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THE TIMES.

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

THE TENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE CHARLES COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY was held in Port Tobacco on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th of November, 1857. After an examination of the articles exhibited, the several Committees appointed to award premiums presented the following Reports:

On Stallions and Brood Mares.
The Committee on Stallions and Brood Mares report, that after careful examination of each one exhibited, they award the premium for the best horse to "Canada," the property of Messrs. J. B. & J. O. Maddox; at the same time remark that Mr. Dennis Spalding's horse is nearly equal and possesses great merit. Of the Brood Mares, common breed, they award the premium to the one belonging to Mr. Dennis Spalding. Of the Brood Mares, thorough bred, they award the premium to the one owned by John H. Digges.

On Colts and Fillies—3 years old.
The Committee on Colts and Fillies report that three years old, they have respectively awarded the animals exhibited, they have awarded the premium to Mr. Samuel Cox, for his young horse "Gray Medock," all of which is respectfully submitted.

On Colts and Fillies—2 years old.
We, the undersigned Committee, appointed on two year old Colts, would report, that upon a view of all the Colts of that age exhibited, (and there were many very fine,) we have allotted the premium offered by the Agricultural Society to Colt No. 9, belonging to Benton Barnes.

On Colts and Fillies—1 year old.
We, the undersigned Committee, appointed on Colts and Fillies one year old, after a careful examination of all that were exhibited, award the premium to Mr. Richard B. Posey's iron gray Colt, marked No. 10, all of which is respectfully submitted.

On Draft and Carriage Horses.
Your Committee on Draft and Carriage Horses, respectfully award the following premiums:
To J. F. Bruce, for best Single-Harness Horse.
To Samuel Cox, for best pair of Carriage Horses.
To Samuel Cox, for best pair of Draft Horses.

On Saddle Horses.
The Committee respectfully report, that they have awarded the premium to Mr. Samuel P. M. Hanson for his bay Filly.

On Mules and Jacks.
The Committee appointed on Mules, Mule Colts and Jacks, make the following awards:
To Reverdy A. Rennoe, for best pair Mules.
To Samuel Cox, for best 2 year old Mule Colt.
To John G. Chapman, for best 1 year old Mule Colt.
To William E. Dement & Richard H. Stuart for best Jack.

On Improved Cattle.
Your Committee on Improved Cattle, after a careful examination of the stock exhibited, award as follows: To John Hamilton, the premium for Milch Cow, \$4; for Heifer, \$2; for Bull, \$1; and for Bull, \$4.

On Common Cattle.
Your Committee on Common Cattle, award the certificate of highest merit to R. B. Posey, for his Bull, it having taken the premium before; and award the premium to Joseph H. Cooksey, for his Bull; for best Milch Cow to H. Clay Nalley; for the best 2 year old Heifer, to John Hamilton.

On Work Oxen.
The Committee on Work Oxen report that there were three yoke on exhibition, and, in their opinion, it was hard to distinguish which was the best, but have awarded the premium to No. 9, belonging to J. Fergusson Bruce.

On Sheep.
The Committee on Sheep report that there were no live Sheep exhibited. They award the premium to Capt. James H. Neale.

On Hogs.
The Committee appointed on Hogs make the following awards: To J. F. Bruce, for best Boar; to Samuel Cox, for best Sow; to Samuel Cox, for best Sow and Pigs; to Samuel Cox, for best Pork Hog.

On Tobacco.
The Committee on Tobacco found but two samples of this article exhibited, and award the first premium to Richard T. Tubman, and the second premium to Benjamin D. Tubman.

On Wheat, Corn and Oats.
The Committee on Wheat, Corn and Oats have the honor to submit the following report: That they award premiums as follows: To Mr. William W. Ware, "for the best field of Wheat, not less than 5 acres," which yielded 150 bushels; to Mr. James H. Neale, "for the best field of Corn, not less than 5 acres," which yielded 723 bushels; to Mr. Samuel Cox, "for the best acre of Corn," which yielded 18 bushels, 1 bushel and 3 pecks; and to Dr. F. R. Wills, "for the best acre of Oats," which yielded 263 bushels, he being the only competitor for this premium.

The Committee beg leave to say, that they are pleased to see the great and manifest improvement in our lands and think, at no distant day, the farmers of Charles county show to their neighbors of adjacent counties and States, that our county, though it was once considered poor, barren and unproductive, may be made to smile like the golden harvests and to bloom and blossom like the rose. All of which is respectfully submitted.

On Potatoes and Turnips.
Your Committee on Potatoes and Turnips respectfully report as follows:
We award to John G. Chapman the premium on Potatoes, having produced 90 bushels from 1, being 86 bushels and a fraction on the one-eighth of an acre. We further award to Dr. F. R. Wills the premium on Turnips, he having produced 120 1/2 bushels on the one-eighth of an acre.

