complicated and flutest pieces of candy, drew general attention. His reputation as a fancy candy worker is pretty well established. The column, representing rustic and conventional life, the advent of the railroad, &c., was the labor of a week.

The plain candies from H. Wallace's confectionery were creditable.

The exhibition closed at 4 p. m. today.

ESTRAYS.

I HAVE in my possession three head of Estrays which I brought from Dove Creek, State of Nevada, one Black MARE, one eye gone, branded Con left hip; one small Bay MARE, branded Con left hip, saddle marked; also one Sorrel MARE, stripe on face, branded Con left hip. The owners of the above will please prove property, pay charges, and take them away.

WILLIAM WAMSLEY,
Smithfield, Cache Co.

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TAKEN UP

AT my Farm, at Bountiful, on the 27th ult., one Bay MARE, 5 years old, no brand visible. One Yellow Pinto HORSE, branded JC (combined) on left thigh and H on the right thigh, and is lame in fore foot. One light Bay HORSE, with bald face and three white feet; is branded S with horizontal mark running through it on left thigh.

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