

## THE FARMERS and THE CASS COUNTY AGRICULTURE SOCIETY

What was to become an illustrious series of great events was started, when interested citizens met 6-27-1840 and again 7-18-1840, to organize interested people in agriculture.

Hewit L. Thomas was Chm. of the meetings and Dr. John Lytle was Sec. Gen. Nicholas Dorsey Grover and Dan. Embree were chosen to count the votes for officers. Judge Hewit L. Thomas was elected Pres., Embree, the nurseryman, was Vp., John L. Miller, the Asst. Post Master, was Treas. and Dr. Lytle was Sec. Atty. Spear S. Tipton swore them in, in conformity with the Acts of Incorporation, 2-18-1838.

The Directors were to meet the first Sat. of Jan., April, July and Aug. The Pres. was to preside at all meetings. He was to cast a vote on all questions. He was to sign all orders made upon the treasurer. The Vp. was to serve in his absence and one of their members was to serve in case both were absent.

In Jan., of each year, they were to decide on what they would award premiums and for how much. They appointed a committee to examine all objects submitted. This group set the rules for the competition.

Henry Weirick, Capt. Henry Bliss, Dan. Neff, Thos. Rogers, David Corbett and Alex. Smith were the Directors. The Annual meeting was to be the 4th Sat. in Oct.. The Directors were to submit their report in conformity with the provisions of the Act "for the encouragement of agriculture" approved 2-7-1835.

They were to appoint a delegate to the annual meeting of the Indiana Board of Agr., held in Indianapolis, the first Mon. in Dec.. There was to be no competitor who had not been a member of the Society for thirty days.

The Directors met in April, 1841. David Corbet, Henry Weirick, Dan. Embree, John L. Miller and Dr. John Lytle were the committee to chose premiums. They decided that wheat was not to be less than 30 bu. and also rye. Barley was not to be less than 40 bu., oats not less than 50 bu., corn not less than 65 bu. and cheese not less than 10 pounds.

Premiums were to be offered on the best stockings, socks, gloves or mittens of wool; best cabinet, piece of furniture, bureau, sideboard, stand or set of chairs, manufactured in Cass native wood.

Premiums were offered for the best ladies and gents' saddles manufactured in Cass; best ploughs, harrow, cultivator, axe, hoe, grubbing hoe, fur hat, side of leather, boots and ladies shoes. Premiums were 50¢ to \$5.00.

The Directors met again on Sat., 10-23-1841, at the Logan Hotel at NW Walnut and Mkt. Sts.. The President addressed them.

#### COMMITTEES

Stock	David Corbet, Peter Barron, Giles W. Thomas, Peter Dunkle and Judge Wm. Z. Stuart.
Crops	Nathaniel Williams, Andrew Young, Dan. Neff, Jas. Hensley and Henry Weirick.
Domestics	Judge Thomas, Dan. Embree, John L. Miller, Col. Jordan Vigus and Richard Pryor.
Husbandry & Implements	Capt. Henry Bliss, Elias Shidler, Harvey Brown, Geo. Clymers and Jas. H. Kinter.

The first fair was supposed to have been held across the street from the Israel Johnson Tavern or in the block N of the 100 block of E. Mkt.. Burrell W. Booth said it was held on the area N & W of Walnut & Mkt. Sts.. He had to cross the high arched bridge at High and the Canal. He had trouble with his pig, which jumped into the Canal and swam across. He received 50¢ in silver as his premium. He lived at 8th & High Sts..

Judge Hewit L. Thomas was reelected Pres..  
Jas. H. Kinter was Vp., Thos. E. Howes was Rec. Sec.,  
John L. Miller was reelected Treas. and Dr. John Lytle  
was reelected Sec.. This took place 10-9-1841.

Giles W. Thomas, David Corbet, Capt. Henry  
Bliss, Judge Wm. Z. Stuart, Henry Weirick, Dan. Embree,  
Geo. Clymers, Nathaniel Williams, Edwin B. Strong and  
Chauncy Carter were Curators and not Directors.

The committee met at Washington Hall 1-1-1842  
to choose the premiums. Their next quarterly meeting  
was the 1st Sat. in April at 2 PM. The annual meeting  
and exhibition was to be Oct. 21 & 22, 1842.

Wm. Wilson exhibited a four month old calf  
that weighed 400 lbs.. Capt. Cyrus Vigus had an eight  
month old calf that weighed 600 lbs.. Aldridge &  
Sigerson had over thirty varieties of apples, pears and  
grapes. Capt. Vigus, Young, Dan. Neff and John(?) Fitzer,  
Sr., raised seedling apples. Dr. John Lytle and Judge  
Horace P. Biddle made the addresses.

Dan. Embree, Harvey Brown, Capt. Alvan Higgins,  
Jas. H. Kinter and John L. Miller were in charge of the  
exhibits at the annual meeting and exhibition.



The 1850 Fair was held on Lot 12, Geo. T. Tipton Add., around 12th and High. It was three acres. Nothing more was said until the year 1851. There had only been this note of 1850 since 1842. There was an Act before the Legislature for the encouragement of agriculture. Whenever thirty or more, in two counties of the State, should organize, adopt a constitution agreeable to the rules and regulations to be furnished by the Ind. State Board of Agr., and should have appointed the usual and proper officers, when they had paid their treasurer not less than \$50, and when the Pres. shall certify to the County Aud. the amount paid, attested to by oath or affirmation of their treasurer before a magistrate, the County Aud. shall draw upon the County Treas. an order for all monies received the previous year from licenses from menageries, circuses or theatrical performances or other shows, providing the said order did not exceed the amount paid in by the society.

The Society met at the Court house on Sat., 2-28-1852. Jas. Chappelow, Saml. Swigart, Jas. F. Carney, Artemus B. Knowlton, Col. Philip Pollard, Capt. Alvan Higgins, Benj. F. Spader, Chas. Lyons, Col. Wm. L. Brown, Almon Lyon, Wilson K. McElheny, Thos. H. Wilson, Jas. Hensley and Barton R. Keep were in attendance.

Sat., 3-13-1852, they organized the Cass County Agriculture Society. Judge Hewit L. Thomas was Pres., Jas. Hensley was Vp., Barton R. Keep was Treas. and Col. Thos. Hall Bringhurst was Sec..

A. Trapp, of Noble Tp.; Saml. Swigart, of Clay Tp.; Artemus B. Knowlton, of Washington Tp.; Col. Wm. L. Brown, of Clinton Tp.; and Dr. John Lytle, of Eel Tp., were the Directors.

A number were chosen to solicit members in the separate townships. Judge John W. Wright was invited to speak the 2nd Sat. in April. The Fair was to be held in October.

#### PREMIUM LIST 1852

Best stallion	Stud colt foaled in Cass;
Best jack	three yrs. old.
Best mule; over two yrs.;	Brood mare and colt
raised in Cass	Sucking colt
Bull, 3 yrs.	Bull, 2 yrs.
Yearling calf	Cow, 3 yrs.
Heifer, 3 yrs.	Heifer, 2 yrs.
Buck	Ewe
Bucks (lot of 5)	Ewe lambs (lot of 5)
Boar	Sow
Boar & sow, under 1 yr.	Acre of wheat
Five acres of wheat	Acre of corn
Potatoes, 5 bu. (variety),	$\frac{1}{4}$ acre of potatoes (quantity)
raised by the exhibitor	Cheese, 20 lbs.
Plough, two or three horse	Butter, 10 lbs.
Cast or steel plow	Best five acres of corn
Best corn sheller	Best one horse plough
Best shovel plough	Best cultivator

Best grain cradle	Best harrow
Best churn	Best thresher & spearator
Best two horse wagon	Cabbage, ten heads
Apples, five varieties	Pears, five varieties
Peaches, five varieties	

All competitors were to belong to the Society.

Saturday, Sept. 24, 1852, the Directors met at the County Auditor's office at 10 AM. Judge Thomas, Barton R. Keep, Jos. Penrose, A. Trapp, Saml. Swigart, Artemus B. Knowlton, Col. Wm. L. Brown, Dr. John Lytle, Rich. Pryor, Wm. P. Thomas, Wm. Michaels and Thornton P. Tyson were in attendance.

They decided to offer a premium for the best acre of plowing, done on Spencer Square. Mrs. Harriet Dunn, wife of Thos. S. Dunn and daughter of Gen. John Tipton, granted her permission.

Dan. Morrison, Barton R. Keep and Artemus B. Knowlton were the crops committee. Armstead Carter, John Myers and Wm. P. Thomas were the plowing match committee. Enoch Stancel, Geo. Kendel and John Konts of Carroll County, were the horses and mules committee. Robt. Gibson, Geo. Clymers and J. S. Twells were the cows and bulls committee. Wm. Aldrich, Major Wm. J. Cullen and Slaton Kendall were the sheep committee. Wm. Corbet, Jacob Koutz and Wm. Long were the pig committee.

Robt. McCandless, Rich. Tyner and Benj. F. Spader were the farm implement committee. Thos. H. Wilson, Geo. P. Clem and Benj. O. Spencer were the crop committee. The highest premium was five dollars and a diploma was given for the best flour barrel.

Those who needed pens or stalls, for stock, were required to build them. It was requested that care be taken so that the fence of the lot be not unnecessarily injured. They did have to pay out two dollars for repairs.

The Indiana State Fair was held the week ending Oct. 23, 1852. Judge John W. Wright had the best flour, from his Logan Mills. Judge Hewitt L. Thomas and Rich. Tyner purchased a Durham bull, cow and calf.

#### 1852 WINNERS

Geo. T. Tipton for corn grown on Island #2 (Biddle Island)  
 David H. Conrad, two year stallion; Wm. Brown (Clinton Tp.), 2nd  
 Johnson Cohee, four year old stallion; Nathan Aldrich, 2nd  
 Corn Daniel Swineheart and Col. Wm. L. Brown.  
 Potatoes Barton R. Keep and Wm. P. Thomas and Jas. G. Cox  
 Giles W. Thomas, three year old colt  
 S. H. Starr, five year old black carriage horses  
 Potatoes George Swartz and Dan. Swineheart  
 John O. Skelton, 87 $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. from  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre  
 Hules Geo. Houk and Geo. Houk  
 Wm. Corbet, Durham cow  
 Judge Wm. Z. Stuart, two year old Durham cow  
 Giles W. Thomas, two year old bull  
 John Nord, one year old bull  
 Apples Wm. Atwood and Wm. Brown (Clinton Tp.)  
 Wm. Corbet, two year yearling  
 Godfrey Twells, heifer calf  
 Thos. Eglin, two year old heifer  
 Jas. G. Cox, vegetable display  
 Wm. Wilson, six year old sorrell buggy horse

Atty. Lewis Chamberlin, four year old bay saddle horse  
 Judge Hewitt L. Thomas, Durham bull calf; Rich. Fyner  
 Major Dan. H. Conrad, grey mare draught horse  
 Harvey Heath, brown brood mare; Robt. Knox, 2nd  
 Barton R. Keep, buck and five buck lambs, five ewe lambs  
 Giles W. Thomas, two year old filly  
 Robt. Gibson, stallion colt. Barton R. Keep, selected lamb  
 Harvey Heath, year old filly  
 George Cecil, best flour, from Forest Hills  
 Thos. T. Parnell (Pulaski County) had Saxon and Merino buck,  
 best woolled  
 Zera Sutherland, flour barrels, Sutherland Hill, Clay Tp.  
 Joel C. Elam, dozen socks; counterpane  
 Wm. (?) Updegraff, brooms, 1st and 2nd  
 Butter Mrs. Benj. F. Spader and Mrs. Thornton M. Tyson  
 Cheese Mrs. Hewitt L. Thomas  
 Saddle Butler Bronson Saml. L. McElhent, horse shoes;  
 Dan. Myers, steel plough buggy  
 Thos. R. McElheny, farm wagon  
 Chas. B. Knowlton & Alba Kendall, thresher and separator,  
 cast plow and straw cutter; Kendall-Knowlton  
 Lock Foundry  
 Dan. Myers won plowing contest; Andrew Dodds, 2nd; Robt.  
 McCandless, 3rd

Receipts from memberships were \$145. A gift  
 from Thos. H. Wilson of \$4 and Knowlton & Kendall of \$2  
 plus \$45 from the County Treas. gave a total income of  
 \$196. They paid out \$131.50 in premiums. There was  
 \$2.05 for books, \$2.50 for printing and \$2 for tables  
 and lumber. Total expenses were \$140.05 and balances  
 were \$55.95.

They arranged for the President to speak in  
 every township during the coming winter, on behalf of  
 the Society.

April, 1853, Case & Co., of Delphi, drove three  
 hundred stall fed cattle to IX. It took them sixty days.

Flour was then up to \$10 a barrel and potatoes were \$1.25 a bu. Frost April 26, 1853, killed most of the cherries.

Israel Johnson and Sons packed 2,500 hogs; Steward B. Kendrick packed 2,500; Jas. B. Rodgers & Co. packed 2,100; Geo. W. Ewing and Geo. B. Walker packed 600; total packed 1852-1853 was 7,900 hogs. Mess pork was down, at Cincinnati, to \$14 a barrel. Shoulders, in the bulk, were  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ¢/lb. Flour was then \$4.20 a bbl.

Jas. Wensley lost thirty-eight sheep to dogs. Two of them were full blooded Merinos. A large number of German Emigrant farmers arrived the latter part of June.

There was a sale of swamp land Mon., July 25. It was first sold and then drained, payable from the funds of the sale. The value was 50¢ to \$1.50 an acre. Speculators would buy the land and drain it with their own money, that they had used to purchase it. A Commissioner, in each county, plus the County Auditor and County Treasurer would drain the fund and there wouldn't be anything left for the drainage of the land. T27N and T28N R1W, Tp. 28N R2E and T28N R3E were to be drained. All in Cass County. Could be purchased with gold, silver, notes on the State Bank of Ind., Free Bank of Ind., Bank of Missouri, and solvent banks of Ohio, Ky. and Va.

June, 1853, mess pork was selling for \$15.75 a barrel at NYC. Corn was 64 to 66¢ a bu. and coffee, at New Orleans, was \$8.75 a bag.

There was a heavy frost on Sat. and Sun., Aug. 27 and 28, 1853. There was a forty percent increase in wheat production in the year 1853. It was still selling for eighty cents a bushel. Flour was \$5.00 a bbl. in the east.

