

PELHAM FAIR

Was One of the Best Ever
Held in Town.

FINE DISPLAY OFFERED.

Prizes Awarded For Fruits and Vegetables—List of Sports Conducted.

The Pelham fair, a gathering which of late years has grown to an importance second only to the famous Pelham Sing, took place at Pelham Centre Wednesday.

It was held under the auspices of Pelham Grange, and drew an attendance of about 500 from Pelham, Dracut, Lowell, Hudson, Nashua, and all the surrounding towns. The day was an ideal one for an affair of this sort and the fair itself was far and away the best ever held at Pelham.

The committee in charge consisted of Geo. S. Buttrick, Samuel Kelley, Howard Chase, A. R. Hobbs, Mrs. Josie Spaulding, Miss Mary Hobbs, and Willis E. Pearson, master of Pelham Grange, and they were ably assisted by the several sub-committees.

The exhibit of fruit, vegetables and

flowers was a fine one, the prizes being awarded as follows:

A list of minor sports was then run off, the prize winners being as follows:
Bicycle race—Roy Jones.
Bicycle race for boys—Ernest Jones, first; Charles Stickney, second.
Egg race for girls—Alice Carleton, first; Stella Wyman, second.
100 yards dash—John Peabody, first; Geo. Emery, second. Time—11 13-16 sec.
Three-legged race—Joe Marsh and John Peabody, first; Milan Stickney and Roy Jones, second.
Baseball game—Pelhams, 10; Has-beens, 3.

Daniel N. Atwood had on exhibition in the town hall a fine collection of antique furniture and dishes, especially noticeable being an old-fashioned loom, set up in full running order. There was also a fine exhibit of flowers by Mr. Finnacom of Dracut, but he was disbarred from the prizes, not being a resident of the town.

The only accident to mar the pleasure of the occasion took place at the close of the boys' bicycle race when Mr. Fergus Bannister, one of Pelham's respected citizens attempted to cross the track and was run down by Charles Stickney. Luckily no one was hurt, and the bicycle rider was promptly taken in charge by Officer Peter Riley in order that all others might be protected. Officer Riley, by the way, did noble service in keeping people off the track during the pulling-match and races.

The supper in the Pilgrim hall served to make the common look deserted for a time. This feature of the occasion was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lewis, Miss Mary Hobbs, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Spaulding and Miss Flora Lewis.

After supper, a fine entertainment was given in the upper Pilgrim hall, and the seating capacity of this hall was taxed to its fullest extent, and many were

obliged to stand. It is estimated that full 400 took in this entertainment, and all went away well pleased. The first number was singing by a quartette composed of Mrs. Greeley, Mrs. Hyde, Mr. Chase and Mr. Hoyle. This was followed by a duet sung by Miss Elsie Knapp and Miss Esther Keyes which called forth liberal applause. Then came an illustrated lecture by the Rev. Joseph L. Foyle on "The Dark Side of Life in New York City." The views thrown upon the screen were fine, and the lecture was both instructive and interesting.

The lecture being finished, the people scattered to their several homes, all saying that this was the best fair ever held at Pelham, and it certainly did reflect great credit on the management.

flowers was a fine one, the prizes being awarded as follows:

General display of vegetables—Mrs. Harriet Shufelt, first; John H. Marsh, second.

Best display of potatoes—Samuel Kelley.

Best bushel of potatoes—John H. Marsh, first; Geo. S. Butler, second.

Turnips—Fred A. Burton, first.

Beets—Mrs. Harriet Shufelt, first.

Tomatoes—John H. Marsh, first; F. A. Burton, second.

Squash—Mrs. Harriet Shufelt, first; John H. Marsh, second.

Pole beans—Geo. S. Butler, first.

Cabbage—J. H. Marsh, first.

Onions—Mrs. Harriet Shufelt, first.

Pumpkins, W. E. Pearson, first; B. F. Richardson, second.

Pop corn, Roy Jones, first.

Sweet corn—Geo. S. Butler, first.
Best display of peaches—Geo. E. Currier, first.

Best plate of peaches—Fred A. Burton, first.

Best display of apples—A. R. Hobbs, first; Geo. H. Currier, second.

Best plate Gravensteins—Geo. H. Currier.

Best plate Porters—R. M. Hills.

Best plate Blue Pearsains, A. R. Hobbs.

Best plate Presidents—A. R. Hobbs.

Best plate Killum Hill—A. R. Hobbs.

Best plate Orange Sweet—A. R. Hobbs.

Best plate Fall Baldwin—A. R. Hobbs.

Best plate Ramsdell Sweet—A. R. Hobbs.

Best plate Gilliflower—W. H. Nutt.

Best plate McIntosh Red—W. E. Pearson.

Best plate King Apple—G. H. Currier.

Best plate 20 Ounce Peppin—G. H. Currier.

Best plate Foundling—A. R. Hobbs.

Best plate Pound Sweeting—W. H. Nutting.

Best plate—Mother Apple—A. R. Hobbs.

Best plate Red Brethenheimer—G. H. Currier.

Best display of crab-apples—Mrs. M. L. Jones, first; Nettie G. Butler, second.

Best plate of grapes:

Concord grapes—W. F. Richardson.

Gardner grapes—W. F. Richardson.

Best plate of pears:

Buena Rose—A. R. Hobbs.

Bartlett—W. F. Richardson.

Sheldon—A. R. Hobbs.

Seckel—A. E. Wood.

The fancy display in the town hall was very good, the committee in charge being Miss Luella Hobbs, Miss Florence Cutter and Miss Eva Richardson. The prizes were awarded as follows:

Best sofa pillow—Sadie Hobbs, first; Mrs. J. L. Hoyle, second.

Embroidery—Mrs. J. L. Hoyle, first.

In the lower town hall was a large display of fowls and pet animals. After considerable hard work, the judges finally decided the following to be the prize winners:

Fowls:

R. J. Reds—Thos. Lewis, first; B. E. Richardson, second.

Ducks—Mrs. Harriet Shufelt, first.

Bantams—Miss Carrie Harte, first; Roy E. Jones, second; Thomas Edwin Lewis, third.

African geese—J. A. Mansfield, first.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—Roy E. Jones, first.

Turkeys—Fred A. Burton, first.

Angora cats—Mrs. Randlett, first.

The trial of draught horses caused a great deal of interest, and the prize was finally awarded to the team owned by Francis Morneau and driven by his son, Francis, jr. The second prize was won by the team owned by A. R. Hobbs, driven by Dan Carleton, and the third prize went to David Hubley's team.

The horse trot was very interesting, and it is rumored that much money changed hands as a result of this contest. The horse driven by Will Hobbs was the winner, with Springer Trafton's black geld a good second. The time was not officially given, but it was stated to be