Daily Appeal.

FRAUDS IN PACKING COTTON.

"The fires in the picker-rooms of the Tremont, the Naumkeag, and the Massachusetts Mills, within a few days, and which involve the loss of bales in the last named mill, were caused by stones or gravel packed with the cotton, to increase its weight, coming in contact with the revolving steel knives of the picker, while the cotton was being worked through the opener, so called. The Lowell *Advertiser* says that in nearly all the bales of cotton opened there, from eight to ten per cent. of sand, stones, nails, and other substances, are found. Single stones weighing twenty-eight pounds have been found in these bales, which sell at from eleven to fifteen cents a pound to the manufacturers."—*Boston Traveller, Dec. 24.*

Really, we are loth to believe the statement in the above paragraph. That false packing is done to some extent, we had the best of reasons to believe, for a few cases have come within our hearing, even in the State of Mississippi. But, that it is carried on to the extent named in the article above, seems almost impossible; and yet we have no right to doubt that less, more than other statement purporting to be truth, which we find in the newspapers of the day. How can such an amount of villainy be kept so secret? Every other crime, hainy be kept so secret? Every other crime, with the name of the perpetrator, gets into the news journals of the day, from the embezzler of millions to the thief of a jack-knife; and yet this method of all villainy, can be carried on constantly, and to a heavy extent, and nobody known in the transaction. Surely it cannot be that there is no way in which it can be traced to the offender. The manufacturer can fall back on the commission merchant who filled his orders, and he, the merchant, can bring the cotton back to its source. We have always thought that false packing of cotton was so easily traced out, that none but fools or uninformed scoundrels would practice it. The few cases which have come to our ears, were passed off upon the overseer and negroes, and the deficit in weight, or the weight of the stones found in the bale, paid back to the merchant, with, perhaps, a little hush money, and the matter dropped. In the name of common honesty, let the disreputable, disgraceful, gallow-deserving practice be stopped. If there be a way of finding out the offenders; and let every man's name connected with it be published, and held up to public scorn. Let commission merchants refuse to have any compromise with men who are found guilty, and give their names to the slow, cumbering finger of public scorn; and we think that few names would be treated thus, before false-packing cotton bales would cease. The planter that does it, is no gentleman, no matter how great or small may be his means, but, on the other hand, is a rogue, and deserves a cell in the penitentiary, as well as public execration. Such men should be denied business intercourse with all honest cotton growers and business houses. We learn that the rascality in this business is not confined wholly to the main, miserable shrunk of a miserable cotton plantation; or we would now and then see the names of such wretches in the papers, or before the courts. The bribe to keep dark and say nothing, if perhaps the other side knew of the extensive villainies practiced in the false packing of cotton bales; and the merchant who would thus be bought up, is but little better than the cognoscenti planter or farmer who imposes upon him.—*Jackson Pioneer.*

Mr. Sedgwick on Physical Education.

Mr. Sedgwick's address before the alumni of Columbia College, delivered on the 27th of October, and just published in a pamphlet, is full of good matter relating to education and the formation of character in early life. Mr. Sedgwick's manner of treating a subject is direct, rapid and spirited. How well he depicts the mischiefs of the neglect of physical education in this passage:

"From the time that the boy, whose fortune it is to be educated, is immured in school, till the period when he is again to be immured in the lawyer's office, the counting room, the dissecting room, and from that time again until he enters upon the profession of his life, no systematic attention whatever is paid to the subject of physical education. All the health—all the exercise he gets, he gets by nature or by chance. No regular opportunity is provided for it—no authoritive encouragement is given to it, no stimulus, no prize; all the ambition, all the zeal, all the ardor of his young, ignorant and unreflecting nature is concentrated on the rapid and the midnight lamp. Severe labor, long terms, short vacations, crowded rooms, late hours, bad air—what is the natural result?"

"What can be the result? Well has it been said, that the mind perishes as the body dwindles. Not for the pale crowd of sickly dyspeptics whom our colleges annually turn out, are the great prizes of life. These have indeed been Pascals and Byrons and Cleanings, who, despite frail and miserable health, have achieved immortal things; but these are but exceptions which prove a great general rule."