Barton R. Keep sold Merino bucks at the County Fair. Jas. G. Cox bought five full-blooded Merino bucks, at a Cinn. sale. Henry H. DeWolf exhibited a new threshing machine at the State Fair, held at Lafayette. Thos. R. McElheny exhibited a new plough, which he made. Wm. T. S. Manly exhibited a walnut dressing bureau. Wm. Atwood exhibited his invention for trimming trees. Mrs. E. Richardson, Mrs. Miranda P. Hall and Mrs. Jas. B. Rodgers exhibited needle work. Mrs. Judge Hewit L. Thomas exhibited cheese. Christopher D. Wood exhibited boots, of his own manufacture, while Saml. A. Hall and Henry H. DeWolf exhibited Shanghai chickens.

Richard Pryor was elected Vp. and the others were reelected.

## DIRECTORS

Wm. Brown(Clinton Tp.)	Barton R. Keep(Wash. Tp.)
Robt. McCandless(Noble Tp.)	David Chestnut(Beth. Tp.)
Wm. P. Thomas(Tipton Tp.)	John Ward(Clay Tp.)
Richard Pryor(Jeff. Tp.)	Thos. S. Dunn(Eel Tp.)

The New York's World Fair opened 7-15-1853 with admission being fifty cents.

Sept., 1853, the plowing match was held on Col. Wm. L. Brown's land in W. Logan. (N of Market St.)

Logan men delivered 55,000 ft. of scantling (small timber or small beams of small cross section, such as a 2 x 4) and pine(?) lumber to Lafayette for the State Fair. The Fair was Oct. 12-15. The lumber had to be delivered Aug. 1. They improved the road up the hill to the fair grounds. They were located on the east side of town. To the NE was the Wea Plain. A carriage track wound around the outside so all construction could be seen. A tent was used for "Floral Hall" and "Power Hall."

Horace Greeley spoke at the Fair, Thurs., Oct. 14. Chas. B. Knowlton and Slaton Kendall Lock Foundry won a silver cup, worth \$20, for their thresher and separator. They won a silver cup, worth \$10, for the best horsepower. The best straw cutter and the best railroad car wheel gave them \$5 more.

James M. Warren was the guest speaker at the 1853 County Fair.



The 1853 Fair was to be held Oct. 5-6. Jesse Kilgore was the Marshal of the Day. Judge Wm. Z. Stuart was also a guest speaker. Thos. S. Dunn, Dr. Jas. A. Taylor, Saml. A. Hall, Col. Thos. Hall Bringham & Col. Jordan Vigus were the Arrangement comm..

Jas. Hensley, Robt. McMillen and Andrew Young were the judges of the best cultivated farm. It was not to be less than 40 acres, no regard to the condition of bldgs. or regard to variety and quantity of produce raised or the order it was in.

Alex. H. Barnett, Capt. Cyrus Vigus & Robt. Gray were the judges of the horses. Geo. Clymer, Jas. M. Buchanan & Alex. Searight were the judges of the cattle.

Geo. B. Walker, Dr. Geo. M. Jeroloman and Batley White were the judges of the best acre of wheat, corn, oats, barley, timothy seed, clover seed,  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of potatoes, carrots, turnips and beets.

Major Wm. J. Cullen, Alex. E. Gray and Slaton Kendall were judges of the sheep. David Rea, John Wilson and David Burket were judges of the Grassier & Russian breed of swine, the Chesires, Berkshires and Lecestshires.

Geo. P. Clem, A. J. Fuller and Wm. H. Johnson were judges of butter and cheese. Moses Aldridge, Artemus B. Knowlton and David H. Conrad were judges of the fruits, consisting of apples, pears, peaches and grapes.

Judge Wm. Z. Stuart, Blair Buchanan and Abraham M. Graffis were judges of best  $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of potatoes, onions, turnips, beets, carrots, parsnips, beans, cabbage, tomatoes,  $\frac{1}{2}$  doz. purple egg plants, garden squashes, large squashes, 4 field pumpkins and 12 ears of corn.

Harvey Houston, Judge Robt. F. Groves and John McIlvane were judges of wagons, pleasure carriages, horse(1) buggy, 2 horse steel plow, 1 horse steel plow, 2 horse cast plow, 1 horse cast plow, straw cutter, corn sheller, field cultivator, corn cultivator, hay rakes, plow clevis, set of horse shoes, grain cradle, churn & cheese press, besides threshing machines, horse power grain cutter and bee hives.

Jos. Culbertson, Thos. H. Wilson and Henry W. Bachman were judges of domestic manufactures. Dan. Swinehart and Adam Rush were judges of turkeys, Dorlen fowls. Polands, Shanghai fowls, Guineas and Pea fowls.

Jas. Carney, Robt. Gibson and Henry Krider were judges of 2 horse,  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre plowing match and yoke of oxen, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  acres plowing match.

PREMIUM WINNERS

745

Stallion	Saml. Brubaker, Nathan Aldrich, Peter Bechdol, David H. Conrad, John E. Miller, Robt. Knox and C. Taylor.
Match horses (Pair)	J. H. Ferrell and Jesse Kilgore.
Brood mare	Martin Miller, Major Dan. H. Conrad, and Simeon Tilton.
Best horse	Stewart B. Kendrick and Mercer Brown.
Mare(4 yr.)	David H. Conrad and Major Dan. H. Conrad.
Horse(3 yr.)	Saml. H. Sharp and John Demoss.
Filly(2 yr.)	Harvey Heath and Stephen Martin.
Gelding(1 yr.)	Thomas Eglin and Harvey Heath.
Sucking colt	Martin Miller and Simeon Tilton.
Jack	George Houk and Andrew Dodds.

DURHAM

Bull(4 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.)	Jas. G. Cox, Rich. Tyner & Wm. Corbet.
Calf	Judge Hewit L. Thomas, Dan. Dillman, Jas. G. Cox and John Amoss(Amos?)
Cow	Wm. Corbet, Rich. Tyner, Jas. G. Cox and Judge Thomas.
Bull(2 yrs.)	John Hurd, Jas. Hensley, Harvey Heath and Jas. G. Cox.
Cow(3 yrs.)	Judge Wm. Z. Stuart.
Calf	Wm. Cornell.
Heifer	John Hurd and Jas. G. Cox.

## SHEEP

6m Merina buck Barton R. Keep.  
 ,, ,, lamb Barton R. Keep.  
 ,, ,, ewe Barton R. Keep.  
 Merino buck  
 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  yr. Rich. Tyner.  
 Southdowns Giles W. Thomas & Rich. Tyner.

## RUSSIAN &amp; GRAZIER SWINE

19m boar Rich. Tyner.  
 12m boar John Amos.  
 2 yr. sow Barton R. Keep & do  
 6m pigs Barton R. Keep & Matthew Dodds.  
 Pigs, under  
 6m Barton R. Keep & Col. Thos. Hall Bringhurst.

## BYFIELD SWINE

Brood sow John Amos.  
 5 pigs, under  
 6 m John Amos

## CHESHIRE

Sow, 18m Sidney Baldwin.  
 Irish Grazier  
 & Cheshire Sidney Baldwin.  
 Berkshire &  
 Cheshire Jos. Green.

## LEICESTERSHIRE SWINE

5 pigs, under 5m	Barton R. Keep.
2 pigs	Sidney Baldwin.
Boar, 18m	Geo. T. Tipton.
Sow, 18m	Geo. T. Tipton

## COMMON SWINE

Pigs, 6m	Judge Hewit L. Thomas.
Best sow exhibited	Barton R. Keep.
Best boar exhibited	John Amos
Largest hog	Barton R. Keep.
Peaches	John O. Skelton & Henry Miller.
Sweet apples	Wm. Atwood & Rich. Pryor.
Grapes	Barton R. Keep & Rich. Pryor.
Pears	Wm. Thornton & John Ward
Potatoes	Dan. Swinehart, nurseryman.
Cabbage	Dan. Swinehart, nurseryman.
Sugar beets	Dan. Swinehart, nurseryman.
Potatoes, 3 varieties	Rich. Pryor.
Turnips	Rich. Pryor.
12 yellow corn	Barton R. Keep.
12 white corn	Rich. Tyner.

Vegetables, variety	Dan. Swinehart & Jas. G. Cox.
Peppers	Dan. Swinehart, nurseryman.
Squashes	Jas. G. Cox.
Egg plants	Jas. G. Cox.
Pumpkins	Jas. G. Cox.
Woolen stockings	Henry Miller.
Woolen socks	Henry Miller.
Silk bonnet	Mrs. Miranda P. Hall(Saml. A.).
Silk cap	Mrs. Miranda P. Hall(Saml. A..)

Head dress	Mrs. Miranda P. Hall(Saml. A..)
Quilt	Mrs. Isaiah Jones; Mrs. John A. Ferrell.
Ottoman cover	Mrs. John A. Ferrell.
Card basket	Mrs. W. Franklin.
Bureau	Wm. T. S. Manly.
Satin vest	Mrs. Eliz. Richardson(Wm..)
Pants(pair of)	Mrs. Eliz. Richardson(Wm..)
Shirt	Mrs. Eliz. Richardson(Wm..)
Brooms	William Updegraff.
Fine boots	Christopher D. Wood.
Coarse boots	Christopher D. Wood.
Sox(white)	J. E. Elam.
Straw bonnet	Mrs. A. Clyde.
Work basket	Miss Maria Coulson.
Steam engine	Washington Obenchain & Co..
Thresher & Seperater	Chas. B. Knowlton, Slaton Kendall & Co..
Straw & corn cutter	Chas. B. Knowlton, Slaton Kendall & Co..
Steel plow(2 horse)	Thos. R. McElheny.
Horse shoes	Saml. L. McElheny.
Cheese press	Judge Hewit L. Thomas.
Cheese	Mrs. Hewit L. Thomas.
Shanghais	Henry H. DeWolf and do .
Butter	Mrs. Rich. Pryor and Mrs. Henry Miller.
Plowing	Alex. E. Grey, J. W. McCandlass and Rich. Pryor.

Pork was \$3.75 to \$4.25/100 lbs.; wheat was \$1.15/bu.; salt was \$2.50/100 lbs.; corn was 35¢/bu.; cranberries were \$2.25 a crate; flour was \$6.25 a bbl.; potatoes were 35¢/bu.; dried apples were \$1.25 and dried peaches were \$1.50 a bu..

Around Christmas, 1853, the streets were full of hogs, both dead and alive. The air was full of the odor of lard. Processors were paying \$4.25 for the heavy ones and they expected to process 10,000. As of 2-18-1854, Israel Johnson and Sons had packed 4289 hogs; Geo. W. Ewing & Geo. B. Walker had packed 2500; Wm. Conrad packed 300; the total number was 13,361. Only 7,900 were packed in 1852-1853. The average weight was 212.5 lbs. and the average price received was \$4.1475. Dan. McVey packed 6272 hogs.

Feb., 1854, 400 bu. of clover seed was purchased in Logan at \$4.50 a bu.. Some farmer, in Noble Tp., raised 150 ton of hay and obtained 37 bu. of seed which he sold for \$311.50.

James G. Cox, of Locust Grove, six miles N of Logan on the Mich. Road, raised "Vegetable Marrow." This was a Persian plant, an egg shaped gourd, usually 8 to 10 in. long. It was noted for its very tender quality of flesh and was a popular vegetable in England in the early part of the 19th Century.



Judge Hewit L. Thomas was still Pres.; Jas. Hensley was Vp.; Rich. Pryor was Sec. and Barton R. Keep was Treasurer.

#### DIRECTORS

Arnet Shields, Noble Tp.	Atty. John Guthrie, Wash. Tp.
John Amos, Clinton Tp.	Giles W. Thomas, Clay Tp.
Dan. Dillman, Adams Tp.	David H. Conrad, Beth. Tp.
Peter Bechdol, Tipton Tp.	Saml. H. Sharp, Harr. Tp.
Rich. Pryor, Jeff. Tp.	Wm. Cornell, Deer Creek Tp.
Horace M. Bliss, Boone Tp.	Thornton F. Tyson, Miami Tp.
Thos. S. Dunn, Eel Tp.	

#### KERN DRAINING COMPANY

Judge Robt. F. Groves, Sam. Wilson and Dixon McCoy were appointed appraisers. They met at John Kern's residence in Noble Tp. 4-27-1854. All effected were asked to attend. Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, & 11 of Noble tp., sections 34, 35, & 36 in Harrison Tp. and sections 6, 31, & 32 in Bethlehem Tp. were to be drained.

#### THOSE AFFECTED

John Kern	Wm. Brown	Col. Wm. L. Brown
Lewis O. Wilson	Saml. Brubaker	Benj. Gibson
Peter Johnson	Caleb Merser	Joel Elam
Nathaniel Bell	N. W. Week	Peter Anderson
Geo. Freshour	John Smith	Chas. J. Todd
Jas. D. VanEman	Robt. McMillen	Saml. Stockstill
Saml. Gibson	Geo. Stouton	Ira Stouton
Timothy Smith	Lycurgus Powell	Judge John W. Wright
Lewis Crane	Moffit Ward	

Those affected were to pay the Company before Sept. 15, 1854 or Atty. Dan. D. Pratt would have them to collect. Judge Wright was clerk.

Proposals had been received at Royal Centre, up to 12-23-1853, for swamp land ditches. They were all of different lengths and specifications. Abner E. VanNess was Swamp Land Commissioner.

#### DITCHES

Ditch 1	S17 & S18 T28N R1W
Ditch 2	S7, S8, S17 & S18 T28N R1W
Ditch 3	S8 T28N R1W
Ditch 4	S17 T28N R1W
Ditch 5	S20 & S21 T28N R1W
Ditch 6	S18, S19 & S20 T28N R1W
Ditch 7	S19 & S20 T28N R1W
Ditch 8	S19 T28N R1W
Ditch 9	S31 T28N R1W
Ditch 10	S31 T28N R1W
Ditch 11	S5 & S6 T27N R1W
Ditch 12	S5, S7 & S8 T27N R1W

Jas. G. Cox had 300 sheep for sale. He let some of them out to Cass farmers.

The dry weather of July hurt the corn crop. It rained on Mon., 7-24-1854.

Jas. G. Cox had a hay baler which made 200 pound bales. It was not more expensive than in the bulk. He sold four Durham bulls at auction.

Peter Anderson lived on the Dunham farm in Harrison Tp.. He had an auction on Tues., 4-25-1854. He sold four pair of oxen, cows, calves and twenty c cattle and sheep. He had a business then on Brdw. in Logan. Put in a new sidewalk.

