Dr. N. Hammond

EASTON GAZETTE.

WHERE THE PRESS IS FREE—"Literature, well or ill-conducted, is the Great Engine by which all Popular States must ultimately be supported or overthrown."
Religion purifies the Heart and teaches us our Duty—Morality refines the Manners—Agriculture makes us rich—and Politics provides for the enjoyment of all.

VOL. VIII. EASTON, (MARYLAND) SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 18, 1825. NO. 27.

PRINTED AND PUBLISHED
EVERY SATURDAY EVENING BY
ALEXANDER GRAHAM,

At Two Dollars and Fifty Cents per an num payable half yearly in advance.

Advertisements not exceeding a square in serted three times for One Dollar, and twenty five cents for every subsequent insertion.

From the American Farmer.

BALTIMORE June 10.

ANNUAL CATTLE SHOW,

For the exhibition and sale of Improved Domestic Animals, Agricultural Machinery and Implements, and Household Manuf ctures—held by the Maryland Agricultural Society.

The Maryland Cattle Show and Agricultural Fair was held agreeably to appointment, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. It has been found impossible to fix upon any season for these shows which was not liable to some objection. In autumn, the days are short and the weather precarious, and often unpleasant; the planter objects that he cannot leave home, fearing his tobacco may be overtaken by a 'nipping frost'—the farmer is busy gathering his fodder and seeding his grain. &c. In early spring on the other hand, domestic animals have not cast their winter garb, and in some counties it is not known how many will survive the 'ides of March,' when they are liable to be attacked by a noted disease called 'on the left,' which sometimes proves mortal. In later spring, the planter is waiting impatiently for a 'planting season,' for which he relies on the prayers of his pastor, or peradventure, with more confidence, on the changes of the moon. Is mid-summer proposed as a better time for this great assemblage of farmers, to that it is objected that the weather is too hot, and that all hands are busy making hay and harvesting—men, women and boys—

Ev'n stooping age is here: and infant hands
Trail the long rake, or with the fragrant load
O'ercharg'd, amid the kind oppression roll.
Wide flies the tedded grain all in a row
Advancing broad, or wheeling round the field,
They spread their breathing harvest to the sun
That throws refreshful round a rural smell."

It was not without much solicitude and consideration, that the trustees fixed on the first of June, as liable to the fewest objections and under all circum-tances, the most convenient; nor have they from the experience afforded now by two shows at that season; any reason to be dissatisfied with having permanently fixed upon it as the time for their future exhibitions.

The assemblage on this occasion was not only very numerous, but it was observed by all that it consisted more exclusively than it had ever before done, of highly respectable landholders and gentlemen known for their practical skill and success, as well as for their general intelligence—coming from Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Connecticut, from the east, and Virginia, and even the Carolinas, from the south.

Under an improved order of arrangement adopted by the board of Trustees, the Committees were organized and proceeded to the duties assigned them at an early hour on the first day.

The exercises of the second day commenced with the trial of ploughs, and closed with the delivery of the premiums to the successful competitors.

The absence of General Charles Ridgely, of Hampton, the president of the society, had been noted with regret and when the time had arrived for the distribution of the premiums, an address from the General, explanatory of the cause of his absence, was announced by R. Caton, Esq, acting president of the day, accompanied with kind expressions of his individual respect and of the general concern on the occasion.

It was now made known from the chair, that previous to the delivery of the premiums, the Corresponding Secretary (Editor of the American Farmer,) had been requested and would receive, announce, and record, any toast or sentiment, which any gentleman might be disposed to volunteer to the company. Such as were offered will be found in this paper at the end of the reports of committees.

Here it is necessary to explain that the Board of Trustees had invited the President, and all the heads of Departments at Washington, to witness the exhibition; but absence from the District or indispensable engagements, prevented all from attending, except the Secretary at War, who being himself both planter and farmer on a large scale yielded to the ruling passion, as an old huntsman is animated at the sound of the horn; and appeared upon the field before many of the members were there to greet him.

