

**CIRCULAR**

Issued by the Commissioner of the Louisiana State Board Agriculture and Immigration.

To Farmers, Progressive Leagues and all whom it may concern:—

The time is exceedingly propitious for greater stimulus being given the subject of Agricultural Fairs, throughout the State.

Our State is again in a prosperous condition, and it should behoove every patriotic citizen, endowed with civic pride, to make his parish, cities and towns more progressive and aggressive than ever before in their history. Other Southern States are moving actively along such lines, and many of them, notably Georgia, Mississippi, North and South Carolina and Virginia, have succeeded in holding most creditable fairs, both of a State and local character, comparing most favorably with similar organizations in other parts of the country.

In many of the parishes of the State successful permanent fair organizations have already been established. Still there are others who have not, as yet, given sufficient serious consideration to these important institutions. It is to be sincerely urged, therefore, that all such parishes should seriously consider the matter, look at it from the standpoint of a business proposition, work earnestly and concertedly in behalf of, first, the parish fair, secondly, the district fair, and ultimately an organization that will be worthy the name of a great State agricultural and livestock exhibition. Our business men and farmers, with the promised co-operation of the railroads, manufacturers of farm machinery, implements, etc., are awakening to this important method of publishing to the world the splendid resources of their respective parishes. In fact the latter are only awaiting the opportunity to co-operate with the former, which would mean mutual benefit. The farmers are already being much impressed by this progressive movement, and are anxiously demanding the opportunity to exhibit their products in this way, not merely to entertain, but as an educational feature and as a matter of business.

Numerous are the lessons which one farmer can receive from his competitor when their products are brought together, and the information acquired as the result of a general display of livestock, produce of all kinds, farming implements, utensils, etc., is often far beyond the most sanguine expectation of competition. This of itself, is a most important feature of the agricultural fair or exhibition, which can hardly be overestimated.

Let us get together, then, and not only organize more fairs but try to improve those already in operation, arranging the meetings consecutively, as to dates, so as to render all assistance possible, both to exhibitors and the various local managements, and also to encourage as large an attendance of people as possible throughout the circuit, and in order that the most pleasant recollection and valuable information may be obtained by the greatest number of individuals who are engaged in the various branches of farm practice.

The sooner the matter takes practical form, the sooner will the greatest amount of good be

gin to accrue therefrom. Consequently, there is no time to lose in the matter of collecting and preparing exhibits. As previously stated, the culmination of the parish and district fairs should be a grand annual State Agricultural Exhibition, and which should be held in the city offering, through friendly competition, the best location and inducements.

This Department invites your co-operation and suggestions as to how best to achieve the most successful and satisfactory results, and takes the liberty of submitting the following for your consideration.

**ORGANIZE FAIR ASSOCIATIONS.** Ask all who may become interested to prepare products of all kinds for exhibition.

- (1) Oats; (2) Corn; (3) Forage Crops; (4) Fruits and Vegetables; (5) Livestock; (6) Dairy Produce; (7) Mill Products of all kinds; (8) Forestry, showing all kinds of native woods both finished and in the rough; (9) Mineral Products; (10) Local Industries; (11) School Displays; (12) Industrial

Exhibits of all kinds; and, (13), by no means leave out the housewife, with all her deft fingers make and arrange. Let us hear from you.

Very respectfully,  
J. G. LEE, Commissioner.  
C. J. BARROW, Secretary.  
March 29, 1905.

**Notice.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Lafayette Oil and Mineral Co. is hereby called, according to Charter, on May 1, 1905, at 5 p. m. at office First National Bank.

LEO JUDGE, President.

**Notice.**

Parish of Lafayette, La., March 18, 1905.—To whom it may concern.—All persons occupying the following tracts of land situated in the Parish of Lafayette to-wit: Sections 51, 55 and 80 of township 10 South, Range 4 East and of township 10 South, Range 5 East, Southwestern district of Louisiana, standing in the names of Charles and Joseph Bourque, confirmed in their names and to them by a special act as per plat approved by the surveyor general 6th of March, 1903, are hereby notified, that unless they show good and valid titles to said lands or any portion thereof within thirty days from this date legal measures will be taken against them to recover said lands after the expiration of that time.

EDWARD SIMON,  
Attorney-at-Law, St. Martinville, La.  
or to A. LEBLANC,  
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