his friends pitied, although they could not prevent nor remedy the evil he had brought upon himself. He called several times upon me in the commencement of his publication, laughing heartily at my hasty remarks, and prohibitory language, but after the second issue, I saw no more of him for three months. His absence gave me no particular concern, as I knew he would be ashamed of his former exultation, and present failure. one evening the postman handed me a letter, which turned out to be a poetical "farewell" inscribed to myself. I judged from its contents that Tim had left the country, but early in the following morning I received another note, requesting my company immediately at No. 10 Waterloo street, signed Mrs. Snissel: Perusing the "farewell" a second time, I was struck with the idea, that something was materially wrong in that establishment. I hastened to the place, and just as I entered the staircase leading to his apartment, I met the Doctor, who told me that Tim had cut his throat, 'but,' said he, 'the wound is not dangerous, he thinks he is dying, and you were sent for, by his urgent request, to comfort him I suppose, in his last hours. Keep him in the dark as to his recovery, he may tear open the wound, and bleed to death.'

I hastened up to his bed-room, which was like the residence of all other poets, the attic; and there lay poor infatuated Tim pillowed up in bed, and bandaged to the ears. He lifted his eyes as I entered, but such an expression of countenance I had never before witnessed in my life. His wife sat in a corner, with her face muffled in a shawl, sobbing in hollow, bass tones, the distraction of her soul. The squalled appearance of every thing around looked as if inanimate nature felt the dreadful reverse of Tim's change of circumstance.

I saw him two or three times make the sign of the cross, and mutter something to himself, that looked [for there was no sound of words] like an Ava Maria. Oh! how strangely are we affected, with all our infidelity, when death stares us in the face; then our early education, our prepossessions and prejudices return in the weakness of our declining faculties, and make us what we would blush to own, in the zenith of our professional philosophy and reason, and I may add in the folly and absurdity of our youthful career; when thought without reflection and pedentry without wisdom, lead us to conclusions, both foolish and groundless, proving the adage to be true, that,

> None, none descends into himself to find
> The secret imperfections of his mind.
>
> DRYDEN.

I looked for sometime at him, in meditative sorrow, and at length found courage to say, 'Tim my friend, what is the cause of all this?' He looked at me staringly insane, then put his hand in mine, then whispering drawingly from pain said, 'lost, King,—lost to fame, lost to my dear wife, and lost to the world in my profession.' Here I could hardly repress a smile at Tim's three supposed losses, when his attention was attracted for a moment towards his wife, [who had at his concentrated grief, set up a discordant sound, something like far off thunder]—'I am going,' said he, looking ghastly at me in dispair, 'but I hope you will do justice to my memory. I sent for you as my only reliable friend, knowing that you will arrange and correct my manuscripts. I have often thought of your opposition to my—[here he stopped to adjust the bandage on his neck] publishing! publishing—King, have been my ruin. But Chatterton, Savage and Otway were unfortunate like myself.' In the effort he made to give expression to this last sentence, he swooned back on the pillow. I saw "his ruling passion was strong in [supposed] death." His wife by frantic cries, and clapping her hands, aroused the neighbors, who filled the room. Finding that my presence was no longer required, I left with the promise to call soon, thankful of the release.

I felt interested, however, in his recovery, and called upon the Doctor several times to learn of his convalasence. In the course of two months Tim got whole, but I saw him no more at that time. He left between two days, for parts unknown, when I registered the lose and fate of the unpaid, unfortunate Tim Snissel, as a warning to all minor, poor poets, who contribute or publish, without a recompense for their labor, or a shaddow of fame for their reward.

—Foolish and wicked wishes descend below, where, though they are bodiless sylabies, they are often formed into pins and needles, and straightway return to the world to torment the author.

Agricultural.

TOOELE COUNTY FAIR.

GRANTSVILLE, Sep. 26, 1864.

ED. DESERET NEWS:

DEAR SIR:—The Annual Fair of the Tooele county branch of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society, was held here on Friday and Saturday, the 23d and 24th insts., at which the following Premiums were awarded:

CLASS A.