Richard Pryor made his annual report. Blaances of Oct. 27, 1852 were \$55.95. County Treasurer had given \$55 from the show license income. The 1853 membership was \$202. 1854 memberships paid in advance were \$32. Total receipts were \$361.73. The 1853 expenses were \$259.47. Balances of 12-1-1853 were \$102.26.

The County Fair was held on Thursday and Friday, October 12 & 13. It rained all day on Thursday and almost broke it up. There was good attendance on Friday. It was held on the ground, near Jacob L. Victor's land, which was E of 12th St.. Probably still Lot 12 of Geo. T. Tipton Add.. The entire block (was three acres) was fenced in.

#### PREMIUM WINNERS

Heavy draft stallion	John Davis & Saml. Brubaker
Light draft stallion	Nathan Aldrich & Peter Bechdol
Best stallion	Giles W. Thomas
Brood mare & colt	C. Best & P. Martin
Mare	Harvey Heath & John Myers
Horse	Harvey Heath & Thos. Eglin
Mare	Major Dan. H. Conrad & Ramson Rannells
Mare	Jas. Harwood & Robt. Gibson
Match horses	Eldon Wade & Rich. Richardson
Draught horses	Robt. McCandlass & Mercer Brown
Buggy horse	Thos. W. Stevenson & Thos. S. Dunn
1 mile pacing	Silas W. Burt; 3m 7s; Alex. McMaster, 3m 11s
1 mile trotting	Jos. Henry, 2m 57s; J. Varney, 3m 7s

Mule	Giles W. Thomas
Jack	John Searight and Geo. Houk
Durham bull	Smoot & Spohn and Judge Hewit L. Thomas
Bull(6 months)	Rich. Tyner, Harvey Heath and Judge Thomas
Durham grade bull	John Davis, Thos. Eglin and Geo. T. Tipton
Common breed bull	Daniel Myers
Durham cow	Judge Thomas and Smoot & Spohn
Durham grade cow	Lewis VanMeter and do
Cow(3-4 years)	Thos. Eglin and do
Cow(8 years)	Thos. Eglin and do
Cow(2 years)	Thos. Eglin and do
Calf(6 months)	John Herd
Calf(7 months)	Judge Hewit L. Thomas
Merino sheep	Geo. Houk, Barton R. Keep and Giles Thomas
Lambs(2 bucks)	Barton R. Keep
Lambs(2 ewes)	Barton R. Keep
Shanghais	Seldon P. Stuart and Wm. Craven
Fowls(12)	Jacob L. Victor
Fowls(6)	Seldon P. Stuart
Apples	William Atwood

Peaches	Wm. Atwood
Winter apples	Martin Jameson & Wm. Thornton
Catawba grapes	Barton R. Keep & E. Ross (Ezekiel?)
Yellow corn(12 ears)	Rich. Tyner & Wm. Thornton
Cabbage	Simeon Fobes
Sweep potatoes	Wm. Atwood
Buggy	Hicks & Giffin
Wagon(two horse)	Saml. L. McElheny & Chas. Klinsick
Wagon(four horse)	Wm. B. Kelly
Panel door	John C. Baird & Col. Isaac N. Partridge
Carpeting	Alex. McClure
White quilt	E.(Ezekiel?) Ross
Horse shoes	Saml. L. McElheny
Shirt	Mrs. Ann McClure(Saml.)
Piece of mixed jeans	Rich. Tyner
Trotting sulkey	Jacob H. Hicks
Hand car	C. W. Simond
Steel plow	Wm. B. Kelly
Boar pig	John Copeland
Butter	Levi Burton

The 1854 income was \$537.58. The expenses were \$533.39. Balances of 12-1-1854 were \$4.19. The Society had 216 members.

Jan. 20 to 2-10-1855, they had 18 to 20 in. of snow. Then the temperature rose above freezing.

The State Fair was Oct. 17-19, 1855.

Jas. G. Cox retired from the farm. He held a sale of 3 horses, 6 yoke of oxen, 20 cows, 205 sheep, 20 hogs, 100 ton of timothy hay, 2 horse railway threshing machine, Superior Fanning mill, mowing machine and a two horse rake. This was March of 1855.

Mess pork was \$16.26 a bbl. in the east.

A group in Clay Tp., grouped together and sold their produce in Cinn., for good paper and gold at .75% to 1% discount. They then purchased their groceries and other goods at wholesale. Farmers in the NW part of Cass took their produce to Georgetown.

Cass county had frost on 4-7-1855. The peaches were already gone by the freezes.

The Society held its annual meeting on Sat., 6-23-1855 to prepare the Premium list for the 1855 Fair.

Jos. Rohrer, of Clay Tp., marketed a large quantity of clean, fine quality and well packed wool 7-7-1855.

Daniel Rea, of Carroll County, delivered the first wheat to Logan Mills the week of 7-14-1855. He received \$1.20 a bushel.

The Directors met Sat., 9-15, at the Court House. Richard Pryor was Sec.

The first snow was Oct. 6 and it turned cold and more snow on Oct. 25.



The 1855 fair was held Wed. and Thurs., Oct. 3  
and 4. Sheriff Wilson K. McElheny was Trea. Dues were \$1.00.

## PREMIUM WINNERS

Stallion	John Davis(Deer Creek Tp.) & John St. Clear
Light draught	Nathan Aldrich & Major Wm. J. Cullen
Stallion(3 yr.)	Daniel Penny
Stallion(2 yr.)	Josiah Jones & Abraham Serber
Stallion(1 yr.)	Jos. M. White & Saml. Shilling
Brood mare & colt	Harvey Heath & Wm. Craven
Mare or gelding(4 yr.)	Dixon McCoy & Harvey Heath
Mare or gelding(3 yr.)	Wm. Thornton & Richard Winn
Mare or gelding(2 yr.)	D. H. Cline & Jas. H. White
Mare or gelding	Richard Winn & C. Best
Sucking colt	Harvey Heath & do
Carriage horses (matched)	Eldon Wade & Major Wm. J. Cullen
Farm horse	Robt. McCandless & Alex. H. Barnett
Single harness horse	Thos. S. Dunn
Trotter	Major Ira R. Gifford
Pacer	George T. Tipton
Saddle horse	William Wilson
Sucking mule	George Houk
Jack	Brown and Baldwin & Wm. B. Coppick
Thoroughbred bull	Brown and Baldwin & Richard Tyner
Bull(1 yr.)	William Corbett
Grade stock(1 yr.)	Barton R. Keep & Harvey Houston

Heifer(2 yr.)	John Davis
Heifer(1 yr.)	Wm. Corbett & John Davis
Sucking bull calf	David H. Clymers(given book on transactions of State Agr. Society)
Throughbred cow	Brown & Baldwin and Harvey Houston
Sucking heifer	Harvey Houston

Boar	David Chestnur & Wm. Craven
Brood sow	Wm. Craven
Sow & pigs	David Chestnut
Pigs(6 months)	Daniel Bowser

Buck sheep	Brown & Baldwin and Barton R. Keep
Ewes(4)	Giles W. Thomas

## SWEEPSTAKES

Stallion	John Davis
Cow	Wm. Corbett
Heifer(3 yr.)	Alexander H. Barnett
Heifer(1 yr.)	John M. Ewing
Buck sheep	Barton R. Keep

Apples(10 varieties)	Barton R. Keep
Pears(10 varieties)	Barton R. Keep
Collection of fruit	Richard Pryor and Wm. Atwood
Butter	Josiah Jones and Richard Pryor
Cheese	George Houk
Yellow corn	Barton R. Keep

White corn	Richard Tyner
Potatoes	William Atwood
Onions	Hicks & Skelton
Beets	Hicks & Skelton
Carrots	Daniel Bowser
Variety of vegetables	Daniel Swinehart, the nurseryman
Pleasure carriage	Hicks & Skelton
Buggy	Hicks & Skelton
Cultivator	George A. Scheidler, of Clinton Tp.; his own invention and patent applied for.
Clevis plow	William B. Kelly (Clevis-an U shape device attached to the tongue of a plow to attach it to a draft chain; it had a pin through the ends of the U.)
Horse shoes	Samuel L. McElheny
Churn	L. Lavender; it was to be manufactured in Logan.
Brooms	Josiah Jones
Quilt	Mrs. Thomas McMillen (Bethlehem Tp.)
Carpet	Mrs. Richard Tyner
Mitts	Mrs. Richard Tyner
Socks	Mrs. Richard Tyner
Plowing match	J. H. Clymer and William Atwood
Cochia China fowls	Harvey Heath and Saml. L. McElheny (they averaged 22 to 24 pounds a pair)
Braham fowls	Harvey Heath and John M. Ewing
Shanghai fowls	Alfred C. McCarty and William Craven

Richard Pryor was Sec. but Thos. S. Dunn  
was Sec. pro tem.

1856

Richard Pryor, Pres.                      Thos. S. Dunn, Sec.  
Barton R. Keep, Treas.                      Geo. T. Tipton, Eel Tp. Dir.  
Major Benj. H. Smith, Eel Tp. Dir.  
Capt. Cyrus Vigus, Washington Tp. Dir.  
Artemus B. Knowlton, Washington Tp. Dir.  
Wm. Atwood, Clinton Tp. Dir.  
John Davis, Deer Creek Tp. Dir.  
Geo. Shidler, Clinton Tp. Dir.  
Jas. A. Roach, Jackson Tp. Dir.  
Wm. Cornell, Deer Creek Tp. Dir.  
I. N. Ingrim, Jackson Tp. Dir.  
Jas. Henry Tucker, Tipton Tp. Dir.  
Wm. P. Thomas, Tipton Tp. Dir.  
John L. Williams, Miami Tp. Dir.  
Saml. Gingrich, Clay Tp. Dir.  
Thornton F. Tyson, Miami Tp. Dir.  
Geo. H. Allen, Bethlehem Tp. Dir.  
John P. Warren, Harrison Tp. Dir.  
John Beckley, Jr., Boone Tp. Dir.  
Thomas J. Soward, JP; Noble Tp. Dir.  
Wm. Jamison, Tipton Tp. Dir.  
David H. Conrad, Bethlehem Tp. Dir.  
Jacob Albright, Boone Tp. Dir.  
Saml. Wilson, Harrison Tp. Dir.  
Blair Buchanan, Jefferson Tp. Dir.  
Alex. Searight, Jefferson Tp. Dir.  
Jas. Hensley, Noble Tp. Dir.

Sept., 1856, Wilson K. McElheny was Treas. in  
place of Barton R. Keep. He received \$4.27 from Keep.  
Memberships gave \$96. Admissions at the Fair were \$49.  
Circus license yielded \$100. Donations from members  
were \$17. Total income was \$266.27. Premiums were \$213.  
Balances were \$35.41.

## PREMIUM JUDGES

Cultivated land (40 acres)	Jas. Hensley, Robt. McMillen & Andrew Young
Grain	Judge Jas. W. Horney, Dixon McCoy & Robt. Gibson
Horses	Capt. Cyrus Vigus, A. P. Healy & Alex. H. Barnett
Cattle	James Hensley, Col. Isaac N. Partridge & Alex. Searight
Swine	Barton R. Keep, Giles W. Thomas & Jacob Koons
Sheep	William Brown, Thomas Eglin & Horace M. Bliss
Sweepstakes	James McCoy, Daniel Swinehart & William Goodwin
Dairy	James W. Haney, John E. Miller & Peter Chidester
Produce	Jacob L. Victor, Timothy C. Merritt & John Fury
Machinery	Thos. R. McElheny, Alfred C. McCarty & Thos. S. Dunn
Domestics	George Cecil, Benj. Green, Geo. T. Tipton, Mrs. Ellen M. Dunn(David M.,) & Mrs. Sophia Jane Pratt(Atty. Dan. D.)
Floral	Atty. Geo. W. Blakemore, Mrs. Jane D. Warren(Jas. N.,) & Mrs. Wealthy A. Vugus(Col. Jordan.)
Poultry	Judge Horace P. Biddle, Alex. H. Barnett & Atty. Saml. L. McFadin
Plowing(two horses)	Robert McCandless, Samuel Sharp & William Thomas

The County Fair was set for Thurs. and Fri.,  
Oct. 16 and 17, 1856.

There were deep snows and Sun., March 2, 1856,  
the trains were stopped.

A meeting was called Sat., May 17, 1856, at the Court House to elect directors.

The lack of rain in the spring and nearly all summer and the threat of frost made the corn crop poor. Old corn advanced from 20 to 50 cents a bushel. Oats in 1855 had been 20¢ but were then 30¢. Potatoes, the year before, had been 25; but were then \$1.25. Timothy hay advanced to \$10, an increase of \$2. Hogs, on foot, were \$4.50 a hundred pounds.

It snowed Sept. 30 and there was a heavy frost that lasted until 10 AM. They had a windstorm Nov. 21, 1856.

David H. Conrad, of Bethlehem Tp., purchased three young Durham cattle at the State Fair. Josephus Atkinson, of Clinton Tp., lost a greay stallion and offered \$50 reward. A. Bennett, of Noble Tp., grew pink-eye potatoes.

