

Commemorations at Princeton.

Princeton, June 28, 1853. This is the one hundred and sixtieth anniversary of the venerable Alma Mater...

The commencement exercises began this afternoon, with an oration before the high and classic societies, by W. B. Brewster, Esq., of Philadelphia...

- MORNING EXERCISES. Prayer by the President. Music. The Lord's Prayer...

- AFTERNOON. Music. Thomas D. Mather, N. Y.—National Oration. Francis B. Leavelle, Esq. of Troy, N. Y.—Oration...

American Genius. List of patents issued from the United States Patent Office for the week ending June 28, 1853...

At that very affray was gained eight Schleswig-Holstein guns and four small field guns (Nassau artillery)...

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.—The people of St. Louis have not only a hold on the attention of the full of delegates representing all the states...

KENTUCKY HOOP STATISTICS.—The Louisville Courier of the 16th instant, publishes returns from 1852 counties...

NEW ENGLAND.

The Herald Commissioner's Report. ACTON, (Mass.) June 28, 1853. "A Batch" of Towns—Acton—Its History and Character—Revolutionary Reminiscences—Value of Property—Agricultural Productions—Milk Trade—Manufactures—Boots, Shoes, Powder, Printed Cloths, Sashes, Blinds, Machinery, Barrels, Pencils, Balloons, Hubs, Pails, Mills, Cloths, &c.—Fruit—Bedford—Property and Pursuits of its Inhabitants—Lincoln—Value of Property—Its Position and Character—Peaches—Carlisle—Its Productions—Railroad Facilities—Note.

Among the various towns of which "Old Concord" is the mother, the most noteworthy, in all respects, is Acton. This town dates back to the year 1735, having been incorporated on the 3d of July...

Another enemy to the fruit trees is mentioned by the Lowell Courier, which says—Within a few weeks past, several new worms have appeared on the trees in this country, and seemed to be doing great havoc...

RAILROAD INTELLIGENCE. THE WARREN AND OHIO RAILROAD.—The Warren and Ohio Railroad Company have been organized. The Warren and Ohio Railroad Company have been organized...

THE BOSTON AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.—The grand jury at Pittsburg have recommended a subscription by the county commissioners of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the stock of the Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad.

THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.—The \$2,000,000 of the Illinois Central Railroad, as a surety of the completion within a certain time of fifty miles of the company, official notice having been given of the completion of the road from LaSalle to Bloomington, a distance of sixty-one miles.

THE MILWAUKEE AND WATER TOWN RAILROAD.—The contract for the construction of the Milwaukee and Watertown railway has been let to Bishop & Co. of Bridgeport, Connecticut. They agree to build and equip the road for a distance of 20 miles for \$575,000, one quarter of which they take in stock.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.—About twenty miles of the Pacific Railroad, west from St. Louis, are now in order for the running of cars; they now pass over it, carrying rails, cross-ties, and other material for laying and finishing the track.

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MISCELLANEOUS. The city of Milwaukee has voted to loan its credit to the La Crosse and Watertown Railroad, by a vote of 1,340 to 160.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS OF ALBANY.—The following is a statement of the arrests of persons charged with criminal offenses, and brought before the police magistrates in the city of Albany, during the month of June, 1853.

year. Stony Brook, which flows through Lincoln and Weston, and which gives its name to a railway station in the latter town, originates in Sandy Pond. The water falls into Charles River. The latter is a tributary of the Merrimack. The latter is a tributary of the Merrimack.

Carlisle is the twin sister of Lincoln, being set off from Concord in 1754, though it was set back to that town three years later, and its existence as a corporate town dates from 1805. It is a small town, with about 550 inhabitants. The increase in the value of property from 1840 to 1850, was \$125,000; that value rising from \$198,893 to \$323,524. The amount of stock in banks, &c., owned there in 1850, was upwards of \$41,000.

NOTE.—It was early in June, 1776, almost a month before the declaration of independence, that the people of Acton, in town meeting assembled, declared in favor of a republican form of government. The connection between the mother country and the colonies. This is said by some of our most eminent scholars and public men, to have been the first movement of the kind made in the present United States.