The certificates are hereby returned with this report and made a part thereof. All which is respectfully submitted.

On Quilts and Counterpanes.
The Committee on Quilts and Counterpanes found their judgment severely taxed to decide upon the merits of the numerous articles exhibited in this department. The ladies cannot be too highly praised for their skill, taste and industry which they have shown; and we feel quite sure they will not fail to receive—if not premiums in every instance—the thanks of the Society for adding so much interest to this department of the Fair. After a patient and careful examination, we award as follows:
First premium for Quilt, to Mrs. James Martin.
Second premium for Quilt, to Miss Lizzie Hawkins.
First premium for Yarn Counterpane, to Mrs. Mary J. Simmons.
Second premium for Yarn Counterpane, to Mrs. A. T. Cox.
The premium for best Cotton Counterpane, to Mrs. J. B. Maddox.
Respectfully submitted.

On Socks and Stockings.
The undersigned were called upon to-day to award the premium on Socks and Stockings, and not relying upon their own judgment in such matters, called upon the ladies, who awarded the premiums as follows:
For best lot home-made Yarn Socks, the premium to Mrs. B. D. Spalding.
For second best lot home-made Yarn Socks, the premium to Mrs. S. Hamilton.
For best lot home-made Yarn Stockings, the premium to Mrs. Aquilla Turner.
For second best lot home-made Yarn Stockings, the premium to Mrs. B. D. Spalding.
For best lot Cotton or Mixed Socks, the premium to Miss B. Robey.

There were no Cotton or Mixed Stockings offered. All of which is respectfully submitted.

On Tapestry and Fancy Needlework.
The Committee on Tapestry and Fancy Needlework report, that there was no Tapestry exhibited for a premium, but the display of Embroideries and Fancy Needlework was very large, and all, executed in a style rich and beautiful, was most creditable to the exhibitors. The Embroideries were especially tasteful and worthy of admiration; and most of the other Fancy Needlework was elaborately and beautifully executed.

Your Committee cannot permit the occasion to pass without saying that the Society is deeply indebted and owes its sincerest thanks to the ladies for this very interesting branch of their exhibition. It presented to the eye evidence of skill and taste—and every article was worthy of the fair hand by which it was wrought.

On Home-Made Cloth.
The Committee on Home-Made Cloth report, that they have awarded the following premiums:
For best Kersey, the premium to Mrs. Aquilla Turner.
For second best Kersey, the premium to Mrs. E. Owen.
For best Striped Linsey, the premium to Mrs. Julia Herbert.
For second best Striped Linsey, the premium to Mrs. Catharine A. Long.
For best Plaid Cotton, the premium to Mrs. E. Owen.
For second best Plaid Cotton, the premium to Mrs. Henrietta Adams.
For best Cassinet, the premium to Mrs. Julia Herbert.
For second best Cassinet, the premium to Mrs. Wilson Compton.
For best Domestic Flannel, the premium to Mrs. R. A. Robertson.

On Plain Needlework.
The Committee on Plain Needlework respectfully submit the following as their report: Your Committee regret to state that they found the competition in this department of female industry not so active as they had expected to see, there being but a small number of specimens on exhibition, and from some cause, unintelligible to your Committee, a portion of these could not be found when your Committee entered on the examination. There being but three lots, marked respectively No. 2, 3, and 5, which your Committee saw. These having exhibited superior skill and neatness of execution, particularly No. 3, while lots No. 2 and 5 were only second to No. 3. Your Committee, therefore, award the first premium to lot No. 3, (Miss Mary A. Wills,) and the second premium to lot No. 5, (Miss Rebecca Wilmer's). All of which is respectfully submitted.

On Bread.
We, the undersigned Committee on Bread, after much tasting and mature consideration of the various specimens of excellent, and superior qualities, as well as quantity, of Wheat and Corn Bread, do award the several premiums as follows: First premium to Miss Lizzie Hawkins, for Wheat Bread, marked No. 12. Second premium to Mrs. John W. Mitchell, for Corn Bread, marked No. 2.

On Soap, Candles and Starch.
The Committee on Soap, Candles and Starch respectfully report, that they award to the owner of Hard Soap No. 4, Mrs. Aquilla Turner, the first premium; to the owner of Hard Soap No. 2, Mrs. John W. Mitchell, the second premium; to the owner of Soft Soap No. 4, Mrs. Aquilla Turner, the first premium; to the owner of Soft Soap No. 5, Mrs. R. A. Robertson, the second premium; to the owner of Candles No. 0, Mrs. R. G. Watson, the first premium; to the owner of Candles No. 1, Mrs. Aquilla Turner, the second premium; to owner of home-made Starch No. 3, Mrs. Margaret Posey, the first premium; to the owner of home-made Starch No. 2, Mrs. Emily Hanson, the second premium.

