

ASPHYXIATION BY COAL GAS.

Mrs. W. H. Thomas Dead and her Husband Beyond Hope.

Leesburg was horribly shocked on Thursday morning when it was announced that Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas had been found dead at their home in Leesburg from gas asphyxiation. It was learned later, however, that Mr. Thomas was still alive, and at the hour of going to press is still living, but there is no hope for his recovery. When found their sleeping room was filled with gas, there being no windows open, which came through the register from the double-heater in the room below. Mrs. Thomas had been dead for some time when found, and Mr. Thomas was unconscious, with only a flicker of life. He revived somewhat under medical treatment, but owing to his advanced age there is no hope of recovery. No more beloved couple ever lived in Leesburg, and at this late hour we cannot pay the tribute to the deceased lady that her beautiful life deserves, but will do so next week.

Mr. Samuel N. Brown.

Mr. Samuel N. Brown, one of Loudoun's oldest and most highly-esteemed citizens, whose illness from a stroke of paralysis had been mentioned in these columns, died at his home near Lincoln on Thursday morning, November 2nd, in the 76th year of his age. His death was not unexpected, but was a blow to a wide circle of friends who had hoped for his recovery.

THE SCHOOL FAIR.

Saturday last was a gala day for the school children of Loudoun County, at least a thousand gathering in Leesburg for the second annual school fair—a fair that was a success last year, but so much more so this year that its future success is assured.

Early in the morning the children began to gather from all sections of the county, and before noon the town was alive with the future men and women of Loudoun, full of life and animation, and wearing the colors of their school with a pride that made the older ones again wish for the happy school days of the past. Nearly every school in the county was represented, many of them with nearly all the scholars. The High Schools were especially well represented, Leesburg, Ashburn, Lincoln, Round Hill and Waterford, making the best showing in numbers, with their large banners and pennants.

The exercises began in the Court House at 10:30, and after music by the band Mr. Westmoreland Davis made a short address to the Boys' Corn Club, being followed in an agricultural address by Mr. Joseph Wing. After more music Prof. A. B. Chandler, of the State Normal School at Fredericksburg, was introduced and delivered an educational address, after which adjournment was had to form for the school parade. The arithmetic contest was held at the High School Building from 10 to 12 o'clock. At 11 o'clock the School Fair Exhibit was opened at the Leesburg Opera House, and remained opened during the day. There were about 1200 ex-

Best Apple Jelly—First, \$3, Ethel Knipple, Leesburg. 2nd, \$2, Francis Larrick, Round Hill. 3rd, \$1, Nina Hickman, Tankerville.

Doll Bed Outfits, for children under twelve years of age—First, \$4, Marguerite Jones, Waterford. Second, pair shoes offered by W. W. Chamblin, Lucy Sinclair, Leesburg. Third, \$2, Minnie Milstead, Daysville.

Best Hemstitched Handkerchief—First, \$1.50, Helen Brown, Lincoln. 2nd, \$1, Anna Milburn, Lincoln. 3rd, 50 cents, Helen Welsh, Lincoln.

Best Work Apron—First, \$3, offered by L. G. Caviness, Helen Brown, Lincoln. 2nd, Umbrella offered by the Wildman Co., Anna Milburn, Lincoln. 3rd, \$1, Eleanor Freeman, Leesburg.

Spelling Contests—From 7 to 12 years—First, \$5, Felix Altrups, Purcellville. 2nd, gold pen offered by J. H. Leslie, Charles Bodmer, Aldie. 3rd, \$2, Wendall Brown, Lovettsville.

Spelling Contest—From 13 to 20 years—First, \$5, Goldie Bell, Leesburg. 2nd, \$3, Florence Tracy, Round Hill. 3rd, \$2, Maggie Franklin.

BOYS' CORN CLUB PRIZES.

For the largest yield of corn on one acre—First prize \$25, offered by Westmoreland Davis. Won by Leroy Tavenner, 123 bushels, Daysville. Va. Second prize, \$15, offered by E. B. White. Won by John Breneman, 120 5-7 bushels, Ashburn, Va. 3rd prize \$10, offered by Peoples National Bank. Won by Cary Galleher, Jr., 110 1-2 bushels, Evergreen Mills. 4th prize, \$5, offered by R. H. Gray. Won by Hatcher Ankers, 110 1-3 bushels, Daysville.

For Best Ten Ears—First prize \$10, offered by Hon. C. C. Carlin. Won by Russell Cochran, Round Hill. Second prize, \$5, offered by H. T. Harrison. Won by Robert Little, Arcola. 3rd prize. Won by Gerald Bresee, Leesburg.

For the Best Written Report—First prize, \$5, offered by Loudoun Valley Milling Co. Won by Gerald Bresee, Leesburg. 2nd prize, \$2, offered by Farmers & Merchants Bank, Hamilton. Won by Russell Cochran, Round Hill. 3rd prize, \$1. Won by Parson Hickman, Lovettsville.

For the largest net profit as shown by the written report—First prize, \$5, offered by Purcellville Bank. Won by Leroy Havenner, Daysville. 2nd prize, had offered John T. Hordhead.

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