

Maine State Fair.

The weather for the exhibition of the State Agricultural Society was not so favorable as was hoped, but notwithstanding this, there was a large attendance, and great interest was manifested. There was a large and highly creditable variety of articles of great merit collected, though from the list it would seem that the different parts of the State were not so well represented as they should have been.

DRAWING MATCH. Among other interesting exhibitions was that of the drawing by matched oxen—the load being a drag piled with granite blocks, and resulted as follows:

First Trial. Moses Adams, of Portland; age of oxen 7 years, girt 8 feet. This yoke moved 6460 lbs. 21 1-2 feet.

Second trial by same—moved 6460 lbs. 4 feet.

Third trial—F. Proctor, of Portland; age 7 years; girt 7 feet 8 inches—moved 6010 lbs. 3 1-2 feet.

Fifth trial—George G. Shores, of Waterville; age 6 years; girt 7 feet 4 inches; moved 5180 lbs. 21 feet.

Sixth trial—same team as fourth trial; moved 5180 lbs. 50 feet.

Seventh trial—H. C. Burleigh, of Waterville; age 4 years; girt 7 feet 3 inches; moved 5180 lbs. 10 feet.

Eighth trial—J. G. Field, of Lewiston; age 8 years; girt 6 feet; moved 5180 lbs. 10 feet.

Ninth trial—S. S. Warren, of Scarborough; age 6 years; girt 7 feet 1 inch; moved 5180 lbs. 40 feet.

Tenth by the same—age 4 years; girt 7 feet 2 inches; moved 5180 lbs. 10 feet.

DISPLAY OF HORSES. There was also a fine display of stock and carriage horses, many of them being of a very superior character. The following were brought upon the track.

A seven year old Messenger, owned by Robert Houston, of Falmouth.

A three year old Arab colt, owned by L. P. Warren, of Saccarappa.

A three year old Arabian, owned by Cyrus L. Gallison, of Portland.

A five year old Morgan, owned by Briggs and Young.

Young Drew, seven, owned by Alson Strout, Durham.

Rising Sun, twelve, W. S. Grant, Farmingdale.

Messenger, three, Andrew D. Maxfield, Casco.

Tiger, nine, Dr. Moses Call, Newcastle.

Messenger, four, J. Marshall, Saco.

Messenger mare, two, J. L. Curtis, Gorham.

Morgan, one, J. E. Trafton, Harrison.

Morgan and Messenger, one, Edward Moses, Scarborough.

Messenger, one, George Fowler, Westbrook.

Messenger, two, Jeremiah N. Libby, Westbrook.

Morgan, from French mare, James Robinson, Durham.

Messenger, Morgan, seven.

Messenger and Bush Indian, four years old respectively, L. P. Warren, Saccarappa.

Morgan, four, Samuel Milliken, Saco.

Messenger mare and colt, ten years old, J. F. Anderson, Windham.

Muscat, two, J. F. Anderson.

Mare and colt, six, Josiah Black, Portland.

Morgan, two, Theodore Libby, Scarborough.

Four year old colt (Rising Sun blood) Irving Blake, Portland.

Red gelding, four, Wallace Brown, Baldwin.

Morgan filley, four, Amos Felch, Limerick.

Conspicuous among the horses in this class was a fine large horse called the State of Maine, which, with several others, passed several times round the track.

FOOT RACE. Twenty-nine boys entered the list for a foot race, but at the end of the first heat, all but three withdrew. The following are the names of the successful competitors:

	1st heat.	2d heat.
A. P. Maxfield, Casco,	2 25	2 32
S. O. Rogers, Portland,	2 30	2 37
F. Owen,	2 32	2 42

The prizes were \$15, \$10, and \$5, and were awarded in the order mentioned above. The

The usual plowing match took place, and excited much interest.

TROTting MATCH. A trial of speed took place on the course, and the following horses were entered for the prizes of \$20, \$15, \$10.

State of Maine, Bush Messenger, by M. Moody, of Lincolnville.

Brandy, by B. Young, Jr., of Hartford, Maine.

Young Tiger, Morgan English, by Dr. Call, of Newcastle.

Some delay occurred, but they finally got on to the course. The race was as follows:

	1st	2nd	3d
State of Maine,	2.59	2.57	2.53
Brandy,	3.05	3.01	3.05
Young Tiger,	3.04	3.02	3.05

The winning horse was loudly cheered.

FEMALE EQUESTRIANSHIP. This part of the exhibition excited much interest, and several prizes were offered. It will be seen that the first and second prizes were awarded to ladies of our own city. The following ladies rode:

Miss S. Coffin, Portland.

" S. E. Kezer, Winthrop.

" Georgia A. Craig, Readfield.

Mrs. E. M. Stiles, Biddeford.

Miss Annie W. Fowler, Westbrook.

" Emma Pullen, Augusta.

" Louisa Norcross, "

" Sarah M. Lancaster, (aged 12) Farmingdale.

Mrs. S. L. Carleton, Portland.

Miss Lottie Kelsey, (aged 9) Lewiston.

" Mary W. Herrick, Alfred.

" C. A. Mason, Portland.

The following is the report of the Committee:

PORTLAND, Oct. 23, 1856.

The Committee selected to award premiums on Ladies Riding, have attended to that duty, and report:

That they award the first premium of a silver cup (of \$50 value) to Miss Louisa Norcross, of Augusta.

The second premium of a set of cottage furniture (\$50) to Miss Emma Pullen, of Augusta.

The third premium of saddle, bridle and cap, (\$35) to Miss Annie W. Fowler, of Westbrook.

The fourth premium of silver ware, (\$25) to Miss Georgia A. Craig, of Readfield.

The fifth premium of silver ware, (15) to Miss Mary W. Herrick, Alfred.

On Friday evening Hon. George P. Marsh, of Vermont, delivered an address, which is spoken of in terms of highest praise.

This Fair passed off in a manner highly creditable to the managers and the State. We regretted much our inability to attend. We should have been glad to have perceived a larger extent of the State represented than there was, but it must always be expected that the vicinity should furnish the larger proportion of articles, and this display speaks well for the western part of the State.