#### 1856 PREMIUM WINNERS

Heavy draft stallion	John Davis, \$6; Saml. H. Sharp, \$4
Light draft stallion	John Davis, \$6; Sylvester S. Healy, \$4
Stallion, three year	John Hardishall, \$4; Jas. Buchanan, \$3
Stallion, two years	Jane A. White, \$3; Peter Martin, \$2
Stallion, one year	Harvey Heath, \$2; John Davis, \$1
Brood mare and colt	Rich. Winn, \$4; David Chestnut, \$3
Mare or gelding(4 yrs.)	Chas. Dennis, \$4; do , \$3

Mare or gelding(2 yr.)	Rich. Winn, \$2; Wm. Winn, \$2
Mare or gelding(1 yr.)	Harvey Heath
Sucking colt	Wm. Atwood, \$2; Rich. Winn
Carriage horses	David C. Richardson(didn't own them; no premium); Thos. Farrier, of Carroll county, \$4
Farm horses	Alex. H. Barnett, \$6; Jas. Hensley, \$4
Single harness horse	Thos. S. Dunn, \$4; Eldon Wade, who didn't own them
Trotting horse	Jos. Henry
Saddle horse	John Davis, \$4(premium given by the Society)
Mule	John Sedam
Single draft horse	Arnet Shields
Stallion(3 yr.); sweepstakes	Louis Rhian(Ryan?), \$3
Brood mare	Harvey Heath, \$3
(C. T. Leach, J. Varney and A. Gundy were the judges)	
Bull(3 yr.)	Wm. Hill, \$6; ? Mehaffey, \$4
Bull(2 yr.)	Wm. Brown, \$4
Bull(1 yr.)	Eli Walters, \$3; Wm. Thornton, \$2
Sucking calf	Col. Wm. L. Brown, \$2; Wm. Hill, \$1
Cow	Col. Wm. L. Brown, \$3
Heifer(2 yr.)	Wm. Hill, \$3
Bull(sweepstakes)	Eli Walters, \$3
(Jas. Hensley, David Chestnut & Saml. Sharp were the judges)	
Mare or gelding(3 yrs.)	Major Benj. H. Smith, \$3; Jas. C. Moore, \$2

Boar(18 month) David Chestnut, \$3  
 Boar pig David H. Conrad, \$2  
 Brood sow David Chestnut, \$3  
 (Giles W. Thomas, Geo. Stalnaker & Wm. Atwood were judges)

Buck sheep Col. Wm. L. Brown, \$4; Dan. Penny, \$3  
 Ewes(four) Col. Wm. L. Brown, \$3  
 (Wm. Brown, Thos. Eglin & H. H. Conrad were the judges)

Apples Wm. Atwood, \$1; Giles W. Thomas, 50¢  
 Fruit(collection Wm. Atwood, \$4; Giles W. Thomas, \$3  
 (Timothy C. Merritt, E. Baldwin & Wm. P. Watts the judges)

Butter Mrs. Wm. Brown, \$15.0; Mrs. L. Eglin(Thos.), \$1  
 (Mrs. Benj.(?) Green, Mrs. McClure & Col. T. H. Brinhurst  
 were the judges)

Table potatoes Harvey Heath, 50¢  
 Beets Harvey Heath, 50¢  
 Carrots Harvey Heath, 50¢  
 Cabbage Harvey Heath, 50¢  
 Squashes(six) Harvey Heath, 50¢  
 Turnips Wm. Atwood, 50¢  
 Egg plant(six) Wm. Atwood, 50¢  
 Yellow corn(12 ears) Wm. Thornton, 50¢  
 (Timothy C. Merritt, Eli(?) Baldwin & H. Watts, the judges)

Farm wagon Saml. L. McElheny, \$4  
 Steel plow(2 horse) Saml. L. McElheny, \$3  
 Pleasure carriage Hicks & Skelton, \$4



Buggy	Hicks & Skelton
Straw cutter	Chas. B. Knowlton & Slaton Kendall, \$2.
Clevis plow	Saml. L. McElheny, 50¢
Horse shoes	Saml. L. McElheny, 50¢
Churn	L. Lavender, \$1
(Alfred C. McCarty, Wm. Corbett & Arnet Shields the judges)	
Brooms	Wm. Updegraff, \$1
Rag carpet	Dan. Dowser, \$1(Dan. Bowser, Jr.?)
Quilt	Mrs. Alden S. Cook, \$1 and a mustard spoon
Mittens	Mrs. Eliz. Brown(Col. Wm. L.,) 50¢
Socks	Mrs. Baker Bowser(Dan.,) 50¢
Dress coat	Dan. B. Preston & Jos. I. Menefee, \$2
Pants	Dan. B. Preston & Jos. I. Menefee, \$2
Vest	Dan. B. Preston & Jos. I. Menefee, \$1
Panel door	Geo. E. Bevan
Window sash	Geo. E. Bevan
Loaf wheat bread	Mrs. Baker Bowser(Dan.), \$1
Turkeys	David H. Conrad, \$1 and a mustard spoon
Fowls(pair)	Harvey Heath, \$1 and a mustard spoon; Wm. Purviance, \$1
Guineas	David H. Conrad, \$1
Shanghai chickens	Alfred C. McCarty, \$1
Canary birds(cage of)	Atty. Sidney Baldwin

Dress cap	Miss Sarah Jane Baldwin, \$1
Embroidered skirt	Miss Frank M. Baldwin, \$2
Card basket	Miss Esther Merritt, \$1; Mrs. Davis, \$2
Worsted work	Miss Sue Smith, \$2
Pony colt	Jabez Vigus, \$2

Total receipts were \$327.14. Expenses were \$298.91 and the balances were \$28.23.

Saml. L. McElheny displayed horse shoes at the State Fair. Mrs. Mary E. Ross(Ezekiel) and Miss Eliz. Ross, of Washington Tp., exhibited a quilt at State Fair.

There were heavy rains on 12-3-1856. The trains were twelve to thirteen hours behind scheduel.

The Cass Fair was held Wed. and Thurs., Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. The State Fair was Oct. 4 through 10. Jos. M. White was the new Treas.. He was receiving names of members.

1857

Dan. Bowser, Jr., sold his farm in Clay Tp., one mile from Logan. It had a frame house, 112 tree orchard on forty acres. He moved west.

Chinese Sugar cane was being raised in southern Ill.. It was planted four to six stalks to a hill, sixteen hills per sq. rod, 2560 hills per acre, which yielded a quart of sap per hill, 640 gallons per acre, yielding 140 gallons of molasses, at 75¢ a gallon. This meant \$82.50 an acre. The seeds changed from green to a dark red and then it was ready for harvesting.

J. W. Johnston sold his 120 acre farm on Crooked Creek, 70 improved, good house, stable, 150 tree orchard of selected fruit, lots of timber and springs Feb. 14, 1857.

Sunday, May 10, ice formed .25 in. thick.  
Tues., 5-12, there was a heavy frost and the fruit was damaged.

T. B. Loomis, of New London, Conn., was in Logan to purchase the entire supply of wool in the county. Came the week of 6-6-1857.

Col. Thos. Hall Bringham was Pres., David H. Conrad was Vp., Jos. M. White was Treas. and Geo. T. Tipton was Sec..

## DIRECTORS

Jas. Cornell, Deer Creek Tp..	David Thomas, Jackson Tp.
Rich. Tyner, Clinton Tp.	Saml. Sharp, Harrison Tp.
Wm. P. Thomas, Tipton Tp.	Capt. Cyrus Vigus, Wash. Tp.
Michenor Tucker, Clay Tp.	Dan. H. Conrad, Major, Adams Tp.
Thornton F. Tyson, Miami Tp.	Barton R. Keep, Eel Tp.

The 1857 wheat crop was about fifty percent better than ever.

A company of farmers, in Clay and Bethlehem Tps., purchased a Durham bull of Rev. John(?) P.(?) Barnett(?) for \$800. It weighed over 2000 lbs.. David H. Conrad purchased a buck and two ewes of John D. Patterson of NY. One ewe, only a lamb, sheared and yielded ten lbs. of wool. The buck weighed 300 lbs. and cost \$300.

Fri., July 31, there was a hail storm in west and central Cass County. There were heavy rains on Sun. & Mon., Aug. 9 & 10.

John Davis, of Deer Creek Tp., purchased Merino sheep in the summer of 1857. Jos. Rohrer, of Clay Tp., purchased a buck and two ewes of John D. Patterson, who was from Westfall, Chautauqua County, NY. John Kistler, of Jefferson Tp. purchased a buck.

A thunder storm struck Sun., Aug. 15. The flag staff, on the new Logansport Journal Building, at 418 E. Broadway, was struck. The eagle on it was demolished and the front wall was damaged. Geo. E. Adams, next door, had his building damaged. The rod on the house had been partially displaced by the finishing but saved them all.

The price of pork was up to \$5 to \$5.50. It was contracted for 11-5-1857 delivery at \$6.25. The last of Oct., wheat was down to 60¢, corn to 25¢ and pork was up.

A Mr. Robbins was agent in this area for Sylvester Davis' plan for honey. He was of Claremont, New Hamp. He exhibited twelve weeks at the London Crystal Palace; won premiums and was given a medal. He won premiums at NY, Vermont, Mass, Ohio, Ind., Ill. and Wis. State Fairs. These were all first place premiums.

The Canal froze over Nov. 20. Nov. 23 and 24, it snowed enough for sleighing. Nov. 25, it was five above and Nov. 26, it was six below at 6 AM.

## 1857 PREMIUM WINNERS

Heavy draft stallion	John Davis, \$6; Louis Ryan, \$4
Light draft stallion	Major Ira R. Gifford, \$6; Nathan Aldrich, \$4
Stallion(2 yrs.)	John Davis, \$3; Jacob Easty, \$2
Broodmare & colt	John Herd, \$4; John Conrad, \$3
Mare or gelding(4 yrs.)	Saml. Williamson, \$4; Jas. C. Moore, \$3
Mare or gelding(2 yr.)	Alex. H. Barnett, \$3; Wm. Thornton, \$2
Mare or gelding(3 yr.)	David S. Chestnut, \$3; John Tilton, \$2
Mare or gelding(1 yr.)	Michner Tucker, \$2; Wm. Atwood, \$1
Sucking colt	John Herd, \$2; Harvey Heath, \$1
Matched carr. horses	Geo. T. Tipton, \$6; Major Benj. H. Smith, \$4
Farm horses	Capt. Cyrus Vigus, \$6.00
All work horses	Henry Robinson(of Peru) \$5.00
Single harness horse	Dr. D. W. Landes, \$4.00
Trotter	Alex. H. Barnett, \$4.00
Pacer	Major Ira R. Gifford, \$4.00
Saddle horse	John Thornton, \$4.00
Mules(pair)	Geo. Merritt, \$6; Geo. Houk, \$4
Sucking mule	David S. Chestnut, \$2; Peter D. Mellinger, \$1
Bull, any grade, 3 yr.	John McDowell, \$6; John Myers, \$4
Bull(2 yr.)	Eli Walters, \$4; Wm. Thornton, \$3
Bull(1 yr.)	Major Dan. H. Conrad, \$3; Wm. Kirtland, of Beth. Tp., \$2

Bull calf	Wm. Kirtland, \$2; Major Dan. H. Conrad, \$1
Cow	Major Dan. H. Conrad, \$4; Major do , \$2
Heifer(1 yr.)	Andrew Johnson, \$2.00
Sucking calf	Major Dan. H. Conrad(Adams Tp.) \$1.00
Boar(12-18 month)	Major Dan. H. Conrad, \$3; Jonathan(?) Grable, \$2.00
Boar(6 months)	Col. Thos. Hall Bringhurst, \$2.00
Litter of pigs(6)	Joseph Rohrer, \$2.00
Buck sheep	Jos. Rohrer, \$4; Geo. Houk, \$3.00 (A \$250 Merino)
Ewes(4)	Jos. Rohrer, \$3; Geo. Houk, \$2.00
Lambs(4)	George Houk, \$2.00
SWEEPSTAKES	
Stallion	Major Ira R. Gifford, \$3.00
Brood mare	Harvey Heath, \$3.00
Cow	Major Dan. H. Conrad, \$3.00
Heifer	Andrew Johnson, \$2.00
Ewes(4)	Joseph Rohrer, \$2.00
Lambs(4)	George Houk, \$1.00
Boar	Col. Thos. Hall Bringhurst, \$2.00
Sow	“ ” “ ” “ ” \$2.00

Apples	Wm. Atwood, \$1; John W. Thomas, 50¢
Pears	Henry Orwin, \$1; John Ward, 50¢
Grapes	William Thornton, \$1.00
Fruit(collection of)	William Atwood, \$4.50; Jas. Chappelow, \$3
Butter( 5 lbs.)	Isaac Sheidler, Mrs., \$1.50; Mrs. Eliza Ward(John,) \$1.00
Potatoes( $\frac{1}{2}$ bu.)	Isaac Sheidler, 50¢
Onions( $\frac{1}{2}$ bu.)	Thos. S. Dunn, 50¢
Beets( $\frac{1}{2}$ bu.)	Alden S. Cooke, 50¢
Carrots( $\frac{1}{2}$ bu.)	Thos. S. Dunn, 50¢
Parsnips( $\frac{1}{2}$ bu.)	Thos. S. Dunn, 50¢
Beans	A. Bennett, 50¢
Tomatoes	Thos. S. Dunn, 50¢
Sweet potatoes	Andrew Johnson, 50¢
Cabbage(6)	Daniel Swinehart, 50¢
Egg plant(purple)	Daniel Swinehart, 50¢
Field pumpkins(6)	Thos. S. Dunn, 50¢
Garden squashes	Daniel Swinehart, 50¢
White seed corn(12)	Andrew Johnson, 50¢
Yellow ,, corn(12)	J. A. Thornton, 50¢
Honey(10 lbs.)	Michenor Tucker, 50¢
Farm wagon	Saml. L. McElheny, \$4.00
Covered buggy	Saml. L. McElheny, \$4.00
Two horse steel plow	Saml. L. McElheny, \$3.00
Cast iron plow	F. S. Hackley(of Peru), \$2.00
Horse shoes	Saml. L. McElheny, 50¢



Churn	S. T. Butler, \$1.00
Wheat drill	Benj. O. Wilkinson(no premium; he didn't manufacture it.)
Two horse wagon harness	John W. Fuller, \$2.00
Single horse harness	John W. Fuller, \$1.00
Fine boots	Elijah T. Stevens, \$1.00
Coarse boots	Elijah T. Stevens, \$1.00
Upper leather (four sides of)	Elijah T. Stevens, ?
Bar soap, 15 lbs.	Alden S. Cook, 50¢
Woolen cloth(10 yds.)	Mrs. Richard Tyner, \$1.00
Carpet(10 yds.)	Mrs. Hannah Orwin(Henry,) \$1.00; Mrs. Isaac Sheidler, 50¢
Bed quilt	Mrs. Margaret Musselman(John T.,) 50¢
Milk bonnet	Mrs. Miranda P. Hall(Saml. A.,) \$1.00
Bureau	Harry Barker, \$3.00
Table	Wm. T. S. Manly, \$2.00
Windsor chairs(6)	Harry Barker, \$2.00
Dress coat	San. B. Preston & Jos. I. Menefee, \$2.00
Pants	,, ,, \$2.00
Vest	,, ,, \$1.00
Stoves & tinware	Harvey Ball, Jr., \$2.00
White bread	Mrs. A. Bennett, \$1.00
Guineas	Isaac Sheidler, 50¢
Fowls(pair)	Alfred C. McCarty, \$1.00
Drum Footras	Luther S. Wash, \$1.00
Chickens(anykind)	Dr. Reuel Faber, \$1.00

Best horsewoman	Miss Mary Smith, a riding hat; Miss Sarah Thomas, a bridle
Grain cutter & reaper	DeHart Booth, no premium given
Pair of tidies	Mrs. Howes
Fine leather work	Mrs. Wm. Wolf & Mrs. Eliz. Davis(John)
Embroidery	Mrs. Nick Smith, Mrs. Henry A. Bartlett & Miss Belle Cannon
Chinese painting with shell frame	Mrs. Jenney Baldwin
Hair work	Mrs. Henry A. Bartlett
Bead reticule(handbag)	Miss Davis
Window curtians(knit pair)	Mrs. Sigismond Levien
Shirt	Mrs. A. Bennett & Mrs. Alden S. Cook
Embroidered rocking chair seat	Miss Mary Ann Heth
Embroidered ottoman	Miss Mary Ann Heth
Ladies' head dress	Mrs. Miranda P. Hall(Saml. A.)
Ladies' cap	Mrs. Miranda P. Hall
Tete-a-tete(a short sofa; two persons facing each other)	Wm. T. S. Manly
Ambrotypes(like Ferrotypes-thin iron plate) & Melainotypes (tintypes)	Harry G. Fetter, of Peru, later at 4th & Brdw.; P. Hawk, 2nd premium.
Cottage chairs	Harry Barker
Coverlet	Mrs. Hannah Orwin(Henry)
Grapes	Mrs. Hannah Orwin
Model of a truss bridge	Luther S. Nash, a civil engineer
King Philip's corn(new)	Major Dan. H. Conrad
Pumpkins(monstrous, 3)	Anton Hemersbach & Dan. Swinehart
Chinese molasses	John White

Robt. Mehaffy, of Boone Tp., cut 780 stalks of Chinese Sugar Cane. He ran them through wooden rollers and obtained sixty gallons of juice from which he made twelve gallons of syrup. With what he still had in the field he would average sixteen gallons per acre. He had some stalks that were fifteen feet high. The seed was ripe on 600 of the stocks. Sorgho was African Sugar cane and Imphee was Chinese Sugar cane. Oct. 31, Jacob Neff & Co. had Chinese sorghum for sale. It was made by Ezekiel Ross of Washington Tp.. The mill had been made by J. Jones. It consisted of two oak planks, 1.5 ft. by six ft.. Had three small wooden rollers. It was operated by horse power and yielded a gallon a minute. Ten stalks or canes gave a quart of molasses.

