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The W. Va. Central Agricultural and Mechanical Society.

LARGE CROWDS AND GOOD BEHAVIOR.
GRAND COMBINATION OF AMUSEMENTS AND ATTRACTIVE EXHIBITS SHOWN.

Thousands of Pretty Women in Beautiful Costumes Watch the Racing
A Display That Speaks Well for Grand Old Harrison.

ANY people predicted that as this was a year of poor values and drouth, the fair would be uninteresting and the attendance small. No person can entertain such an opinion to-day for it has been universally

conceded that never before in the history of the society has there been such a magnificent display not only of the liberal arts and manufactures but of thoroughbred stock of all kinds. The success of the exposition this year very clearly demonstrates the fact that the people of Harrison and adjoining counties are progressive and wide awake even in the midst of an era of financial depression that has swept over the entire continent. The general appearance of the exposition grounds as one entered the gate was sufficient to banish "dull care" from the most gloomy spirit. The vast crowd of people moving from one point to another, the hum of

thousands of voices, the yelling of the peanut and lemonade merchants, the neighing of hundreds of horses, the bellowing of cattle, the rumbling of vehicles and the strains of sweet music all contributed to make it an ideal fair. To be sure we were not behind in anything, for we had the merry-go-round, the side show, the snake charmer and auctioneer.

FAIR NOTES.

The horse trading was a side feature of the fair but our readers must not imagine it a very small feature for hundreds of horses of every description from the spirited Kentucky saddler to the poor old "nag" that was only fit for "raw material" for a guano establishment, found new and strange owners. And many a poor fellow who entered Trader's Alley at early morning came out in the evening with less horse but more horse-sense.

Miss Lillie Lowe, the art instructor at Broadus had a display of her own work in painting, crayon, china painting, &c. that was universally admired. In fact this department of Floral

Hall was never before so beautiful and spoke well for the talent and skill of the young ladies who had contributed to the exhibit. Miss Lowe's work was certainly of a high order.

The exhibits at the Fair for this year were said to surpass anything of the kind for several years and the stock exhibit is far ahead of anything ever presented before on the fair ground. The accommodations were found to be entirely inadequate to the demands for room and a great many new stalls were put up to hold the increased amount of stock. In cattle, there were especially fine exhibits of Holsteins, Alderneys, Jerseys, Shorthorn and Herefords. S. W. Anderson, Esq., of Greenbrier county entered fifteen Herefords that "cleaned up the lot" for "best herd" and also on several single exhibits.

A great many kinds of sheep were to be seen, among them being native grade, Oxford-down, Hampshire-down, Shropshire-down and others, all showing that this branch of industry is coming to the front more and more as our

soil and climate is found to be particularly suited to it.

Among the horses were several fine Clydesdale, Percherons, thoroughbreds, and for the first time an exhibit of standard breeds. Draft, roadsters, saddle and driving horses were well represented.

S. S. Farris, Esq., was frequently complimented for the able manner in which he discharged his duties as Chief Marshal.



ACTIVE HORSE TRADING ON THE OUTSKIRTS.

The judges of the races were Wm. Merns, postmaster at Buckhannon, Porter Arnold, Jr., of Lewis county, and Chas. J. Goff, of Clarksburg.

The balloon ascension on Wednesday was undoubtedly the finest thing of the kind that was ever seen in Clarksburg. About two o'clock the huge air-ship began to expand and by three it



ONE OF MANY.

was almost ready to be launched. When it was at length, ready, the running race was in progress but the instant that the balloon left the ground until its return and that of the aeronaut in safety to the earth the race was entirely out of mind. The balloon when released started up almost perpendicularly and rose to about 2,500 feet when the parachute was cut loose and the female aeronaut began to descend. She alighted without mishap in R. J. Criss' garden.



PRIZE POLLED ANGUS.

The ascension on Thursday was equally successful although the height reached was probably not quite so great. In the starting the aeronaut was drawn through the branches of a tree and quite painfully hurt on the hand, but notwithstanding this she soared away into the sky. She reached the ground again in a little less than four minutes, striking north of the fair ground, near the river.



