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LIST OF PREMIUMS

To be Awarded by the Cass County Agricultural Fair, to be held at Cassapolis, on Friday and Saturday, October 8th and 9th, 1858.

CLASS I.—BLOODED CATTLE.

DURHAMS.

Best bull 3 yrs old and over	$5 00
2d best do	3 00
best bull 2 yrs old	5 00
2d best do	3 00
best bull 1 yr old	3 00
2d best do	2 00
best cow	4 00
best calf	2 00
2d best do	1 00
best heifer 2 yrs old	2 00
2d best do	1 00
best heifer calf	2 00
2d best do	1 00

Judges—Emmons Buell, Jas. Coulter, George Meacham.

CLASS II.—DEVONS.

Best bull 3 yrs old and over	4 00
2d best do	3 00
best bull 2 yrs old	4 00
2d best do	3 00
best bull 1 yr old	3 00
2d best do	2 00
best cow	3 00
best calf	2 00
2d best do	1 00
best heifer 2 yrs old	2 00
2d best do	1 00
best heifer calf	2 00
2d best do	1 00

Judges—Henry Aldrich, Wm. Jones, George Newton.

CLASS III.—GRADE CATTLE.

Best bull 3 yrs old	3 00
2d best do	2 00
best bull 2 yrs old	2 00
2d best do	1 00
best bull 1 yr old	2 00
2d best do	1 00
best cow	3 00
best calf 6 months old	2 00
2d best do	1 00
best heifer calf	1 00
2d best do	50

Judges—James Girt, Josiah Silver, Wm. Seares.

CLASS IV.—WORKING OXEN.

Best pair working oxen 4 yrs old and over	4 00
2d best do	2 00
best pr working oxen 3 yrs old	3 00
best steers 2 yrs old	2 00
2d best do	1 00

Judges—Jesse Tallarday, Dan'l McIntosh, Henry Howser.

CLASS V.—FAT CATTLE.

Best pair fat oxen	5 00
2d best do	3 00
best fat cow or steer	3 00
2d best do	2 00

Judges—Henry W. Smith, Isaac P. James, Robert Snider.

CLASS VI.—MILCH COWS.

Best milch cow	3 00
2d best do	2 00

Judges—George D. Jones, Ichabod Pierson, Gideon Wilber.

CLASS VII.—BLOODED HORSES.

Best blooded stallion 4 yrs old	5 00
2d best do	3 00
best blooded stallion 3 yrs old	4 00
2d best do	2 00
best blooded stallion 2 yrs old	4 00
2d best do	2 00
best driving single horse	4 00
2d best do	2 00
best pair match horses	5 00
2d best do	3 00
best pair horses for all work	5 00
2d best do	3 00

Judges—Lewis Rinehart, Stephen D. Wright, John Letts.

CLASS VIII.—HORSES FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Best stallion for all purposes four yrs old	5 00
2d best do	3 00
best brood mare with foal by her side	4 00
2d best do	2 00
best stallion 3 yrs old	5 00
2d best do	3 00
best stallion 2 yrs old	4 00
2d best do	2 00
best filley 3 yrs old	3 00
2d best do	2 00
best stud colt 2 yrs old	3 00
2d best do	2 00
best filley 2 yrs old	2 00
2d best do	1 00
best stud colt 1 year old	2 00
2d best do	1 00
best filley 1 year old	2 00
2d best do	1 00
best sucking colt	1 00
2d best do	50

Judges—William Baldwin, Wm. R. Fletcher, Horace McKeyes.

CLASS IX.—SHEEP.

Best French merino buck	3 00
best 5 do do ewes	3 00
best 3 do do buck lambs	2 00

Spanish Merinos, Bakewells and South Downs, each same as above.

Judges—John Adamson, Geo. W. Jones, Frank Brownell.

CLASS X.—SWINE.

Best boar 1 yr old	3 00
2d best do	1 00
best pig 6 months old	1 00
best breeding sow with 5 pigs	3 00
3d best do	1 00

Judges—H. Baugham, Hiram Jewell, Hiram Richardson.

CLASS XI.—POULTRY.