Thornton F. Tyson, of Miami Tp., and John White, of Clay Tp., had made 1000 gallons that season.

"Goldfinder", the throughbred Durham bull, sold by Rev. John P. Barnett to a company in Clay and Bethlehem Tps., passed through Logansport the week of Nov. 14. He was on his way back to Madison. "He wasn't what they expected."

Luther S. Nash was the guest speaker at the County Fair. The speech was printed in full on the front page of the Logansport Journal 10-31-1857.

D. R. Staley announced that he would deliver the fruit trees ordered in May and June. He would be at the Wabash depot 11-10-1857.

The Society met at the Court House Dec. 19, 1857. Col. Thomas Hall Bringham was Chm. and Dr. Jas. A. Taylor was Sec.. Geo. T. Tipton made the motion that there be an Agriculture Society for Cass County. Saml. A. Hall, editor of the Democratic Pharos, was made Pres.. Geo. T. Tipton was Sec.; Martin Jameson was Treasurer. Horace M. Bliss, of Boone Tp., was still a Director. Richard Batty, of Harrison, was a Director. Major. Dan. H. Conrad, of Adams Tp., David H. Conrad, of Bethlehem Tp., George Houk, of Jefferson Tp., Peter Dunkle, of Noble, and Jas. H. White, of Clay.

Thornton F. Tyson, of Miami, Barton R. Keep, of Washington, Rich. Tyner, of Clinton, Capt. Cyrus Vigus, of Washington, Saml. Smoot, of Tipton, John Davis, of Deer Creek, and Daniel Fickle, of Jackson, were the Directors.

There were assistants to the Treasurer in every township. Robt. Mehaffey, of Boone, A. D. Skinner, of Harrison, Elias Kirtland, of Bethlehem, Wm. Johnson, of Adams, Rich. Pryor, of Jefferson, W. P. Hensley, of Noble, Taylor Campbell, of Clay, John Williams, of Miami, Sigismond Levien, of Bel, Wm. Atwood, of Clinton, John Guthrie, of Washington, P. C. Berry, of Tipton, Jas. Stanley, of Deer Creek, and Melvin B. Knowlton, of Galveston or Jackson, were the assistants.

In Jan., 1858, the temperature went up fifty degrees and then down to twenty above. The ice crop was bidding to be a failure. Mon., Feb. 1, it was twenty above. Thurs., Feb. 4, it was eight below. Sat., Feb. 13, four inches of snow fell. The temperature was seven to twenty above all the week of Feb. 20. Tues., Feb. 23, it was twenty below and on Fri., Feb. 26, it was ten above. Mon., March 1, it was ten above and on Wed., March 3, it was six below.

The Society met in the brick school house, NW Tenth and Market Sts., Sat., 1-9-1858. They met in Clay Tp. Thurs., 1-14. Luther S. Nash spoke. Another was held in Kingery School, in Bethlehem Tp., Sat., 1-30.

Christopher D. Wood was agent for the West Chester, Pa., Nursery. He had fruit trees for sale. He gave Col. Thos. Hall Bringham, Geo. T. Tipton, Wm. A. Black and Judge Wm. Z. Stuart as references.

The weeks of May 15 and 22 were very rainy. The farmers were worried about corn planting. April and May, of 1856, had 3.56 in. of rain. April and May, of 1857, yielded five inches. April and May, of 1858, gave the citizens 16.31 in. June 9-11 yielded another five inches.

#### 1858 COUNTY FAIR COMMITTEES

Cultivated farms	Andrew Young, Robt. McMillen & Jas. Hensley
Crops	Jas. Carney, Abraham Etnire & Wm. H. Reighter
Horses	Rich, Tyner, Major Dan. H. Donrad & John Dalzell
Cattle	John Hoover, Jos. Rohrer & Jos. Penrose
Sweepstakes	Robt. McCandless, J. Burrous & Robt. Gray
Fruit	Blair Buchanan, Robt. K. Rhea & Joel C. Elam
Dairy	Mrs. Andrew McClure, Mrs. Israel Johnson & Mrs. Col. Jordan Vigus

Vegetables	Jas. G. Cox, Wm. Corbet & Wm. Conrad
Implements(farm)	Artemus B. Knowlton, Adkins W. Nash & H. H. Everts
Domestics	Wm. Corbet, Major Dan. H. Conrad & Samuel Smoot
Miscellaneous	Mrs. Aurora N. Merriam(John C.,) Mrs. David M. Dunn, Judge Wm. Z. Stuart & Judge Horace P. Biddle
Floral display	Atty. Geo. W. Blakemore, Mrs. Atty. Dan. D. Pratt & Mrs. Wm. Z. Stuart
Poultry	Ebenezer W. Rush, Wm. Atwood & Henry Krider
Plowing match	John Davis, Rich. Pryor & Saml. Wilson
Ladies'riding match	Capt. Cyrus Vigus, Thos. H. Wilson & Jos. Culbertson

Artemus B. Knowlton, Jas. H. White, Major Benj. H. Smith, Saml. L. McElheny and Dr. Thos. P. McCrea were the arrangement committee.

Master Twells, of Walton, brought in an egg, Shanghai variety, that was nine inches in circumference.

The week of April 10, 1858, the temperature was around 20 degrees and lots of rain. It continued into the next week and the south part of the county was almost flooded. It continued to rain.

## LOGANSPORT MARKETS

The following were the prices on commodities the week of June 2, 1858. Apples, green, 39¢; dry, \$1.50; pork bbls., \$1; flour bbls., 35¢; bran, 4¢; barley, 50¢; bacon hams, 8¢; sugar cured hams, 10¢; shoulders, 7¢; sides, 8¢; beans, 78¢ to \$1; beeswax, 20 to 22¢; fresh beef, \$3 to \$4; dried beef, 12¢; butter, 10¢, bricks, \$5 to \$5.75/1000; box candy, 15¢; chickens, \$1.25; soda crackers, 12¢; butter crackers, 8¢; cheese, 15¢; tallow candles, 15 to 20¢; star candles, 30¢; sperm candles, 40¢; Rio coffee, 14¢; Java coffee, 16¢; Mocha(Arabian) coffee, 20¢; corn, 30 to 32¢; corn meal, 40¢; stone coal, 30¢/bu.; charcoal, 6¢; cotton yarn, 30¢; batting, 16¢; eggs, 5¢/doz.; flour, \$4/bbl.; mackerel, 12¢; whitefish, \$5.75/bbl.; pickerel, \$5/bbl.; cod, 8¢; herring, 75¢ to \$1/box; trout, \$5.50/bbl.; fresh lake fish, 5 to 7¢; feathers, 40 to 45¢/lb.; glass, 8 or 10 x 50 in., \$2.25; ginseng(used as a medicine by the Chinese; has licorice taste,) 25 to 28¢/lb.; timothy hay, \$7/ton; clover hay, \$5/ton; prairie hay, \$3/ton; dry hides, 6¢/lb.; green hides, 3¢/lb.; honey, 12¢; iron, 5 to 9¢/lb.; lamb, 8¢; white lead, \$2.40 to \$2.50; bar lead, 10¢; upper leather, \$26 to \$32; sole leather, \$30; calf, \$28 to \$35; sugar house molasses, 62¢/gal.



New Orleans molasses, 40¢/gal.; syrup, 75¢; nails,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 6¢/lb.; oats, 18 to 20¢/bu.; oysters, \$1.25 a can; lard, \$1 a can; fish oil, \$1/gal.; lardseed oil, \$1/gal.; pork, \$4/100 lbs.; potatoes, 15 to 20¢/bu.; rags, 2¢/ld.; rice, 8¢/lb.; saleratus (sodium or potassium bicarbonate,) 8 to 10¢/lb.; salt, \$2.25/bbl.; 25¢ a sack; timothy seed, \$1.50 to \$2/bu.; clover seed, \$4 to \$6/bu.; flax seed, 75¢/bu.; shorts, 8¢/lb.; soap, 8¢; New Orleans sugar, 9 to 10¢/lb.; crushed sugar, 14¢/lb.; loaf sugar, 14¢/lb.; tallow, 10¢/lb.; tea, 50¢ to \$1/lb.; and whiskey, 38¢/gal.

Theodore C. Mitchell, Saml. S. Metsker, Martin Jameson, Jos. Rohrer, T. J. Campbell and Major Daniel H. Conrad lost about \$1000 worth of sheep to killer dogs.

For the ten days prior to the Fourth of July, the temperature was 95 to 99 above.

July 17, 1858, Banning Stevens, of Jefferson Tp., killed a five foot two inch rattle snake with a full grown grey squirrel in its stomach.

The Directors met Sat., July 31, 1858, to plan the Fair and to arrange the purchase of ground for a permanent location.

Sat., July 31, 1858, Christopher Sizer, one mile east of Logan (inside city limits about Seventeenth St. now) on Eel River, was using a wrench on a thresher with it still running. The wrench slipped and his hand was caught and broken in two places and so badly mangled that Dr. Graham N. Fitch had to amputate it.

Excessive heat and too much rain was making the wheat crop about eight bushel to the acre and the market price was only eighty cents.

A Prof. Seldon demonstrated his horse taming powers and "it did work."

That crazy Indiana weather was at its best (worse) this year of 1858. After floods of rain and then excessive hot weather, it frosted Mon., Aug. 23.

The week of Sat., Aug. 21, just before the frost, John C. Corbly, of Tipton Tp., brought in a tomatoe that weighed three pounds twelve ounces.

They were offering \$10 for the best reaper. The amount to be cut was one acre, July 10, near Logan. The entrance fee was \$2. Wm. F. Aldrich, Wash. Obenchain, Adkins W. Nash, Blair Buchanan and Jas. Hensley were in charge.

They offered \$5 premium for the best mower. Entrance fee was \$2. Contest held on Sat., July 17, near Logan. The fee would entitle the contestant to exhibit at the County Fair. Saml. A. Hall was Pres. and Geo. T. Tipton was Sec.. Giles W. Thomas, Wm. H. Reighter, Peter Dunkle, Slaton Kendall and Adkins W. Nash were the committee in charge.

The reaping contest didn't come off as only one showed up. A number who came saw a Kirby American reaper on the Arnet Shields' farm and an Atkin's reaper on the DeHart Booth farm.

They then met at the Court House to consider the purchase of a Fair Ground and to arrange for the annual Fair. The Fair was to be held on the old grounds on Thurs. and Fri., Sept. 29 & 30, 1858.

Giles W. Thomas and Chauncy Carter were to solicit the business firms to close on the second day. They agreed to close at 2 PM. Sheds for stock were provided. Articles for competition were to be brought the day before the Fair and entered with the Secretary.

Competitors for premiums must be of Cass County and articles offered owned in the county. Competitors for improved farms must enter ten days before the opening. The Fair was free to members and their families. Citizens of other counties could enter, on payment of a fee set by the arrangement committee. The awarding committees, except the plowing, riding and horses, were to be on duty at 1 PM the first day. The riding match committee on duty at 11 AM the second day. This was followed by the horses committee and the plowing committee in their responsibilities. Each exhibitor was to see that the proper number was on his property. A majority of the judges present could award the premium. A discretionary premium could be offered to articles entered in a regular premium class and for which no premiums were offered in its class. No articles would be excluded that had won at previous fairs. Membership was \$1 and admission was 10¢.

#### PREMIUM WINNERS

Oil painting	Wm. Henry Bringham, \$1.00
Bar soap(15 lbs.)	Addison H. Cook, 50¢
Pound cake	Miss Emma Dunn, 50¢
Quilt	Mrs. Saml. Shilling, \$1.00
Carriage horses	George T. Tipton, \$6.00
Cow and sucking calf	Addison H. Cook, \$4.00; do , \$1.00
Heavy draught stallion	John White, \$6.00

Brood mare	Levi Culp, \$4.00
Cow	Addison H. Cook; 2nd place; \$2.00
Heifer(2 yr.)	Addison H. Cook, \$3; Andrew Johnson, \$2.00
Boar	Richard Green, \$3.00
Buck sheep	John T. Campbell, \$4; Jos. Rohrer, \$3.00
Variety of apples	Wm. Atwood, \$1.00
Butter	Mrs. Capt. Cyrus Vigus, \$1.50; Mrs. Andrew Johnson, \$1.00
Potatoes	Richard Pryor, 50¢
Plow(2 horse)	Eldon Wade, \$3.00
Farm wagon (unpainted)	Wm. M. Krider, \$3.00
Shanghais	Wm. Conrad, \$1.00
Riding contest	Niss Susan Flory, a riding hat.

