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Pickens County Fair.

We stated in our last issue that we would publish a complete list of the prize-winners at the recent fair, and since that time we have made an earnest endeavor to carry out our promise, but regret to say that a detailed list of the premiums is about as difficult to secure as was currency during the recent panic.

It is not our purpose, however, to censure or criticize the responsible parties, because we can readily understand how an accident of this kind could occur. Everyone seemed carried away with the fair, and no doubt the gentlemen who have this important data in their possession are celebrating over its successful results, and under the circumstances we feel that it is only just and proper that a verdict of unavoidable accident be rendered in this case, with the hope that we will run across these gentlemen at the next big fair in the county of Pickens.

In justice, however, to the statement made to our subscribers, we take pleasure in publishing such report as we secured. While it is not as complete as we had expected, nevertheless it is sufficient to show the enthusiasm that prevailed during this event, and we hope that the competition throughout the county will be ten times greater at the next fair.

CORN PRIZES.

Best corn in general, Morris & Hannah.

Best lowland corn, J W Earle.

GENERAL PRIZES.

Pumpkin, Samuel Werner, Watermelon, L T Wimpey, Gourd, Alex Cannon, Corn meal, Morris & Co., Flour, Town Creek Roller Mill, Apples, D H Cassell, Pears, R B Byars, Water gourd, Ellis Tripp, Biggest sweet potato, J McD Bruce,

Sweet potatoes, peck, Frank Smith,

Irish potatoes, Carlyle Newton Homemade molasses, L F Smith,

1 pk white peas, A Cannon, Wheat, W M Murphree,

1 pk oats, D U Mauldin, Best sheaf oats, H D Anderson,

Molasses cane, J W Winchester.

COTTON PRIZE.

Best stalk of cotton in general, 1st prize, Joab Gilstrap.

GUANO PRIZES.

Best selection of Cotton raised with Armour Guano, B T McDaniel, Wando do., John Gantt, Etiwan do., E M Morgan, Royster do., George W Lesley, Pocomoke do., W A Griffin, Swift do., W C Martin, Columbia do., H D Lesley.

The following gentlemen were detailed to act as judges of this important department, and their decisions are worthy of commendation, for it was not an easy matter to decide the prize-winners; but the decisions made by these gentlemen met with the hearty approval of those well versed in this line. Messrs. J. Sam Wilson, John F. Harris

and Taylor O'Dell acted as judges.

Partial Report of Live Stock Committee:

Mule colt under 2 years—
C L Cureton, blue ribbon;
G A Ellis, red do.

Mule colt under 1 year—
G A Lynch, blue ribbon;
E H Fields, red do.

Horse colt under 2 years—
Robert Lathem, blue ribbon;
W W McWhorter, red do.

Horse colt under 1 year—
F N Smith, blue ribbon;
W G Gilstrap, red do.

Brood mare with colt—
J J Lewis, blue ribbon;
Joe Looper, red do.

Family horse—
T J Mauldin, blue ribbon;
W B Allgood, red do.

Saddle horse—
W P Stewart, blue ribbon;
W M Hagood, red do.

Driving horse—
R E Bruce, blue ribbon;
J C Sitton, red do.

Draft horse—
G A Ellis, blue ribbon;
C L Cureton, red do.

Best pair of mules—
G H Hendricks, blue ribbon;
Pickens Cotton Mill, red do.

Best single mule—
Pick. Cot. Mill, blue ribbon;
Joe Trotter, red do.

Heifer—W W Robinson, blue ribbon.
Cow—J R Ashmore, red ribbon.

Bull—S F Curtis, blue ribbon.
Heifer—C L Cureton, red ribbon.

Cow, 2 years old—Mrs A J Boggs, blue ribbon.

Cow, Jersey—Jno Ellenberg, blue ribbon.

Cow, 1 year old—D B Finney, blue ribbon.

Cow, under 2 years—A M Morris, blue ribbon.

Hogs—Best boar and sow, L K Couch, blue ribbon; 2d best, W E Hendricks, red ribbon.