Best pair Shanghais	50
" " Cochin Chinas	50
" " Brahma Pootras	50
" " Polands	50
Best pair Chittagongs	50
" " Common breed	50
" " Bantams	50
" " Geese	50
" " Ducks	50
" " Turkies	50

Judges—C. Shanahan, B. Mead, A. Garwood.

CLASS XII.—FARMING IMPLEMENTS.

Best lot of edge tools manufactured at one establishment	3 00
best pair horse shoes	50
" 100 horse shoe nails	50
" chopping axe	50
" mattock	50
" post auger	50
" grain cradle	50
" ox yoke	50
" churn	50
" cheese press	75
" bee hive	50
" fanning mill	1 50
" corn sheller	50
" horse rake	75
" 6 corn brooms	50
" harrow for 2 horses	75
" pump	50
" sod plow	1 00
" corn plow	1 00
" cultivator	1 00
" set of gate hangings	50

Judges—Cyrus Bacon, Finley Chess, N. O. Bowman.

CLASS XIII.—MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.

Best double draft harness	2 00
" double carriage harness	2 00
" single harness	1 00
" man's saddle	75
" riding bridle	50
" trunk	50
" valise	50
" pair calf boots	75
" " kip boots	75
" " coarse boots	50
" " ladies gaiters or shoes	50
" dress coat	1 00
" pair pants	50
" over coat	75
" flour barrel	50
" pork barrel	50
" straw hat	25
" specimen of wood turning	50
" most flour from 5 bus wheat	1 50
" turned wagon spokes ½ doz	50
" axe helve	25
" pine door	75
" window blinds	75
" window sash	50
" lot tin ware	1 00

Judges—Archibald Jewell, B. Cooper, Jr., W. R. Sheldon.

CLASS XIV.—WAGONS, CARRIAGES, SLEIGHS & CABINET WARE.

Best 2 horse wagon	3 00
best 2 horse carriage	3 00
best 1 horse buggy	2 00
best 2 horse sleigh	2 00
best single sleigh	1 00
best bob-sleds	1 00
best farm cart	1 00
best wheelbarrow	50
best sofa	1 00
best dressing bureau	1 00
best center table	50
best dining table	50
best bedstead	50
best flower stand	50
best six parlor chairs	1 00
best six common chairs	50
best rocking chair	50
best ladies sewing chair	50
best work stand	50
best wash stand	50

Judges.—P. B. Gage, Strother Bowling, William Crook.

CLASS XV.—TABLE REFRESHMENTS.

Best loaf wheat flour bread, milk or salt rising	1 00
best loaf corn bread	1 00
" sample of cake	50
" collection of cake made by one exhibitor	1 00
" cured ham, with statement of mode of curing	1 00
" cured beef, with statement of mode of curing	1 00
" 3 lbs of butter made in June	1 00
" 3 " " " Sept.	50
" home-made cheese, 10 lbs. or over	1 00
" 10 lbs maple sugar	1 00
" honey in comb, 10 lbs or under	1 00
" gallon maple molasses	1 00
" gallon sorghum molasses	1 00

Judges—Mrs. P. B. Gage, Mrs. C. Shanahan, Mrs. Archibald Jewell, Mr. John S. Gage.

CLASS XVI.—PAINTING AND DRAWING.

Best landscape painting and drawing	50
best fancy painting	50
best portrait painting	50
best fruit or flower painting	50
best carriage painting	50
best wagon painting	50
best penmanship	50
best crayon drawing	25
best case daguerreotypes or ambrotypes	50
best architectural painting	50
best wood or marble imitation	50

Judges.—Dr. W. E. Clark, Dr. Lockwood, Dr. A. Garwood.

CLASS XVII.—DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES AND NEEDLE WORK.

Best patchwork quilt	1 00
best white quilt	1 00
best pr woolen blankets	1 00
2d best do	50
best 10 yards flannel	1 00
2d best do	50
best wool carpet	1 00
2d best do	50
best rag carpet	1 00
2d best do	50
best pr woolen stockings	50
2d best do	25
best pr woolen gloves	50
" pr woolen mittens	50
" pound woolen yarn	50
" made shirt	50
" ottoman cover	50
" fancy chair cover	50
" table cover	50
" tidy	50
" silk bonnet	50
best straw bonnet	50
" worsted work	50
" worked slippers	50
" mantilla	50
" pair lamp mats	50
" foot mats	50
" lace cap	50
" worked collar	50
" undersleeves	50
" tissue work	50
" sofa cushion	50
" ornamental needle work	50
" sewing by machine	50
" sewing by hand	50

Judges.—Mrs. Seth W. Wilson, Mrs. R. C. Denison, Mrs. S. C. Vary, Mr. Heman Redfield.

