

# The Chatham Record

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## THE STATE EXPOSITION.

The directors of the Exposition Company held a meeting at Raleigh, on last Friday night, to begin making arrangements for holding the exposition. Eleven directors were present, all of whom seemed enthusiastic, and letters were received and read from several others who were unable to attend because of previous engagements. The utmost harmony prevailed in their deliberations and all seemed determined to do their full duty in making the exposition grand success. Secretary Price reported that nearly \$15,000 had been subscribed and he was confident of increasing it to \$20,000 in a few days.

An executive committee of six were elected, consisting of Gov. Jarvis, John Nicholls, W. G. Chapman, W. H. S. Burwyn, and D. W. C. Bowdow. As some doubts had been expressed in some of the counties as to the power of the coming commissioners appropriating their county funds in making expositions, it was decided to go to the attorney General of the State and publish his opinion upon the question. We are reliably informed that his opinion will be favorable, and that the county commissioners of the several counties will have his official opinion to sanction their action. The price (\$5,500) asked by the State agricultural society for the use of the fair grounds was thought to be reasonable, and the executive committee were instructed to confer with the officers about the matter and also to examine other locations and report at the next meeting of the directors. The day was adjourned for the opening of the session, but it will be either the 20th or 21st September or the 1st of October, in the latter case, so as to allow sufficient time before the election for everybody to reach home and vote. A resolution was adopted closing the officers of the State Board of Agriculture to regulate annual meetings of the executive committee. This action was entirely proper as the Department of Agriculture will be the largest contributor to the exposition. The first official application for space was made by the commissioners of Chatham, and that county will be given the first choice. Several matters of importance and proper now to publish were discussed and the directors adjourned to meet again on the 25th.

From all portions of the State come tidings of good cheer and county after county is following the line and following Chatham's example. In addition to the counties mentioned here we have since learned of many others moving to the fair. Commissioners of Lenoir, Moore, Johnston, Vance and several counties have determined to hold county exhibitions this year. Let us roll along, Keay, it is going.

### The Durate Album.

We have received at our annual report of the new Board of Governors and superintendents of the Insane Asylum at Raleigh. It says that the number is still less than now than it ever was before in the percentage of deaths being smaller than that of recoveries for the first time in any previous year. The superintendent reports that the total number of admissions since the opening of the Asylum February 23d, is 3,681. Of these 885 were males and 902 were females. The total number of discharged from same since 1,224, of which 750 were males and 522 females. Of these 462 were discharged, 154 were improved, 289 unimproved, and 38 died. There are now under treatment 1,046, and 103 female patients of the 1,046 during the past year having six transferred to the new asylum at Morganton. Extensive and much needed improvements and repairs have been made which will greatly to the comfort and health of the inmates. Our superintendent as Dr. Grissom, who is peculiarly well fitted for his position.

### The Western Floods.

There is a destructive flooding in the Ohio river and its tributaries. A vast amount of property has been destroyed, business in many places suspended, and thousands of persons rendered homeless and destitute. Contributions for their immediate relief are being sent from all portions of the country and Congress has voted an appropriation of \$300,000. We publish herewith some of the latest telegrams concerning the floods:

BELMONT, OHIO, February 10.—Two thousand persons are homeless in

Marietta and Harmont. Hundreds of houses are of their foundations. The upper Muskingum bridges are all gone, and the bridge at the mouth of Duck Creek is wrecked. Harmont Hill is covered with people in boats, or in the open air. The Relief committee of Marietta and people from the surrounding country are doing much to render assistance. A dispatch has been sent to Governor Headley, asking an appeal to the people of the State for aid.

CINCINNATI, KY., February 10.—The town is completely submerged. Only three houses on the hill side are free from the water. Several frame houses have floated off. The water at 3 p. m. yesterday was 18 inches higher than last year, and was rising at the rate of one inch per hour.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, February 10.—Marietta and Parkersburg have been almost entirely inundated, and the Wabash river is at a record height, when it reached 14 feet above the bed of the river. The water is 18 inches higher than last year, and is still rising.

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