AWARDING COMMITTEE—W. C. Rydalch, J. W. Cooley and J. Gillespie.

Best Stallion, H. J. Faust	$5 00
" Blood Mare, A. L. Hale	5 00
" 2 year old Stud Colt, A. L. Hale	3 00
" 2 year old Mare Colt, W. C. Rydalch	3 00
" Yearling Colt, James Kearl	2 00
" Jack, J. W. Cooley	5 00
" Bull, H. J. Faust	5 00
Second best Bull, H. J. Faust	3 00
Third best Bull, W. C. Rydalch	1 00
Best Cow, W. C. Rydalch	3 00
Second best Cow, W. C. Rydalch	2 00
Third best Cow, H. J. Faust	1 00
Best Boar, A. W. Sabins	2 00
" Sow and Pigs, W. C. Rydalch	2 00
" Buck, W. C. Rydalch	2 50
" 5 Ewes, W. C. Rydalch	5 00

CLASS B.

AWARDING COMMITTEE—Thomas Dew, Cyrus Bates, and S. Martin.

Best specimen of Wheat, Thomas Dew	$00 25
" " Corn, J. W. Cooley	00 25
" " Oats, R. Mieklejohn	00 25
Best ½ acre of Sugar Cane, D. Jacobs	5 00
" specimen of Potatoes, C. Bates	00 25
" " Cabbage, J. McBride	00 25
" " White Onions, J. McBride	00 25
" " Red Onions, J. McBride	00 25
" " Carriots, D. Bagley	00 25
" " Watermelon, D. Bagley	00 25
" " Muskmelon, B. Baker	00 25
" " Rhubarb, J. W. Clark	00 25
" " Cucumbers, J. W. Clark	00 25
" " Sugar Beet, J. Wrathall	00 25
" " Blood Beet, J. Martin	00 25
" " Radishes, A. W. Sabin	00 25
" " Broom Corn, Martindale	00 25
" " White Beans, R. Mieklej'n	00 25
" " Turnips, A. L. Hale	00 25
" " Squashes, H. Severe	00 25
" " Sum'r Squash, W. A. Martindale	00 25
" " Pumpkins, W. Matthews	00 25

CLASS C.

AWARDING COMMITTEE—W. A. Martindale, R. Mieklejohn & J. W. Clark.

Best specimen of Apples, J. Rowbery	$1 00
Second best Apples, A. Seevd	00 50
Best specimen of Peaches, R. Mieklejohn	00 50
Second best Peaches, J. W. Clark	00 25
Best specimen of Plums, J. W. Clark	00 50
Second best Plums, D. Bagley	00 25
Best specimen of Grapes, B. Baker	1 00
" " Wine, E. B. Kelsey	1 00
" " Currants, W. A. Martindale	00 25
" " Siberian Crabs, J. Wrathall	00 25
" " Tomatoes, W. A. Martindale	00 25
" " Gr'nd Cherries, J. Wrathall	00 25
" " Molasses, J. McBride	00 22
" " Peppers, J. W. Clark	00 25
" " Starch, Mrs. N. A. Sabin	1 00
Second best Starch, Mrs. C. Clark	00 50
Best specimen of Ketchup, J. Wrathall	00 25
Best spec'n Flowers, Mrs. R. A. Martindale	00 25
Best specimen Bar Soap, Mrs. N. A. Sabin	00 25
" " Soft Soap, Mrs. N. A. Sabin	00 25
Best 5lbs Butter, J. Wrathall	1 00
Second best, J. W. Clark	00 50
Best Pair of Geese, W. C. Rydalch	1 00

CLASS D.

AWARDING COMMITTEE—E. Barrus, H. Severe, and J. Felt.

Best spec'n of Blacksmithing, J. Anderson	$2 00
" " Gunsmithing, J. Anderson	2 00
" " Weaving Reed, A. Anderson	2 00
" " Brooms, R. Mieklejohn	00 50

CLASS E.

AWARDING COMMITTEE—T. H. Clark, Sen., S. W. Woolley and A. W. Sabin.

