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READY FOR THE OPENING OF THE HORSE SHOW AT COUNTRY CLUB –
All the Preparations Made for the First Exhibition at Springhaven, Which Begins This
Afternoon and Continues Today and Tomorrow on the Grounds in Lower Providence
Township

A ripping breeze and a bright sky presaged fine weather for the horse show, Delaware County's own Horse Show – when a glimpse of the grounds was had by a Times man yesterday afternoon. Hustle and hurry, confusion worse confounded, seemed everything in sight that might by hook or crook be taken as appertaining to the show; but there were two men who seemed at home in all the fuss, and they, Edward Crozer and William S. Blitz, who has had charge of so many horse shows that he does not let the enthusiasm and interest infect him or interfere with his capacity for attending to business and looking after details.

Of course, every person who has been within a half mile of the Springhaven Country Club's grounds knows just where the show is to take place, but not every person has been there since work was started on the preparations for the show, and to these be it said:

Situate on the broad expanse of velvety green lawn, just now beginning to turn to that rich brown which is so stylish this fall, and but a couple of hundred feet from the club house, is an enclosure. This enclosure to be a little more explicit, consists of one rail fence, painted white. It is exactly oval in shape, and is about 300 feet long at the longest point and 140 feet wide at the widest. This was as it appeared yesterday afternoon. When the first automobile or runabout or pedestrian arrives for the show this afternoon, the place will present an entirely different appearance, for the simple reason that there will be a canvas wall raised all around the ring at a distance of about 55 feet from the fence. This canvas will mark the very outside limits of the ground taken up for the show. Inside, between it and the show ring proper is the space reserved for guests with teams or afoot, the general admission crowd. On the side of the ring nearest the Providence Road, is a space set aside and delineated by a dividing fence. Inside this fence you may not go without you paying your fifty cents for your reserved seat.

THE MOGULES' DEN – And right in the center of the big show ring stands a little house which no doubt, many a feminine tongue will describe as "a dear. It really is a cozy little place, and it should be so, for here will reside, during the show, the high and mighty moguls, the czars of the ring, the monarchs of the blue ribbon, commonly spoken of as the judges.

Further off toward the road, there is pitched the "making ready tent," a three pole affair without side walls, where the horses will be gotten ready for their appearance before the applauding hundreds and those awful, eagle-eyed judges. Atop the three masts of the tent, as it were, are flags, the only attempt at decoration which had been made by last evening.

THE BUSY ARTISANS – The canvas wall, enclosing the spectators and the ring was not yet in place, but, was hauled to position this morning. The entrance is off the main drive, just in the center of the curve near the house and almost directly opposite the pathway from the trolley line. A good sized squad of carpenters and canvas men were busily at work under the personal supervision of Mr. Blitz, who seemed to carry

everything, even to the smallest detail, in his head. Men were busy painting all the
woodwork white, even the hurdles, which will be used for the jumpers receiving a coat of
white.

It really seems almost too good to be true, but there can no longer be any doubt of
it, Delaware County is to have a Horse Show, and if the weather bureau will only oblige, it
should be, it must be, it will be, a thorough and encouraging success.

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