A PRIZE PORKER.

WEDNESDAY RACES—3 MINUTE RACE.
PACERS—PURSE, \$50.—J. B. Supler's "Golden Slipper," first; J. B. Wisman's "Tom," second; Gran Kester's "Bob" distanced. Time, 3:03.
2:35 RACE.
PACERS—PURSE, \$150.—Thos. Flower's "Raven Boy" first; W. E. Hursey's "Shaffer" second; J. H. Willis' "Dominion" third. Time, 2:21.
1:20 RACE.
RUNNER'S—PURSE, \$90.—Jno. Sil-

baugh's "King George" first; A. D.



A PRIZE SHORT HORN.

Bassell's "Madge B." second; No other money awarded. Time, 1:22.
3 YEAR OLD TROT.
TROTTERS—PURSE \$80.—E. Whitman's "Bird Shaffer" first; J. B. Wisman's "Jim" second; Wm. Golden's "Prostrate" third. Time, 3:00.
SLOW RACE.
MULES—PURSE, \$10.—Awards as follows: J. E. Williams \$5; Geo. T. Rogers \$3; J. M. White \$2.
BICYCLE RACE.
C. H. McGinnis, of Martinsburg, first premium, \$15; F. Long, of Clarksburg, second premium, \$10; Roscoe Brown, third premium.

There were 62 glasses of grape jelly entered and the premiums went to Mrs. Tichenal, of Bridgeport.

Wilson the photographer had a fine display.



A WINNER.

The baby show was quite an attraction. The judges were Dr. Percy Goff, G. C. Southern and Lloyd Steel. There were five girls and seven boys entered for premiums. Mrs. A. J. Hammond's little son John took first premium and Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Stuart's little son, Thomas took the second. The prize girl was little Duley M. Bond, of Lost Creek, and our genial Dr. Arthur Flowers' little Grace, was declared second.



A PRIZE MILKER.

THURSDAY'S RACES.
FREE FOR ALL TROTTERS.
PURSE, \$200.—R. H. Ramsay's "Harry D." first; W. J. Nixon's "Bob Henderson," second; J. B. Wisman's "Lee Wilkes," third. Time, 2:27.
ONE MILE RUNNING.
PURSE, \$100.—Walter Sedwick, "Troy" first; John McCabe's, "Ben Bowman" second; L. W. Elliott's "Ban Bowman," third. Time, 1:35.
THREE MINUTE TROT.
PURSE, \$90.—D. M. Williams' "Toba," first; Robert Garret's "Captain," second; Celia M. Willis' "Mary Quarrels" third. Time, 2:43.
BICYCLE RACE—BOYS UNDER 16, 1/4 MILE.
PURSE, \$10.—Haymond Maxwell, first, \$5.00; Ben Brown, second, \$3.00; Dabney Smith, third, \$2.

The following are the newly elected directors: T. T. Wallis, W. B. Osborn, D. W. Boggess, S. S. Farris, P. L. Lynch, and Wesley Post.



VIEWING THE STOCK.

Ladies Dongola button shoe patent tip, \$1.00 at Holmes Shoe Co. 40-ft.

Hot Time.

Old Breckinridge is having a hot time of it if all reports from Kentucky are true. The campaign has become the most bitter and exciting ever known in the "Blue Grass" State. The women, the preachers, the toughs and all sorts are taking sides. Several fights have occurred and one farmer was stabbed through the heart by a neighbor who opposed Breckinridge. The living sister of Breckinridge's dead wife is now out in a public letter asking for the defeat of the great orator. In her letter she says:

"That Col. Breckinridge will be returned to Congress has never for one moment entered my mind. The very thought of it is an insult to the State, whose boast has been that her 'men were brave and her women virtuous.'"

"The plain truth is that of all the immoral delegations in Congress, that of Kentucky has the reputation of being the worst. With the Taulbee and Breckinridge scandals and the low obscenity of Thompson, you will not wonder at it."