Atty. Edwin Walker was the guest speaker. Jas. H. White, Major Benj. H. Smith, Saml. L. McElheny and Geo. T. Tipton were the arrangement committee. Martin Jamison was Treas. and had a long list of members. The stores did close on Thurs., 9-25-1858.

Oct. 2, 1858, Isaac Staub's Patent Portable Grinding mills for flouring wheat, grinding corn meal as well as grinding cobs, could be purchased at 19 W. Front St., Cinn., O.. He used French burr blocks. Made six different sizes and they sold from \$85 to \$250. He also had a Patent Portable Saw mill called "King of the Woods."

Fulton County's second annual fair was held, at Rochester, Sept. 15 & 16, 1858. Fifteen dollars was given to the best lady equestrian.

The last week of Nov. and the first week of Dec., it was nothing but mud, gloomy weather and disagreeable. A partial freeze occurred Mon., 11-29. Tues., 11-30, it was bright and cheerful like spring. Tues., 12-7, the Canal froze over.

A very interesting fact came to light and it was that Ohio was the greatest wool growing state in the nation. This was 1858.

The Society held its meeting Sat., Dec. 18, at the Court House. Capt. Cyrus Vigus was Pres., Giles W. Thomas was Vp., Jas. H. White was Treas. and Geo. T. Tipton was Sec.

#### DIRECTORS

H. C. Kistler(Boone Tp.)	Saml. H. Sharp(Harrison Tp.)
David H. Conrad(Bethlehem)	W. Johnson(Adams Tp.)
Wm. Thornton(Noble Tp.)	A. McMillen(Clay Tp.)
John Williams(Miami Tp.)	Thos. S. Dunn(Eel Tp.)
Rich. Tyner(Clinton Tp.)	Andrew Johnson(Washington Tp.)
Wm. P. Thomas(Tipton Tp.)	John Davis(Deer Creek Tp.)
John N. Ingram(Jackson Tp.)	

A committee of three was appointed to look into the purchase or lease of land for a fair grounds.

The 1857 balances were \$36.25. The 1858 income at the fair was \$452.98. \$75 was received from the county. Total receipts were \$564.33. Expenses were \$512.96. This included \$346 spent for premiums. Balances were \$51.37.

The Directors met Jan. 29, 1859. There was land for sale or rent north of the Eel River, near the Michigan Plank Road north toll gate. Some could be leased for a term of years, free, between the two rivers, east of town. They met again Sat., April 9, to decide on the fair grounds. Martin Jameson was Sec.

In 1858-1859, \$75,000 was paid out for furs, hides and skins.

There was a four inch snow fall the first week of March, 1859, and the weather was just right for sugar making. There was a large crop and a ready sale. There had been good sleighing in January.

The meat packers were quite busy. They packed 5,590 hogs, whose weight average was 189.67 lbs. Only 4,000 had been packed in 1858 and the average weight of them had been 226 lbs. Israel Johnson & Sons packed 2,248, Dr. Geo. M. Jeroloman packed 1,900, Wm. Conrad packed 500, Chas. Luy & Co. (John Fisher) packed 676, John H. Herbert packed 125, David McVey packed 100 and Thos. R. McElheny packed 50.

It rained some more on Sun. & Mon., 4-8 & 9. The rivers were flooded. The Market St. bridge was damaged. It belonged to the proprietors of W. Logan. It had been offered to the county a year before but was refused. Eel Tp. had been doing some repairing of it.

The agent of the Beechwood Nursery, of Indp., was at John W. Fuller's lot on Bridge, opposite the Barnett House. This was about 406 S. 3rd.. He had gooseberry, grape vines, fancy shrubs and fruit trees.

Low prices had been given to the Cass wool producers because of bad handling. It was suggested that it be packed in a box, 6 ft. long, 8 in. deep and 8 in. wide. It was to have two sides, a botton and an end. Twine was to be drawn through a hole in the center of the end, laying it along the bottom. The fleece was spread, length wise, in the box, folded over and then rolled up from the end drawn up. Then tied tightly with the twine. Then lifted out and wrapped endwise making it compact and neat. One was to be sure to wash the fleece before packing.

A steam thresher was demonstrated Sat., 6-25. It was manufactured at Richmond. It was bought by Simeon Tilton, of Beth. Tp.. Another was demonstrated, this from Indp., and Fosket & Walters of Boone had it.



Light draught stallion	Jacob Yantis, \$6; Thos. L. Moore, \$4
Stallion(3 yr.)	John Davis, \$4; I. N. Adair, \$3
Stallion(2 yr.)	H. Brown, \$4; E. Johnston, \$2
Stallion(1 yr.)	Thos. Eglin, \$2; Rich. Batty, \$1
Brood mare	Levi Culp, \$4; Lyman G. Walker, \$3
Gelding(4 yr.)	Saml. Metsker, \$4; Wm. Foster, \$3
Gelding(3 yr.)	Peter Dunkle, \$3; Capt. Cyrus Vigus, \$2
Gelding(2 yr.)	Wm. Corbet, \$3; Levi H. Brown, \$2
Mare(1 yr.)	Saml. Metsker, \$2; L. P. Gridley, \$1
Sucking colt	Levi Culp, \$2; Lyman G. Walker, \$1
Carriage horses	(have it) : \$6; Dr. Jas. A. Taylor, \$4
Farm horses	R. Wynn, \$6; Harvey Heath, \$4
All work horses	Geo. T. Tipton, \$5.00
Harness horses	Major Ira R. Gifford, \$4.00
Trotting	Geo. T. Tipton, \$4.00
Pacing	William Kirkland, \$4.00
Saddle horse	Major Benj. H. Smith
Jack	Jacob Houk, \$6.00
Mule(pair)	Jos. Boyles, \$6; Geo. Merritt, \$4
Sucking mule	B. D. Scott, \$2.00
Durham sucking calf	John Herd, \$1.00
Bull(3 yr.)	A. Sheidler, \$6; Jas. Buchanan, \$4
Bull(1 yr.)	Wm. Kirkland, \$3.00
Bull calf	Jas. Buchanan, \$2; do , \$1
Cow	William Johnson, \$4.00

Heifer(2 yr.) James Buchanan, \$3.00  
 Stallion(heavy) John White, \$6.00  
 Heifer(1 yr.) Alba Kendall, \$2; Addison H. Cook, \$1.00  
 Heifer calf Asbury Barnett, \$1.00

Litter of  
 pigs Martin Jamison, \$2.00  
 Boar( 1 yr.) Col. Thos. Hall Bringham, \$2.00  
 Boar( 6 to 12  
 months) John C. Barnett, \$2.00  
 Sow( 6 months) John C. Barnett, \$3; Jos. Green, \$2.00

Ewes(four) Geo. Houk, \$3; Geo. Houk, \$2.00  
 Lambs(four) Geo. Houk, \$3; Saml. Metsker, \$1.00

#### SWEEPSTAKES

Stallion John White, \$3.00  
 Brood mare Saml. Metsker, \$3.00  
 Bull David H. Conrad, \$3.00  
 Cow Lewis Enyart, \$3.00  
 Heifer Wm. Perry, \$2.00  
 Buck Jos. Rohrer, \$2.00  
 Ewes(four) Geo. Houk, \$2.00  
 Lambs(four) John T. Campbell, \$2.00  
 Boar Martin Jamison, \$2.00  
 Sow John C. Barnett, \$2.00  
 Cattle Richard Pryor, \$3.00  
 Mare Chas. Demoss, \$2.00

Apples	William Atwood, \$1.00
Pears	A. Sheidler, \$1; E. Johnson, 50¢
Grapes	Saml. Williamson, \$1; Wm. Atwood, 50¢
Fruit collection	Rich. Pryor, \$4; Wm. Atwood, \$3
Onions	Mrs. A. Bennett, 50¢
Turnips	A. Shiedler, 50¢; Saml. Williamson, 50¢
Tomatoes	Harvey Heath, 50¢
Cabbage	Harvey Heath, 50¢
Egg plants	Harvey Heath, 50¢
Squashes	Harvey Heath, 50¢
Field pumpkins(6)	Frank Yates, 50¢
Yellow corn	Andrew Johnson, 50¢
White corn	Andrew Johnson, 50¢
Two horse plow	Eldon Wade, \$3.00
One horse plow	Eldon Wade, \$2.00
Cast iron plow	Chas. B. Knowlton & Slaton Kendall, \$2.00*
Straw cutter	Chas. B. Knowlton & Slaton Kendall, \$2.00
Horse shoes(set)	Eldon Wade, 50¢
Grain cradle	John C. Merriam, \$1.00
Pumps	J. Smith, \$2.50
Reaper	Robt. W. Morrell, \$4.00
Bee-hive	James Henry, \$1.00
Fanning mill	Chas. B. Knowlton & Slaton Kendall, \$2.00
Corn sheller	,, ,, \$1.00
Wheat drill	Joseph Dale, \$2.00
* Lock Foundry	

Pleasure carriage	Eldon Wade, \$3.00
One horse buggy	Jacob H. Hicks, \$3.00
Covered buggy	Jacob H. Hicks, \$3.00
Wagon harness	J. R. Prince, \$2.00
Fine boots	F. Branning, \$1.00
Coarse boots	F. Branning, \$1.00
Upper leather (4 sides)	Petsch & Buskirk, \$1.00
Calf skins(4)	F. Branning, \$1.00
Sugar mill	Josiah Jones, \$1.00
Box honey	Peter Michael, \$1.00
Leather work	Mrs. Miranda P. Hall(Saml. A.,) \$1.00
Wax flowers	Mrs. Chas. E. Kilborn, \$1.00
Daguerrotypes	Jos. Longwell, \$4.00
Book marks	Mrs. Agnes McCarty(Alfred C.,) 50¢
Child's dress and cap	Mrs. G.(?) Schladerman(Wm.(?), \$1.00
Shirt	Mrs. Andrew McClure, \$1.00
Embroidery	Miss Anne P. Church, \$1.00; Miss Ann Jackson, \$1.00; Miss M. M. Bennett, 50¢
Bead purse	Miss M. M. Bennett, 50¢
Embroidered shirt	Miss Jennie Bennett, 50¢
Silk bonnet	Mrs. Cornelius Conover, \$1.00
Blankets(pair)	Mrs. Martha Thornton(Wm.,) \$1.00
Socks	Mrs. Martha Thornton(Wm.,) 50¢
Flannel	Peter Michael
Dress coat	Dan. B. Preston & Jos. I. Menefee, \$1.00
Vest	Dan. B. Preston & Jos. I. Menefee, \$1.00
Pants	Dan. B. Preston & Jos. I. Menefee, \$1.00

Ornamental work	Mrs. C.(?) C.(?) Stevens(Elijah T.,) 50¢
Work chairs(6)	Andrew McClure, \$1.00
Scroll chairs(3)	Andrew McClure, \$1.00
Rag carpet	Mrs. Andrew McClure, \$1.00
Dress bureau	Harry Barker, \$3.00
Card table	Harry Barker, \$1.00
Rocking chair	Harry Barker, \$1.00
Wardrobe bedstead	Wm. T. S. Manly, \$1.00
Wheat bread(loaf)	Mrs. Benjamin Adair, \$1.00
Quilt	Mrs. Mary E. Ross(Ezekiel), 50¢ for second
Display-tinware	Harvey Ball, Jr., \$2.00
Woolen cloth	Mrs. S. Krider(Henry,) \$1.00
Woolen carpet	Mrs. John Tilton, \$1.00
Needle work	Mrs. Schrier, 50¢
Bouquet	Miss Cowan, \$1.00; Miss Eliz. Ross, 50¢
Shanghai chickens	Alfred C. McCarty, 50¢ for second
Turkeys	Alfred C. McCarty, \$1.00
Spring turkeys	Will Purviance, 50¢
Geese	Charles Demoss, 50¢
Guineas	Samuel Williamson, 50¢
Ducks	James Chappelow, 50¢
Riding match	Miss Susan Flory, a riding hat; Miss Sally Thomas, a bridle; Miss Lizzie Skelton, a whip

## JUDGES FOR 1859 FAIR

Crops	W. H. Rictor, David H. Conrad & Jos. M. White
Horses	John Barr, Dan. Wyand & Geo. P. Clem
Swine	Barton R. Keep, Jas. Buchanan & Wm. Conrad
Cattle	Jos. Rohrer, Jos. Penrose & John M. Warren
Sheep	Andrew Johnson, Martin Jamison & Blair Buchanan
Sweepstakes	Wm. Corbit, Jas. Chappelow & Wm. P. Thomas
Fruit	Wm. A. Black, Judge Wm. Z. Stuart & Alex. H. Barnett
Dairy	Mrs. Capt. Cyrus Vigus, Mrs. Henry Krider & Mrs. Geo. Cannon
Vegetables	Thos. H. Wilson, Wm. W. Haney & Jas. B. Rodgers
Implements(farm)	DeHart Booth, Robt. McCandless & Crabtree Grace
Domestic manuf.	Thos. S. Dunn, Alfred C. McCarty & Judge Horace P. Biddle
Floral	Mrs. Harriet Tipton Dunn(Thos. S.,) Mrs. Wm. Brown(Clinton Tp.), Mrs. Franklin Keyes & Atty. Geo. W. Blakemore
Ploughing	Wm. Brown(Clinton Tp.,) Andrew Young & James Boyles
Poultry	Atty. Sidney Baldwin, Saml. L. McElheny & Robert R. Reed
Ladies Riding	John Davis, Mrs. Alex. H. Barnett, Rich. Tyner, Mrs. Cyrus Vigus & Franklin Keyes

Major Benj. H. Smith, Jos. M. White, Martin Jamison, Thos. H. Wilson and Andrew McMillen were the arrangement committee. Thos. S. Dunn was to be Marshal. Fair was to be Oct. 12 and 13. For those desiring to hold membership, they were to see Jos. P. McCarty in the old Geo. T. Tipton store at 324 E. Market.

The members met Sat., Sept. 17, at 2 PM, at the new fair grounds on the NS of Eel River, east of the Michigan Plank Road Toll House. They had 630 entries. Uncle Giles W. Thomas won the hurdle race. Armstead Carter's horse ran away and he was thrown off. Bernard Z. Burch, of Bethlehem Tp., was thrown out of his wagon on the way to the fair.

