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HOLD OUR FAIR BY ALL MEANS

The Mercury does not question the wisdom of postponing our annual Agricultural Fair until this fall, just now few are in the mood to prepare for the early holding of the Fair and the absence of entries in the field and garden crops departments would be more noticeable now than later in the autumn.

But the Fair should be held, whether it is known by the usual name or is dubbed "Fall Festival," as has been suggested. Let this event die for one year and it will be almost impossible to revive interest in it again. The passing of our tobacco market is a case in point. We are in the habit of holding an annual Agricultural Fair and it is an excellent habit, good for both town and county.

This year we are facing the winter with more or less dread. The protracted drought, added to the universal business depression, has produced a state of mind that borders on panic. Dropping all our usual activities and recreations outside of work, is poor medicine for this condition. It is better to get together in all forms of Festival and talk things over, even if it is "hard times" that we talk. Man is heartened by contact with his fellow-men in times of stress.

And then it may rain soon—and whether it comes too late to be of much benefit or not—it will start and flowing water courses will cheer us all mightily. By autumn, we shall be glad to get together, either to swap tales of our miseries or to rejoice that conditions are not so bad as they seemed in midsummer.

Let us hold the Fair or Festival by all means, Harrodsburg, Taylorsville and other points holding annual Fairs report record-breaking crowds this week. By starting work now, Nicholas county may have one of the most successful meetings of the kind we have ever had.

"Tree sitters are monkeys, even though they lack tails to wrap around the limbs," thinks the Glasgow Times with good reason. Of all silly, publicity-seeking stunts, tree-sitting is only exceeded by flagpole standing.

ELECTION NIGHT PASSES

Kentucky tried out the Brock-Gilbert election law in the Primaries Saturday. "Election night" is abolished and with it much of the unpleasantness that formerly marked the counting of the ballots. That, as this writer pointed out, it is one important point in favor of counting the ballots next day, which in this case, Sunday morning's papers failed to chronicle a single election night fight or killing. The interest in the Primaries was slight, it must be admitted, yet no matter how tame a political race in Kentucky may be, voters usually manage to get considerably partisan and pugnacious on election night.

The faults of the new law will be evident, following this trial, for it is too much to hope that it is perfect. Amendments will be necessary, no doubt, and certainly "unofficial" ballot boxes, Mr. Simpson's Commission have long chosen a box into which it has been demonstrated papers may be stuffed, after the box is locked. Some of as far as to aver a pair bottle may be slipped to exactly. All of which is typically Simpsonesque and may be remedied in time.

How a long ballot is to be counted in less than ten days, in Louisville, for instance, is one problem that will have to be solved by the present Primary, the ballot voted Saturday being short and easy to count, capable of Presidential election year, it seems a job, especially when the ballot is complicated by local races, it will require a small army of clerical workers armed with efficient machines to get at the result within two weeks in the Kentucky metropolis and other larger cities in the State.

But all that will work out somehow. The Brock-Gilbert law is a step in the right direction, though crippled in its initial trial by fiendish ballot boxes that which ballots, pint bottles and whatnot may be stuffed. This writer rather likes the new method. Lexington Herald waf lots of fun in some way, and in others a decided nuisance to newspaper folk. Saturday night was a long election day evening in many years that this writer has not been forced to sit at the office telephone, in an atmosphere reeking with tobacco, giving "room," occasional onion and honest sweat and answer questions until midnight.

The spice of "action night is gone, but the Brock-Gilbert law brings its compensations.

We have found the recompense in the drought. It furnishes such an excellent alibi for our Republican friends, hard pressed to explain "Hoover Prosperity." And how they use it!

A MEMORIAL OF LIVING GREEN

A monument more inspiring, more beautiful than the soaring shaft at Washington should be that proposed by the American Tree Association as a memorial to our first President, at the plan the Ohio State Journal says.

"This country has had nothing finer offered it during recent years than the plan of the American Tree Association in Washington to have 10,000,000 trees planted in honor to George Washington, the trees, no matter where they are planted, to be the living memorial to Washington on the two hundredth anniversary of his birth on Feb. 22, 1932. Here would be a memorial of living green, of trees that would be a memorial of living green, of trees that would be a memorial of living green, of trees that