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AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

Karl Treen, Director

My Trip To The State Fair

By Hardie Fisher.

The Louisiana State Fair was opened to the public on Nov. 3rd, with practically every exhibit in place. The Fair was two days shorter than usual, but it made a greater success this year than ever before. It is coming to be one of the largest and best in the south.

Newton and I got there during the latter part of the first day, which was about two o'clock in the afternoon. We went to the tent, a tent prepared for the agriculture and club boys, registered and were assigned to our cots. This tent was under the control or management of men sent from the L. S. U. After we had placed our baggage on our cots we left the tent to find out who all were there. We went over on the show side of the grounds and there met Mr. Treen and some of the boys from Grayson who had gone before we did. I soon lost Newton and then decided to go into some of the shows. There were about a dozen tents on the grounds. In the first one that I entered I was told that I would see great sights that had astonished the world. I really did see an albino, or he claimed to be one, that played several musical instruments at once. Some of which was the violin, French harp and drum. He did this beating of the drum with his foot. I also saw "Arkansas Kid", this was a man that weighed over 600 lbs. was only twenty-one years old. And the large woman that weighed over 400 lbs. In the same tent a negro ate a great deal of fire.

The next show was the Wild West. In there I saw the champion lasso thrower. He threw three ropes at once. One with each hand and one with a foot. He was a true shot too. In there was the champion lady horse rider of the world and the champion bucking horse-rider. Both played an active part in the program. In another tent I saw men riding a wall, almost straight up, on motorcycles and an automobile. One man made close to 100 miles an hour on a motorcycle.

There was a man in one tent with elastic skin. He could catch hold of the skin on his arm and lift it nearly two inches. In another tent I saw a person in a cage with a great number of snakes and other poisonous reptiles. In the same tent was a monkey about twice as large as the average monkey that we see.

I left the shows for a while. Went a little further down and found an outfit which was called a Roller Coaster. I decided that I wanted to ride in it a round. I bought a ticket and secured a seat. It was almost one-half mile around it but we were back before I got seated. It was said to go ninety miles per hour. Do

not know about the ninety but I do know it was so fast until we had to stick our heads behind another seat to get a good breath. It ran some.

The next morning the stock judging contest came off. I went through this work and we completed it in about two or three hours. We had to place in order of rank and give reasons for placing as we did seven groups of animals. Some of which were four Duroc Jersey sows, four Hampshire sows, four Poland China sows, four Draft horses, four light harness horses, four short horn cows or yearlings and four Aberdeen Angus cows. This constituted our stock judging contest. After this was over I went through the stock barns. There I saw horses that were champions of several states or fairs. Some of which were as pretty as one could wish for. And there were champion cattle also. Some looked perfect in almost every respect. There was not only two or three that looked this way but a great number. And hogs, it looked like there were enough of fine hogs for the fair. Some weighed a thousand pounds and over. And there were nearly every breed represented by excellent representatives. But the Duroc Jersey seemed to be the leader, especially in number. We see by this that the people of Louisiana believe the Duroc Jersey to be the best for the conditions existing here. It may be that they haven't tried them all yet.

In the poultry house I saw some of the finest poultry that can be raised and they were good too. All breeds, sizes, shapes and colors were represented there. They had everything in this house that could be called poultry, the rest was in the stock barns.

I went to the race track and watched the horses race a while. There were some speedy horses on the track. Some seemed to go as fast with a cart as they do under the saddle here.

The next morning I went through the Agricultural Building which was filled with exhibits from twenty-two parishes. Besides the general corn exhibit and exhibits from the boys' corn club and girls' canning club and Agricultural High School exhibits. In this building I saw the best products of the state and other states. All of which were excellent.

Then I entered the plowing contest. I had to plow with a plow that I had never seen before, a riding plow, pulled by three mules that had to be knocked around the ends, into and out of the furrows. Anyone can imagine how far I knocked them. Then I plowed with a walking plow, which was not so easy. I walked over the fair ground the rest of the day. Saw different

TO THE CITIZENS OF CALDWELL PARISH

The following letters from prominent men indorses my record in the State legislature.

Hon. J. E. McClanahan,

May, La., August 14, 1915.

Riverton, La.

My Dear Sir:-

I feel it my plain duty to tell you how I appreciate the manly stand you took while in the legislature, in supporting every measure that was of interest to the farmers of our State, and at the same time, using your influence and vote to defeat some vicious measures that would have been detrimental to the farmers. As president of the Farmers' State Union of Louisiana I kept tab on the members of the legislature, and know how the most of them voted. Now in justice to you, and for the benefit of all concerned, I want to congratulate the farmers of Caldwell parish in securing the services of a man who has stood for the interest of the farming classes. May your services never grow less, and wishing you success, I am,

Yours very truly,

I. N. McCollister,

Pres. Farmers' State Union of La. Shreveport, La., August 26, 1915.

Hon. J. E. McClanahan,

Riverton, La.

Dear Sir:-

I am glad to say that you have as a member of the General Assembly of Louisiana, been a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of all temperance legislation, and in addition to this you are a contributor to our Louisiana war fund to be used for the suppression of the liquor traffic in Louisiana.

With best wishes, I beg to remain,

Yours fraternally,

A. W. Turner,

State Supt. La. Anti-Saloon League. New Orleans, La., August 20, 1915.

Mr. J. E. McClanahan,

Riverton, La.