## 1859 PREMIUM WINNERS

Heavy stallion	Cravel Chistler, \$4; Thos. Morrow, \$3.00
Light stallion	Isaac Butcher, \$4; J. E. Gridley, \$3.00
Stallion(3 yr.)	Alexander Sanderson, \$3.00
Stallion(2 yr.)	J. A. Holmes, \$2; Thos. Eglin, \$1.00
Stallion(1 yr.)	Levi Culp, \$2; Lyman G. Walker, \$1.00
Brood mare	Rich. Pryor, \$4; Saml. A. Horn, \$3.00
Mare(4 yr.)	J. A. Holmes, \$4; M. Thornton, \$3.00
Mare(3 yr.)	Wm. Corbet, \$2; Gen. Culp, \$2.00
Mare(2 yr.)	Matthew Dodds, \$3; Robt. McMillen, \$2.00
Mare(1 yr.)	Samuel Grable, \$1.00
Sucking colt	Rich. Pryor, \$2; Munroe Biggs, \$1.00
Carriage horses	Geo. T. Tipton, \$5; Capt. Cyrus Vigus, \$3.00
Buggy horse	Atty. Dan. D. Pratt, \$3; Wash. Kuns, \$2.00
Heavy draft horse	Jesse Briggs, \$5; Slaton Kendall, \$3.00
Light draft horse	E. Stansil, \$5; John C. Barnett, \$3.00
Trotting horse	Major Ira R. Gifford, \$3; do , \$2.00
Trotting saddle horse	Major Ira R. Gifford, \$3.00
Pacing horse	Col. Isaac N. Partridge, \$3.00
Pacing saddle horse	Slaton Kendall, \$3.00

Mules(pair): Jos. Henry, \$4.00; Jas. Boyles, \$3.00.  
 Work horses(pair) Daniel H. Conrad, Major, \$5.00  
  
 3 yr Durham bull: Jas. Horney, \$5.00; David H. Conrad, \$3.00.  
 2 yr Durham Bull: David Clymer, \$2.00; Jacob F. Hinehart, \$2.00.  
 1 yr Durham bull: Buford Banta, \$2.00; Jas. Buchanan, \$1.00.  
 Bull calf: Chas. G. Choen, \$2.00.  
 Cow: Wm. Corbat, \$3.00; do, \$2.00.  
 4 yr heifer: John Herd, \$2.00; Jas. Buchanan, \$1.00.  
 2 yr heifer: Chas. G. Choen, \$3.00.  
 1 yr bull(Graded): Henry Crwin, \$2.00; David Humphrey, \$1.00.  
 Dairy cow: Dan. Bouser, \$6.00; Dav d E. Clymer, \$4.00.  
 2 yr heifer: Jas. Henry, \$2.00; Henry Crwin, \$2.00.  
 1 yr heifer: John Herd, \$2.00.  
 Sucking calf: Alden S. Cook, \$1.00.  
  
 18 m Boar(Improved): John G. Barnett, \$3.00; Wash. Kuns, \$2.00.  
 6 to 12m boar: Martin Jamison, \$2.00.  
 6 to 12 m sow: David W. Clymer, \$3.00.  
 Litter of pigs: Jos. Green, \$2.00.  
  
 Buck: Jonathan Robbins, \$4.00; Benj. F. Campbell;  
 \$3.00; John H. Simpson, 2.00.  
 Lambs(4): David Humphrey, \$1.00.



Stallion	Crowel Chistler, \$3.00 (Cravel?)
Cow(7 yr.)	Charles G. Choen, \$3.00
Brood mare	Robert McMillen, \$3.00
Mule	James Boyles, \$2.00
Mare or gelding	Atty. Dan. D. Pratt, \$3.00
Yoke of cattle	Charles G. Choen, \$3.00
Bull	David H. Conrad, \$3.00
Boar	Washington Kuns, \$3.00
Apples	Wm. Atwood, \$1; Jas. Chappelow, 50¢
Pears	Mrs. Henry Krider, \$1; Joel Elam, 50¢
Grapes	Wm. Atwood, \$1; Henry Orwin, 50¢
Fruit(Collection)	Wm. Atwood, \$1.00
Butter	Joel Elam, \$1; Jonathan Robbins, \$1
Potatoes	Samuel Shilling, 50¢
Onions	John Carr, 50¢
Turnips	William Allhands, 50¢
Beets	William Atwood, 50¢
Parsnips	William Atwood, 50¢
Egg plants	William Atwood, 50¢
Beans	Capt. Cyrus Vigus, 50¢
Cabbage(6)	Alden S. Cooke, 50¢
Garden squash(6)	S. A. Williamson, 50¢
Pumpkins(6)	Josiah Jones, 50¢

Two horse steel plow	Saml. L. McElheny, \$3.00
Straw cutter	Benjamin O. Wilkinson, \$2.00
Corn cultivator	Benjamin O. Wilkinson, \$1.00
Threshing machine & horsepower	Benjamin O. Wilkinson, \$4.00
Grain cultivator	Joseph Dale, \$4.00
Bee hive	James Henry, \$1.00

## DOMESTICS

Farm wagon	Saml. L. McElheny, \$5.00
Pleasure carriage	Saml. L. McElheny, \$5.00
One horse open carriage	Saml. L. McElheny, \$5.00
One horse covered carriage	Saml. L. McElheny, \$3.00
Fine boots	F. Banning, \$1.00
Coars boots	John Leopold Ruh, \$1.00
Ladies boots	Hugh Crawford, \$1.00
Leather(4 sides)	Wilson K. McElheny, \$1.00
Sugar cane mill	Joseph Dale, \$1.00
Chinese molasses	Robert McMillen, \$1.00
Honey(10 pounds)	William Atwood, \$1.00
Table cloth	Miss Susan Flory, \$1.00
Oil painting	Miss L. Partridge, \$1.00
Leather work	Mrs. A. M. Jackson(Jas.), \$1.00
Wax fruit	Mrs. A. M. Jackson, \$1.00
Bead purse	Mrs. A. M. Jackson, \$1.00
Wax flowers	Mrs. Chas. E. Kilborn, \$1.00
Needle work	Miss Turner, \$1.00
Embroidery	Miss Belle Jeroloman, \$1.00

Silk bonnet Mrs. M. M. Fancher(David S.,) \$1  
 Flour bbl. Chas. A. Brandt, \$1  
 Tinware Henry E. Krug & Napoleon Bonaparte Booth, \$2  
 Wheat bread Mrs. Sarah Barnett(John C.,) \$1  
 Wool cloth  
 (10 yds.) Mrs. Jonathan Robbins, \$1  
 Sewing machine G. B. Orvis; given a diploma for a Wheeler  
 and Wilson machine.  
 Flannel(10 yds.)  
 Mrs. Charity Horn(Saml. A.,) \$1  
 Rag carpet Mrs. Jennie Orwin, \$1  
 Wool blanket John Carr, \$1  
 Quilt John Carr, \$1  
 Grain bags(6) Mrs. S. Krider(Henry,) \$1  
 Wool mittens Mrs. Dan. Bowser, 50¢  
 Wool stockings Mrs. David(?) Humphrey, 50¢  
 Embroidered lay  
 mat Mrs. Collins, \$1  
 Wool socks Mrs. N. H. Brandt, 50¢  
 Chickens Elijah T. Stevens, \$1; Perlou C. Sizor, 50¢  
 Turkeys Jane Chappelow, \$1  
 Geese Jane Chappelow, 50¢  
 Fowls(general) Saml. Williamson, 50¢  
 Ducks August Schladerman, 50¢  
 Marble monument  
 John Thomas Powell, a diploma; made for  
 Saml. Puterbaugh, dec'd..  
 Yoke of oxen Jan Boyles, \$4  
 Riding contest Miss Lizzie Skelton; Miss Minnie Crawford;  
 Mrs. Mary Thornton(John;) Miss Michaels

Capt. Cyrus Vigus was Pres.; David H. Conrad was Vp.; Isaac Bartlett was Sec.; Jos. M. White was Treas.. They called for members to meet Sat., 1-2-1860.

Rev. John P. Barnett sold a bull to seven farmers. The jury understood his presentation to mean warranty. Suit was brought by Jos. Rohrer, one of the purchasers. Verdict was in favor of Rev. Barnett. The case was then taken to Carroll county Cir. court.

"Honest Charley" was the name of a horse raised by Martin Jamison of Bethlehem tp.. He sold it to Atty. Lewis Chamberlin who in turn sold it for \$600. It was reported to have been sold again, this time for \$1200.

Wheat was then \$1.10, corn was 30¢ and pork was \$4 to \$5/100 lbs.. Delphi packers were seeking hogs.

David S. Fancher received a patent on a wagon arranged to load the largest stone merely with the assistance of the horses attached to the wagon. A model had been exhibited at the County Fair. Persons desiring individual, township or county rights had only to call upon him.

James S. Twells, of Walton, exchanged four young cows for sheep.

The receipts for 1859 were \$905.15. The expenditures were \$808.18 and the balances were \$96.97. Col. Thos. Hall Bringhurst, Thos. S. Dunn and Richard Tyner were the auditing committee.

The winter of 1859-1860, Israel Johnson and Sons packed 2,700 hogs, Dr. Geo. M. Jeroloman packed and also shipped live a total of 2,400 hogs, Carter and Jas. B. Rodgers packed 550 hogs, Wm. Conrad packed 600 hogs, John Fisher and Chas. Luy packed or shipped live 550 hogs, and John Herbert packed and sold 300 hogs by Feb., 1860. There were other lesser businesses. The total was 7,150 hogs. The market was getting bigger every year.

There was cold weather, the week of Feb. 11, 1860, with the temperature around zero.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
1860

Saml. Grable, of Bethlehem Tp.	Wm. Johnson, of Harrison Tp.
John Davis, Deer Creek Tp.	Melbin B. Knowlton, Jackson Tp.
Daniel Wyand, of Boone Tp.	Buford Banta, of Jefferson Tp.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
(continued)

DeHart Booth, Noble Tp.            Saml. Swigart, Clay Tp.  
John Williams, Miami Tp.        Wm. P. Thomas, Tipton Tp.  
Andrew Johnson, Wash. Tp.      John Myers, Clinton Tp.  
William A. Black, Eel Tp.

Martin Jamison, Andrew McMillen, Charles G.  
Choen, David H. Clymers and George T. Tipton were the  
arrangement committee for the annual fair. They met  
Sat., Feb. 18, 1860, at 11 AM.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP  
1859

Real estate and improvements	\$272,650.00
Cash on hand and at interest	21,857.00
Personal property	50,995.00
Total assessed valuation	\$345,502.00
(Actually was about twice this amount)	

Horses	411	\$ 26,835.00
Cattle	924	9,553.00
Sheep	773	966.00
Hogs	1,145	2,090.00
Total		\$ 39,444.00

RAISED IN 1859

Wheat	21,816 bu.	\$ 25,988.00
Corn	57,780 bu.	23,112.00
Oats	6,715 bu.	2,015.00
Potatoes	5,984 bu.	1,796.00
Grass seed	43 bu.	151.00
Pork	182,760 lbs.	91,318.00
Lard	11,350 lbs.	1,135.00
Hay	807 ton	6,841.00
Wool	1,280 lbs.	642.00
Maple sugar	1,280 lbs.	128.00
Sorghum molasses	880 gallons	440.00

Joseph C. Bennett was responsible for the publication of the Noble Tp. census, as he was Trustee.

## PREMIUM JUDGES

Crops	Saml. Swigart, Jas. Hensley & Jos. Penrose
Horses	Jas. Cornell, John H. Berry & Saml. H. Sharp
Cattle	John Dalzell, John Hurd & John Davis
Swine	Wm. Corbet, Jacob Koons & Wm. Johnson (Adams Tp.)
Sheep	John M. Warren, Andrew Johnson & Henry Irwin
Sweepstakes	John Williams, Jas. M. Justice, Sr. & Buford Banta
Fruit	Jas. Rohrer, Robt. McMillen & John Henry Thornton
Dairy	Mrs. Wm. A. Black, Mrs. Andrew McMillen & Mrs. DeHart Booth
Vegetables	Thos. Dalzell, J. W. Cox & Robt. Knox
Implements	John Carr, Josiah Jones & DeHart Booth
Domestics, Class 1	Wm. Craven, Jas. Chappelow & Saml. Wilson
Domestics, Class 2	Saml. A. Hall, Geo. P. Clem & Col. Wm. L. Brown
Domestics, Class 3	Mrs. Miranda P. Hall(Saml. A.,) Mrs. Sophia Jane Pratt(Atty. Dan. D.,) & Mrs. Mary H. Kistler(Henry)
Domestics, Class 4	Judge Horace P. Biddle, Mrs. Sarah S. Stuart(Judge Wm. Z.) & Mrs. Mary Jeroloman (Dr. Geo. M.)
Floral	Mrs. C.(?) C.(?) Stevens(Elijah T.,) Mrs. Sophia Jane Pratt & Col. Isaac N. Partridge
Poultry	Atty. Dan. D. Pratt, Noah S. LaRose & C. Wymer
Riding match(ladies)	E. Stansel, of Carroll County, Mr. Robinson, of Peru, Dr. Lorenzo D. Hogle, & Mrs. Deliah Penrose(Jos.) & Miss Maggie Cummings

New Waverly held its second annual Township Fair Sat., 10-15-1859. Rev. Dr. Caleb R. Quick spoke. Their motto was "Excelsior."

Saturday, Dec. 31, 1859, it was twenty-eight degrees below. Sunday was also. It moderated Tues., 1-3-1860, and snowed. Wed., Jan. 4 it was zero.

Jacob Kuns, of Noble Tp., purchased four hogs in Ohio, Dan. Clymer purchased one and Col. Bringham purchased two Chester Whites, from W. Chester, Chester County, Pa. This was the last week of June, 1860.

They had a reaper trial on the Geo. T. Tipton Farm June 29, 1860. The Iron Harvester, manufactured by Black and Alstatter of Hamilton, O., did the best. The grain was wet also. It was the two horse type. It easily adjusted from reaper to mower. It cut a six foot swath. Wm. C. Jones was the agent. Alex. R. Chamberlain, Wm. H. Kreider and John McMiller were the committee in charge.

L. S. Brown, of Fort Wayne, was at the Gifford House, NW Walnut St. and Market St. He was the agent for the W. A. Flanders' Moveable Comb Bee Hive. He had county, township and individual rights for sale. One was to write to PO Box 296, Fort Wayne. If wanted in quantity, one was to contact Cochran & Humphrey at Fort Wayne.



