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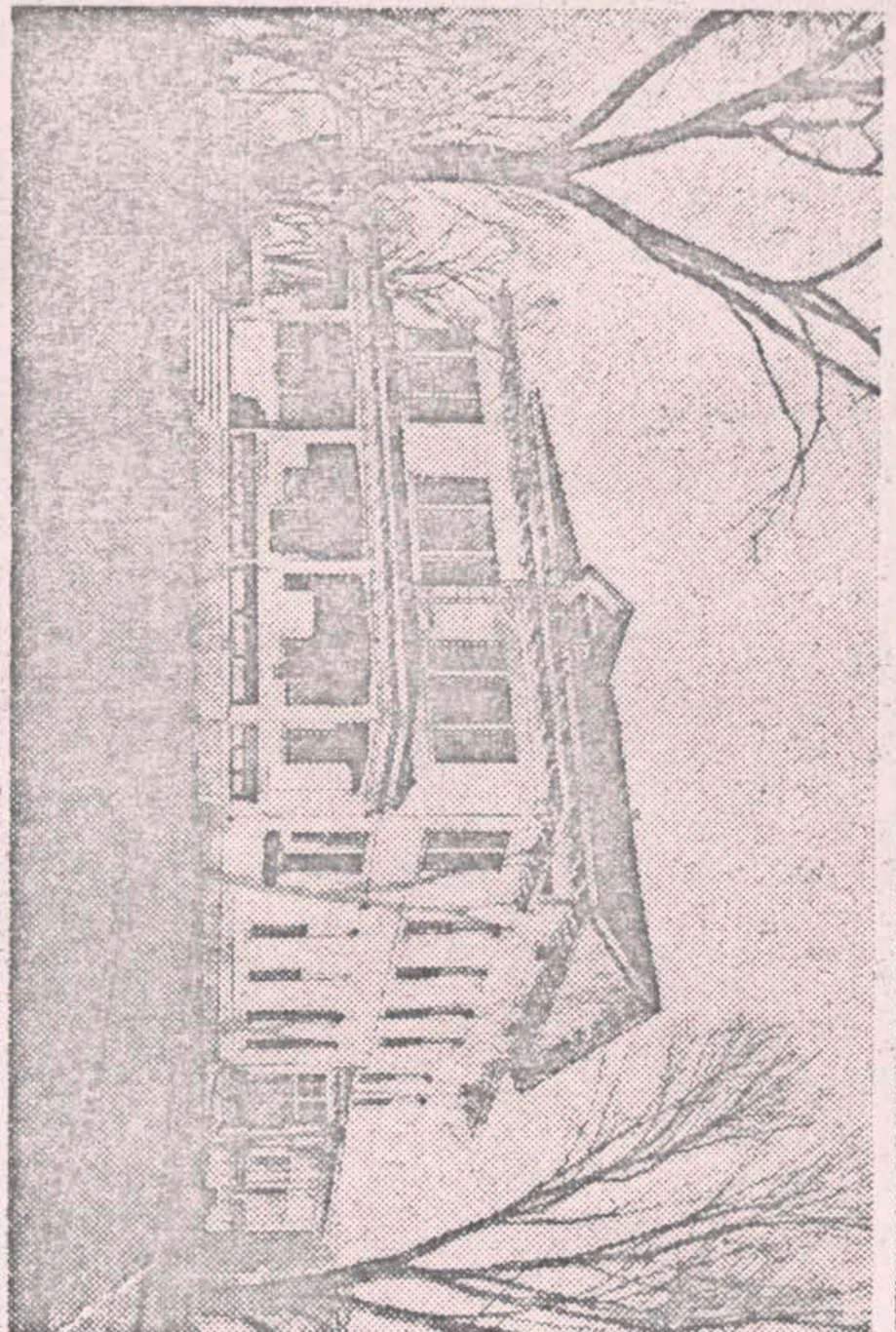
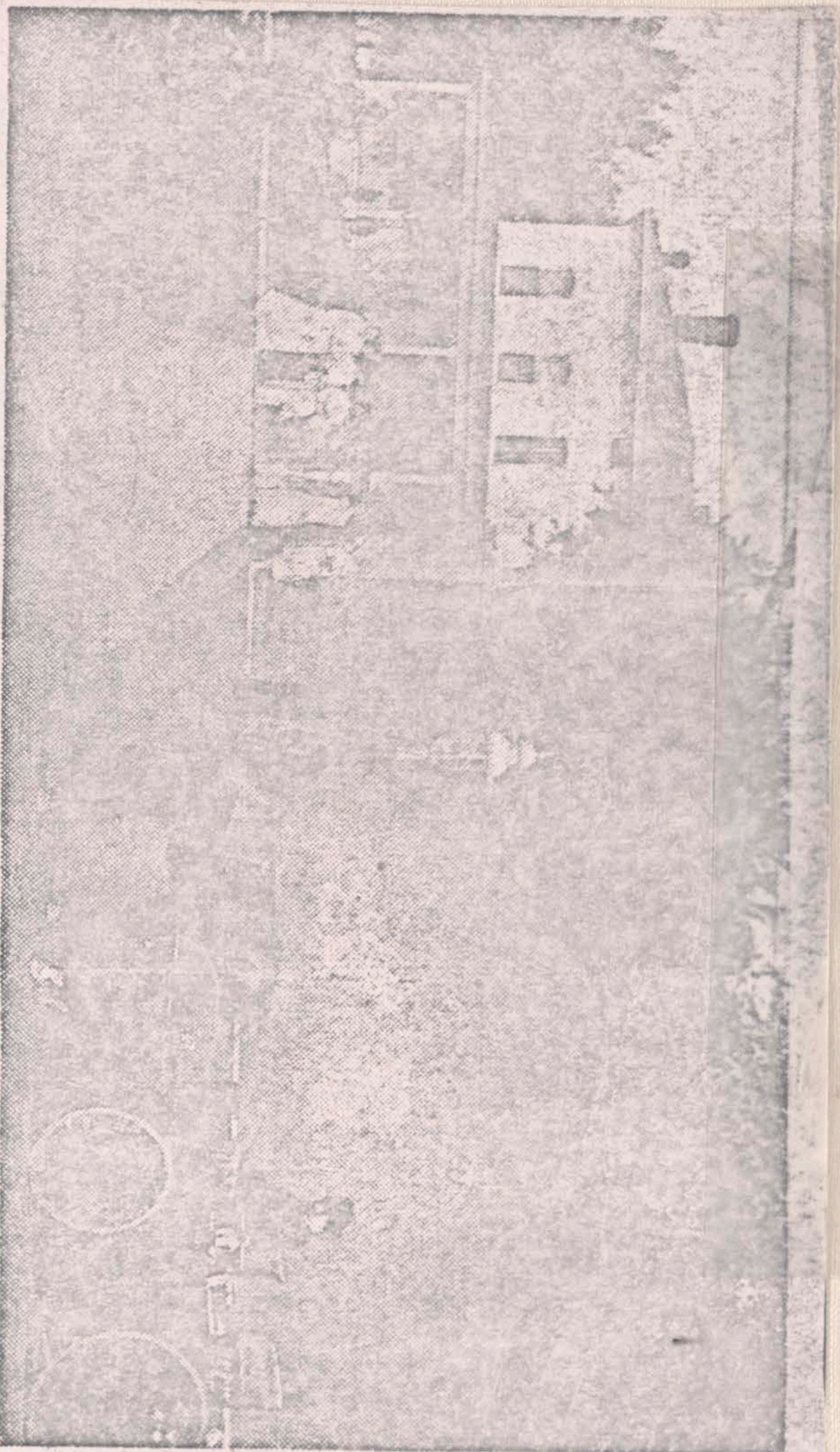
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TO BE WRECKED within the next 60 days is the old Administration building at the Minnesota State Fair which is pictured above as it appeared before the turn of the century when the horse and buggy were in vogue. Below, the structure is shown as it looks today. At right is the late Nicholas Pothén who was instrumental in the erection of the structure in 1872 as the St. Paul "Almshouse." Mr. Pothén served as superintendent of what is now known as the Ramsey County poor farm from 1871 to 1879.