CLASS XVIII.—FRUITS AND GARDEN VEGETABLES.

Best collection of fruits of all kinds, grown by one exhibitor	1 00
best collection of fall apples	1 00
" " of winter apples	1 00
" " pears	1 00
" " peaches	50
" " plumbs	50
" " grapes	50
" dozen long blood beets	25
" " turnip beets	25
" " sugar beets	25
" " ruta bagas	25
" " parsnips	25
" " carrots	25
" peck of potatoes	25
" " top onions	25
" " sweet potatoes	25
" " tomatoes	25
" half peck of white beans	25
Largest squash of any kind	25
Best 3 summer squashes	25
" 3 winter squashes	25
" 2 pumpkins	25
" 6 cabbages	25
" 3 watermelons	25
" 6 stalks rhubarb	25

Judges.—Jefferson Osborn, B. F. Hathaway, John P. Miller.

CLASS XIX.—FEMALE EQUESTRIANSHIP.

Best female equestrianship	5 00
2d best do	3 00

Judges.—E. H. Jones, Justus Gage, C. W. Clisbee.

CLASS XX.—MUSIC.

Best band of music, to be judged by their performance on the fair ground	25 00
best performer on the piano forte	3 00
" " " melodeon	2 00

The last two to be judged by the committee at the evening concert.

N. B.—The Concert will be held on the evening of the first day of the Fair, at Cassapolis, the nett proceeds of which are to be appropriated to the payment of the premiums on Music in proportion to the above, be the same more or less.

Judges.—Henry H. Coolidge, Rush Bronson, George Shaffer.

JUDGES ON FOREIGN ARTICLES.

G. C. Jones, A. A. Goddard, E. C. Smith, A. B. Copley, J. Lofland.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Mrs. C. F. Anderson, Mrs. D. Histed, Mrs. J. Silvers, W. G. Beckwith, P. Norton, G. B. Turner.

Rules and Regulations.

1st. Seventy-five cents entitles any person to a Membership, without which no person can make an entry for premium.

2. All members, with their families, under eighteen years of age, can have free access to the Fair grounds at all times during the hours of exhibition, and any person being upon the grounds, not being a member, nor having a ticket, shall be required to pay twenty-five cents.

3d. All other persons will be required to pay a fee of one dime at the gate, for each day, before being allowed to enter upon the Fair grounds.

4th. Horses, carriages and stock, other than that entered for premiums, without the payment of twenty-five cents for every single horse or other animal, and fifty cents for every pair of horses, shall not be allowed to enter upon the Fair ground.

5th. All animals when entered for premiums, shall be subject to the control of the committee having the management of the grounds, and shall not be allowed to go at large upon the grounds.

6th. All articles for exhibition must be registered on the first day of the Fair, or previous thereto, and be delivered by nine A. M. of the second day; and the exhibitor should see that they are properly labelled in order to insure the attention of the judges; and for the purpose of facilitating business, persons wishing to enter articles for premiums can do so by letter to the Secretary, describing the same, at any time previous to six o'clock P. M. of the first day of the Fair.

7th. The examination of the Judges will commence at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the second day of the Fair, and their decisions will be made at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, before which time no animal or article shall be taken from the ground, without the express permission of the committee upon that animal or article. Any person transgressing this rule forfeits his title to a premium.

8th. In the examination or exhibition of horses, no riding or driving faster than a trot shall be allowed. A transgression of this rule will subject the transgressor to a forfeiture of a premium, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

9th. The awards of the Committee will be read at three o'clock P. M. of the second day, immediately after which the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held.

10th. No article or animal entered for premium, where there is no competition, shall be entitled to a premium, unless considered by the Board of Managers to be of decided merit, and shall then receive a volume of transactions or Patent Office Report. Nor will any premium be awarded in any evident case of fraud in the entry of an article or animal.

