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when a group of progressive farmers in the Tees river valley in northeastern Britain joined to bring their livestock together for comparison. has been termed the first agricultural fair and was the model after which were patterned the hundreds of country fairs both here and in England.

Origin of Fairs

Elkanah Watson of New York has been credited with being the father of the American fair. In 1815 Watson organized the agricultural society of Albany, N. Y., and proceeded to establish fairs and cattle shows in the neighboring counties. In 1819, due mainly to his influence, the New York legislature appropriated ten thousand dollars a year for six years for premiums on agricultural and home manufacture products. In 1832 the state agricultural society was founded and work started in other eastern states. Bue while Watson was busy converting farmers and legislators to the value of fairs, the Columbian Agricultural society held what is believed to be the first exhibition of its kind

in Washington, D. C., in 1810. Pittsburg, Mass., shortly thereafter inaugurated regular agricultural exhibits, and from these first small efforts grew up our system of community, county, state, district, national and international fairs which cover practically every section of the coun

The development of the fair in the United States has been one of norma growth and expansion, according to Samuel R. Guard, director of the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Founda tion and one of the leading exponents of agricultural exhibits in America The successful contestant in a local fair naturally wished to compare his products with those of winners other local fairs. That was how the county fair came to be. The state fair with its wider appeal was the next logical step, and there county winners went to settle disputes on the relative merits of their products. Eventually this led to competition between states, culminating first in the inter-state fair, later in the national show and finally in the international exhibit. Many a national champion grain grower or livestock breeder today can trace his success to some little honor captured at the county fair years ago.

Inspires Ambition The appealing thing about the county fair is the opportunity it offers the farmer to compare his own work with that of his neighbors and so inspires in him a healthy ambi- railroads of the Republic of Poland. tion to improve himself and his work, states Mr. Guard. Within easy distance of his home, he can examine motives bought in 1919. the best animals, grains, fruits and vegetables, poultry and honey and de- try to finance sales anywhere on termine where he falls short of the earth. The general complaint against mark. Likewise his wife can pit her American goods is the insistence on needlework, her baking and pastry, immediate payment, so different from her canned fruits and vegetables many of the organized credit plans against those of other farm women of many European countries. This and enjoy the thrill and reward that Baldwin finance policy abroad has comes of victory. Altogether the given the company a lot of slow county fair stimulates friendly com- though sure assets, as compared with petition that has been responsible for the other possible plan of selling only

implement and equipment displays that are part of all the better fairs. s one of the most commendable features, according to Mr. Guard. State and federal government exhibits not willing to stay on the job eight bring home to the farmer lessons in hours a day in this country. growing his products more econom ically and efficiently, and household furnishings and labor saving devices on view work directly for the improvement of country life.

Those who have been urging the farmer to keep books, will probably kick when his books show him he must raise his prices to come out

After reading exhortations to stitutional. beautify their city some folks magnanimously declare they are willing to let George set out some more

Motorists who can't wait a few sec- | Some cheerful persons have decidonds to let a car pass, are often the ed they can afford a good summer same ones who have to fuss for trip, as their creditors can't locate months over claims for damages. them while they are travelling.

ENJOY PROSPERITY IN SOUTHERN STATES OF GREAT GROWTH Great Progress Made Below Ma-

son-Dixon Line In Past

Few Years

The south is rapidly coming into its own, according to the August number of the National Republic, and its development at the present time is little short of marvelous.

"No part of the country has enjoyed a larger share of prosperity during the past quarter of a century than has the south," the National Repub lic asserts. "The figures tell a remarkable story of expansion. The ag-In 1810, an attendance of about five gregate wealth of the southern states thousand; in 1925 an estimated at- has multiplied seven fold since 1880 tendance of approximately twenty- and four fold since 1900. Total bank deposits in that section increased 293 These figures, in a nutshell, tell the per cent between 1900 and 1923. The story of the marvelous growth of the population of the south increased in American fair from the humblest be- round numbers from twenty-seven to ginning to its present day status as an thirty-seven billion in that twentyimportant factor in agricultural edu- three year period; the true value of cation. They are of especial interest property from less than seventeen bilhere in view of the approaching Lib- lions to more than seventy-one bilertyville fair which will be held Sept. lions; the value of manufactured products from a billion and a half to While the fair idea has been taken nearly seven billions; the value of hold of tremendously in the United farm property from about five bil-States, it is not native to this coun- lions to nearly twenty-two billions; try. Fairs run back to ancient days, foreign exports from less than five but in the olden times they were more hundred millions to one billion four after the manner of a bazaar or mar- hundred thousand; foreign imports ket, only held with less frequency, from fifty-two million to four hunvery much like the fairs in vogue in dred and eleven millions; but most Germany and other European coun- significant of all, school expenditures tries today. The American fair traces from thirty-eight million to three its ancestry back only to about the hundred and fifteen millions. Railmiddle of the eighteenth century, road mileage has increased three and a half times in the south since 1880 The south now produces half the nation's lumber, twenty-nine per cent of its corn, eighty-five per cent of its tobacco, seventeen per cent of its wheat, eighty-three per cent of its rice and thirty-one per cent of its fruits and vegetables. The south is no longer a one or two crop country. The south produces one-third of the world's petroleum. The amount of coal produced has increased twenty-

eight times since 1880. "The market for most of this production is within the limits of the United States. Because that is the best market in the world the limitless resources of the south are enriching that section. It is only in the beginning of its progress. The next quarter of a century will witness more rapid development in the south than in any other single section of the country, for the reason that it has the climate, soil, resources. home markets and a new spirit o enterprise which makes this possible. Our growing trade with Central and South America will also prove especially advantageous to the south."

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every family. The owners, editors and publishers are freer to express their honest convictions than the highly commercialized city press, too often run by hired employes, principally to earn

The small daily or country weekly that lives up to its opportunities represents the stand of personal journalism in behalf of the community.

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BUILDING UP GOOD FOREIGN BUSINESS

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There is enough money in our counmuch of the farm progress in the for cash or quickly realizable credits. Firms like Baldwin carry the name The educational value of the farm of America in honor all around the

> Many of the aliens who used to work 16 hours a day in Europe, are

> Claimed that too many folks have a roving disposition, but then they always find things looking better in some place some distance away.

Among the successful gasoline saving devices, is the walking habit. These are times of fine distinctions. and pretty soon they will be claiming that the constitution is uncon-

The kids kindly consent to go on a Sunday school picnic, if the grownups will do all the work.

STANDING THE HEAT

Summer heat is very distasteful to many people, who get all wilted down when a hot day comes. They go long distances to avoid heat, and then are upset if the thermometer is 10 degrees above normal.

Out in the cornfield, however, the

knows that it is ripening his crops, days; the less they feel them. and helping him market the products of his labor. His experience has taught him how to harden himself against the degressing effects of

The people who keep actively at work can usually stand a period of While industry is admired, your old farmer is not worrying much hot weather. Their constitution ad- neighbors will excuse you if you do about the heat. If he does not get justs itself to these extremes, Which not rise at 5 a. m. and operate the the normal amount of it, he knows suggests that the more people ac- lawn mower under their windows.

too well that his crop won't mature. quire of general physical strength, A hot day fills him with cheer, as he and the less they fuss about warm

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