Landmark At Fair To Be Demolished

By WILL REEVES

A famed Minnesota landmark will soon pass from the scene.

Scheduled to disappear within the next 60 days is the old Administration building at the Minnesota State Fair. Employees of Federal Lumber & Wrecking Co. of St. Paul began demolition today and the cleared site will become a parking lot for the 1952 fair.

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BUILDING ON REVERSE - BUILT 1872 AS THE

ST. PAUL ALMSHOUSE - NICHOLAS POTTER SERVED
AS DIRECTOR - SUPERINTENDENT 1871-79 OF
WHAT LATER BECAME KNOWN AS RAMSEY
COUNTY POOR FARM

BASEMENT HOUSED THE GOPHER CLUBROOM - A VIP LOUNGE
SINCE 1885 -

T. ROOSEVELT
WARREN HARDING
CALVIN COOLIDGE
KING + QUEEN OF SEEDEN

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The basement of the structure housed the Gopher club-room where important persons who attended the fair since 1885 were entertained.

Theodore Roosevelt was fettered when he was the Bull Moose candidate for president. Warren G. Harding dined there when he was running for president. Calvin Coolidge was a visitor as were the present king and queen of Sweden and the crown prince of Norway. John Philip Sousa, the famous band leader, was entertained there.

Mrs. Alma R. Elm, executive secretary of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, says the building was built in 1872 through efforts of her uncle, the late Nicholas Pothén, who was superintendent of the Ramsey county poor farm. The structure was known as the St. Paul Almshouse. It housed not only persons dependent on public assistance, but mental cases as well. Some 200 acres of agricultural land surrounded the institution.

Oldest building on the fair grounds today, the 79-year-old structure became headquarters for the fair when Ramsey county deeded the tract to the state in 1885. The poor farm or almshouse, was moved that year to its present site.

With the exception of several coats of peeling white paint over its red brick facade and the addition of a two-story extension and porch to modify the

"stern architecture" of the old Almshouse in 1914, the structure appears much like it did before turn of the century, according to old-timers.

The building housed the office of the secretary, executive board and other aides from 1885 to last July when offices were moved to more spacious quarters in a newer building north of the old structure. Settling of the building and other factors have made it unsafe and expense of rehabilitating is too great, Douglas K. Baldwin, fair executive secretary, said today.



