

Best Calf,
2d do
3d do
Committee.
Harry O. Higley, Castleton.
Asaiah Hilliard, Duxbury.
Justin Jennings, Hubbardton.
Thaddeus D. Dewey, Poultney
Royal Coleman, Timmouth

5.—WORKING CATTLE.

Best pair of Oxen five years old or upwards.
2d do
3d do
Best pair of Oxen of four years old.
2d do
3d do
Best pair of Oxen of three years old.
2d do
Best pair of two years old Steers broken to the plow.
2d do
Committee.

Edward C. Denison, Castleton.
Caleb B. Ranney, Fairhaven.
James Ayres, Rutland.
Harry Ransom, Poultney.
Nathaniel Cook, Wallingford.

6.—FAT CATTLE.

Best pair of fat Oxen.
2d do
Best Fat Ox or Steer.
2d do
Best fat Cow or Heifer.
2d do
Committee.

Jesse L. Billings, Rutland.
Henry Simonds, Pittsford.
Luther Boston, Middletown.
Joseph Doty, Wallingford.
Hiram Ainsworth, Castleton.

10.—MERINO BUCKS & LAMBS.

Best Merino Buck,
2d do
3d do
4th do
Best Yearling Merino Buck,
2d do
3d do
Best See Merino Lambs.
2d do
Committee.

John L. Marsh, Clarendon.
Seneca Field, West Haven.
Thomas F. Boggs, Pittsford.
Stet St. John, Hubbardton.
Isaac Dickinson, Bennington.

11.—MERINO EWES.

Best five Merino Ewes,
2d do
3d do
4th do
Best twenty-five Merino Ewes,
2d do
3d do
Committee.

Middleton Goldsmith, Castleton.
Wait Chatterton, Rutland.
Moseley King, Bennington.
Nathan Allen, Pawlet.
M. G. Barber, Hubbardton.

12.—SAXONY SHEEP.

Best Saxony Buck,
2d do
3d do
4th do
Best Yearling Saxony Buck,
2d do
3d do
Best twenty-five Saxony Ewes,
2d do
3d do
4th do
Best five Saxony Ewes,
2d do
3d do
4th do
Best five Saxony Lambs,
2d do
3d do
Committee.

Dyer Townsend, Wallingford.
Paul M. Rose, Poultney.
Bartram D. Sandford, Castleton.
Avery Billings, Rutland.
Joseph Sheldon Jr., Fairhaven.

13.—MIXED BREEDS.

Best Mixed Buck,
2d do
3d do
4th do
Best yearling Mixed Buck,
2d do
3d do
Best twenty-five Mixed Ewes,
2d do
3d do
4th do
Best five Mixed Ewes,
2d do
3d do
4th do
Best five Mixed Lambs,
2d do
3d do
Committee.

Seneca D. Townsend, Wallingford.
John N. Pierce, Clarendon.
Leeds J. Billings, Rutland.
William Sandford, Castleton.
Jesse Hines, Brandon.

14.—SWINE.

Best Boar 5 months old or upwards.
2d do
Best Breeding Sow,
2d do
Best Litter of Pigs not less than 3 in number nor more than 1 year old
2d do
Committee.

Henry Mussey, Rutland.
Elijah Esty, Fairhaven.
Jeffrey A. Boggs, Clarendon.
N. B. Smith, Shrewsbury.
V. Lincoln, Castleton.

15.—POULTRY.

Best Fowls not less than three, one Cock and two Hens.
Best pair of Ducks,
Best pair of Geese,
Best pair of Turkeys,
Best and greatest variety of barn yard Fowls.
Committee.

R. V. Marsh, Brandon.
Edward Mussey, Mendon.
James Adams Jr., Castleton.
Josel Parker, Clarendon.
Dr. Sandford, Fairhaven.

16.—MAPLE SUGAR & HONEY.

Best 50 pounds of Maple Sugar,
2d do
3d do
Committee.
Harry O. Higley, Castleton.
Asaiah Hilliard, Duxbury.
Justin Jennings, Hubbardton.
Thaddeus D. Dewey, Poultney
Royal Coleman, Timmouth

17.—BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Best 25 pounds Butter,
2d do
3d do
Best 100 pounds Cheese,
2d do
3d do
4th do
Committee.

William Humphrey, Rutland.
James Huntson, Shrewsbury.
Eliza Munson, Wallingford.
James K. Hyde, Sudbury.
Alpha H. Post, Rutland

18.—HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES.

Best 10 yards of Flannel manufactured
in the county
2d do
3d do
4th do
Committee.

Best 10 yards Carpeting, do
2d do
Best 10 yards Fullled Cloth do
2d do
Best 10 yards rag Carpeting do
2d do
Best Rug
2d do
Best 10 yards Diaper,
2d do
Best ten yards Tow Cloth,
2d do
Best pound Lined Thread,
2d do
Best pair Woolen Socks or Stockings,
2d do
Best pair Worsted do
2d do
Best pair Wollen Mittens or Gloves,
2d do
Best six Shirt Collars,
Best Lamp Mat,
Best Floor Mat,
Best specimen of Worsted Work,
2d do
Best Bed-quilt or Comforter,
2d do
Best Coverlet or Counterpane,
2d do
Committee.