Best 5 yds. Linsey, Miss M. D. Clark	$3 00
Second best, Miss M. D. Clark	2 00
Third best, Mrs. Louisa Hale	1 00
Best 5 yards Kersey, Mrs. R. A. Martindale	3 00
Second best, Mrs. H. F. Bates	2 00
Third best, J. W. Clark	1 00
Best 5 yards Jeans, Mrs. C. Clark	3 00
Second best, J. Wrathall	2 00
Best Shawl, Mrs. R. A. Martindale	3 00
Second best, Thomas Dew	2 00
Best Coverlid, Mrs. H. E. Bates	1 00
Best Home-made Dress, Mrs. N. A. Sabin	3 00

CLASS F.

AWARDING COMMITTE—Mrs. R. A. Martindale, Mrs. E. Young, and Mrs. N. A. Sabin.

Best specimen Needlework, Mrs. R. A. Martindale	$00 25
Best specimen Piecework, Mrs. N. A. Sabin	00 50
" " Knitting, Mrs. N. A. Sabin	00 25
" " Crotchet-work, Mrs. E. Young	00 25
" " Pillow Lace, Mrs. M. A. Virgin	00 25

Best Turf Horse for 1 mile,	Capt. Smith		$10 00
" Trotting	"	E. S. Foote	6 00
" 2 year old	"	S. Matthews	6 00
" Quarter	"	W. C. Rydalch	5 00

None but members are eligible to draw the foregoing Premiums; which premiums must be drawn before the 10th of December next, or be forfeited to the Society.

The articles exhibited were excellent. The specimens of Fruit could not be easily excelled anywhere in the Territory. The Ladies' interest in home prosperity was abundantly evidenced in the Cloth, Needlework, and Fancy Work presented for competition, which elicited from stranger-visitors the testimony that they had not seen anything superior, of the kind, at Fairs in the States. In fact, the Fair was a potent evidence that this county is not much in the rear, if any, in the developments necessary to produce self-sustenance and self-independence—a much coveted desideratum.

The fair was well attended, peace and order prevailed, and, for aught we know to the contrary, all were satisfied.

W. C. RYDALCH, President.
W. JEFFERSON, Sec. and Treasurer.

FROM WEBER COUNTY.

OGDEN CITY, U. T., Oct. 1st, 1864.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

SIR:—The Weber county branch of the D. A. and M. Society, held their Annual Exhibition in the Ogden City Seminary, on the 29th and 30th Sept. ult. The days were fine and pleasent; the National flag fluttered proudly in the breeze, and at 10 o'clock the citizens commenced to assemble, and seemed to enjoy themselves much while inspecting our home productions.

Although there was not quite so large a quantity of home-made articles brought in for competition as on some former occasions, still all that were exhibited were of excellent quality. The flannels and linseys were considered by the committee to be superior to much of that which is imported by the merchants into this Territory. The jeans were very good, and we think may be equalled, but not excelled by any manufacturer in this country. The same may also be said of the linen table clothes and other like articles that were brought in for competition.

The ready-made clothing seemed to be well put together, and were of durable quality.

There was a number of very good hats exhibited, but those manufactured by Mr. David Booth, of Plain city, took the first prize. The embroidery, ornamental, and indeed the needle work in general, spoke highly for the talent and taste of the ladies of the county.

The agricultural and other departments were well represented. There were some very fine specimens of wheat, corn, rye, etc., displayed. The wheat was clean, well filled and free from smut. The corn surpassed any thing of the kind ever before produced for competition in this place. The rye—fine samples of which were brought in by Mr. Geo. Peay and others—the farmers say is the finest they have ever seen.

Mr. William Brown, son of the late Capt. Jas. Brown, planted last spring, one kernel of seven-headed wheat, from which he raised 32 heads. We took an average one and shelled out the grains, and counted 216; this multiplied by 32 would make a total yield of 6912 raised from one grain of wheat. It is estimated that the product of 32 heads would, at this ratio, raise 70 bushels of wheat. This may appear extravagant, but Mr. Brown declares himself able to sustain his assertion in the premises.

