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MIS. CITRUS NOTES

"OFFICIAL OPENING"

Orange County Fair

August 28, 1929

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"Official Opening" ~~of~~ Orange County Fair

August 28th, 1929.

Fairs or exhibitions have been held in every part of the United States for many years, the first being held in South Carolina in 1785.

There have been many notable fairs, some of world-wide scope, held since the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. The great World's Fair at Chicago excelled all others in beauty, scope and grandeur.

Every State has its annual fair and so does almost every County in the States. I have just returned from a drive through our own wonderful State, and I found in many counties passed through, either a Fair going on or preparation being made for one. In some of the counties I could not help but wonder what they produced worthy of exhibiting. That, however, is a matter of comparison with the product of neighbors living under like conditions.

Fairs
These are held primarily for the purpose of promoting the advancement in Agriculture and the Industrial Arts. These embrace fruit and grain growing, breeding of all domestic stock and fowls; farm machinery, household

conveniences, and the product in many lines of the housewife, and of the local factory, and the local works of art. These, placēd in friendly competition for prizes, have done much to improve all that goes to make for better farming, better living and the development of the country.

Marvelous improvement has been made in all the ^{lines of} diverse Agriculture during the last fifty years, ^{yes} the last twenty-five years ~~are~~ largely due to the knowledge and inspiration gained at ~~our~~ Fairs. ^{like this one}

I well remember back in my own County in Illinois, when a few fine blooded animals were first brought in and exhibited at our County Fair. Some thought the venture a foolish and unprofitable one, being well satisfied with the quality of stock they had. However, there were some enterprising farmers who were ambitious to improve their stock. Within a few years the light weight scrub horse was replaced with the big draft animal, beautiful and strong. The same changes were made with cattle and hogs, sheep and poultry.

It requires judicious, as well as intelligent management to conduct a successful County Fair. The interests are, of course, local, the managers and patrons, neighbors,

and often the people expect more than they realize, so that there are sometimes bickerings and dissatisfaction.

Amusements must be provided, both to attract the people and supply the needed finances.

I want to congratulate the management of the Orange County Fair Association on both its enterprise in providing an exhibition of the size and quality we have here, and keeping free from ~~disc~~ discussion.

There was a time in some counties where the Fairs conducted developed into horse racing, gambling and drinking orgies. These, however, soon failed in support, or the management changed.

Our management believes that these annual fairs should combine both amusement and profit.

While always desirous that these expositions shall be collections of valuable exhibits, so arranged and prized that industrial benefit may thereby result, and that the standards of agriculture and home life shall be elevated, ~~they~~^{we} realize that Fairs are designed for all classes of people, and if an interest in them is to be maintained and the highest results are to accrue, men, women and children, old and young, must find something inside the gates to please and instruct.

Besides, these fairs cost money, and enough must be taken in at the gates to pay this outlay, or else the Association will be in debt.

The management of the Orange County Association has maintained a well ordered and well balanced program and is doing much for profit and enjoyment of our people.

I want soon that Orange Co. shall
 grounds ample & richly beautified
 & provided with splendid
 permanent buildings ^{+ equipment} & conveni-
 stalls & pens for all kinds of stock

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 Liberal premiums should
 be awarded. This will always
 awaken interest & insure displays
 that will make the enterprise successful