On Wine.
The undersigned Committee on Wine beg leave to report, that after testing fully and freely the respective good qualities of the several admirable specimens presented to them for examination, have decided to award the first premium to No. 4, (Miss Nannie Hawkins'), the second premium to No. 2, (Mrs. Aquilla Turner's). The Committee cannot speak in too high eulogy of the very superior qualities of all the specimens presented to them. The ladies have shown very extraordinary skill in the manufacture of this most delicious and innocent beverage, and we hope sincerely that hereafter more of them will try their skill in this department—and thus, not only give a still further evidence of their great superiority as housewives, but also afford this Committee a more ample opportunity of tasting and of testing this, one of the most delightful manufactures of their fair hands.

Respectfully submitted,
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

On Preserves and Fruit.
The Committee on Preserves and Fruit report, after a thorough tasting examination of the delicious samples exhibited, they award the premium for the best lot of Preserves to No. 7, (Mrs. J. H. Hawkins'); the premium for the second best to lot No. 2, (Mrs. James Martin's); and that the premium we award for best specimen of Fruit to lot No. 1, (Mrs. Dr. Francis Matthews'). Which we respectfully submit.

On Pickles.
The undersigned Special Committee on Pickles report, that they were all exceedingly sour, but they think that jar No. 4 was a little sourer than any others—much sourer than the owner we hope—and we therefore award No. 4 the premium, (Miss Constance Burgess').

On Poultry.
We, the undersigned Committee, appointed on Poultry, make the following awards: For the best pair of Turkeys, male and female, to Mrs. Stanislaus Farrall; for the best pair of Geese, to Mrs. Catharine A. Long; for the best pair of Ducks, to Mrs. John W. Mitchell; for the best pair of Barnyard Fowls, to Mrs. Stanislaus Farrall. All of which is respectfully submitted.

On Agricultural Implements.
The Committee appointed to examine the articles exhibited in this important department, regret to say, that the display was not so large as at Fairs previously held in this place; yet, the Machinery and Implements exhibited are well known and of superior merit. There were two Horse Powers on the ground—one made by Mr. C. H. Drury, and the other by Mr. J. D. Linton, Messrs. J. Montgomery & Bro. exhibited several of their excellent Wheat Fans, and Mr. Drury a large lot of Ploughs and Cultivators. Among other useful articles exhibited were two Wagons—one by A. L. Dorman, of Piscataway, and the other by Mr. Luther A. Martin, of Port Tobacco. The committee award premiums as follows: For the best Horse Power to Charles H. Drury, \$5; for best Thrasher to J. D. Linton, \$3; for best 3-horse Plough to Charles H. Drury, \$1; for best 2-horse Plough to same, \$1; for best 1-horse Plough to same, \$1; for best Hill-Side Plough to same, \$1; for best Tobacco Cultivator to same, \$1. Respectfully, &c.

Miscellaneous.
"CELESTIAL" WISDOM.—The following are a few Chinese Proverbs:
My books speak to my mind, my friend to my heart, Heaven to my soul, and all the rest to my ears.
He who finds pleasure in vice, and pain in virtue, is a novice in both.
We can do without the world, but we need a friend.
When men meet they listen to one another; women and girls look at each other.
The dog in the kennel barks at his fleas; the dog who hunts does not feel them.
Great minds have wills; others have only wishes.
One day is worth three to him who does everything in his order.
Who is the greatest liar? He who talks the most of himself."

God has written on the flowers that sweeten the air—upon the breeze that rocks the flowers upon the stem—upon the rain-drops that refresh the sprig of moss that lifts its head in the desert—upon its deep chambers—upon every penciled sheet that sleeps in the caverns of the deep, no less than upon the mighty sun that warms and cheers millions of creatures that live in its light—upon all his works he has written, "None liveth for himself."

SCENE.—A tall ladder leaning against a house, a negro at the top, and a hog scratching his hide against it at the bottom—"G'way, g'way from dar! You're makin' mischief."

SQUATTER SOVEREIGNTY.—The entrance of six full-dressed ladies into a large omnibus, and taking exclusive possession thereof, while eighteen spare gentlemen, are forcibly expelled.

"Little boy, can I go through this gate to the River?" politely inquired a fashionably dressed lady. "P'raps so, a load of hay went through this morning," was the horrid reply.

The most curious thing in the world is a woman who is not curious.

If a man cannot find ease within himself, it is little purpose to seek it elsewhere.

Epitaph—on a lamb just killed—"Peace to his remains."

On Potatoes and Turnips.
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