S. D. Winslow, Pittsford.
William Dana, Brandon.
Charles A. Rann, Poultney.
Rockwood Barrett, Rutland.
Ben F. Adams, Castleton

19.—MECHANICS' WORK.

Best specimen of Letter Press Print-

ing,
Best Fur Hat,
2d do
Best pair Boots,
2d do
Best pair Shoes,
2d do
Best specimen of Tailor's Work,
2d do
Best Double Harness,
Best Single Harness,
Best Trunk,
2d do
Best Side Sole Leather,
2d do
Best Side of Upper Leather,
2d do
Best Dressed Calf Skin,
2d do
Best specimen of Cabinet Work,
2d do
Best five pieces of Tin Ware,
Best sample of Blacksmith's Work
—three pieces of different kinds,
Best Iron Casings, not less than
three pieces,
Best Cooking Stove,
Best Parlor Stove,
Best Double Waggon for farm or
team use,
Best Single Waggon for farm or
team use,
Best Double Pleasure Waggon or
Carriage,
Best Single Pleasure Waggon or
Carriage,
Best made Thousand Shingles,
2d do
Best Window Blinds,
2d do
Best Window Sash, not less than
24 lights,
2d do
Best Pannel Door,
2d do
Committee.

W. W. Bailey, Rutland.
Ezra Edson, Mendon.
Amos Crippen, Pittsford.
Timothy N. Merrill, Castleton.
Jerome H. Hilliard, Wallingford.

20.—FARMING UTENSILS.

Best Plow manufactured in the coun-

try,
2d do
3d do
4th do
Best yearling Mixed Buck,
2d do
3d do
Best twenty-five Mixed Ewes,
2d do
3d do
4th do
Best five Mixed Ewes,
2d do
3d do
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Josel Parker, Clarendon.
Dr. Sandford, Fairhaven.

21.—MARBLE.

Best specimen of unfinished sawed
marble 6 feet long and 28 inches
wide, quarried in the county.
2d do
3d do
4th do
5th do
Best three boxes of Honey,
2d do
Committee.

J. C. Thirl, Rutland.
O. B. Harris, Castleton.
Josiah French, Clarendon.
Josiah Willard, Fairhaven.
Geo. W. Webb, Shrewsbury.

DISCRETIONARY PREMIUMS.

Thirty dollars or over, according to the funds of the Society, may be awarded on useful articles, discoveries, or inventions not named in the foregoing list of Premiums, which in the judgment of the Committee are worthy the encouragement of the Fair or Annual Meeting.

Committee.

H. H. Dyer, Rutland.
Harry Holden, Shrewsbury.
Alfred Hall, Wallingford.
Ward M. Lincoln, Brandon.
Isaac Matteson, Mendon

THE HERALD.

Friday Evening, Feb. 16.

For the Herald.
BUTLAND YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Editor.—It is well known that the young men of this town, in the fall of 1847, formed themselves into an association under the above name, the object and ends of which are explicitly set forth in the 2nd article of the constitution, to wit: "The object of this association shall be mutual improvement, and the general diffusion of knowledge, by the means of lectures upon literary and scientific subjects, and, in such other manner as the association at any regular meeting may direct, by a vote of the members present." Being one of the original movers in this matter, I feel as though I had a right to speak of its merits.

At the time the association was formed no sanguine friends feared for its ultimate success; the experiment however was made, and the result has been flattering. By the united and harmonious efforts of the association, and the universal countenance and support of the people of the town, there was a course of lectures delivered before this association during the last year which elicited honor upon the lecturers as well as the association. The lectures of Professors Case and Butler, delivered a short time since, have received high and merited commendation from all quarters, I think the association should be sustained for more reasons than one.

In the first place, a person capable of preparing a good lecture, derives much more knowledge and general information than in any other way in the same length of time. A good lecture improves and cultivates the taste of the hearer. And how can we better protect the public mind from the doctrines inculcated by the French novels which are at the present time being very generally read, and which tend to divert the public mind from all that is pure and good—than by interesting scientific and literary lectures? It is in our power to foresee how many a young man shall be kept from contracting habits that would prove his ruin. We are, however, certain on one point—we are furnishing every individual with the opportunity of acquiring information which will prove of incalculable value in after-life, if they will but embrace the opportunity offered. A person after listening to a lecture delivered in elegant and impressive language, and which at the same time clearly illustrates the sciences, will form new determinations for improvement. He also has an example in the listeners to whom he lectures of what a truly directed mind can accomplish.

It is the easiest thing in the world for one—if so disposed—to find a "mare's nest" at almost any time. This is a position that will strike most people as self-evident, and is one that no man who has travelled half the way from "Dan to Ber-sha" will ever ask to have argued.