Plain city, one of the new settlements in this county, contributed a large quota to the Fair. Messrs. Carver, Skiens, Geddes, Spiers, Singleton, Moyes, Knight and Hansen, exhibited some Mammouth squashes, melons, potatoes, turnips, cabbages, etc., and also some excellent molasses and other articles, nearly all of which took first prizes.

The horticultural department surprised us. The apples, peaches, plums, grapes, etc., etc., together with the ground fruit, filled a large space in the show-room, and were all said to be richly flavored.

Our stock show presented a quantity of finely improved breeds of animals. The pleasures of the Fair day were much enhanced by horse racing, target shooting and cricket matches.

The brass and martial bands added much to the happiness of the occasion. The show-rooms were neatly fitted up, and richly adorned from the studios of the artists—both home and foreign—and from the cabinets of curiosities owned by the brethren. John A. Jost, W. N. Fife, Joseph Tyrrel, J. Hall, Wilson Wright, *Peter McFarland, Joseph Parry and Thos. Doxy,* Committee of Arrangements.

Gen. C. W. West, President of this society, manifested great interest in the proceedings, and contributed liberally to the support of the Fair. All things passed off well, and looked encouraging for the future prosperity of this county. Yours truly,

JOSEPH HALL, Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL FAIR HELD IN NEPHI.

October 1st., 1864.

TO THE BOARD OF THE NEPHI BRANCH, OF THE D. A. AND M. SOCIETY.

GENTLEMEN:—The third Annual Fair of this Branch, was held as per appointment in the Social Hall in this city, on the 1st inst.

There did not appear as large an assortment on exhibition as on former occasions; yet of the substantial kinds there was a good exhibit. A piece of pressed jeans, exhibited by Mr. S. Pitchforth, called forth the admiration of the spectators, as showing what could be done by hand in this country. Not much better could be produced in many of the old countries. Also a piece of plaided kersey, exhibited by Mr. C. H. Bryan, received the unqualified approbation of many, who testified that they had witnessed worse in exhibitions in large cities in other lands. A piece of flannel, shown by Mr. E. Ockey, was excellent, strong and substantial. There was quite a profuse exhibition of fruit, flowers, etc. Pie plant, strawberries, English currants, flowers, peppers, plums, green gage and other varieties; free and clingstone peaches, apples and grapes, all had their share of admirers. The egg plant, a curiosity in its way, was exhibited by Mr. Thos. Barton. There was a good exhibition of carrots, parsnips, cabbage, turnips, potatoes, beans, peas, celery, bassano beets, kohl rabbi and squashes. Some most excellent hubbard squashes were shown by Mr. Jonathan Midgley. A fine buck was shown by Mr. John Vickens, and Mr. Charles H. Bryan showed the best matched yoke of cattle.

It is believed that the spirit of improvement is abroad more extensively among the people than hitherto, and when we look around our city and its environs, we can see that the people are determined to raise fruit and choice vegetables for themselves, and avoid going abroad to market. It is not deemed advisable to extend this report, therefore suffice it to say, that on the evening of the Fair, a meeting was held in the same room, at which speeches were made by several gentlemen present, in favor of agriculture.

The awards of premiums were read over and officers elected for another year; after which those present enjoyed themselves for a while "tipping the light fantastic toe."

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS ORD, Secretary.

The following named persons were elected for the ensuing year.

Jonathan Midgley, President.

George Kendall, Samuel Pitchforth, John Borrowman, Israel Hoyt, Edward Ockey, Abraham Orme, Directors.

John Esplin, Treasurer.

Thomas Ord, Secretary.

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL COMPETITORS, AT THE FAIR HELD IN NEPHI, JUAB COUNTY, OCT. 1ST., 1864.

