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GREAT STATE FAIR IS CLOSE AT HAND

All North Carolina Should Enjoy Splendid Event.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT

Soldiers in Line, Fair Marshals, People by Tens of Thousands at the Great State Gathering With Its Wonderful Exhibits and Magnificent Attractions.

"There's bacon in the smoke house. There's cotton and corn to spare; Whip up the ox team, Billy,— We're goin' to the Fair!

"An' Sue—put on your meetin' dress. With ribbons in yer hair, An' pitch the little towheads in— We're goin' to the Fair!

The Fair will be formally opened on TUESDAY OCTOBER THE SEVENTEENTH, 1905 At twelve o'clock noon.

His Excellency, ROBERT B. GLENN, Governor of North Carolina. Assisted by The President and Ex-Presidents of the Society.

And the Fair, the Great State Fair that brings the folks of North Carolina from the country and from the towns and from the cities to Raleigh, is close at hand. Here in Raleigh we're fixing for it with a mighty rush, and getting gay with flags and bunting.

You've heard of the dates before, but just to remind you, it is repeated that these are from October sixteen to October twenty-one, being Monday and Saturday of the week that have hid in it waiting for us great stacks of enjoyment, fun, and pleasure, great heaps of instruction and knowledge, and the greetings of people from all parts of North Carolina whom we have not seen since last year at the Fair.

Raleigh has contracted a habit of having great State Fairs, but this time the management say that it is going to be the greatest fair ever, and that the hundred thousand or more people who are coming to take in its joys are going to have a feast of good things spread out before them, such that never before in the history of the Fair has been presented, these in the splendid exhibits in the buildings and on the grounds, in the darning and dazzling free-for-all performances, and in the live-wire attractions that will line up along the midway-pike, where the sawdust makes the roadway.

Bands of music are to make melody in the halls and on the grounds, wonderful things are to be exhibited on every side, many pianos will be making music and the merry-go-round will ring out its jumpy-jump notes. Military will be marching and the small boys will occupy every point of vantage, the beautiful maids of North Carolina will be seen in new and fetching gowns, while matrons and men will ramble around in the kaleidoscope picture made up of the throngs of those who are "doing the Fair."

For a Great Big Time.

If you've attended this great State event in Raleigh then you know the rush and the stir of the big days at the Fair, but this year this is to be multiplied by starting figures, for the visit of the President of the United States to Raleigh and the State Fair is going to add enormously to the attendance. He is going to be here Thursday, the 19th of October when at 11 o'clock he is to make an address at the Fair Grounds and he states that this is to contain some important utterances, that will be heard with interest. The unique personality of the President, his varied experience as a rancher in the West where he was comrade with cowboys, his record as Police Commissioner of New York, Civil Service Commissioner, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Colonel of the Rough Riders, Governor of New York, Vice-President and President, with all that these mean, will cause thousands to want to see and hear the man who brought peace to Russia and Japan, and there is expected a congestion of people in the city and at the Fair Grounds on Thursday of Fair Week. That his wife, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, will accompany him will add much interest to his visit.

Raleigh is preparing to take proper care of the great crowds that are expected, and in doing so has arranged a bureau of information, the headquarters being at the Capital Club building, first floor, where the visitor who wants a lodging place or a place to take his meals will be given directions as to these and a messenger sent with him to guide him to the spot. For the thousands are being put in hotels, and boarding houses, private residences, halls and vacant rooms, and a strenuous effort will be made to care for every man, woman and child who honors Raleigh with his presence during the Fair. In the way of meals the hotels, boarding houses, cafes, restaurants and private homes will be ably supplemented by memorable stands and places fixed especially for Fair Week in various parts of the business section, while on the Fair grounds itself and in the halls of the Fair Buildings there will be other places where the hungry may find food and drink. The sawdust will be here in all its glory and leaves of bread by the tens of

thousands, and all kind of potted meats will furnish quick lunches. Very many of the stores will arrange "quick lunch counters" and in every grocery store in Raleigh something to eat may be obtained, so there is no need for any one to get hungry in the rush that Raleigh is going to take care of.

On Hiding to the Fair. There will be many ways of getting to the fair grounds, and special arrangements are being made to handle the great crowds. The Raleigh Electric Company has extended its street car service, and this now goes to the Union Depot and takes in a new section of the city. It has provided many new cars and a quick schedule will be run to the grounds. The Seaboard Air Line Railway will run many trains to the grounds, and

Fair and enjoy the greatest pleasure of the year. The State Fair itself.