11th. Foreign articles owned out of the county shall compete with foreign articles only, but will be received and entered upon the same terms as those owned in the county, and the several committees are authorized to award premiums on such articles in their discretion.

12th. Cards will be furnished by the Secretary, at the business office on the ground for each and every article or animal entered for exhibition; designating thereon the DIVISION, CLASS and NUMBER of the article or animal. And the owner thereof will place the same on such article or animal safely secured, for the benefit of the Judges. The name of the owner must in no instance be added thereto or otherwise attached to the article or animal.

13th. All members of Viewing Committees will report themselves to the Secretary at the business office on the grounds at 9 o'clock of the second day of the Fair, so as to enable the Executive Committee, who will be in attendance at that hour, to fill all vacancies in said committee.

14th. All premiums not called for within six months from the day of award, will be considered as donated to the Society.

Statistics of Kansas.

The population of Kansas is 80,000, of which Leavenworth City furnishes 8,000, Leavenworth county, 15,000. The portion of the Territory North of Kansas river embraces over half of the population of the Territory, and only one-third of the settled country.

Atchinson county contains 8,000 population; Doniphan, 8,000; Nemaha, 2,000; Brown, 2,000; Marshall 1,500; Calhoun, 3,000; Pottawattomie, 2,500; Riley, 2,000; Jefferson, 3,000.

Leavenworth, Jefferson, Pottawattomie, Brown and Doniphan, contain Indian Reservations, unsettled by the whites. The population of Indians who still retain their tribal relations, is about 3,000.

Leavenworth county is the most wealthy in the Territory. Atchinson, Doniphan and Douglas next in order.

The wealth of Leavenworth City is estimated at $10,000,000; Atchinson $2,000,000; Lawrence at $1,000,000.

The principal towns along the river are, commencing at the mouth of Kansas river, Wyandotte, situated at the junction of the Kansas and Missouri—population 1,200. Quindaro, on the Wyandotte lands—population 800. Weimer, settled by Germans—probable population 400. Delaware—population 500. Leavenworth—population 8,000. Fort Leavenworth—permanent population 500. Kickapoo—population 500. Sumner—population 450. Atchison city—population 1,500. Doniphan—population 1,000. Palermo—population 800. Elwood—population 1,000. Iowa Point—population 800. White Cloud—population 600.

Correct Speaking.

We advise all young people to acquire in early life the habit of using good language, both in speaking and writing, and to abandon as early as possible any use of slang words and phrases. The longer they live the more difficult the acquisition of such language will be; and if the golden age of youth, the proper season for the acquisition of language, be passed in its abuse, the unfortunate victim of neglected education is very probably doomed to talk slang for life. Money is not necessary to procure this education. Every man has it in his power. He has merely to use the language which he reads instead of the slang which he hears; to form his taste from the best speakers and poets of the country; to treasure up choice phrases in his memory, and habituate himself to their use—avoiding at the same time that pedantic precision and bombast which avow rather the weakness of a vain ambition than the polish of an educated mind.

☞ Six hundred and seventy ladies have petitioned the Common Council of Detroit to take measures for the abolition of concert and lager beer saloons. Cause—they draw the young men away when they ought to be sparking.

☞ A young man stepped into a bookstore, and said he wanted a "Young Man's Companion."

"Well, sir," said the bookseller, "here's my daughter."

☞ Why is an elephant unlike a tree?

Because a tree leaves in the spring, and the elephant leaves when the menagerie does.

☞ "You lie!" as the man said when he knocked another down.

☞ "Corn bread?" said an Irish waiter,—"we haven't got it; and isn't it corn bafe ye mane?"

☞ Sqibbs wants to know if doctors, by looking at the tongue of a wagon, can tell what ails it.

☞ Pleasure—a gleam of sunshine passing soon away.

When I am Old.

When I am old—and, O how soon
Will life's sweet morning yield to noon,
And noon's broad, fervid, earnest light
Be shaded in the solemn night!
Till like a story well nigh told
Will seem my life when I am old.

When I am old, this breezy earth
Will lose for me its voice of mirth—
The streams will have an under-tone
Of sadness not by right their own,
And Spring's sweet power in vain unfold
In rosy charms—when I am old.