"It is the men of robust and enduring constitution, of elastic nerve, of comprehensive digestion, who chiefly do the work of life. It is Scott with his manly form. It is Brougham with his superhuman powers of physical endurance. It is Franklin, at the age of seventy, sleeping out on his way to crosses the Canadas, as our hardiest boys of twenty now camp out in the Adirondacks or on the Miramichi. It is Napoleon, sleeping four hours, and on horseback twenty. It is Washington, with his splendid frame and physical strength. These are the men who make the names which the world will not let die. Miserable is the philosophy and the practice which fails to recognize the importance of the animal part of our complicated structure.

"What is there in our system to raise or develop such men? How is it possible for them to be produced by it? Under our system of education. Among the classes which do not so much boast of their intellectual training, the physical man is infinitely better cared for. If you seek among our people for bodily strength, look at the great turn-outs of our firemen. Look at our crack volunteer regiments exchanging national courtesies with our sister States. Among them you shall indeed find that sturdy vigor, that bodily strength and agility, without which all mental culture is but a preparation of disappointment and mortification."

MISCELLANY.

"ANNIE LAURIE."—Mr. Robert Chambers says the verses of this beautiful song, which are in a style wonderfully tender and chaste for their age, were written by Mr. Douglas, of Finland, upon Lady, one of the four daughters of Sir Robert Laurie, first Baronet of Maxwelton, by his second wife, who was a daughter of Riddle of Minto. As Sir Robert was created a Baronet in the year 1685, it is probable that the verses were composed about the end of the seventeenth or the beginning of the eighteenth century. It is painful to record that, notwithstanding the great and wonderful affection displayed by Mr. Douglas in his poem, he did not obtain the heroine for a wife; she was married to Mr. Ferguson, of Craigdarroch.

During the intensely cold night of January 10, Mrs. Albrich, of Haverhill, Mass., who had two or three days before presented her spouse with a pair of twins, left her bed in a delirious state, and, with no covering but her night clothes, went to the neighboring woods, where she was found nearly two hours afterward, actively walking in a circular path, which was beaten hard by her bare feet.

The Army Register for 1859 has just made its appearance. We find that our present force of regular soldiers consists of nineteen regiments, all told, as follows: Ten regiments of infantry, averaging ten companies of seventy men each; four of artillery, averaging twelve companies of about fifty men each; one of mounted riflemen, two of cavalry, and two of dragoons, each of the latter numbering five companies of about sixty men. It would be difficult to arrive at a correct estimate of the actual fighting material at the disposal of the War Department; but we presume the entire strength of our army is little over or under 16,000. The Register shows the grand aggregate of the militia, all told, to be 2,784,420.

Mr. Allen M. Sherman has brought three suits for libel against the proprietors of the *New York Times*, and one against the proprietors of the New York *Tribune*. The damages in each case, being laid at 100,000, make $300,000 in all, which he declares to receive as compensation for injuries done his character, by various publications, relating to legal proceedings, in which Mr. Sherman was a party. The *Tribune* says truly, that, if he gains these suits he will be a rich man, and hopes that he will be a happy one!

It seems that Dr. Hatch does not intend to let his wife, Mrs. Cora L. Hatch, obtain a divorce as easy as it was supposed he would. In the Supreme Court of New York, he has put in an answer to her application, in which he denies her allegations of ill-treatment, and attributes as the cause of the estrangement from him, her practices of lecturing on spiritualism, which, he believes, caused a partial aberration of the mind. The papers in the case afford a curious and instructive chapter on family difficulties.

Wm. Smith O'Brien is about to visit the United States. He will sail from Galway shortly. Mr. O'Brien purposes to travel through the Union.

Dr. Cummings, of the Brattleboro Patent, who knows many things, and all of them thoroughly, thus treats his readers to a recipe for making molasses candy, which is one of our "peculiar institutions:" "Take two pounds of molasses, one of sugar, one table spoonful of vinegar, a piece of butter the size of a walnut. Boil briskly and constantly twenty-minutes, stirring all the time; when cooled enough to pull, do it quickly, and it will come white rapidly. Use the above proportions and follow directions, and you will have good candy.

The attention of farmers is being called to a new article of grass seed, viz: that the "Honeyblade." This grass is said to be superior to all other kinds, and that horses thrive well on it with half the usual allowance of corn. It produces seed at the rate of twenty to thirty bushels to the acre, says a contemporary, which, in the native proportion, is much superior to oats. It has been proved to be well adapted to our soil and climate.

