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Come to the Fair.

The 5th Annual Exhibition of the Camb. Co. Ag. Society will be held in this place on Wednesday next, the 29th inst. Extensive preparations have been made by the committee having charge of the different departments, and no pains will be spared to render the exhibition more attractive than the previous one.

Much depends upon the farmers throughout the county whether the exhibition comes off successfully. We have too much confidence in the ability and willingness of the farmers of this county to think for a moment that they will permit old Cumberland to suffer in comparison with other counties of the State, or any of the previous exhibitions held at this place. Much allowance should be made for the unfavorable season, which agriculturists in this section have had to contend with. The extreme cold weather which held on so late in the Spring, almost entirely destroying the fruit crop, the rust and mildew blighting the wheat and oats crop, and the unusually long dry spell which evidently destroyed in many localities and shortened in others the potato and corn-crop; all combined should be taken into consideration when comparing the present with previous and more favorable seasons; yet farmers should not despair; let every one manifest his interest in the welfare of the Society and for the benefit of the county, (which is indirectly for his own benefit) by being present at the fair; with his family, and if he be unfortunate to have no such institution, let him take the responsibility upon himself and bring along the fair part of some other man's family. Don't slight the Fair; let every department be well represented. The good housewives and daughters of Cumberland have heretofore performed their part admirably and can do so again. We notice a short time since at the State Fair at Trenton that the ladies and home department did not equal in many respects that of our County Fair.

produce any fruit, melons, potatoes, grain, or superior stock of any kind; bring it to the fair and place on exhibition, whether there be any prospect or not of receiving a premium. A few days since a farmer friend in the lower part of this county said to us that he had a pair of colts he intended to bring to the Fair, not having any idea that they would be entitled to a premium, but would bring them to increase the general stock. This is the spirit for all of our agriculturists to act upon, and if it were more universal the display at our County Fairs would be greatly enhanced.

Another farmer in the same township has a number of cattle which he intends bringing, and although fearful that the short pasture, flies and mosquitoes, which have operated against them the present season will prevent a premium being given, yet he intends placing them on exhibition, and if we are any judge of improved stock, some of them would have taken a premium at the State Fair, in competition with others there exhibited.

We have a pair of fancy articles (not stock) which would certainly have been entitled to a premium over anything of the kind at the State Fair, but did not presume to place them in competition with others which the Fair of this county would present; until impressed with the importance of increasing the general display, and have condescended to send them along, with the conviction that they will come off like our friend's stock—without a premium.

Let each individual throughout the country who can possibly do so, come to the Fair and bring all he can, and may our friends in other counties feel free to contribute, so that the coming exhibition may surpass all previous ones.

Getting ready for the exhibition.

The Zion County Agricultural Society have laid out a track something more than half a mile in circuit, on the grounds used last year for the purpose of trying the speed of the horses in the county. The track was ploughed and rolled more than a month ago, and has been in almost daily use since.

As the time for the exhibition approaches, the interest in the performances increases. From the dawn of day till about 9 o'clock A.M., and from 5 P.M. till dark the clatter of hoofs and the horse bawling of the drivers are the daily music of the neighborhood, Sundays barely excepted. In that country the passion or mania for fast horses seems to be on the increase.

THE UNION PRAYER MEETING.

The Union Prayer Meeting held in Grosscup's Hall last Monday evening, was very fully attended. The Hall being literally crowded.

A very good spirit of interest was manifested by people of all the different religious denominations of our village. The meeting next Monday evening will be held in St. Peter's Town Hall, which will be open to all for intercessory prayer meetings, for the purpose of obtaining a full complement of ministers to serve the congregation of the Union Church.

(P.S.) The election of the officers of West Jersey Academy, will take place on Monday and Tuesday next. The public is respectfully invited to attend.

By divine permission, Rev. C. E. Hill, will preach in the Ahsa House, on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

PARTY SPIRIT.

The emotion is often naked, how evanescent and fugitive through the winter. The opening period seems to be in company with some others in the neighborhood, was called the "festival of the dead," when the rains or downfall of all calamities. Though much at times, has been said and written against encouraging this spirit; as dangerous to the interests of our country, yet we prefer to consider it as beneficial in its tendencies.

This spirit has been rife in the world since the first days of creation, since our first parents were created and placed in the "garden of Eden," which was furnished to their baird with all things necessary for their personal comfort. It was there the old serpent strove to strengthen his party, by insinuating himself into the good grace of Madam Eve, and persuading her to eat of the forbidden fruit, in direct opposition to the mandates of God, thereby breaking her allegiance to His laws, who had given her this pleasant dwelling, and becoming a willing subject of his Saucy Majesty.