When I am old, I shall not care
To deck with flowers my faded hair;
'Twill be no vain desire of mine
In rich and costly dress to shine;
Bright jewels and the brightest gold
Will charm me not—when I am old.

When I am old, my friends will be
Old, and infirm, and bowed, like me;
Or else, their bodies 'neath the sod,
Their spirits dwelling safe with God;
The old church bell will long have tolled
Above the rest—when I am old.

When I am old, I'd rather bend
Thus sadly o'er each buried friend,
Than see them lose the earnest truth
That marks the friendship of our youth;
'Twill be so sad to have them cold
Or strange to me—when I am old.

When I am old—O how it seems
Like the wild lunacy of dreams
To picture in prophetic rhyme
That dim, far distant, shadowy time;
So distant that it seems o'er bold
Even to say—"When I am old!"

When I am old—perhaps ere then
I shall be missed from haunts of men;
Perhaps my dwelling will be found
Beneath the green and quiet mound;
My name by stranger's hands enrolled
Among the dead—ere I am old.

Ere I am old—that time is now,
For youth sits lightly on my brow;
My limbs are firm, and strong, and free;
Life has a thousand charms for me—
Charms that will long their influence hold
Within their heart—ere I am old.

Ere I am old—O let me give
My life to learning how to live!
Then shall I meet with willing heart
An early summons to depart,
Or find my lengthened days consoled
By God's sweet peace—when I am old.

The Cousins.—A Tale for Fickel Husbands.

"Emily, Emily, my darling, is it true? Say it again—only once again, Emily!"

Emily lifted up her face, with a soft, tremulous smile, as her hazel eyes answered the ardent questioning of her lover's glance.

"Yes, yes, Edward," she replied; and the words were sweet to his eager ear.

"Again, and again, Emily! I could hear you say it forever, my love!" said the young man.

He bent his handsome head to kiss the lips that said—what no other lips had ever said to him—"I love you." But his caress was given back with half-timid, yet earnest tenderness, and his soft blue eyes beamed with happy emotion. It was Edward's Vane first wooing, and the pleasure he experienced was as rare and delicious as it was novel; for, to the young lover declaring his earliest attachment, is not timid "yes," and the kiss of her he loves, the sweetest thing he has ever known.

Under the trees, in the garden of the old parsonage, they walked together in the sunset, after this sweet confession—walking side by side—Edward holding Emily's hand and talking tenderly to her as they went, with his warm heart beaming in his handsome face, Emily listening silently, with a happiness whose very silence manifested its depth, and the sun sank lower, and the shadows grew longer, as the pleasant moments slipped away—golden moments to Edward and Emily—and, finally, as the twilight began to gather, they heard the voice of Emily's father calling her, from his study.

They went back; and now, standing for a single instant longer in the old stone porch under the curtaining vines, Edward drew Emily to his breast again and pressed his lips gently to her cheek.

"A few moments, my darling, before you go to him," said Edward. "Let *me* see him first. I must tell him——" A happy thrill ran through Emily's heart. She laid her head quietly on her lover's bosom, and kissed softly the beloved hand that held her own in a lingering clasp.

"Yes, tell him," she said, with a blush, and then loosing herself from his embrace, she went away, while Edward Vane sought her father's study.

It was no new thing to the good old pastor that Edward and his daughter loved each other; he had seen it long since—had known it perhaps before they knew it themselves. Edward was not, it may be, the husband the father would have chosen for her; affectionate in disposition, with an ardent temperament, but impulsive—changing—uncertain of purpose—all this the old man had to see. But he himself had not many years to live; they loved each other, and it might be after all, for the best. At any rate he could not find it in his heart to cross their love, and so consent was given, and Emily and her lover received his blessing.

And now the old parsonage seemed another Eden, in whose garden dwelt only happiness. But has not every Eden its serpent? It came in dark but beautiful and shining guise; it came in the shape of Emily's lovely cousin Helena, who, with her sweet, bewitching face, glided in upon the happy lovers, and brought fascination with her.

It was not that Helena Windham, with her beauty and her pride, cared for Emily's lover, that she left for a while the score of suitors at whose expense she had been amusing herself, coqueting with them all by turns, and giving hope to none. But Edward was handsome, and winning, and elegant; and, above all, he had never knelt at her shrine—the insatiable heart-hunter! And so, for the eclat of a new conquest, she came, daily over from her father's magnificent estate to Hadley parsonage, to win away, with her bewitching smile, the heart of her cousin's lover.