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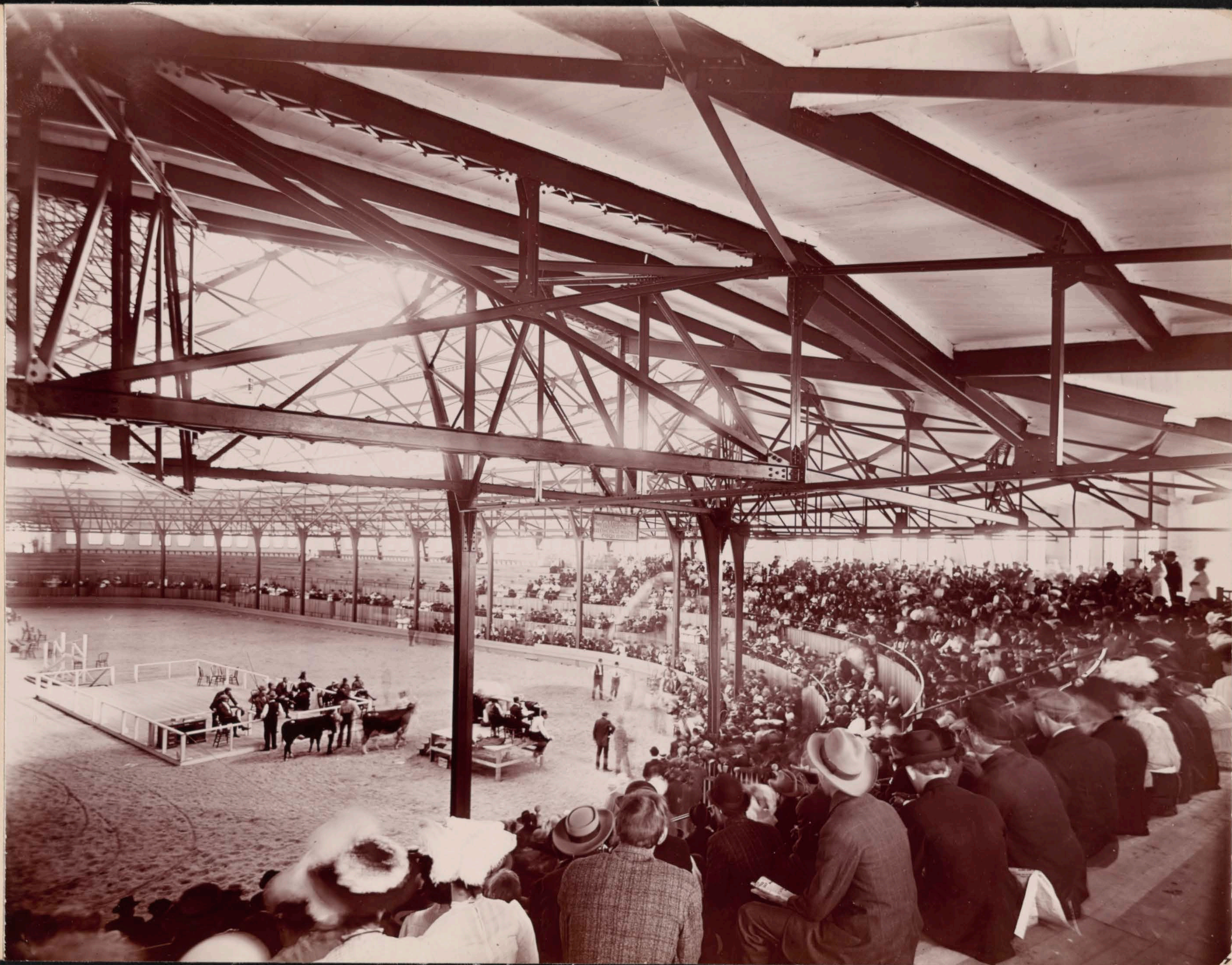
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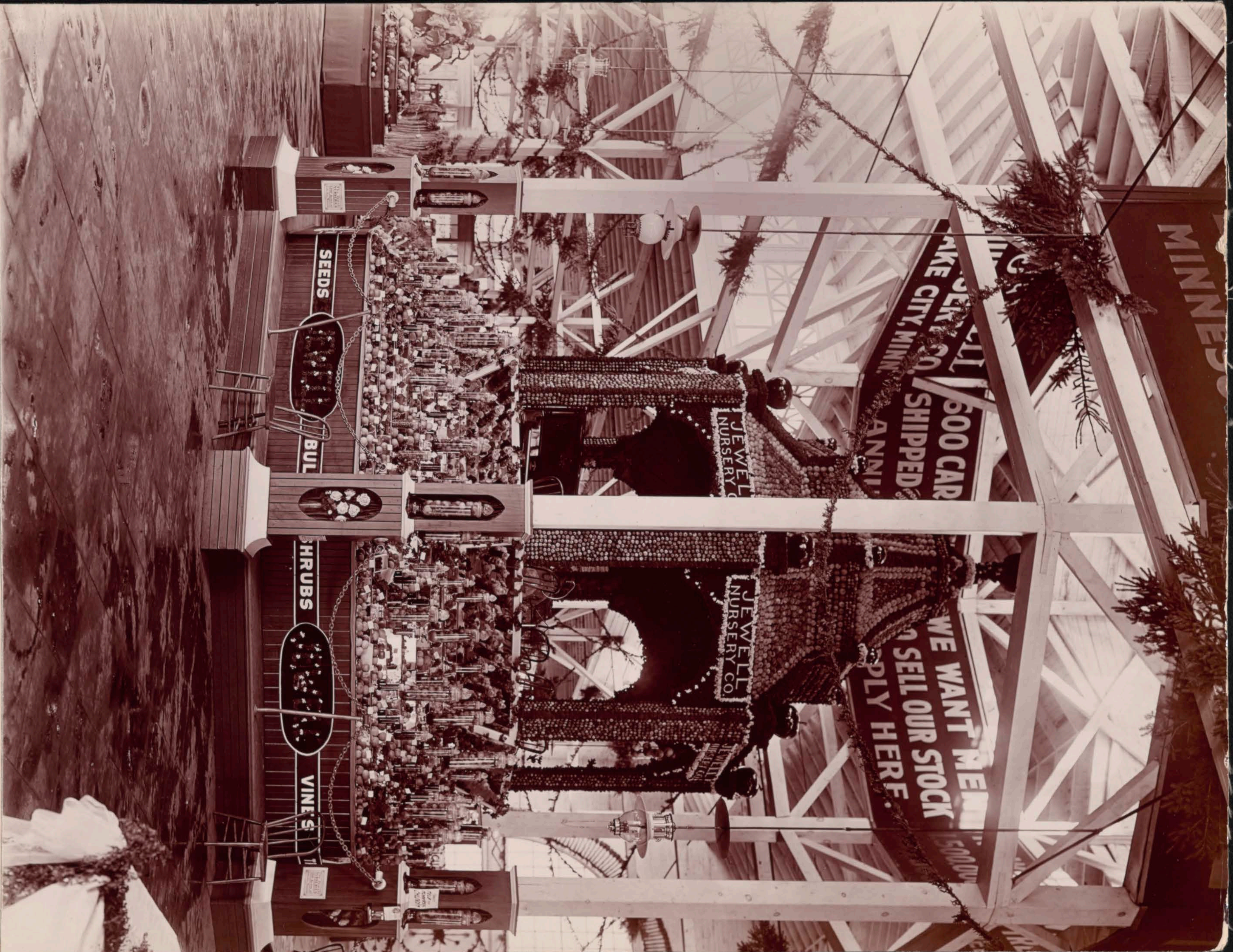