This event instead of being as many persons are pleased to consider it, the greatest curse that ever befell mankind, has proved to earth one of greatest blessings. It was so ordered in the Divine arrangement, that this fall must needs come, in order that this pleasant earth might be peopled, that the great command, "Multiply and replenish the earth," might be fulfilled. To this event exclusively do men owe their mortal existence on this terrestrial globe, so beautifully decked, ornamented and fitted up for the reception of a class of beings superior to the brute creation.

Yet all this was apparently brought about by the influence of the party spirit that wrangled in the breast of his Sulphuric Highness.

It was this same spirit which caused the death of the just Abel—sending him at once to the enjoyment of that rest his righteous soul so much desired—at the hands of his brother, thereby typifying beautifully to the minds of the Patriarchs and Prophets the death of just for the unjust, and confirming them in the faith that the Shiobah should come in due time to save his people.

So with the Israelites who were held in bondage by the Egyptian king. Many years they submitted themselves in service of bondage to this haughty king's mandates, and the people groaned under the bonds imposed by cruel task-masters. But so soon as Moses arose, this latent party spirit enabled the people to see what were their rights and true interests, discontent and contention, discord and strife became rife between them and the Egyptians.

The sequel is, or at least ought to be, familiar to all. This spirit of contention ran high between Moses and Pharaoh, until this hardened king and his subjects were so sorely compelled to let the children of Israel go, to enter the promised land, and enjoy their promised rest.

When a new world was discovered and a few weak colonies planted in it, the people having forgotten, in a great measure, old party spirit and grievances, for a while remained subjects of, and paid tribute to the crowned heads of England, until having gained sufficient strength and power to assert their rights and maintain them, just at the time, these colonies, this spirit again breaks out, and contentious, factions and disputes grow out of as widely separated interests, which were carried to a very high pitch. The result was, as every school boy knows, a revolt on the part of the colonies. Independence was declared and acknowledged, a free government established, and under its benign influences, fostered the most prosperous and happy nation with which the world has ever been made acquainted.

This government is sustained mainly through the watchful attention of the spirit of jealousy and party interest, which pervades the minds of a people so great an extent. Were there no jealousies and party animosities with us, but were the people all united, corruption would soon crop into high peaks, men in authority would fall victims to their political infidels, and we should soon degenerate in a monarchical despotism.

But the great mass of our people being intelligent and keeping an eye to their deepest interests, so soon as the party in power imposes upon them obnoxious acts, they are disposed and another party mixed into power, to dispense justice and equity with a more even hand. In a country where the people are governed, there does not exist the necessity for so much watchfulness, as it our country, where the people govern. Let us then dispense party spirit, but rather cherish and foster it into more luxurious growth, as one of the strongest assurances of the perpetuation of the freedom rights of the people.

VILLANY IN BRIDGETON.

Our town, so noted for morality and good order, has recently been cut off, or rather torn from a spot which deserves to be retained. From a now sprawling little, once thriving community. At first, we had no occasion to notice the robbing of a minister's parsonage, and since our last issue, a daring scoundrel, five hours early in the evening, from a store in this village, had sold them a storekeeper directly opposite where he stole them, apparently too late to carry them further. He was captured and sent to prison.

On Friday evening last, another high-handed outrage occurred, by which Dr. Norden, a son of the Rev. Dr. Wilson, was beaten and injured, and a valuable set of silver mounted harness. About eleven o'clock in the morning the carriage was found standing outside adjoining where the Dr. boards. In the old Baptist Church, was found part of the old Baptist Church, and the horses were with and another horse, which was found to be a colt, the circumference of which was computed to be forty millions of miles distant from the stables and an equally small distance from the stable door.

Wednesday morning was given to the reading of the Testimony, letters from the church, and thanks Rev. Mr. Wilson was chosen Moderator, and Rev. E. D. Fenner and Rev. J. W. Moore, were chosen to preside over the meetings. The services were conducted in the usual manner, and the meetings were opened with a reading of the Testimony, and the circular letter written by Rev. Dr. Shoppell, and other brethren.

WORMS, WINDS, AND BUGS.

The emotion is often naked, how evanescent and fugitive through the winter. The opening period seems to be in company with some others in the neighborhood, was called the "festival of the dead," when the rains or downfall of all calamities.

Upon opening the stalk of an ordinary sized wood it was found to contain four or five worms largely sheltered from all inclemency.

We have since made an extensive examination of the wood, as it stood alone by the road-side, in clusters along corn fields, and is found in wheat fields, with uniform result.

Stalks from 10 inches to following were found uniformly to contain an average of from three to six worms each.

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A number of other large weeds

were examined, but with the exception of the iron weed, they were found mostly free from worms.

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