The president and vice-president (Col. Lloyd,) being absent from indisposition on the second day, the board of trustees adopted unanimously the following resolutions

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Agricultural Society, in entertaining the highest personal respect for Governor Barbour, are much gratified that it has been convenient to him to honour the society's fair and cattle show with his presence.

Resolved, That a committee be deputed, consisting of two members of the board of trustees, to wait on Governor Barbour, and invite him to present the society's premiums to the fortunate competitors.

H. V. Somerville and George Howard, Eqrs., were authorized to communicate to him the wishes of the society, but Governor Barbour not being then on the ground to render the obligation solicited, General Macomb was requested to officiate.

The chairmen of the committees were then called upon to read the reports, in the order in which they are published.

On the successful candidates being called up, the tokens of excellence which had been won by their skill and industry, were presented by Gen Macomb, in a manner so graceful, and with sententious observations, in reference to the subject matter of each premium, so remarkably felicitous and appropriate, as highly to entertain and gratify the society while he appeared to impart additional value to every trophy in the estimation of those who had the good fortune to win them. In most cases, they were accepted with silent, but *expressive* satisfaction—in some cases with short and happy acknowledgments, one of which occurs to us. On receiving the premium for the best Devon Bull, in answer to the General's remarks on the importance and indispensable agency of this animal, to the fullness alike of the dairy and the shambles, Mr. George Howard, replied—'As I will answer for myself, so I hope that this bull will never disgrace the *Cow-pens*.*

The Society passed unanimously a vote of thanks to General Macomb for the kind and highly acceptable manner in which he had complied with their request to deliver the premiums. The proceedings of the day were very happily terminated by an animated and fluid extemporaneous address from R. Caton, Esq, on the general condition of Maryland husbandry, and the importance of electing delegates to the legislature, with an express view to its improvement by legislative provisions, on many points designated by him in the course of his address.

ADDRESS OF GENERAL RIDGELY,

Pronounced in the General's absence, by James Howard, Esq., secretary to the society

To the Members of the Maryland Agricultural Society,

GENTLEMEN.

No circumstance has recently occurred that causes me to feel my continued indisposition with more acute sensibility, than the necessity it imposes upon me of absenting myself from the present meeting of the Agricultural Society. It is an institution in which I have always delighted, because of the general good it is calculated to produce; and it would have given me peculiar pleasure to have thanked the members, in person, for the honour they have unanimously conferred upon me, of electing me their president. In accepting it, I was actuated by the cheering hope, that a return of health would soon enable me to attend to the active duties of the appointment; and if able, those duties are so congenial to my habits, and my ambition, if I possess any, that they would have been performed with alacrity and pleasure. They shall engage as much of my attention as I can, without danger, bestow upon them; and if I find I cannot fulfil the wishes of the society. I shall be justified in resigning them into abler hands.

It must be evident to the members of this society, as it is to every intelligent observer, that the institution of societies similar to our own, is producing incalculable benefits in all parts of the world, where they exist. In Maryland, more than in any state east of us, there was room for improvement. In early times, the cultivation of the soil was limited principally to two staples, tobacco and corn, which were great exhausters, and the habits of our early planters led them as soon as a field was exhausted, to seek for fresh soil, and totally to neglect their worn out grounds. Good examples, the extension of science, as applicable to agriculture, and the emulation that has been excited to improve and to excel have effected a revolution in these pernicious habits. We can now see, in every direction, the restoration of barren fields to a state of productive healthiness. A course of cultivation is also adopted, which is more favourable to the preservation of soil; and a system of general improvement is introduced, which promises the most happy results to the fortunes, the morals, and the happiness of our citizens.

The improvement too, every where visible, in the breed of horses, horned cattle, sheep and hogs, owes much of its success to the emulation excited by agricultural societies, and the knowledge they have caused to be diffused by their various publications on this subject. Much has been done, but more remains to be done. The judicious distribution of premiums subserves the purposes of the society in exciting emulation, and ought to be persevered in The wise and benevolent theorist finds a reward in promoting the public good. But the practical farmer and breeder, who aims not at literary fame, is encouraged by visible marks of public approbation. The success of this expedient is the best argument for its continuance.

