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## MARSHALL ENTER- TAINS THE BOARD.

The State Board of Agriculture Visit Marshall in  
Their Round of Inspection Tuesday. Citizens  
Give Them a Hearty Reception. Show  
Them the Sights and End the Oc-  
casion in a Banquet.

To the oldest as well as to the youngest citizens of this place, the memory of neither calls to mind a more thorough awakening of public sentiment and more enthusiastic united action on the part of the citizens, than the support which is now given to Marshall and Saline County's candidacy for the site of the State Fair. As the movement has proven an upheaval of public opinion here, so has it been wonderfully successful in enlisting support from all over the county.

The people have shown by their interest, that the Board of Agriculture may rest assured that the hearty support of this county will be given the Fair, should it be located in our midst. And any enterprise, state or private, should seek for its location a community in which the backing of its citizens may be counted upon, and clearly demonstrated. The truth of this is too open to doubt and its application to the question now before the Board, must have suggested itself to their minds. That the people of this section would make the State Fair a success is acknowledged and all realize that with the necessity for increased railroad and hotel accommodations, they would be forthcoming. The North & South Road would cease to be visionary and the site would soon have a means of access from the South & North, making Marshall the equal of any of the contesting points in railroad accessibility.

The reception committee, which had been assigned to the different members of the Board of Agriculture, met the visitors at 10:40 a. m., C. & A. train, being introduced here by a party of Marshall men, who had taken charge of the Board at Higginsville. From the depot the long line of twenty handsome equipages, each conveying one of the site selectors, drove to the south door of the court house, and from there the members were escorted to the Circuit Court room. A large audience had gathered here and listened with attention to the words of Judge Cooney, acting as chairman, and to the whole-souled address of welcome by Mayor Miller.

After this brief meeting, the guests were invited to the dome of the Court House, where an excellent view of the county and especially the immediately surrounding country can be

obtained. It is needless to say that all were well pleased and in fact the member from Andrain was heard to say that "the Almighty had already done enough for this county and that the state should not be asked for more." As the state is not in this for the sake of charity, this kind of argument will not count.

Dinner at Ming's Hotel, attended by a number of the reception committee was then taken, after which shortly, the citizens of the reception committee began the business of the day in showing the different sites that have been mentioned, to the gentlemen sent here to see what we offer. The Logston tract west of the city, the Yeagle and Nichols farms north of here, and the old Fair Grounds owned by M. H. Alexander, were all visited in turn, but only the first of these is now considered, being chosen by all the members as the most available site. The prettiest streets of the city, the college and cemetery were all shown, and our visitors remarkably pleased with the town and especially the improvements now in progress.

At six in the afternoon, according to arrangements made, the visitors to our city were tendered a banquet at the Mistletoe Club rooms by nearly two hundred citizens and a royal time was had. Around the festal board, these visitors were given a chance to observe the hospitality which characterizes Saline county people. The long hall, the entire length of which were extended two tables, was the scene of much enjoyment upon this occasion, both by reason of the good things of the banquet and excellent after dinner oratory and wit of the toast responders. Dr. Gore presiding as toast master invited Dr. Black to invoke the blessing, which was done with much feeling and in a very happy style. The repast of four courses was followed on the menu by Mumm's Extra Diet, and many were the healths taken to the members of the board as the tinkle of glasses was heard through the room.

Dr. D. C. Gore as toast master opened the speech making in a short yet enthusiastic talk, which was well received and won the first waving of napkins.

Congressman Cooney and J. P. Huston were down for toasts, responding in a way which still further aroused the applause of the banqueters, the latter paying many high tributes to the "State Administration." The speech of the occasion was delivered however by ex-Governor Norman J. Colman, whose praise of the agricultural resources of this county and the support which one could rest assured would be given the Fair if located here, were applauded to the echo. A repetition of his words was once requested and complied with, when he stated "I have traveled all over this country,

and in most of the countries of the Old World and I have never yet seen a richer, more beautiful and more productive region than Saline county." He assured and pledged the committee to a fair consideration of the claims of each town and thanked in a cordial way the people of Marshall and Saline for the treatment, which had been accorded the Board. The close of his address was marked by clapping of hands and cheers, and all the banqueters waved napkins while standing upon their chairs.

The time for the train on which they were to depart being so near at hand, the toasts of H. H. Parsons, A. F. Rector and W. T. Carrington were much to the regret of every one, cut short, the last speaker being Judge Davis, who in a five minutes talk presented the claims of Saline county in "figures that counted" and delivered his official opinion as to what the verdict of this jury body should be—in favoring Marshall for the State Fair. The facts brought up were timely, to the point and brought out in a forcible way, the speech contained the pith of all Marshall's argument and all Marshall people were pleased over the way the subject was handled and the visitors doubtless glad to have the finishing touch added to their reason for voting for Marshall. We hope this much.

There was a large crowd at the depot at 8:30 p. m., when the visiting board members left for Chillicothe. Goodbyes were passed but with the expectation and expressed wish on our part to meet the gentlemen who compose the Board of Agriculture at the next State Fair meet here, as guests again, whom it is always a pleasure to entertain.

Whether Marshall wins or another town carries away the institution, there was nothing to lose in treating our visitors with all the attentions and marks of good-will summonable, for the gentlemen composing that body are honorable men, into whose hands we gladly place the consideration and judgment of our claims, feeling perfectly assured their actions will not be biased by any undue influence, and such representatives of the different sections of this great state, Marshall will ever delight to honor.

The Board is composed of the following gentlemen: N. J. Colman, W. R. Wilkerson, St. Louis; W. J. Roberts, Oak Ridge; M. O'Connell, Fredricktown; Thos. B. North, Union; J. A. Potts, Mexico; D. A. Ely, Sublette; Jno. W. Hill, Chillicothe; Eugene Rhoads, Fairfax; J. F. Groves, Corder; N. H. Gentry, Sedalia; Geo. B. Ellis, Bates Co.; C. P. Cook, Round Grove; L. F. Luthy, Lebanon; H. J. Waters, Columbia; Alex. Mottland, Richmond.