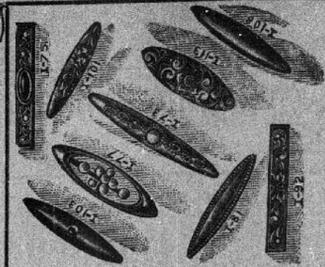
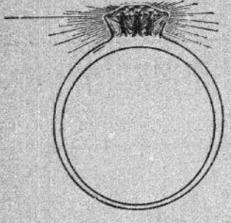


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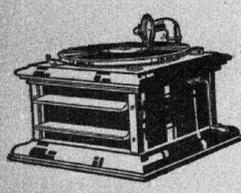


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BENEFITS OF PARISH FAIR

Now that the generous action of the police jury has made the 1916 Farmers Fair an assured event, it behooves we farmer folks and all good citizens of St. Landry who are interested in the welfare and prosperity of our parish, to lend our every aid to the management of this institution, whoever they may be, in order to make it the grand success that it deserves and should be.

Further financial assistance will be necessary of course, but this will be forthcoming from the city council of Opelousas, who so generously assisted the first fair, also, from the banks and merchants, who will no doubt do their share this time, as they have had occasion to see the great interest displayed by the farmers in the fair held in October. The banks of Opelousas contributed liberally to the first fair, and from conversations with officers of several of them, I gather that they stand ready to again render what assistance they can to future fairs. I think too that the banks of other towns in St. Landry will be willing to contribute towards the financial end of this institution, as all moneys will go right back to the exhibitors at the fair, and they come from all sections of the parish. In Eunice there are two banks on a solid foundation, and quite a bit of the premium money awarded to the 1915 fair went to that section. There is a bank in Melville, one in Sunset, one in Washington and one in Arnaudville, each of which I am sure will contribute annually to the maintenance of the Farmers Fair. It will be money well spent, spent in the interest of the working and farming population of our parish—the source of all wealth. There can certainly be no objection on their part to contributing to the premium fund, as this money goes to no particular section, but is widely distributed, covering all sections of the parish. And the merchants of all sections of the parish—to what better investment could they subscribe a few dollars? The greater the interest in agricultural and better stock and better rural surroundings, the better the merchants' business will be, and the greater his profits, and when these better conditions come about, as they most assuredly will, Mr. Merchant will find that his credit sales have decreased and his cash business increased and thereby his profits also. Put your shoulder to the wheel Mr. Merchant, show your public spiritedness, boost and help the Farmers Fair in every way that you can, and your reward will be in seeing your parish gradually forge ahead.

Does the Parish Fair stimulate interest along the lines that it is supposed and is really meant to benefit? Well, you can just bet it does. Just inquire of those parishes that have had an annual Farmers Fair and they will tell you of the better corn, better hogs, better brood mares, and better colts, better cattle and in fact, agriculturally—e very thing better. And right here in St. Landry Parish—go among the farmers who were exhibitors at the last fair and you will learn that they are getting

ready for 1916, promising to come in stronger with exhibits, claiming, and justly so too, that the time to prepare for the 1915 fair was entirely too short. I was amused and interested too, to learn from a relative of one of the exhibitors at the recent fair, that he had won on a mare and colt, and that ever since, these animals were receiving extra care and plenty rubbing and brushing, and these are essential towards raising good stock. One of our potato exhibitors is laying plans to eclipse any display at our last fair both in quality and variety. And believe me, the live stock and swine departments at the 1916 fair will be an eye-opener. All classes of farm products will be represented and exhibits will surpass in quality and quantity the 1915 ones, for the reason, that plenty of time is ahead to prepare and raise what is to be exhibited. Extra stalls and pens will be built and provided by the management for the accommodation of the increased entries.

And right here let me appeal to every farmer of St. Landry to do his level best towards getting agricultural exhibits next year—this for two reasons; first for the success of our parish fair and second, for the exhibition at the State Fair held annually at Shreveport. The parish exhibits at the 1915 State Fair got more attention from Dr. R. M. Littell and myself than any other department there and we determined that 1916 would find St. Landry parish there in lively competition with the most excellent exhibits from the Northern parishes of this state—the Hill parishes—that can not boast of the fertile soils that St. Landry has within her boundaries.

This is a most excellent method of laying before the people of the other states the

wonderful facts of what can be done on the soils of our parish, as thousands of interested people visit the state fair annually—I think this year's attendance at Shreveport registered around sixty-five thousand—seeking information regarding the agricultural possibilities of each section. These exhibits are made up of products of the soil, meats and manufactured products only. The splendid display of home cured meats from some of the parishes were indeed an eye-opener to my self. The immense hams, perfectly cured—the immense sides of bacon, sugar cured and smoked—proves that Louisiana need not have her meats raised, salted, cured, canned, etc., in Chicago, Kansas City and other Western cities. And what the farmers of North Louisiana do in this regard we are doing and can do here. The thing is, get some of these meats ready for next year, as we will want some of them for our booth at the State fair.

I shall endeavor in the near future to enumerate some of the items exhibited in these prize winning parish exhibits and what we will need to make a winning display for St. Landry.

I am prompted solely by a pride in our parish when I bring to the attention of our people these facts, as I want to see St. Landry lead and not follow in the march with her sister parishes. In my next letter, I shall endeavor to describe a map exhibited by the extension service of the United States Department of Agriculture, which impressed me more than pages of written matter could have done, as to what progress we are making in this parish along lines of work of this department. If the farmers of St. Landry don't get assistance from this branch of the government service, it's their fault, for the government men are right there at Baton Rouge awaiting the word from us as to what help they can give us—and it's all free too.

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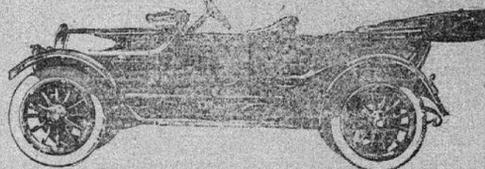
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