"With pride in Kentucky's past, with shame and confusion that even one man is left within her borders who is willing to see her humiliated, with an abiding trust in the final triumph of law and order, decency and morality in her midst,

I am, as ever,
MARY DESHA.

Shot in Chains.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Sept. 5.—Six negro members of an organized gang of incendiaries, were shot to death last night by a mob near Millington, Tenn., a small town on the Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwestern railroad, thirty miles north of Memphis. The negroes were all handcuffed and shackled, and were on their way to the county jail at Memphis. When the officers reached a dense swamp, a few miles from Millington, they were surrounded by a mob of fifty men armed with Winchester rifles and shot guns and commanded to halt.

"Hold up your hands!" said the leader.

The detectives hesitated. "What does this mean one of them asked?"

"Never you mind; it means business. Shove up your hands!" By this time the detectives were overpowered by the mob. When the mob surrounded the wagon the negroes seemed to know what was about to be done. They were sitting on boxes that had been thrown about on the floor of the wagon. One sat of the seat beside the driver, Atkinson. One negro in the body of the wagon rose up on his feet and threw up his shackled hands. That motion was his last, for a shower of bullets was poured into his body.

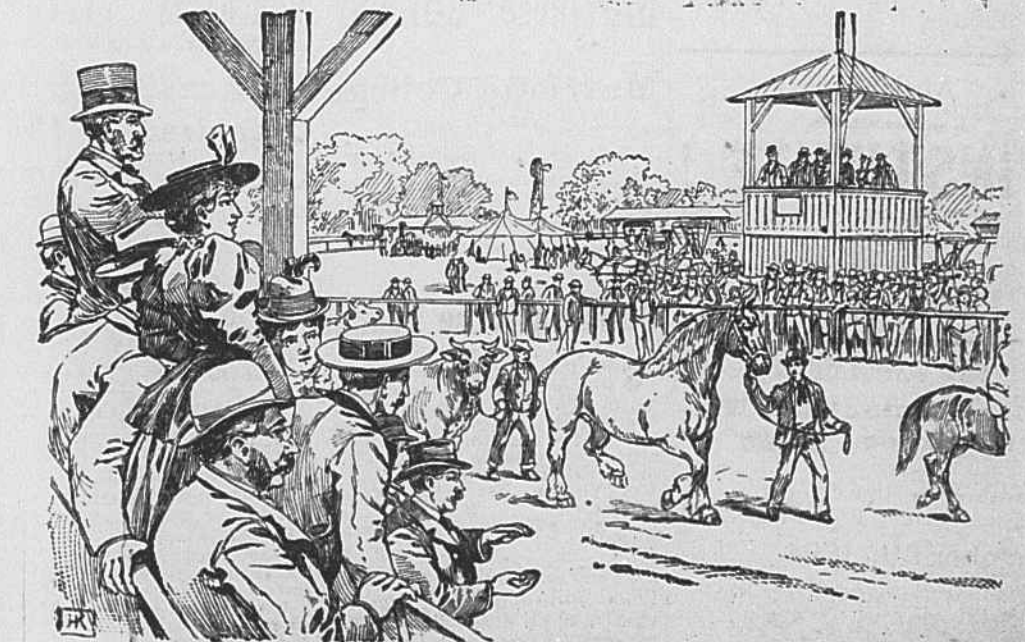
Volley after volley was poured into the bodies of the shackled negroes in the wagon, until all of them were dead. Then the mob took the bodies out of the wagon, threw them into the road and continued to fire into them.

Having concluded its work, the leader of the mob shouted: "Forward, boys." Guns were shouldered and the members of the mob walked back into the woods that lined the road and disappeared.

The lynched negroes were all accused of arson and all are said to have belonged to an organized band of barn burners.

The Wilsonburg M. E. church will give a festival at their church on Saturday evening at 7 to 11 p. m. to which all are cordially invited.

The Chinese legation is the largest in Washington.



THE GRAND PARADE OF PREMIUM STOCK.