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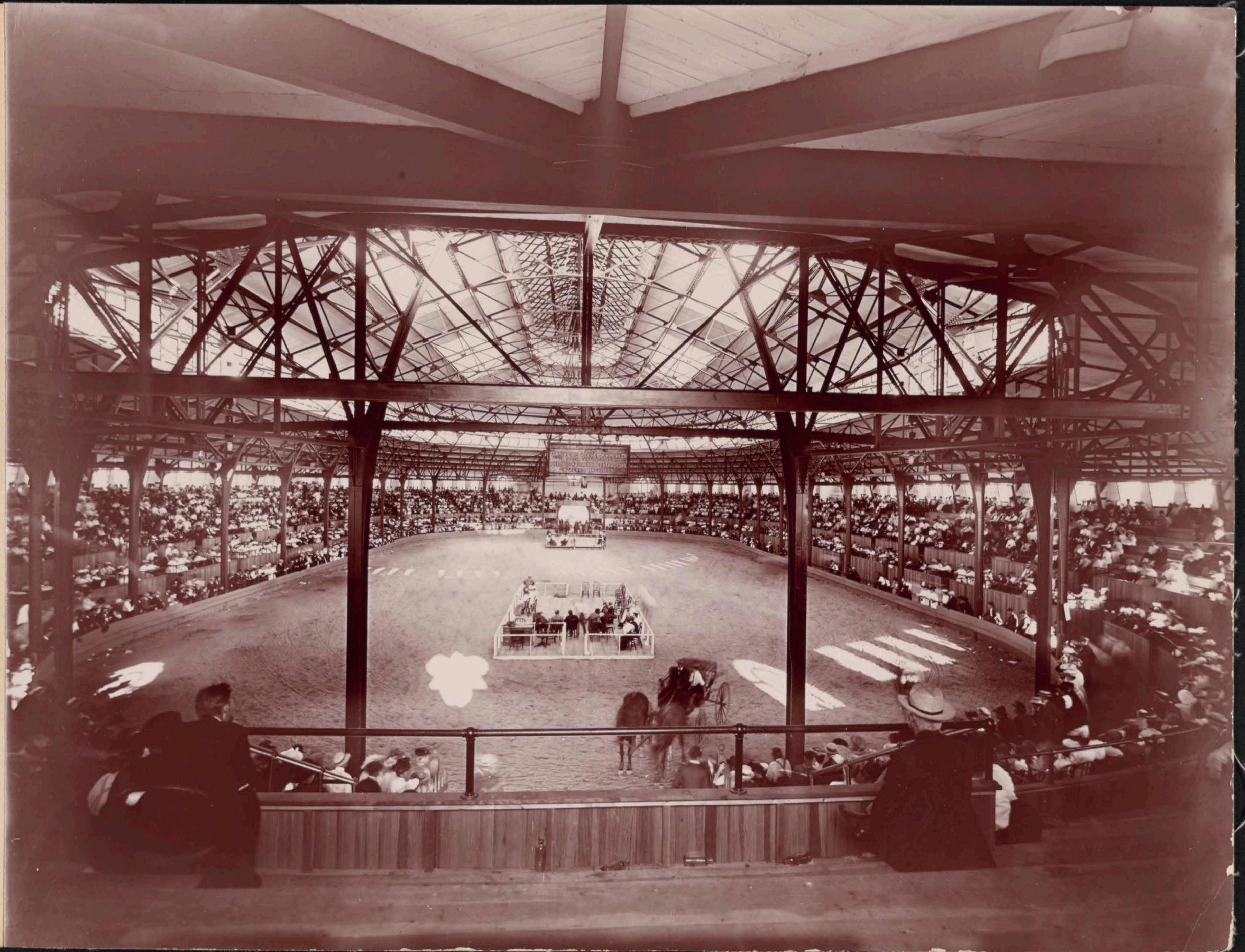


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