The Lowell strike continues. The strikers, all females, marched in procession along the principal streets, the other day, attended by the members of all the mills save one, to a weaking contest among those still at work. They number about 500. As the whole number of female operatives employed in the Lowell mills is about 9,000, the Lowell *News* thinks that this strike is not of much consequence. Agents of the corporations have been sent into the rural districts to engage American girls to take the places of the strikers.

Hall's Journal of Health states a somewhat significant fact, if it be true; it is, in fact, that of the 6,000 persons tried last year before the New York Court of Sessions, only ninety-four were sober when arrested.

Be contented and thankful. A contented man makes labor light, sleep sweet, and all around cheerful.

MAGNIFICENT PROPOSITION.—Mr. Jas. Pettenger, of Nevada, California, proposes to tunnel the Sierra Nevada mountain, for a railroad by means of the ordinary mining process, wasting the dirt drifted out, and so making the work pay for itself.

Mrs. Partington has bought a horse so spirited that he always goes off in a decanter.

Agricultural.

PREMIUM LIST
FOR THE
SHELBY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR
THAT COMES OFF ON
Tuesday 11th Day Oct. Next,
TO CONTINUE
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

CLASS 1—CATTLE.
Imported or Native, Short Horn or Durham, Devons, Herefords, Ayrshires and Alderneys.
NO. 1.

First best 3 years and upwards $20
Second best ..... diploma
First best 2 years old 15
Second best ..... diploma
First best 1 year old 10
Second best ..... diploma
First best calf 5
Second best ..... diploma
First best 3 years and upwards 20
Second best ..... diploma
First heifer 2 years old 10
First heifer 1 year old 5
Second best ..... diploma
First calf 5
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 2—*Improved or Grade and Cross Breed Cattle.*

First best 3 years old and upwards 15
Second best ..... diploma
First 2 year old 8
Second best ..... diploma
First 1 year old 5
Second best ..... diploma
First calf 5
Second best ..... diploma
First heifer 2 years old 8
Second best ..... diploma
First heifer 1 year old 5
Second best ..... diploma
First calf 5
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 3—*Working Oxen.*

Best country team (but less than 3 yoke) 10
First yoke of oxen 5
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 4—*Steers.*

Best single yoke steers 5
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 5—*Fat Cattle.*

Best milch cow of any breed, for use 10 consecutive days since 1858 10
Second best 5

Statements must be furnished containing the quantity of milk in weight, and the sum of butter during the period of 10 days. Record the statements to be verified by the affidavits of the competitors and one other person familiar with the facts.

NO. 6—*For Cattle.*

Best pair fat steers 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best ox 4 years old and upwards 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best ox 3 years old and upwards 10
Second best ..... diploma

CLASS 2—HORSES, MULES AND JACKS.

Best stallion aged 3 years old and upwards $20
Second best diploma and 10
Best and best colt under 1 year ..... diploma
Second best diploma and ..... diploma
Best stallion aged 2 years old 5
Second best diploma and 3
Best stallion aged 1 year old 3
Best stallion colt 1 year old ..... diploma
Best stallion colt ..... diploma

NO. 8

Best aged mare 3 years and upwards $20
Second best diploma and 8
Best mare 4 years old 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best mare 3 years old 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best mare 2 year old 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best mare 1 year old 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best mare colt 6 months old 10
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 10

Best team aged ..... diploma
Second best diploma and 4
Best team 4 years old ..... diploma
Second best diploma and 4
Best team 3 years old ..... diploma
Second best diploma and 4
Best team 2 year old ..... diploma
Second best diploma and 4
Best team 1 year old ..... diploma
Second best diploma and 4
Best team colt 6 months old ..... diploma
Second best diploma and 4

NO. 12

Best mare aged 15
Second best diploma and 4
Best mare 4 years old 10
Second best diploma and 4
Best mare 3 years old 10
Second best diploma and 4
Best mare 2 year old 10
Second best diploma and 4
Best mare 1 year old 10
Second best diploma and 4
Best mare colt 6 months old 10
Second best diploma and 4

NO. 14

Best stallion for draft 10
Second best diploma and 4
Best single horse for draft 10
Best single mare for draft 10
Best single mule for draft 10
Second best 5

