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The Georgia State Fair.

Be sure to read the admirable account, by our own reporter, of the grandest Fair ever held in the South, and probably in the Union. It will spur up North Carolinians to read it. We give the other day some interesting facts connected with this splendid exhibition.

The Charlotte Fair.

We are glad to learn from the Charlotte papers that a Grand Industrial Exposition is expected at the Fair of the Carolinas that begins on the 26th inst., and continues until the close of the 29th. Men of energy, enterprise and character have the courage to hand and a splendid success is anticipated. If the weather should be favorable a great gathering of the people will doubtless take place. That gallant soldier and true gentleman, Gen. Wade Hampton, of S. C., delivers the annual address.

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The Great Southern Company.

If success be the test, then few Life Insurance Companies deserve to rank with the Piedmont and Arlington, of Virginia. It has stability; it being the only Southern company that has passed a rigid inspection of the Insurance Department of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri and California. This fact is very significant. Stability is what the people demand. In this leading Southern company they have it. James D. Brooks, so favorably known as an insurance canvasser, is the General Travelling Agent.

An Empty Treasury.

There is not a dollar in the State Treasury and but six of the ninety-five sheriffs have settled their State taxes. This is a poor showing, in view of the fact that but thirteen days grace is all that is left. The General Assembly meets next Monday. Numbers of the members will be "strapped" the day after they reach the city and there will be nothing in the treasury to draw upon. We may then look for a merciless handling of the sheriffs. The public treasurer is now engaged in preparing the necessary papers by means of which defaulters are to be put through a course of sprouts. Look out, gentlemen of the shabby persuasion.

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THE GEORGIA STATE FAIR.

[FROM OUR OWN REPORTER.]

MACON, Ga., Oct. 30, 1873.

A more splendid autumnal day never graced the calendar of this sunny clime. A smoke as from a thousand wigwams tells the Indian summer," a delicate, delicious, dreamy haze overhangs the hill-side and rive-side of this queenly central city; the frost has clothed the forest in gorgeous sunset robes of crimson, purple and gold, but has not touched the roses and cape jessamines, which still bloom with more than springtime beauty; the "mysterious stillness" of the sleepy moon-tide seems like the call of nature to sweet repose, now that the arduous toil of the year is over. More glorious and golden than ever, look these grand old homes that crown so many sunny hills, and beautify so many miles of suburban landscape, far as the eye can reach. Command me to the noble mansions of the golden time, with their massive proportions, their spacious halls, their lofty pilastered porticos, and their simple Ionic or Doric grandeur, all speaking of princely liberty, genuine refinement and "free-hearted hospitality." No unsightly, modern Mansard roof, no vulgar "ornamentation," no foolish, fantastic finery offend the eye, but instead a royal stateliness of outline, with a simple aristocratic elegance, gratifies the taste. Beautiful for situation, the joy of all middle Georgians is this central city, bearing the honored name of North Carolina's greatest statesman, with its noble public buildings, its magnificent private residences, its peerless vine-covered villas, and its charming river scenery. Just now the care of the goodly city is centred in the beautiful central park of two hundred and fifty acres, laid out as park and fair grounds in 1871. Nature seems to have done all she could to prepare the spot for this purpose, by levelling the grounds, planting noble groves of oak and pine, and enclosing the whole with the meandering Ocmulgee. Art has spared no expense to improve and embellish what nature has furnished. Grassy lawn, gravelled walks, circular drives, cool fountains, tasteful buildings, light, airy, graceful and southern-like in form, a magnificent river terrace and a splendid deer park of forty additional acres attest the taste and the liberality of her citizens. We are now in front of the Grand Entrance Gate. Two stately pavilions, richly ornamented and crowned with graceful turrets rising to the height of sixty feet, stand twenty feet apart, the intervening space being spanned by a noble arch bearing the inscription "Central City Park," conspicuously displayed on each pavilion are the mottoes, "Agriculture," "Commerce," "Science," "Art." Before us, as we enter, are stately groves of pine and oak; leftward, hard by the Secretaries' office, is an encampment of soldier tents, reminding us that the city of Macon has offered a splendid prize of \$750, open to the world, with no entrance fee, for the best drilled volunteer military company, of not less than forty members; reminding us, too, that Georgia's sons have not forgotten the maxim of their sires, "In peace prepare for war." Father to the left is a circular half mile track winding gracefully around a beautiful grove, where gay and gallant drivers distract themselves at pleasure. Far down to the right is the Machinery Hall, 210 feet by 60, with ample shafting, pulleys and engines in readiness for exhibitors. Next comes a sumptuous stone house for heavy goods, such as cotton, hay, measuring 200 by 40 feet. The next building is a structure 150 feet by 50, intended for a dining saloon and dancing hall. Adjoining to this is the ladies' cottage, a model of beauty and luxury, with its elegant hall, boudoir, room and veranda, built in the pointed style, with ornamen-

tation, which are really models of convenience,

for the care of stock, but will not be time.

Nor can we bestow more than a mere passing glance upon the display of domestic fowls, the largest and finest, by far, ever seen at any State Fair in the Union; Western, Eastern and Middle states being represented in this department as well as Southern.