*Mr. Howard is the eldest surviving son of the hero of the Cowpens.

The present is, not inaptly, styled the age of improvement. The exhibition of farming utensils and agricultural implements, on occasions like the present, is an interesting spectacle. It is impossible to witness so many specimens of original invention, and so many proofs of ingenuity and skill in applying the discoveries of others to our own soil and situation, without feeling a glow of admiration. The mechanics of our country merit success and deserve applause. Were I to indulge my feelings, I should enlarge more on these interesting subjects. But in the present state of my health I must content myself with assuring you of my ardent wishes for the success of the society, and my determination by example and precept, to promote all their designs.

C. RIDGELY, of Hampton.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES APPOINTED TO AWARD THE PREMIUMS BESTOWED BY THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

[*Mem.*—Though the committees award the premiums in *money*, it is to be remembered that in all cases they consist of pieces of *plate*.]

STALLIONS.

The committee to whom has been assigned the duty of awarding the several premiums offered by the Maryland Agricultural Society, for the best horses, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the many and various animals exhibited for their inspection, and although not without much deliberation and hesitancy, have finally resolved upon the following awards

For the best stallion adapted to get horses for the saddle, they award the premium of $15, to the sorrel horse owned by Mr Chas. Carroll, Jr. of Carrollton.

For the best do. adapted to get horses for the quick draft, the premium of $15 to Mr. Jacob Hollingsworth's horse Bashaw.

For the second best do the premium of $10, to Mr. Thomas Lewis's horse Tom Jefferson.

For the best stallion adapted to get horses for the slow draft, the premium of $15, to Mr. Dall's horse Stranger.

For the second best do. the premium of $10, to Mr. George Mallonee's horse Superior.

The committee beg leave further to represent, that, holding the subject that has been submitted to their attention, as of primary importance to the community, they are unwilling to dismiss it with the bare distribution of the appointed premiums; but would recommend to the consideration of the public several horses and colts which were, from their particular ages or location, thrown out of the competition. Amongst these, was Sir Harry, a beautiful horse, of uncommonly fine action, the property of Col. C. S. Ridgely, of Elkridge; a fine three year old horse, of distinguished merit, belonging to Col. Emory, of Queen Ann's, sired by Silver Heels; a two year old colt, of great promise, from New York, the property of Mr. Stephen Eustis; and one of the same age, sired by Tuckahoe, belonging to Mr. Swartze, of Baltimore county, of nearly equal merit.

JOHN MERCER,
HENRY WILLIS,
CHARLES CARNAN,
SAMUEL OWINGS.

BROOD MARES.

The committee on brood mares, report,

That they have found Col. Ridgely's bay mare to be the best brood mare, for the saddle; and they award to him the premium of $10.

Mr. Owing's mare Nance, the best for quick draft; and award to him the premium of $10.

Mr. Willis's black mare, the best for slow draft; and award to him the premium of $10.

Governor Wright's grey mare, the best for the turf; and award to him the premium of $15.

The committee are happy to remark the increase in numbers and improvement in the quality of the mares offered for exhibition and premiums.

CHARLES C. HARPER,
DANIEL KENT,
JOHN YELLOTT, Jun.

JACKS.

The committee appointed to award premiums for the best asses and mules, report, that few were exhibited. They regret that so little attention has been paid to these objects. But one mule was exhibited, aged two years and ten months, which, although a fine animal, was not in the opinion of the committee, so remarkable as to be entitled to a premium.

They award the premium of $10, for the best Jack, to the agent of the estate of the late John Thompson Mason; and to the same, the premium of $10, for the best Jennett.

Others were exhibited to the committee, but they considered those belonging to the estate of Mr. Mason, from their size and other quailties, entitled to the premium.

A. NISBET,
JOSEPH N. STOCKETT,
SAM'L HOLLINGSWORTH, Jr.
HENRY A. HALL.

CATTLE.

The committee on cattle beg leave to report,

That they award to Edward Lloyd, of Talbot county, for his bull Champion, the premium of ten dollars, as the best full blood improved short horn bull.

