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## PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

What are any of the past apologues of radical rule and despotism, in frankly stated the following questions, yes or no?

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## FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

### WELDON FAIR.

FIRST AND SECOND DAYS.—GOOD EXHIBITION BUT SMALL CROWD—FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE FAIR (BADEN BADEN ON A SMALL SCALE).

WELDON, Nov. 8. Yesterday the second grand annual Fair of the Honoke and Tar River Agricultural Association opened with a very fine exhibition of articles in the various departments, but with a small crowd in attendance; the weather being cloudy but no rain.

The fair grounds are situated about one and one-fourth miles south of the town on the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, with cars running to it every 20 minutes. These grounds are very superior to those of the State Association's both in regard to configuration, and arrangement and construction of the different buildings.

We were particularly struck with the convenient arrangement of Floral Hall; it being located just above Mechanics and Agricultural Halls with a flight of stairs leading up to it from both the outside and inside of the building, with a large balcony in front capable of seating some 250 or 300 persons, commanding a splendid view of the entire race track.

The building for the reception of agricultural implements, consists of a circular "ditch" with an outer wall and an inner wall, the space between the two walls being used for the reception of implements of various descriptions, and in fact all of the arrangements are as complete and fitting as we have ever seen on any Fair Ground in the state.

The track, half a mile in circumference, is an excellent one and up to the present remains in good condition.

Your correspondent did not reach this place until late in the afternoon, he can speak but little of the first day's proceedings, but learns that nothing of much interest transpired.

This morning we were bright and early on the Fair grounds. The crowd was largely in excess over that of yesterday, and all the departments had received many new entries.

Floral Hall, the central point of attraction, was most beautifully decorated, and its appearance did full credit to the fair fingers that accomplished the task. To mention only the articles of real merit and deserving special notice, would require too much space. But in passing we cannot forbear alluding to the handsome silver cup offered as a premium by J. T. Young & Co., Petersburg, Va., to the lady who takes the first premium for the best preserved. This firm had a magnificent exhibition of silverware, jewelry, &c.

Leaving Floral Hall by the inside stair way, Mechanics and Agricultural Halls were reached, and here we were greeted by our old friend Fiedrich, of Duplin, who had on exhibition some ten varieties of his well known wines, 20 or 30 varieties of grape vines, besides many other things that cannot be enumerated here. Here were cabbage-grown in Halifax county, weighing from 25 to 30 pounds, and, in fact, vegetables of almost all kinds of the finest description. In this Hall, Mr. John E. Williams, from the hardware house of Plummer, Young & Co., Petersburg, Va., exhibited a magnificent case of hardware goods, arranged by himself in a very unique and tasty manner. The exhibit of agricultural implements is capital, but almost all of the more prominent are manufactured out of the state, Tappan & Lunsford, of Petersburg, contributing largely.

The show of thoroughbred and blooded stock, though limited, presented some splendid specimens of horse flesh. The most prominent among the latter is Gen. M. W. Ransom's famous stallion, "Red Dick," and in truth "he is a steed," and a pedigree as noble as royalty itself. He is by "Lexington" out of "Alabama" by "Brown Dick." The General had several blooded colts, &c., on the grounds, which will be noticed at another time.

THE THROTTING.

to-day, like that at Raleigh, was rather a poor order. The main match came off at 11 o'clock. Paxson entered "Bob Lee," Prairie entered "Loafer," and Trent entered "Hauter," last three in five for two prizes of \$75 and \$50. "Hauter" took three straight heats in 2:35, 2:34 and 2:31, thus winning the first prize of \$75, leaving to "Loafer" those of \$50.

Though the weather looks threatening, it is expected that to-morrow there will be large access. Every train brings new articles for entry. To-morrow and next day are looked upon as the days of the Fair, and a lively time is expected.

MORE ANON.

CHICAGO TO CHARLOTTE, S. C.—Mr. Geo. M. Phillips, treasurer of the Chicago Relief and Aid Society, writes to the managers of the Charlotte, S. C., relief movement, thanking them for "the generous donation from warm-hearted Charlotte to broken-hearted Chicago." He adds:

"Our prostrate people will be more touched by this contribution than by any of greater amount, which come from other more prosperous sources, since the kind words and feeling which accompany the gift assure us once more 'that all the world's a kin.' Such hearty manifestations from the South—and they are numerous in this time of trial—convince us that we are of America, at least, are one people; and over the red fields which lie between us and those who this day bless us with their bounty, we stretch our empty hands in a grateful benediction on the givers of this sacred fund."

## DEMOCRATIC PARTY—ADDRESS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A few days ago, we announced that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party had been held in Raleigh, and at the same time, gave a synopsis of the amendments to the constitution which the committee suggests for the consideration of the Legislature. We now have before us the address of the committee which accompanies the proposed amendments, and lay it to-day before our readers.

An apt remark from the intrinsic merits of the document, we would have our readers to consider well the distinguished names thereto appended. They are the names of men without fear and above reproach. At the head of the list, stands the name of that noble and great and mostly forgotten Governor Bruce, whose private and public character are equally without stain.—Whether in the senate of the United States, or as Governor of his native and adopted State, he has ever been the friend of the people, and a faithful and able exponent of the nature and objects of a republican government, and a popular rights under it. If the other signers of the address have been deemed some of the honors which the people have conferred on Governor Bruce, they have yet all been objects of popular favor, in one way or another, and are to-day distinguished subjects of popular esteem. In all that distinguishes integrity and honor in the man, and purity in the patriot, they are eminently worthy of their honorable position as colleagues of Governor Bruce.

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