Best pig—J H Gillespie, blue ribbon.
Best and gamest billygoat—
E J Wolf, blue ribbon.

The Woman's Department of the Pickens County Fair Association, under the supervision of Mrs. T. J. Mauldin, chairman, was a decided success.

Compliments galore were showered on the exhibit room. Some persons said it compared most favorably with like exhibits at state fairs. There were a great number of handsome displays of handicraft, art and domestic work.

It was easily seen that the men were attracted to the counter presided over by Mrs. L. K. Cureton, replete with a most lavish assortment of canned fruits, vegetables, preserves, jellies, wines, and cordials, which alone is evident proof of the thrift and industry of the Pickens county housewives.

Another very interesting feature of the exhibit room, and one which was outside the prize contest, was the great number

of antique relics. Among these last named was a silver spoon given to Mrs. Aaron Boggs at the State Fair in Columbia fifty years ago for excellency in weaving—a dress, the thread of which was dyed and woven by Mrs. James E. Hagood, deceased, during the war; a large turkey dish, belonging to Mrs. H. F. Smith, more than a hundred years old; a most exquisitely embroidered counterpane, done years and years ago by Mrs. Blassengame, Mrs. W. T. Fields' grandmother; a beautiful silver butter-dish of great age, belonging to Mrs. J. H. Newton; quilts, counterpanes and coverlets, made before the civil war, and many other articles full of interest and surrounded by tender memories and associations of days long past and gone.

The women of the Fair Association are greatly pleased with having these old-time relics, and hope others may be sent next year.

The judges who awarded the premiums were Mrs. R. F. Smith, Easley; Miss Pauline Islar, Charleston, and Miss Gertrude Austin, Greenville, a most capable trio, who acted fairly and impartially.

While there may have been errors committed by those in charge, it is hoped that they will be spared criticism, on the grounds that this was their first attempt at managing any department at a fair, and it is reasonable to suppose that many improvements may be made by another year.

Let the women of the county look forward to the fair in 1909, and plan work for it.

This county has the means and the minds and we can compete with any county fair in South Carolina by simply giving a little time and attention in that direction.

Below is a list of those awarded premiums, also those deserving honorable mention:

FIRST PRIZE.

Woven counterpane, Mrs Laban Mauldin;

Embroid' counterpane, Mrs W E Hendricks;

Knit counterpane, Mrs Luella McWhorter;

Tufted counterpane, Miss Caroline Hawkins;

Woolen counterpane, Mrs M F Hester;

Patchwork quilt, Mrs Mary Boggs;

Wool coverlet, Mrs George Hendricks;

Woven blankets, Mrs M J Thomas;

Hand-knit socks, Mrs J C Thompson;

Embroidered shirt-waist, Mrs A B Mathews;

Battenberg lace, Mrs J M Hagood;

Drawn work, Mrs J L Valley;

Crochet work, Mrs William Jones;

French embroidery, Miss Annie Shanklin;

Colored embroidery, Mrs Will H Ambler;

Tatting, Miss Mary Philpot;

Knit shawl, Mrs W M Hagood;

Best and largest collection of fruits, jellies, preserves and

pickles, Mrs J C Bowen;

Native wines, Mrs J D Cureton;

Preserves, Mrs W O Hester;

Jellies, Mrs Charles E Robinson;

Creamery butter, T B Higgins;

Loaf bread, Mrs J McD Bruce;

Painting, oil, Miss Essie Earle;

Water-color picture, Miss Ora McFall;

Pen-drawing, Miss Hattie Earle;

Hand-painted china, Mrs Laura Alexander;

Palm, Mrs Thornley D Harris;

Pyrography, Miss Ferdie Legare.

SECOND PRIZE.