NO. 15

Best pair matched horses for family carriage 10
Second best 5

NO. 16

Best pair horses matched for light carriages or buggy 10
Second best 5

NO. 17—*Equestrianism.*

Best boy under 10 years ..... diploma
Second best ..... diploma
Third best ..... riding whip

NO. 18

Best pair mules regardless of age or sex 10
Second best 5
Best single mule 5
Second best ..... diploma
Best jack 4 years old and upwards 10
Second best 5
Best jack 3 years old 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best jack 2 years old 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best jennet 3 years old 10
Second best ..... diploma

CLASS 3—SHEEP, SWINE AND POULTRY

NO. 20—*Native and Imported Long Wool*

Best lot of sheep not less than 5 10
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 21—*Native and Imported Long Wool*

Best lot of sheep not less than 5 10
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 22—*Native and Imported Long Wool*

Best lot of sheep not less than 5 10
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 23—*Native and Imported Long Wool*

Best lot of sheep not less than 5 10
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 24—*Native and Imported Long Wool*

Best lot of sheep not less than 5 10
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 25—*Merinos.*

Same premiums as No. 27.

NO. 26—*Merinos Native, French and Spanish.*

Same premiums as No. 27.

NO. 27—*Merinos.*

Best sample (not less than 3 fleeces) of long wool or native $10
Best sample (not less than 3 fleeces) of middle wool 10
Best sample (not less than 3 fleeces) of merino 10
Best sample of staple fleece of above ..... diploma

NO. 28—*Swine.*

Large Breed, each of Cheshire, Berkshire, Hampshire, Lincoln, and other crosses.

Best boar 2 years old and over ..... diploma
Second best ..... diploma
Best boar 1 year old under 2 years ..... diploma
Second best ..... diploma
Best sow 2 years old and over ..... diploma
Second best ..... diploma
Best sow 1 year old and under 2 ..... diploma
Second best ..... diploma
Best litter pigs under 6 months old 10
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 29—*Small Breed, such as Neapolitan, Suffolk, improved China, Chinese Mocha, and their crosses.*

Best boar two years old and over 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best boar 1 year old and under 2 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best sow 2 years old and over 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best sow 1 year old and under 2 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best litter pigs under 6 months old 10
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 30—*Poultry.*

Best cock (not less than 3) 5
Best hen (not less than 3) 5
Best coop (not less than 3) 5
Best cock (not less than 3) 5
Best hen (not less than 3) 5
Best coop (not less than 3) 5

NO. 31—*Turkeys.*

Best pair turkeys 5
Second best 3

NO. 32—*Ducks.*

Best pair common ducks 5
Second best 3
Best pair Aylesbury duck 5
Second best 3
Best pair Muscovy duck 5
Second best 3
Best pair Chinese goose 5
Second best 3

NO. 33—*Saddle Horses.*

Best horse, mare or gelding under saddle 20
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 17—*Draft and Harness—Best trotting horse, mare or gelding, to harness, with reference to speed and endurance, combined with usefulness.*

Best single trotter 25
Second best 15
Best pair 20
Second best 10

NO. 18

Best matched horses for draft 15
Second best 10

NO. 19

Best matched mares 15
Second best 10
Best matched mules 15
Second best 10

NO. 20

Best stallion for draft 10
Second best 5
Best single horse for draft 10
Best single mare for draft 10
Best single mule for draft 10
Second best 5

NO. 21

Best pair matched horses for light carriages or buggy 10
Second best 5

NO. 22—*Equestrianism.*

Best boy under 10 years ..... diploma
Second best ..... diploma
Third best ..... riding whip

NO. 23

Best pair mules regardless of age or sex 10
Second best 5
Best single mule 5
Second best ..... diploma
Best jack 4 years old and upwards 10
Second best 5
Best jack 3 years old 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best jack 2 years old 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best jennet 3 years old 10
Second best ..... diploma

CLASS 3—SHEEP, SWINE AND POULTRY

NO. 26—*Fat Sheep*

Best lot fat sheep not less than 5 10
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 27—*Native and Imported Long Wool*

Best lot fat sheep not less than 5 10
Second best ..... diploma

NO. 28

Best wether aged 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best wether 2 years old 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best wether 1 year old 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best wether lamb 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best ewe aged 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best ewe 2 years old 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best ewe 1 year old 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best ewe lamb 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best specimen fleece 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best specimen fleece 10
Second best ..... diploma
Best specimen fleece