Among the latest discoveries of one of these delectable "nests" may be mentioned the more ardent newsmongers and the ever-zealous politicians—who have seen—or thought they saw—in the newly discovered Secret Protocol—upon which was based the late treaty with Mexico, all sorts of evil; and among the rest, a renewal of the war. In addition to this the Courier and Enquirer says:—

"We have received the President's Message in regard to the *Secret Protocol*. It is, however, simply an amplification of the article we have already published from the Union in explanation of the matter and adds nothing therefore, to what is already known. The whole thing seems to us, in truth, unworthy the noise that has been made about it. The protocol has no binding force whatever on the two nations, simply because it was not ratified by the treaty making power in either nation. The treaty itself was ratified by both nations duly and fully—and all the protocols in the world, signed or not signed by the Ministers, could not break its obligations or modify its stipulations. The treaty stands—the protocol is simply waste paper. The talk thereof, in which some have indulged, is left for the public to judge. We have not been able to procure any one; but it is now hoped that we shall succeed in securing the services of some person in a short time.

If I mistake not, this is the only or second notification of the kind in the State.

The credit that must arise to our town and its citizens for supporting such an association should be a sufficient inducement for us to sustain it with renewed determination and energy.

ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL TAYLOR'S RETIREMENT FROM MILITARY SERVICE.

We find in the New Orleans Picayune of the 27th inst., the following concerning the withdrawal of Gen. Taylor from the military service of the country.

Though called to higher and more responsible duties, we can readily conceive, with Major Webb and V. G. Andrus, with like the land route via Corpus Christi, Monterey, &c. to the gold regions. The whole company will number one hundred, thirty-five or forty of whom would leave for Philadelphia yesterday. They proceed direct to San Francisco, which is the rendezvous of the party, where they will be joined by companies from the West. At New Orleans, or elsewhere, as most convenient, they will purchase mules, horses, &c., and all necessary equipments, each man finding his own outfit. They are to remain a year at the gold placer, that being one of the conditions of the partnership.

Two young men, brothers, James and Henry Thompson, from Portland, Me., left this city, on Monday last, on their way to the gold region.

They go on foot via Independence, taking with them only the common preparations for a long excursion—securing their goods by sea to San Francisco. They expect to reach California two months in advance of those who go with teams or pack mules.

Should the fortune of these young men be equal to their perseverance, a fortune is before them.—*St. Louis Republican*, Jan. 24.

A company is fitting out, away down east, for California—head quarters at Machias.

From the Boston Atlas.

CALIFORNIA DOINGS.

The brig *Rodolph* sailed on Thursday for San Francisco. The ship *Duxbury* sailed yesterday for San Francisco with upwards of 100 passengers. Among them are Rev.

Mr. Greeley, of Graham, and Dr. Bushell of New York. The former has contributed a handsome library of religious and scientific books for the use of the company and goes free.

Lot Wheelwright, Esq., of South Boston, goes out in the *Duxbury*, and takes with him a handsome sail boat, which he has called the "Lone Star of San Francisco."

The *Duxbury* takes no liquor.

She will be followed from this port by the barque *Carthage*, belonging to the same owners.

The barque *Lanark*, Capt. J. Woodbury, cleared for California, yesterday, with 120 passengers, among whom are the Neponsets, Roxbury, and Norfolk Mining Companies.

Also a number from Lynn and other adjoining towns. The former company received a handsome donation of books from the ten ladies of Dorchester.

Her modesty caused two hundred and fifty eight articles of

Persons bound for the gold regions can find excellent accommodations on board the brig *Rodolph*, which will sail in eight or ten days.

Captain Merritt, who commands her, is a first rate sailor, and will do everything in his power to make the passage pleasant and agreeable.

The vessel belongs to the Shawmut Mining and Trading Association.

Any person disposed to join the company can have an opportunity by applying at T. H. Swazey & Co.'s, No. 21 Commercial street, on or before Wednesday next.

A company under the name of the "North Western Association" has been formed in this city. It is to consist of forty members, who pay one thousand dollars each.

They have purchased the brig *Ogle* of 240 tons tons, which will be provided for two years. She is to be commanded by Capt. F. W. Moore.

A company of young men belonging to Cohasset, Scituate, and towns in that vicinity, sixteen in number, have purchased the brig *Flame* of Eastport, 140 tons burthen, and five years old, for \$4,500 dollars, and she will be immediately fitted out for San Francisco.

The Springfield Republican says.—"A small company called the Franklin Mining Company, has been formed in this town, and intend starting next week for California, and way of the Isthmus. They sail from New York."

Ship *Magnolia*, barque *Pleasures*, and brig *Emily Bourne*, sailed from New Bedford, on Thursday, for California. The gold excitement in New Bedford does not seem to abate.

The Mercury of yesterday morning says, "the schooners *Tremont* and *John Adams* will sail to day for San Francisco, to be followed shortly by the ship *America* and