

BLOOMINGTON PROGRESS.

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The Railroad.

The project of building a line of railway from Greensburg by the way of Columbus, Nashville, Bloomington and Bloomfield, to intersect one of the great thoroughfares to St. Louis, is one whose magnitude and importance can scarcely be realized. Such a route would certainly be the most direct from Cincinnati, and the last to the very heart of the Great West, (St. Louis,) forming a successful competing line with the Ohio and Mississippi and the Indianapolis and Terre Haute roads, with decided advantages over either, being the shortest, and passing through some of the largest inland towns and cities, while not affected so much by the cheaper rates of steamboats on the rivers.

In addition to this, the road through this State would, in great part, penetrate a large section of country, now without railroad facilities, and teeming with inexhaustible mines of ore, coal, stone and timber, while at the same time raising as much corn, wheat and other grains for market, as any other belt of equal extent in this, or any other State. Decatur, Bartholomew, and Monroe, with their abundant crops, Brown, Greene, Owen, Clay and Sullivan, with their Stone, Timber, Coal and Iron, would produce a local trade that alone would render the road a profitable one to its managers.

Indeed, no further guarantee would be required than the fact that it would be strictly an East and West line. The experience of all railroads has been, that almost any line of railway extending from East to West proves a profitable investment, though North and South, and frequently diagonal lines end in failures or never pay the first investments. By a glance at the Geography of the country it will be perceived that to carry the line to Vincennes or even to Terre Haute, we have a perfect cut off from the more northern route by the way of Indianapolis, or the Southern one via the O. & M. Road, being at Bloomington about sixty miles from either, by which there will be no competition between them as to local patronage.

We have said this much as to the general advantages and prospects of the project, only that the glance might convey some idea of the importance of the scheme, not only to us as citizens of this particular section of country, but as citizens of a great State, interested in its fullest development.

But it is its local necessity and importance that most strongly demands our attention and commands our efforts, and on this point we can add little that has not heretofore been said in our columns. It will open up to railway facilities a rich portion of Decatur, Bartholomew, Brown, Monroe, and all other counties through which it may pass, enhance the value of their land, and the price of their products. It will also cut down the excessive freight and passenger rates of the railways upon which the counties are now dependent, and which, from the absence of competition, charge just what they please, not what they should. These two facts alone will be of invaluable benefit to the country—to its farmers, its merchants, its manufacturers, and its mechanics. Just now, we have not the room to elucidate, nor is it even necessary. Common sense, aided by a little observation teaches us all the truth of these facts.—*Columbus Bulletin.*

A railroad meeting was held at Nashville, Brown county, on the 28th ult. A communication was received from the Springfield Effingham and Southeastern Railroad, of Illinois, suggesting an extension of their road east, from the Wabash to Mermon, via Sullivan, Wabash, Bloomfield, Nashville, Columbus, Bloomington, Worthington and Sullivan, Indiana, through Effingham and Vandalia, Illinois, to St. Louis. Steps were taken to effect an organization, by the appointment of a committee to draft articles of Association. Another meeting will be held on Monday next, at which time the committee will report. Rally for Brown county.—*Martinville Gazette.*

Cyrus L. Heffren, well known to most of the readers of this item, fell dead about 1 o'clock P. M., yesterday, near the foot of East Main street, while walking out toward his home. Coroners' McLean in was at once notified of the fact, when he proceeded to summon a jury and hold an inquest. Verdict, in substance, "death from the excessive use of strong drink."—*Salem Mercury.*

Awards

Of Premiums by the Monroe Co. Agricultural Society, at their Fair, held Aug. 31, and Sept. 1st, 2d and 3d, 1869:

