

Your County at the State Fair

The people of Missouri have paid for and own the million-dollar property known at the State Fair in Sedalia—it is your fair! The movement for county exhibits at the State Fair this year is attracting fresh attention.

Southern Missouri is a leader this year—and several counties have the blue ribbons within reach if they come through as strong as their condition warrants. South Missouri looks better in proportion to day than any other section of the state. A county exhibit is a big boost to a county, for 100,000 people will doubtless see it.

Captain Mac V. Thralls, now farming near Ulrich in Henry county, was the man who put his county on the map at the State Fair. Asked how he helped put over the county exhibit he made a reply to W. R. Jackson of Maryville that tells how to go after the ribbons until you win 'em, as follows:

"In 1911 the Henry County Court offered to pay the expenses of myself and a friend if we would assemble, ship and install an agricultural dients as we could gather in a very display at the State Fair, such proshort time—less than a week. The county papers were liberal with their space, and a great many people responded with the best of their field, orchard and garden, all being assembled at Clinton, the County Seat, a certain date and crated and shipped, and the two of us installed display in only one day—this was not half enough time, but we won seventh prize. Our services being donated, the expense of board, traveling, freight, etc., was perhaps \$125 to \$150 for the ten days.

"In 1912, a similar course was pursued, but with more time and greater success—receiving the fifth prize.

"In 1913 we were to have gone again, coveting the 3rd place as a natural step of progression, but when I became a member of the State Board of Agriculture and was assigned director in charge of Agriculture Hall, I resigned my county place, and my co-worker, Mr. M. E. Lane, was joined by a better man—their labors resulting in 2nd place, instead of 3rd.

"In 1914 the exhibit fever was riot with 'First place at the State Fair' as the ultimate goal. Some township exhibits were held and the County Court and Clinton Commercial Club offered liberal prizes for the best township exhibit at the County Seat (Clinton) a few days before needed to go to the State Fair, with the understanding that all exhibits desired were to be held for the county exhibit at the State Fair. Our township got first in the county, Henry county first at the State Fair—hence we have the best township in the best county in the best state in the Union.

"As to products needed, see page 100 in the State Fair Premium List for this year. Get plenty of each sample and of everything, and use the best of it when installing. If the people don't bring it, go get it. You'll see by premium list the different points of scoring. Suppose Henry county will not contest this year. May you get some idea from this, and may I see you with a county exhibit at the State Fair."

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Lime Not a Fertilizer

There is a general impression among many Missouri farmers that lime is a fertilizer. Lime is not a fertilizer. The prime reason for applying lime to the soil is to correct sourness or acidity where such exists. The legume crops, such as clover and alfalfa do not thrive on sour soil, unless the soil is very rich. Sour soils are not well suited to the development of beneficial bacteria, which are found in the tubercle of these crops. It is mainly for the purpose of favoring the growth of the bacteria that lime is applied to soils. Ground limestone is the form of lime which is usually cheapest as a soil sweetener.

There are other effects of lime but most of them are of less importance. Lime tends to make plant food available from the soil, although this is largely through its beneficial effect on the bacteria. In large quantities it tends to make clay soils more friable but this effect of lime is usually observed only where the freshly water-slacked or air-slacked lime is applied in large quantities. Ground limestone has much less effect in this respect.

A fertilizer usually gives a quick response in the crop to which it is applied, provided the soil is in need of the plant food added. Lime, on the other hand, usually has a less immediate effect, the benefit being distributed through a number of seasons. On very sour soils, however, where enough lime is added to entirely sweeten the surface of six or seven inches, the effect upon crops, particularly clover and alfalfa, is often immediate and striking.

The need of lime in Missouri is increasing annually. Many soils cannot be expected to give satisfactory returns until they are sweetened by it. Farmers should see if the soil is sour. The Agricultural Experiment Station at Columbia has published a number of bulletins showing the results of liming and fertilizing in different localities of the state. Nos. 126, 127, and 128 refer to North Missouri soils, and Nos. 119, 129 and 130 to South Missouri soils. They are free. Lists of companies handling ground limestone, lime scatterers and small lime grinders will also be sent on request.