Best Buck, Mr. John Vickers.
" matched Cattle, Chas. H. Bryan.
" 6 stalks Sugar Cane, Mrs. Sarah E. C. McCune.
" sample Pie Plant, Mr. Ed. Lunt.
" " Strawberries, Mr. Ed. Ockey.
" " English Currants, Jacob G. Bigler.
" collection of Flowers, Miss Mary E. Love.
" " Red Beppers, Mr. Ed. Ockey.
" 6 Plums, Mr. Ed. Ockey.
" bunch of Grapes, Mr. J. G. Bigler.
" 6 Freestone Peaches, Mr. C. Bryan.
" 6 Clingstone Peaches, Timothy S. Hoyt.
" 6 Fall Apples, Albert G. Fellows.
" 6 Bassano Beets, E. Ockey.
" 6 Parsnips, Jonathan Midgley.
" 6 Turnips, John Wilson.
" 2 Cabbage, Zimri H. Baxter.
" peck of Potatoes, Jonathan Midgley.
" 6 Carrots, Mr. John Wilson.
" 2 Kohl Rabbi, Mr. Z. H. Baxter.
" 2 best Baking Squashes, J. G. Bigler.
" heaviest Squashes; C. H. Bryan.
" quart of Beans, Samuel Scriggins.
" " Peas, Thomas Barton.
" 6 stalks Celery, J. Midgley.
" 6 Onions, J. Wilson.
" 5 yards Flannel, Ed. Ockey.
" 5 yards Jeans, Samuel Pitchforth.
" 5 yards colored Linsey, C. H. Bryan.
" 2 skeins of Woollen Filling, C. H. Bryan.
" 5 yards plaided Kersey, C. H. Bryan.
" specimen of Penmanship, Indian Ink, and Line Drawing and Painting, Mr. Gustave Henriod.
" gallon of Molasses, Mr. Benjamin Riches.

Varieties.

—Punctuation, that is, putting the stops in the right places, cannot be too sedulously studied. We lately read, in a country paper, the following account of Lord Palmerston's appearance in the House of Commons: "Lord Palmerston then entered on his head, a white hat upon his feet, large but well-polished boots upon his brow, a dark cloud in his hand, his faithful walking-stick in his eye, a menacing glare saying nothing. He sat down."

—Two thousand eight hundred and ninety-six persons have been saved from death by shipwreck on the British coasts by what is called the mortar and rocket apparatus.

—An ivory tusk weighing eighty-one pounds was found in the stomach of an elephant recently killed near the Cape of Good Hope.

—A new telegraph company has commenced sending messages between Liverpool and Manchester, England, at 12 cents each, and it proposes to adopt this low charge for messages between any two places, without regard to distance as its lines are extended. The telegraph companies having lines between our principal cities make enormous profits, and it only needs the efforts of some public-spirited capitalists to bring down the charges to a fraction of the present rates.

—A very novel mode of gold mining is being engaged in on the Molyneux river. Several parties quite tired out in "waiting for the river to go down," determined on having a dredging machine built similar to those used in harbours and rivers to keep the channels clear. The machine was built in Dunedin, and is now in successful operation. The wash-dirt raised is said to be giving the shareholders a very handsome return for their investment. Their success has stimulated other parties to enter into similar enterprises.—[Nelson Colonist.

—The Crystal Palace at Sydenham has now been open ten years, during which time it has been visited by 15,000,000 people.

The old Shaksperian saying of "carrying the war into Africa," has been amended. It is now carrying Africa into war."

—A letter from Morris Island says that people who have fallen into the not uncommon error of supposing Sumter to be a "heap of ruins," will learn with rusprise that, in the opinion of most of our best army and naval commanders, it is stronger now defensively than ever, being, in fact,, as perfect an earthwork as military skill ever devised. The knocking down of a portion of the wall now and then does not weaken it materially.

—A friend of ours says if it doesn't rain soon he'll let his garden "go to grass" next year,—he doesn't wish to get interested in it and have it dry up in this way.

—Henry Tracy, a citizen of Hancock county, East Tennessee, died on the 16th of April, 1864. He was about 46 years of age, six feet six inches high, and weighed over 600 pounds. For many years previous to his death he had not left his home. His health was generally good; he was very talkative, and fond of company. A great many persons visited him from curiosity. In his young days he exceeded all his schoolmates in running, jumping, etc. He leaves a wife and two children.