THE WORCESTER COUNTY, June 28, 1853. The Counties of Massachusetts—The County of Worcester—Its Position, Settlement and History—Number of Farms—Increase of Population and Property—Industrial Character of the County—Agriculture—Production—The Distribution of Land—Money, Stock, Buildings, Horses, Cattle, Sheep, &c.—Manufactures—The Number of Cotton Factories—Manufacturing Towns—Woolen Factories—Paper Mills—Card Factories—Linen—Other Manufactured Articles—Lesser Agricultural Articles—Wheat—Ice—Fruit—Milk—Butter and Cheese—Meats—Poultry—Fruit—Railroads in the County—The Valley of the Blackstone—State Lunatic Hospital—State Reform School—Conclusion.

The counties of Massachusetts, as its first divisions, considered politically or geographically, are particularly deserving the attention of any one who undertakes to convey any idea, however crude in itself or imperfect in details, of the State. Each county has some distinctive peculiarity, more or less strongly marked, though to a distant observer all appear to form a homogeneous mass, while nothing can be more heterogeneous to the traveller, who examines things minutely, or to the citizen who shall pay a due regard to the facts that are accessible to all.

The county of Worcester is called "The Heart of the Commonwealth," a title which it deserves, not more from its geographical position than from its character in other respects. In its peculiarities of Massachusetts are perhaps more strongly developed than in any other county. It has generally been called "the heart of the State," and for a time it was a few men in the city of Worcester who governed Massachusetts. The free soil movements, which led to the prostration of the long triumphant party, was commenced in Worcester, and here occurred the great contest between the free soil and the slave.

Worcester towns would not agree in support of the same candidates for representatives, that the whigs returned this year to honor. The first time that now forms the county of Worcester was made, I believe, in 1653, precisely two centuries ago. The anniversary of the event was celebrated last week at Lancaster, the place first named. Worcester, which has now 10,000 inhabitants, or what ultimately was made a county that name, the county of Worcester dates from July 10, 1731, an act authorizing its erection having been passed April 2, that year. It then contained six towns, and was the only county in the State, which did not become the shire town of the county without considerable dispute and trouble.

The amount of the leading agricultural articles produced in Worcester county, in 1850, was as follows:—Indian corn, 469,131 bushels; wheat, 323,695 bushels; 53,381 rye; 46,775 wheat; 8,254 hay; 155,519 tons; hops, 43,460 lbs.; broom corn, 156 tons. Of potatoes I have been able to obtain no reliable statistics, but I can only say that the amount raised, but it must have been very large. It should be recollected that the articles named have a leading mercantile character, which always causes them to be mentioned, while there is little account made of numerous articles which are raised on farms, which find ready sale, and which, under the names of "vegetables," or "garden stuffs," form no inconsiderable items in the list of every agriculturist's productions.

There are two of the State's institutions located in this county. The first State Lunatic Hospital of Massachusetts was erected at Worcester city, more than twenty years since. It is an airy place, and is well adapted to the purpose for which it was given up. Vast quantities of milk are sent over the Boston and Worcester railroad, and not a little of the article is sent by the Fitchburg road. Several of the towns raise, beef, pork, mutton, veal, and the various articles of the farm, in great quantities. Poultry and eggs are produced to extensive amounts. Among the miscellaneous articles are honey, beeswax and maple sugar. The amount of fruit grown in 1845, as officially reported, exceeded 400,000 bushels of strawberries. I consider it but a fair estimate to say that since that time the amount has been doubled. Worcester county is well provided with railroads. The Boston and Worcester, the Fitchburg and Boston, the Worcester and Providence, the Fitchburg and Worcester, the Worcester and Nashua, the North and Worcester, and there are several roads of less history, but all working for the public benefit. Worcester is the only town in the State, which has a railway, there being upwards of twenty station-houses in a little more than forty miles, through the rich valley of Blackstone. The succession of flourishing towns and villages in this valley is altogether unique. There are two of the State's institutions located in this county. The first State Lunatic Hospital of Massachusetts was erected at Worcester city, more than twenty years since. It is an airy place, and is well adapted to the purpose for which it was given up. Vast quantities of milk are sent over the Boston and Worcester railroad, and not a little of the article is sent by the Fitchburg road.