Champion having heretofore received a discretionary premium, on his first arrival in this country, his owner generously declined entering him for the premium to be awarded the best bull of any breed, believing, we presume, with this committee, that to be the best bull of the improved short horn blood, is to be the best bull of any breed.

For the best bull over two years of age, of any breed, the committee award the premium of $10, to William Gibson, of the city of Baltimore, for his bull Rob Roy.

[He was by an imported short horned bull, property of Lloyd N. Rogers, Esq out of a native cow.]

For the second best bull over two and under three years of age, the committee award to John Yellott, Jr. of Baltimore county, the premium of $5, for his bull, three years old, of the mixed short horned breed.

For the best full blood Devon bull, the committee award the premium of $10 to George Howard, of Anne Arundel county, for his full bred bull of the above breed, 22 months old.

The committee regret to state, that, for the premium of $8. for the best bull between one and two years old, there was no competition; but beg leave to award the above premium of $8, to J. W. M'Culloh, of Baltimore county, for his beautiful bull Reuben, two years and five months old, of the Tuscany breed.

To Henry V. Somerville, the committee award the premium of $10, for his cow Helen M'Gregor, of *country blood*, as the best milch cow; satisfactory testimony having been produced, that 13¼ lbs. of butter, per week, has been made from her milk.

For the second best milch cow, the committee award to John Mercer, of Anne Arundel county, the premium of $8, for his cow Nancy, of the Alderney and Hereford blood.

To Henry Holliday, of Talbot county, the committee award the premium of $8, for his beautiful heifer Flirtilla, two years old, by the improved short horn bull Champion.

For the second best heifer, over one and under three years old, the committee award the premium of $6, to William Woodward, of Brookville, for his heifer of the native breed.

A great number of beautiful heifers were exhibited for inspection; many of them entitled to great consideration for their beauty, size and symmetry. The committee were in some doubt in making the second selection, but were determined by Mr. Woodward's heifer having given proof of being a deep milker.

One yoke of oxen only were offered for premium; but the committee do not consider that they possess such extraordinary qualities as, in the absence of competition, will entitle them to premium.

The attention of the committee was particularly drawn to a calf of extraordinary size and beauty, sent up merely for exhibition, (there being no premium offered for animals of that class,) by Mr. Joseph Gales, of the District of Columbia; to whose zeal we have been indebted for interesting contributions to all our previous shows. This fine calf was only five months old; by Columella, out of Cora; Cora out of a Brighton prize cow, property of S. W. Pomeroy, Esq.; she, by the celebrated short horned Holderness bull; Holderness, property of Gorham Parsons, Esq.

The committee were highly gratified at the great number of fine cattle which were presented to their view; and in the absence of premiums can only award their thanks to the public spirited gentlemen of our country, whose exertions have contributed so much to the improvement of our native stock.

EDWARD N HAMBLETON,
ROGER BROOKE,
WM. CARMICHAEL,
CHARLES R DORSEY,
REUBEN M. DORSEY,
JOHN KELSO.

SWINE.

The committee on swine award the first premium for boars, to Mr John Sullivan, of Brookland, for his black boar, thirteen months old, of the Peruvian cross with Cobbett's English boar. This hog, as a breeder, the committee think best calculated for the production of a stock suitable for the salters of the city of Baltimore. There is no other objection to him as a breeder, than his large bone, (which may be diminished by a further cross with the China or no bone breed, of Pennsylvania,) and the undergrowth of wool, which originates from bad keeping.

The second premium for boars is unanimously awarded to Mr. Jacob Hollingsworth, for his half China & half no-bone boar, to which the first premium was heretofore awarded. This hog has, decidedly the best gammon in the enclosure.

Mr. Skinner's imported English boar is a very fine animal in point of size; and he deserves the thanks of the society and all good breeders, for the pains he has taken to afford an advantageous cross.

The first premium for sows is unanimously awarded to Mr. John Sullivan, for his Peruvian sow and her farrow of 11 pigs. She has brought her *sample* along with her and proves that she is best capable of complying with the motto on the Maryland coat of arms, and of fulfilling the wishes of the Agricultural Society of Maryland.

