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Sugar Grove Fair

One of the greatest sights at the Sugar Grove fair Wednesday of this week. Was the great number of vehicles – mostly good family spring wagons, or covered buggies. As Sugar Grove lies away from railroads the visitor is obliged to go to the fair by horse power: and the horses are more numerous, of course, than the vehicles. The great enclosure within which is the fair ground, these wagons and horses were packed in solid rows three and four deep on two sides. Besides every barn and shed and out lot throughout the town was filled with horses and wagons. To judge of the number without a count, some idea may be had of them. As one sat at Wiggins' hotel In the afternoon when they began leaving for home. At three o'clock the stream began. From this time till near or quite six o'clock there was a nearly compact row of vehicles constantly passing and moving rapidly in one direction. Going the other way from the grounds. there was also a similar line or stream of teams. To say there were a thousand vehicles is an under statement. There must have been fifteen hundred. Else how could a gathering of from five to seven thousand persons been on the ground. Persons used to seeing these gatherings never before saw such a sight. And most all the vehicles were strong build, of good pattern, and drawn by good horses. Hence it is safe to say that the farmers of Warren county are rich in family conveyances.

The entries Tuesday night, the first day of the fair, numbered fifteen hundred, and larger than on former occasions. Tuesday the number grew to such an extent that the membership tickets they had thought to be enough and to spare, became exhausted. Hence the success in entries and visitors to the fair were unprecedented. The display of horses, cattle, sheep and swine was good – of great variety and in numbers. The vegetable hall contained, it was said, the best potatoes ever seen. All the vegetables were good. Floral hall was not up to its former attractiveness, but still there was a good showing of womens' handiwork. On the ground, among other attractions was and escaped "tumbler" from Forepaugh's circus. The eating halls were numerous and were well supplied, particularly that of the Methodists. Among the farmer visitors from Warren was seen Judge Wetmore, a prominent farmer of Conewango, and J. H. Eddy. Esq., prominent in the same line in Glade. There was a great deal of liquor sold at the hotel in the village – the only licensed house, but not a drunken man was seen. Among all the horses and carriages there was not a runaway or a break-down. The Jamestown and Warren omuibus drivers between the hotel and the grounds made all the noise of the occasion and some thought they rather overdid the business. However, they were generally good natured and looked well to the comfort of their passengers.