M. F. MILLER,

Agricultural Experiment Station, Columbia, Missouri.

WHEN IS A MULE A HORSE?

Missouri has some fool laws, and were it not for our fear of contempt proceedings we would add, some fool judges, but nothing quite so foolish has come up recently as a Minnesota decision. A team of mules was stolen in the northern state and the thief was arrested and convicted. Minnesota has a standing reward of \$200 for the conviction of a horse thief, so the captor applied for his cash. His application was denied, the court insisting that a mule is a mule and not a horse, therefore payment for a horse thief reward for the arrest of a mule thief would be illegal. The plaintiff insisted that as a mule is half horse and two mules were stolen the criminal could be charged with horse thievery—two mules equaling one horse—but the learned judge said no. Very evidently a "horse on" the man who caught the mule stealer.

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OUR PUBLIC FORUM

I—Introductory

Through the Press Service of Agriculture and Commerce, the master minds of this nation will be invited to the public forum and asked to deliver a message to civilization. Men who achieve seldom talk, and men who talk seldom achieve. There is no such thing as a noisy thinker, and brevity is always a close companion to truth.

It will be a great privilege to stand by the side of men who can roll in place the cornerstone of industry; to associate with men who can look at the world and see to the bottom of it; to commune with men who can hear the roar of civilization a few centuries away.

Too often we listen to the rabble element of our day that cries out against every man who achieves, "Crucify him." Mankind never has and probably never will produce a generation that appreciates the genius of its day. There never will be a crown without a cross, progress without sacrifice or an achievement without a challenge.

This is an age of service, and that man is greatest who serves the largest number. The present generation has done more to improve the condition of mankind than any civilization since human motives began their upward flight. The Greeks gave human life inspiration, but while her orators were speaking with the tongues of angels, her farmers were plowing with forked sticks; while her philosophers were emancipating human thought from bondage, her traffic

moved on two-wheeled carts driven, and oftentimes drawn, by slaves; while her artists were painting divine dreams on canvas, the streets of proud Athens were lighted by fire-brands dipped in tallow.

The genius of past ages sought to arouse the intellect and stir the soul but the master minds of today are seeking to serve. Civilization has assigned to America the greatest task of the greatest age, and the greatest men that ever trod the greatest planet are solving it. Their achievements have astounded the whole world and we challenge every age and nation to name men or products that can approach in creative genius or masterly skill in organization, the marvelous achievements of the tremendous men of the present day. Edison can press a button and turn a light on multiplied millions of homes; Vail can take down the receiver and talk with fifty millions of people; McCormick's reaper can harvest the world's crop, and Fulton's steam engine moves the commerce of land and sea.

The greatest thing a human being can do is to serve his fellow men; Christ did it; Kings decree it, and wise men teach it. It is the glory of this practical age that Edison could find no higher calling than to become the janitor to civilization; Vail the messenger to mankind; McCormick the hired hand to agriculture, and Fulton the teamster to industry, and blessed is the age that has such masters for its servants.

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Your friends and neighbors will gladly assist you. They want to see you succeed. The Times is well worth the money and your friends could not make a better investment.

The Farmington Times is under a new management, and with last week's issue, it became an eight-page, all-home-print newspaper, which places it far above the average.

Will you realize on this opportunity?

LIVE STOCK REPORT

The hog market opened slow today on the strength of big runs and lower markets elsewhere. Swine weighing 150 lbs. and upwards sold but 5c lower, while through the lack of Eastern orders, pigs were fully 15c lower than yesterday. There were 7500 hogs on sale with about 1500 direct. The bulk of the 150 to 210 pound hogs sold at \$7.60 to \$7.75; pigs 110 to 140 pounds at \$7.40 to \$7.70; lighter pigs, \$6.50 to \$7.25; hogs 220 to 250 pounds \$7.25 to \$7.75, and the heavies, 260 pounds or more at \$6.75 to \$7.10. Rough hogs sold steady at \$6 to \$6.25.