Andrew McMillen, David H. Clymers, Martin

Jamison, Geo. T. Tipton and DeHart Booth were the arrangement committee for the plowing match.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
1859

Horses	433	\$19,982.00
Cattle	988	8,250.00
Sheep	644	644.00
Hogs	2,148	3,784.00
Mules	2	100.00
Total assessed valuation		<u>\$32,720.00</u>

Wheat	4,385 bu.	4,165.00
Corn	27,884 bu.	8,365.00
Oats	786 bu.	235.00
Rye	72 bu.	36.00
Potatoes	3,861 bu.	772.00
Grass seed	23 bu.	34.00

Pork	89,903 lbs.	4,195.00
Lard	7,619 lbs.	553.00
Hay	267 ton	1,874.00
Wool	73 lbs.	16.00
Maple sugar	70 lbs.	8.00
Wagons & carriages	148	5,060.00
Clocks & watches	200	719.00
Piano fortes	3	160.00
Polls	240	

RAISED IN 1859

Horses	67	Cattle	367
Sheep	206	Swine	1,642
Wheat	23,192 bu.	Rye	350 bu.
Corn	65,153 bu.	Oats	3,850 bu.
Potatoes	6,971 bu.	Barley	231 bu.
Grass seed	96 bu.	Pork	232,064 lbs.
Lard	11,249 lbs.	Maple sugar	1,964 lbs.
Hay	628 ton	Tobacco	25 lbs.
Wool	1,487 lbs.	Sorghum molasses	674 gal.

This was published by John T. Purssell, the  
Trustee.

The plowing match was scheduled for Sat.,  
10-13-1860, on the Thos. H. Wilson farm.

The Wabash RR bought 22,772 bu. of wheat; Israel Johnson & Sons bought 10,500 bu.; Thos. H. Wilson bought 15,720 bu.; Jas. Cheney & Jos. D. Uhl bought 18,000 bu.; Geo. Cecil & Co.(Forest Mills) bought 29,270 bu.; W. D. Sturges & Co. bought 4,908 bu.; John C. Barnett bought 2,240 bu.. Cheney & Uhl owned Empire Mills.

#### PREMIUM WINNERS

Stallion(Heavy) Alex. Sanderson, \$4; J. Hiler, \$3  
 Stallion(Light) Anderson Mabbet, \$3; Henry Ludders, \$3  
 Stallion(3 yrs.) J. A. Holmes, \$3  
 Stallion(2 yrs.) Lyman G. Walker, \$2; Levi Culp, \$1  
 Stallion(1 yr.) Robt. McCandlass, \$2; Munroe Biggs, \$1  
 Sucking colt Dan. Woodling, \$2; Jos. Penrose, \$1  
 Mare & colt Harvey Heath, \$4; John Williams, \$3  
 Mare(4 yrs.) Martin Jamison, \$4; John Q. Adams, \$3  
 Mare(3 yrs.) Wm. Allhands, \$3; Rev. Robt. Irwin, \$2  
 Mare(2 yrs.) Saml. Grable, \$4; Mercer Brown, \$2  
 Mare(1 yr.) Saml. L. Horn, \$2; Rich. Winn, \$1  
 Sucking mare  
 colt Harvey Heath, \$2; Jos. M. White, \$1  
 Gelding(4 yrs.) Dr. Reuel Faber, \$4; Saml. Medsker, \$3  
 Gelding(3 yrs.) Jos. M. White, \$3; Saml. Wolf, \$2  
 Gelding(2 yrs.) Agnes Hurd, \$3  
 Gelding(1 yr.) Agnes Hurd, \$1  
 Matched carriage horses Judge David Darwin Dykeman, \$5;  
 Geo. T. Tipton, \$3

Single horse	Atty. Dan. D. Pratt, \$3; Burrell W. Booth, \$2
Heavy draft horses	Saml. H. Sharp, \$5; Capt. Cyrus Vigus, \$3
Light draft horses	Chas. E. Kilborn, \$5; Wm. C. Jones, \$3
Trotting harness horse	Geo. T. Tipton, \$3; Andrew J. Murdock, \$2
Trotting saddle horse	Wm. F. Chappelow, \$3; Alden S. Cooke, \$2
Pacing saddle horse	McElheny & Kline, \$3; Slaton Kendall, \$2
All work horses	Major Dan. H. Conrad, \$5.00
Trotting horse	Saml. S. Metsker, \$3; Major Ira R. Gifford, \$2
Jack(3 yr.)	Isaac M. King, \$3.00
Mules(pair)	Levi Campbell, \$4; Jas. Boyles, \$3
Mule(1 yr.)	A. Chamberlain, \$2; do , \$1
Sucking mule colt	John Davis, \$2; John Knofflock, \$1
Durham bull(3 yr.)	Judge Jas. Horney, \$5.00
Bull(2 yr.)	Chas. G. Choen, \$4; John Tilton, \$2
Bull(1 yr.)	Rich. Baccus, \$2; Chas. G. Choen, \$1
Bull calf	Chas. G. Choen, \$2; do , \$1
Cow(3 yr.)	Chas. G. Choen, \$3; David H. Conrad, \$2
Heifer(2 yr.)	David H. Conrad, \$3; John Hurd, \$2
Graded bull(3 yr.)	Agnes Hurd, \$4.00
Bull(1 yr.)	Levi Horn, \$2; Josiah Jones, \$1
Dairy cow	David H. Clymer, \$5; Robt. W. Morrell, \$3
Bull calf	Alden S. Cooke, \$3; John Hurd, \$1
Heifer(1 yr.)	Alden S. Cooke, \$2; Chas. G. Choen, \$1
Sucking heifer	W. H. McElheny, \$1.00

Boar(18 month) Washington Kuns, \$3.00  
 Boar(6 to 12 month) Washington Kuns, \$3.00  
 Boar(6 month) Col. Thos. Hall Bringhurst, \$2.00  
 Sow(12 to 18m) Wash. Kuns, \$3; do , \$2  
 Sow(6 to 12m) Wash. Kuns, \$3; John Tilton, \$2  
 Sow(under 6m) Col. Thos. Hall Bringhurst, \$2.00  
 Litter of pigs David H. Conrad, \$2; Peter D. Mellinger, \$1

Merino buck Jonathan Rollins, \$4; do , \$3  
 Southdown buck John H. Simpson, \$; Henry Irwin, \$2  
 Common buck Andrew Johnson, \$3.00  
 Merino ewe Jonathan Rollins, \$2; David C. Richardson, \$1  
 Common ewe Andrew Johnson, \$2; Henry Irwin, \$1  
 Merino lambs(3) Riley Brown, \$3; Simeon Tilton, \$2

#### SWEEPSTAKES

Stallion Alexander Sanderson, \$3.00  
 Mare Richard Winn, \$3.00  
 Single buggy horse Atty. Daniel D. Pratt, \$3.00  
 Bull(2 yr.) Charles G. Choen, \$3.00  
 Merino buck Jonathan Rollins, \$3.00  
 Boar(18 months) Washington Kuns, \$4.00  
 Durham cow Charles G. Choen, \$3.00  
 Durham heifer(2 yr.) David H. Conrad, \$3.00  
 Mule James Boyles, \$2.00  
 Jack(3 yr.) Isaac M. King, \$2.00

## SWEEPSTAKES

Yoke of oxen	Washington Kuns, \$3.00
Southdown ewe	John H. Simpson, \$2.00
Common lamb	Henry Irwin, \$2.00
Sow(6 months)	Washington Kuns, \$3.00
Mare	David H. Conrad, \$3.00
Apples	John Knofflock, \$1; Benj. F. Spader, 50¢
Pears	Chas. G. Choen, \$1; Henry Irwin, 50¢
Grapes	Chas. G. Choen, \$1; Henry Irwin, 50¢
Collection(fruit)	Chas. G. Choen, \$4; Jas. Chappelow, \$3
Butter(5 lbs.)	Mrs. DeHart Booth, \$1.50; Josiah Jones, \$1
Cheese	Josiah Jones, \$1.50; Wm. Cravens, \$1
Potatoes( $\frac{1}{2}$ bu.)	James B. Rogers, 50¢
Onions( $\frac{1}{2}$ bu.)	John L. Bennett, 50¢
Beets( $\frac{1}{2}$ bu.)	Charles G. Choen, 50¢
Carrots( $\frac{1}{2}$ bu.)	Harvey Heath, 50¢(called Heth)
Beans( $\frac{1}{2}$ bu.)	Daniel Bowser, 50¢
Tomatoes( $\frac{1}{2}$ bu.)	Harvey Heath, 50¢
Cabbage(6)	Israel Enyart, 50¢
Egg plant	Harvey Heath, 50¢
Garden squash	Samuel Williamson, 50¢
Field pumpkins	Samuel Williamson, 50¢
Yellow seed corn(12)	David H. Clymer, 50¢
White seed corn(12)	James M. Vigus, 50¢

One horse steel plow	J. Mills & CO., \$2.(a new factory)
Iron beam plow	J. L. Bryant, \$2.00
Pump	John Z. Smith, \$1.00
Buck patent churn	James L. West, \$1.00
Model bee hive	Jas. S. Black, \$1.00
Cheese press	Josiah Jones, \$1.00
Horse shoes(set)	Samuel L. McElheny, 50¢
2 horse pleasure carriage	McElheny & Kline, \$5; do , \$3
Black walnut bureau	William T. S. Manly, \$3.00
Windsor chairs	Andrew McClure, \$1.00
Flour barrel	Matthew Obenchain, \$1.00
Tinware	Henry E. Krug & Napoleon Bonaparte Booth, \$2
Straw hat	John Carr, 50¢
Shovel plow	J. Mills & Co., 50¢
Subsoil plow	J. Mills & Co., 50¢
Two horse prairie plow	J. Mills & Co., 50¢
Long prairie plow	J. Mills & Co., 50¢
Stone loading wagon	David S. Fancher, \$2.00(the inventor)
Farm wagon	William M. Kreider, \$2.00
Marble monument	Lycurgus C. Powell, \$1.00
Fancy parlor stand	William T. S. Manly, \$1.00
Hall hat rack	William T. S. Manly, \$1.00
Fancy toilet stand	William T. S. Manly, 50¢
Cane seat chairs(3)	William T. S. Manly, 50¢

Coverlid	John Carr, 50¢
Saddle & bridle	Saml. T. & Dan. P. Weirick, brothers, \$1
Flannel(6 yds.)	Josiah Jones, \$1; John Ward, \$1
Jeans(6 yds.)	George W. Julian, \$1.00
Rag carpet(40 yds.)	Mrs. N. H. Bennett, \$1.00
Blankets(pair)	Benjamin L. Campbell, \$1.00
Quilt	Henry Irwin, \$1.00
Spread	Robert McMillen, \$1.00
Woolen mittens	John Ward, 50¢
Woolen stockings	David Humphrey, 50¢
Woolen socks	John Carr, 50¢
Maple molasses(1 gal)	Dixon McCoy, \$1.00
Chinese molasses (1 gal.)	Robert McMillen, \$1.00
Loaf of bread	Mrs. Daniel Bowser, \$1.00
Strained honey	Henry Irwin, \$1.00
Oil painting	Miss L. Partridge, \$1.00
Grecian painting	Miss L. Partridge, \$1.00
Leather work	Prof. James Jackson, \$1.00
Daguerrotypes	Enos W. Wood, \$1.00
Bead purse	Prof. James Jackson, 50¢
Brown's waist skirt supporter	David S. Fancher, \$1.00
Child's knit sack*	Mrs. Aurora N. Merriam(John C.,) \$1.00
Quilted silk skirt	Mrs. H. Medsker, \$1.00
Lamp mat	Mrs. H. Medsker, \$1.00

\*probably sock

Stamped skirt	Mrs. H. Medsker, \$1.00
Tatting(10 yds.)	Mrs. H. Medsker, \$1.00
Embroidered muslin skirt	Mrs. H. Medsker, \$1.00
Stamped muslin (5 yds.)	Mrs. H. Medsker, \$1.00
Shell work	Miss Minnie Crawford, 50¢
Crochet bird tidy	Alfred C. McCarty, \$1.00
Embroidered apron	Mrs. A. L. Medsker, \$1.00
Wheat(1 acre)	David H. Clymers, \$6.00
Turkeys	James M. Vigus, 50¢
Geese	James M. Vigus, 50¢
Yellow turkeys	Lewis Enyart, 50¢
Ducks	Benjamin L. Campbell, 50¢
Wild geese	John Shields, 50¢
Riding match	Miss Mary Etnire, \$5; Miss Minnie Crawford, \$4; Mrs. Ellen B. Thornton, \$4
Single draft horse	Martin Jamison, \$1.00
Yearling steers (pair)	Arnet Shields, \$1.00
Walking horse	Daniel Bowser, 50¢
Mule(2 yr.)	Daniel Hyman, \$1.00
Yoke of oxen	James M. Buchanan, \$1.00
Cotswold buck	David C. Richardson, \$1.00
Cotswold ewe	David C. Richardson, \$1.00



Cake	Miss Minnie Crawford, 50¢
Apple pie mellons	Mrs. N. H. Bennett, 50¢
Preserved fruit	Charles G. Choen, 50¢
Matched carriage horses	Judge David Darwin Dykeman, \$5; Geo. T. Tipton, \$3

Capt. Cyrus Vigus, Major Benj. H. Smith, Col.  
Thos. Hall Bringhurst, Andrew McMillen and John T...  
Denbo were to revise and publish the premium list for  
the next fair. It was getting larger and better each  
year.

Alex. Searight, of Jefferson Tp., harvested forty-five bushel of wheat per acre in Aug., 1860. Jos. Rohrer lost his barn, on Spring Creek, in Clay Tp., filled with grain. This also happened in August.

Chas. G. Choen, of Clinton Tp., lost his barn with twenty ton of hay, eighty bushel of wheat, twenty hogs and farm implements. It was caused by lightning. This happened the week of Sept. 29, 1860.

The Cass County Agr. Soc.'s plowing match was hel on the Thos. H. Wilson farm Sat., Oct. 13, 1860.

The week of Dec. 8, 1860, John Hurd lost eight sheep, to dogs, and Dixon McCoy lost eleven.

Capt. Cyrus Vigus was the new President. Benj. F. Spader was Vp., John H. Berry was Treas. and Isaac Bartlett was Sec. The Sec. was to be paid \$50 a year from then on. The Treasurer received five percent of the moneys collected and \$1.50 for each day at the Fair.

#### DIRECTORS

Richard Ferguson	James M. Buchanan
Henry M. Kistler	George Houk
William Allhands	Slaton Kendall
John T. Denbo	Henry Orwin
Col. Thos. H. Bringhurst	William P. Thomas
James Chappelow	Richard Tyner
William Holland	David Thomas