Emily saw her, riding lightly alone on her white steed, with her dark locks braided, and her snowy plume waving to the breeze, her red lips smiling, and her dark eyes beaming with the delight of anticipated triumph. Emily, sitting with her father and her lover in the old parsonage study, saw her brilliant cousin, and thought, "How lovely Helena is." But the thought was not mingled with envy. She won a heart without Helena's fascinations; and her soft cheek colored, and her clear hazel eyes beamed with innocent happiness as she looked at her lover.

A moment more, and the quiet of that happy circle was broken by the appearance of this beautiful enchantress cousin. Emily and her father both knew Helena's hollow heart, yet they gave her kindly greeting. She was their kin. They never dreamed with what intent she had come. They, in their charity for others could not conceive that she had an idea of evil regarding them.

But Helena Windham laughed at their charity. She did not scruple to abuse it when it served her purpose so to do; and she glided in, in her elegant attire, with her soft, yet brilliant beauty, her captivating manner, her keen, delicate, light-flashing wit, and placed herself in bewildering, dazzling contrast to her fair, simple, unworldly and yet noble cousin Emily. It was not the first time Edward had seen her; but he had never viewed her so nearly, never spoken to her before this evening. Helena took care that his earlist impression of her should be only an agreeable one.

She was peerless in her loveliness, her grace, her mental gifts; she would have adorned a royal court. Edward was a scholar and gentleman, cultivated and refined, and a passionate admirer of beauty. It would have been a marvel if one like him had resisted her enchantments, for she was the very [illegible] of beauty.

"How incomparably lovely!" was his mental exclamation as she sat near him, gaily and carelessly chatting with her uncle and Emily, and now and then turning her bright, yet softened glance upon him, with some smiling word of remark, or of a question, that drew him erelong from silent admiration to animated converse with the rest.

He did not mentally compare her with Emily. He was not thinking of Emily when he said to himself that the world could contain no face more enchanting than that of this charming guest; but during the hour that Helena stayed, he experienced a pleasure, the nature of which he could hardly have defined, had he tried, and the depth of which he never sought to fathom. He only knew that he admired Miss Windham very much.

And so the heartless beauty lingered as long as it suited her, seeing plainly, and with secret delight, how Edward Vane was attracted, until she was fully satisfied with her first attempt, and bidding the party a graceful adieu, vanished like some brilliant star, that, while we are eagerly, delightedly watching it, hides itself far behind the clouds. And Emily never dreamed whose eyes that star had dazzled.

When next she met her beautiful cousin, it was after service at the little village church, and as Emily lingered near the door, awaiting her father, Helena, in passing, slightly tapped the young girl's cheek with her gloved hand.

"How came you ever to attract so elegant so *distingue* a lover as Edward Vane?" she asked. "Do you know that I am quite pleased with him? and that is dangerous for you, you know. Take care, my pretty cousin, that I do not win him away from you. By the way, dear, my brother Frederick has become acquainted with him, and, I believe cultivates his acquaintance most seduously. At any rate, he has invited him to spend a day or two with us this week. You can afford to lose him for that time—can't you, Emily dear?"

Finishing her heartless speech with a soft laugh and a kiss on her cousin's lips, she passed on to her carriage; and Emily looked after her an instant, with a sudden tremor at her heart, a startled pallor overspreading her cheeks, saying, in a low, half-bitter tone, "Helena, Helena, was that what you came for?"

Emily only said to Edward when he came again, "Do you know Frederick Windham Edward?"

"Yes, Emily—I was introduced to him not long ago—did I not mention it? I am forgetful of everything but you, my darling," he added, with a beaming smile. Then he continued, "Yes, and only yesterday, he made me half promise to come and pass a day or two with him at his father's. I don't know whether I shall go, though he is very urgent. He seems to like me."

A dull pain went through Emily's heart but she would say nothing, nor let him suspect what she felt.

"Will he go?" she asked, mentally; and with slow and unhappy suspense, she waited to see.

Edward did go. If he had foreseen the result, he might have been wiser; but with him, as is the case with many