The second premium for sows is awarded to Mr. John S. Skinner, for his English sow Bess. She is a perfect specimen of symmetry.

There are two fat barrows, to the owner of whom the committee would be pleased to award a premium, if within their province.

There are also two pigs from Pennsylvania, now owned by a gentleman in Montgomery county, Maryland, that have the marks of great promise; but not being of the age limited in our instructions, we can only recommend them to all persons who wish to raise fine meat and love to eat it.

R. G STOCKETT,
SAMUEL C. OWINGS,
HARRY D G CARROLL,
BENJAMIN F MACKALL,
TOBIAS RUDULPH.

FAT STOCK.

The committee to whom was referred the decision upon fat stock, regret that the duties assigned them were, in consequence of their being no competition, so light and circumscribed.

Notwithstanding the hogs exhibited by Mr. Clap, would perhaps vie with any others in the state, it would yet have been more satisfactory to your committee to have been called on to decide between many competitors These hogs are 1 year and 18 days old, of the Byefield, Bakewell, and Duke of Bedford breeds, crossed; were fed upon common pasture until the winter season; they then had two ears of corn per day, until about 4 months since, when they were penned and fed upon slop-mush, made of corn meal, and occasionally, corn and milk. Although your committee had no means of ascertaining their precise weight, they judge them to be from 300 to 350 lbs. each, and consequently, award the first premium for hogs to Mr. E. Clap, of Anne Arundel county.

JACOB POE,
R. C. TILGHMAN,
SAMUEL BROWN, Jr.

SHEEP.

The committee for awarding premiums on sheep, and for the greatest number of lambs, respectfully report,

That having with care and diligence examined the objects to which their attention had been directed, they have adjudged the premium for the best merino ram, over one year old; to Samuel Brown, Jr. Esq. of Elkridge.

The premium for the best ram of any other breed than merino, they assign to the Hon. Edward Lloyd, of Talbot county.

For the premium for the best pair of merino ewes, a number of pens of sheep deserving high commendation, were exhibited by Dr. R. G. Stockett, Mr. J. W. M'Culloh, Dr Thomas, and Mr. S. Brown, Jr.; and the committee found it somewhat difficult to decide upon their relative merits, but conceiving the fineness of the wool in this valuable animal to be the most essential point, they have found themselves obliged to be chiefly governed thereby, in adjudging the premium to Dr. Stockett, of Elkridge.

For the premium for a pair of ewes of any other breed than merino, a pair were exhibited by James Piper, Esq. of the Bakewell and Merino cross; of which one ewe was extremely handsome in point of form, and of a good size; but the other ewe not being remarkable, the committee do not find themselves permitted by the rules of the society, to award a premium in this case, which was assigned for the *best pair*.

Mr. Harrison, of Anne Arundel county exhibited a ram of the common breed, which struck the particular notice of the committee, for its fine figure and size; and conceiving it to be of importance to the agricultural interest to encourage the growth and exhibition of the best species of country sheep, and also that they are objects which the society is much disposed to encourage, the committee take the liberty to recommend that the premium which they have not been able to appropriate to its original object, be adjudged to Mr. Harrison.

The premium for the greatest number of lambs in proportion to the number of ewes, (not less than 20,) is awarded to Mr. Thomas B Stabler, of Montgomery county, whose flock of 22 ewes has brought this spring, 27 lambs; all of which were living and in fine order, up to within a few days of the present exhibition.

The committee cannot close their report without paying the well merited tribute of praise to Mr. Barney, of Delaware, for the exhibition with which he has again favoured the society, of a number of excellent sheep of the Bakewell breed. And the committee take leave to add, their commendation of the skill and despatch (say 13 minutes) with which the shearing of a sheep in their presence was performed this morning, by Richard Topman, [an unawarded premium was, in this case, given to Mr. Topman, with the unanimous approbation of the society,] and to suggest to the consideration

©Maryland State Archives, msa_sc2940_scm11029-0098.jpg