Woven counterpane, Mrs J G McWhorter;

Knit counterpane, Mrs J B Newbery;

Tufted counterpane, Mrs Sheriff Brown;

Woolen counterpane, Mrs Geo Hendricks;

Wool coverlet, Mrs James Earle;

Wool socks, Mrs M J Thomas;

Shirt waist, Misses Emily Bright and Mary Kirksey;

Battenberg lace, Mrs B F Martin;

Drawn work, Mrs W E Garrison;

Crochet, Mrs J L Bolt and J S Price;

Patch-work quilt, Methodist Aid Society, Liberty;

French embroidery, Mrs Abercrombie;

Colored embroidery, Mrs Dr Sheldon;

Pyrography, Miss Lucia Felger;

Knit shawl, Mrs J G McWhorter;

Collection fruits and pickles, Mrs John F Harris;

Preserves, Mrs Middleton Hester;

Jellies, Miss Mary Morris, 9 years old;

Bread, Mrs — Alexander;

Palm, Mrs H B Hendricks;

Fern, Mrs N G Ballinger;

Tatting, Mrs T J Bowen.

An exquisite knitted spread, made by the mother of Mrs. David Lander in her 80th year, is deserving of special notice; also a handsome Battenberg center-piece. These articles did not compete for the prize, nor did other articles not made by the persons exhibiting them.

Bits of Wisdom from Shakespeare.

Give thy thoughts no tongue, Nor any unproportioned thought his act.

Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar.

The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,

Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel;

But do not dull thy palm with entertainment

Of each new-hatch'd, unfledg'd comrade. Beware

Of entrance to a quarrel; but, being in,

Bear it that the opposed may beware of thee.

Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice;

Take each man's censure, but

reserve thy judgment. Costly thy habit as thy purse

buy. But not express'd in fancy; rich, not gaudy;

For the apparel oft proclaims the man;

And they of the best rank and station

Are most select and generous, chief in that.

Neither a borrower nor a lender be;

For loan oft loses both itself and friend,

And borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.

This above all—to thine own self be true,

And it must follow, as the night the day,

Thou can'st not then be false to any man.

Intemperance Actor's Fate.

Edmund Kean, who revived the fortunes of Drury Lane and wrung from Coleridge the appreciative comment that to see him act was like reading Shakespeare by lightning, never drank before a performance. He did little else after one. His intemperance ruined his family and made it necessary for his son Charles to quit school and become an actor, a change for which young Kean had no liking.

Reason for Tenderness.

Let us be silent as to each other's weaknesses, helpful, tolerant, may tender, towards each other. May we put away from us satire which scourges and the anger which brands; the oil and wine of the good Samaritan are of more avail. We may make the ideal a reason for contempt, but it is more beautiful to make it a reason for tenderness.—Amiel.

A Cheerful Disposition.

It is well to be cheerful of disposition, to wear a bright face, to speak in a happy tone, to be lively in action—it "doeth good like a medicine," is a tonic to others as well as a benefit to one's self. It is as infectious as disease, encouraging good spirits in those about one, as well as stimulating healthy views of life in one's own mind.

Curb the Unruly Tongue.

Give not thy tongue too great liberty, lest it take thee prisoner. A word unspoken is like a sword in the scabbard, thine; if vented, thy sword is in another's hand.—Quarles.

Uncle Allen.

"Talking of short measure," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "there are lots of people that never seem to have got their share when the milk of human kindness was handed around."

Wealth for the Future.

Tamaulipas is believed to contain great mineral wealth, but little exploration has been done. Copper, zinc and coal are known to exist, and some day will be extensively mined.

Do To-Day's Things Well.

The best preparation for the future is the present well seen to and the last duty well done.—George Macdonald.

Must Fight to Win.

Opportunity is the god of good luck, yet the man who wins and holds the fort always does so by means of a gallant fight.

An "English" Town.

If any town deserves to have a pageant, it is surely Bury St. Edmunds, says London Country Life. Probably it is the most characteristically English and agricultural town in Great Britain, and it is a place delightful to be in, being so free from the noise, smoke and turmoil inseparable from our great manufacturing cities.

Venus Calva.

The ancient Romans at one time knew a Venus the Bald. The goddess was worshiped by that name in a particular temple after the invasion of the Gauls—the reason assigned for this strange fact in antiquity having been that the brave women of Rome cut off their hair to make bowstrings for the city's defense.