My Dear Mac:-

It is with much pleasure that I reply to your communication and exonerate you from voting for the race tract bill on its final passage you did what every fair minded and honorable man would do, to permit it to be engrossed and passed to its third reading. This is not out of the ordinary with measures pending before the house, as a great many bills are engrossed and passed for a third reading as a matter of courtesy to the author. You did intend to vote against the race tract bill on its final passage and you were gentleman enough to tell me so. I watched your course in the legislature and a man of your lofty character and christian ideals should be a monument to any community, and the parish of Caldwell ought to be proud of you. If there were more men like you in this State having control of its subdivisions, Louisiana would be one of the greatest States in the Union. I am not in the habit of flattering anybody and do not want you to consider this letter in that light, you are one of the men I have met in public life who has always been frank and honorable about what you have done.

I wish you well now and in the future, I am sincerely,

Your friend,

E. J. Reinhardt,

Introducer of the Race Tract Bill.

I publish the above letters to show that my record on moral questions are clean, and to counteract the report that I voted for the gambling race tract bill. Again soliciting your support in my campaign for sheriff, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J. E. McCLANAHAN.

modern farm impliments and latest machinery needed on the farm, as the hay presses and gasoline engine.

The automobiles raced a little that afternoon, some seemed to break all past records.

The next day the corn judging contest came off. I entered this contest and completed my paper and went to watch the foot ball teams play. As there were three that day. About four-thirty we left the fair grounds and went to the depot and left Shreveport that night, arrived home Sunday morning, Nov. 7th.

I think I had a fine and pleasant trip. I sometimes think that I'm going next year if I live to walk. I can recommend this trip, a trip to the State Fair, as a fine trip to spend your money on. As it is spent profitably you see and have a good time. No one will regret the money spent on such a trip, unless he was scared in such a fair, as the State Fair. But there are very few such boys in Caldwell. Try it and see if you like it.

SIZE OF BUT LITTLE MOMENT

The Most Deadly and Destructive Foes of Mankind Are of Minute Proportion.

In one of Herbert Wells' brilliant stories the terrific scientific and practically invincible Martians who have invaded the earth and conquered England are stopped in the midst of their victories and utterly destroyed by the attacks of microscopic foes. Infinitely small organisms, germs of diseases to which man has become in some degree immune, slay the wonderful warriors of a planet never invaded by these earth foes. What the greatest battleships and the heaviest guns could not do the unseen and unknown living seeds of death accomplish.

More clearly every day the world understands that in the life and affairs of mankind the most deadly and destructive foes are extremely small. All of the fierce mammals and poisonous serpents of Africa do not kill as many human beings in ten years as the tsetse fly slays in one. The tigers and cobras of India kill their thousands every year, but the rats which spread the germs of the bubonic plague destroy their tens of thousands. In this country the common house fly undoubtedly causes more deaths than all the venomous snakes, wild beasts, mad dogs, runaway horses and all-tempered bulls, ten times over. The actual proportion is probably much higher than ten to one.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

VII.—Hon. Elihu Root

On Woman's Sphere



The question of Woman Suffrage is an issue before the American people. Twelve states have adopted it, four more states vote upon it this fall and it is strongly urged that it become a platform demand of the national political parties. It is therefore the privilege and the duty of every voter to study carefully this subject. Hon. Elihu Root, in discussing this question before the Constitutional Convention of New York, recently said in part:

"I am opposed to the granting of suffrage to women, because I believe that it would be a loss to women, to all women and to every woman; and because I believe it would be an injury to the State, and to every man and every woman in the State. It would be useless to argue this if the right of suffrage were a natural right. If it were a natural right, then women should have it though the heavens fall. But if there be any one thing settled in the long discussion of this subject, it is that suffrage is not a natural right, but is simply a means of government, and the sole question to be discussed is whether government by the suffrage of men and women will be better government than by the suffrage of men alone.

Into my judgment, sir, there enters no element of the inferiority of woman. It is not that woman is inferior to man, but it is that woman is different from man; that in the distribution of powers, of capacities, of qualities, our Maker has created man adapted to the performance of certain functions in the economy of nature and society, and woman adapted to the performance of other functions.

Woman rules today by the sweet and noble influences of her character. Put woman into the arena of conflict and she abandons these great weapons which control the world, and she takes into her hands, feeble and nerveless for strife, weapons with which she is unfamiliar and which she is unable to wield. Woman in strife becomes hard, harsh, unlovable, repulsive; as far removed from that gentle creature to whom we all owe allegiance and to whom we confess submission, as the heaven is removed from the earth.

The whole science of government is the science of protecting life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In the divine distribution of powers, the duty and the right of protection rests with the male. It is so throughout nature. It is so with men, and I, for one, will never consent to part with the divine right of protecting my wife, my daughter, the women whom I love, and the women whom I respect, exercising the birthright of man, and place that high duty in the weak and nerveless hands of those designed by God to be protected rather than to engage in the stern warfare of government. In my judgment, this whole movement arises from a false conception of the duty and of the right of both men and women.

The time will never come when the line of demarcation between the functions of the two sexes will be broken down. I believe it to be false philosophy; I believe that it is an attempt to turn backward upon the line of social development, and that if the step ever be taken, we go centuries backward on the march towards a higher, a nobler and a purer civilization, which must be found not in the confusion, but in the higher differentiation of the sexes."

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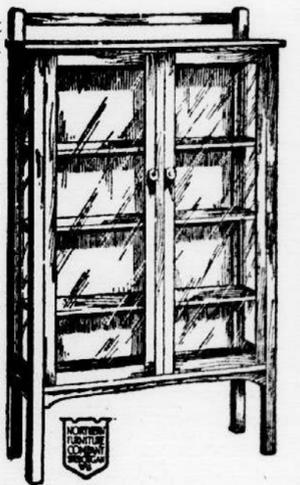
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