STALLIONS—four years old and over
1st. John Wylie, \$15.00
2d. P. S. Chase, 10.00
do —3 years old and under 4
1st. C. W. Preston, 12.00
2d. C. F. Snodgrass, 8.00
do —3 years old and under 3
1st. Wm. Whisenand, 9.00
2d. Henry McCaffey, 6.00
do —1 year old and under 2
1st. Joseph Bunker, 7.00
do —2d under 1 year old
1st. Andrew Gordon, 5.00
2d. A. Labertew, 3.00
MARES—general purposes
1st. Thomas Dougherty, \$15.00
2d. Jonathan Bailey, 9.00
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1st. A. Laertew, 12.00
2d. James Swearington, 7.00
do —2 years old and under 3
1st. J. M. Gray, 5.00
2d. Dan Boone, 6.00
do —1 year old and under 2
1st. Peter C. C. 7.00
2d. Na. Clay Houston, 4.00
do —2d under 1 year old
1st. J. B. Cox, 4.00
2d. C. M. Houston, 2.00
GELDINGS—general purposes—4 years old and over
1st. Dan Boone, 10.00
2d. McCullough & Worley, 8.00
do —3 years old and under 2
1st. E. McCall, 7.00
do —2 years old and under 3
1st. Thos. N. Mathers, 5.00
STALLIONS—heavy draught—4 years old and over
1st. Samuel Graham, 16.00
2d. J. W. Johnson, 8.00
do —2 years old and under 3
1st. G. W. Preston, 9.00
do —co. under one year old
1st. John K. Anderson, 3.00
2d. A. Laertew, 2.00
do —light draught, 4 years old and over
1st. H. R. Stevenson, 12.00
Daniel Jones, 8.00
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1st. C. F. Snodgrass, 9.00
2d. Marcellus Headley, 7.00
do —any age under 3 years
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1st. E. Henderson, 12.00
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GELDINGS—light draught, 4 years old and over
1st. P. G. Pauley, 10.00
2d. C. J. Worley, 7.00
LIGHT DRAUGHT GELDINGS—3 years old and under 4
1st. Edward Mitchell, \$8.00
(no competition)
—any age under 3 years old
1st. Thomas N. Mathers, \$5.00
Pairs of Horses and Mares.
Best pair of horses or mares, both the same sex, owner and kept by one person, for general purposes, regardless of color, shown in harness.

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Best matched horses or mares, &c.
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Saddle Horses or Mares.
Best trotting horse or mare, any age.
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2d. Tim Starks, \$5.00
Best racking horse or mare, any age.
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Best riding gelding or mare, any age, 3 gait
1st. W. A. Ragsdale, \$8.00
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Best Saddle Stallion, 3 gaits.
1st. R. W. Guy, \$8.00
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Fast Horses—Time inside 4 minutes.
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1st. Cal Simms, \$15.00
2d. B. S. Chase, 8.00
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1st. Legg & Johnson, \$15.00
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Fastest pacing gelding or mare, 4 years and over.
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2d. B. S. Chase, 8.00
Fastest pacing gelding or mare, 3 years old and over.
1st. Lowry Branain, 7.00
2d. no entry
Brood Mares.
Best brood mares.
1st. A. Laertew, 15.00
2d. John R. Anderson, 8.00
Sweepstakes on Horses.
1st. Dan Boone, Lawrence co., 10.00
Best Mare
1st. Simms & Barnard, Morgan county 10.00
Best Stallion
1st. S. Graham, Greene co., 10.00
Fastest pacing horse, mare or gelding, any age
1st. Chas. Moore, Ellettsville, time 12:20, 20.00
Fastest walking horse or mare
1st. W. A. Legg, Bloomington, 5.00
Class B—Jacks, Jennets and Mules.
Best 3 years old and over
1st. J. W. Johnson, 10.00
2d. J. J. Alexander, 6.00
Best Jack 1 year old and under 2 years
1st. J. D. Finley, 5.00
2d. no entry
Best Jennets 3 years old and over
1st. S. A. Smith, 3.00
2d. J. J. Alexander, 2.00
Best Mule, 3 years old and over
1st. Jas. C. C. 5.00
2d. Wm. R. Ragsdale, 3.00
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1st. Sam Wallingford, 3.00
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