There were 7000 cattle on sale today with market slow and steady with yesterday, but 15c to 25c lower than last week's close on all killing stuff and stockers and feeders, with the exception of good to choice beef steers, which held steady.

Sheep receipts 4500. Lambs weak to 10c lower, although the top was \$9, the same as yesterday, bulk of the good lambs at \$8.50 to \$8.90. Fat sheep steady at \$5.50 to \$5.75; chopper sheep \$4.25 to \$4.50; canners \$3, and bucks \$4.50.

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ATTY.-GENERAL BARKER REVERSES OPINION

Gordon Says the Money is Ready

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 30.—An opinion by Attorney-General John T. Barker, transmitted today to State Auditor John P. Gordon, holds that the public schools of Missouri are entitled to one-third of all the revenue that went into the State Treasury for the year ended June 30, 1915, and that the Auditor should at once make the apportionment on that basis.

The ruling supersedes the previous opinion of the Attorney-General that the beer, grain, oil and other inspection taxes of a special character are "extraordinary" receipts and not subject to the apportionment.

The Attorney-General says that it is a very close question as to whether the schools are entitled to a third of this class of revenue, but that it will be well to let the Legislature in the future determine the classification.

This opinion will mean an additional distribution of \$514,000 to the schools and will make the total of the school funds \$2,123,554.71.

Mr. Barker returned last night after an absence of several weeks, and his first official act on reaching his office was to prepare the opinion, which follows:

"Upon my return I find some correspondence between this and your office with reference to the proper distribution of the school fund, and note that we advised you that one-third of the ordinary revenue paid into the State Treasury should be apportioned by you to the school fund, and that by the use of the words 'ordinary revenue' was meant the money derived by the State from taxes, or derived from the ordinary source of revenue, and that inspection fees, license fees and other such fees were not included in the words 'ordinary revenue.'"

Since my return I have very carefully investigated this matter, and while the opinion given by this office to you was probably technically correct, yet in view of custom for a great many years, and considering the importance of public schools, which are the very foundation and life of this Government and State, I have decided that it would be better to apportion one-third of all the money paid into the State Treasury, and so advise you, and thus resolve this very doubtful question in favor of the public schools. Thus the public schools will get one-third of all the revenue paid into the Treasury, as heretofore.

"This question has never been passed upon in this State by the

Supreme Court or by any other Attorney-General, and it might be well for the Legislature in the future to avoid using the words 'ordinary revenue' and order one-third of all the revenues apportioned to the public schools.

"It is not too late for this apportionment to be made so that this money can be paid this fall or winter, and it is, therefore, the opinion of this department that you should transfer one-third of all the revenues paid into the Treasury, as heretofore, to the school fund, and if a partial transfer has already been made, then you should transfer the balance of the receipts of the Treasury heretofore usually transferred to that fund, and thus the public schools will get all their money this year, as heretofore.

"While this question is a very close one, it can be made clear by the next Legislature, and we believe that our former opinion should be changed to accord with this one, because, as said by the Supreme Court of Missouri when they overruled one of their opinions in the 140th Missouri, 643, when a ruling is sharply wrong it accords with correct practice to correct it at the first opportunity."

Asked if the apportionment of the \$514,000 would be made in accordance with the above opinion, State Auditor Gordon said he would do nothing in the matter for a day or two.

"I will prepare a statement in a couple of days with reference to the question," he said, "which will explain fully my position and what I intend doing. There will be money to meet the apportionment if it is made."

Gass to Drop Mandamus Suit.

State Superintendent of Schools Howard A. Gass, who yesterday announced the annual apportionment of the State school moneys, minus the \$514,000 of beer, grain and oil tax, said today that his mandamus proceeding in the Supreme Court will be dismissed just as soon as the supplemental apportionment is made.

"My only contention," he said, "is that following the precedent of 20 years or more all of the inspection taxes excluded from the apportionment this year, belongs to the schools.

"The basis for the mandamus suit will be removed when the amount in controversy is apportioned and there will be no reason for a further prosecution."

With the return of Gov. Major from his vacation Wednesday it is expected that there will be a conference of the State officers on the Attorney-General's opinion.