The Fascinations of the Fair. The attractions at the Great State Fair in the way of the numerous wonderful, useful, interesting and expensive exhibits will be greater than ever and these will show the wonderful development of North Carolina along the various lines which go to make up the industries of the State. All these will be attractively arranged in the Fair buildings, and the sights to be seen and the instructions to be offered the people are sure to give them joy, pleasure and satisfaction. From all parts of the State these are to come and the promise is for a display of more than the usual attractiveness, everything bright, brilliant and interesting. The exhibits in the Agricultural De-

partment will be unusually attractive, for vegetables, fruits and flowers will be seen in profusion, as both counties and individuals are striving to make such exhibits as will prove to visitors what can be done with agriculture in North Carolina. There will be sharp competition between collective county exhibits and the fine showing of Johnston county a year ago is to be duplicated by many other counties. Machinery for various uses in farm and mechanical work will be shown, thus exemplifying the progress of the farming industry, everything modern and new, and will be worthy of attention of farmers and mechanics who will find in these labor-saving devices the greatest improvements of the times, the best there is to be had.

The Display Increases. The A. and M. College and Blind Institution will make large and attractive exhibits of their various departments, and will be worthy of a visit by all interested in practical education of the two institutions. Other colleges and schools will make exhibits, and the progress of education will be clearly shown. Floral Hall will be very attractive with all kinds of ladies' work. The exhibit there will be one of beauty and excellence. The Pantry Department will be full of home cooking, as great competition has developed in this department, and here it will be seen the North Carolina women are experts in this line.

The Art Department has more entries than ever before, and the exhibit will be very attractive. In the hall with these will be splendid exhibits of the handicraft of North Carolina women showing they have an eye for the beautiful and the useful. There will be fine exhibits of shoe factories that will attract great attention, as they will be displayed on a grand scale. Shoes are always in use and the latest and best of these will be exhibited.

Manufacturers of various kinds of furniture and vehicles, made in the State, will make elaborate displays, showing what home talent can do in those enterprises. North Carolina leads in these lines, and the exhibit will be a most attractive one. President Roosevelt will be on the grounds and deliver an address to the people of North Carolina at 11 a. m., October 19th. Our people will show him by the presence and by their various products, manufacturing and enterprises, that North Carolina is in the lead in this country, and he and his friends will see what grand inducements the State can offer to capitalists and good settlers. There will be a great outpouring and great exhibits by the people of our great Commonwealth.

Much depends in any great enterprise upon the character and the ability of the men who are at its head. In fact no success comes without intelligent conception and efficient execution. The State Fair has become a solid institution financially, as well as giving pleasure to thousands every year largely because it is in the hands of first-class business men who understand what is necessary and do the right thing in the right way.

The North Carolina Agricultural Society was fortunate when it secured the acceptance of Mr. Ashley Horne as its president. He is the type of man who has made the South take a higher stand in the agricultural, business and manufacturing world. He has made money in everything he has undertaken, and he is one of the busiest men in the State. He has a genius for making money and winning success. When elected President of the Fair, everybody knew that he would be no figure-head, but a real President, accepting responsibilities and directing the affairs of the Society with the same good judgment that characterize him in the conduct of every enterprise with which his name is connected. He made the State Fair of 1904 one of the best ever held and during the past year has put the financial affairs of the corporation upon a sound future, and this year under his wise leadership will witness the greatest State Fair ever held in the State of North Carolina. Long live Ashley Horne and may his spirit of enterprise touch and bless the youth of the State.

Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Joseph E. Pogue, Secretary of the State Fair. He accepted the position some years ago at the earnest solicitations of the management and the benefactors. The Fair had not been earning enough money to pay the interest on its bonds and it had no credit. Mr. Pogue resolved to put it on a business basis and to that end has given a large share of his time every month in the year to the business of the Fair, going here and there to book desirable attractions, looking closely after receipts and expenditures, and as a result the State Fair management this year has paid every dollar it owes, retired a portion of its bonds, built a large and magnificent Grand Stand, improved the race track, and will do all this within the well calculated income from the Fair. That has been a financial achievement that entitles Mr. Pogue and those with whom he has been associated in the management of the Fair under the new and better system that has put the Fair upon a solid business basis to a volume of merited praise. He believes "the people must be amused" and always is on the lookout for attractions that will give pleasure to a population of over 4,000,000 and the hum of the spindles from eleven large and prosperous mills make merry music in old Rockingham county. Mr. Mebane has built these mills by bringing to the attention of capitalists all over the United States the advantages of investing money in North Carolina mills. He has interested millionaires in Ohio and Massachusetts and a dozen other Northern States, and at the close of the recent Peace Conference Mr. Mebane greatly interested Baron Komura in the Southern cotton mill development and his progressive Jap will have money in the spindles that make Spray "The Lowell of North Carolina." When a man of Mr. Mebane's large business enterprise accepts as Chief Marshal of the Fair it means that he puts a high estimate upon this greatest institution in the State for bringing North Carolina folks together, showing them what they have done and inspiring them with faith to do greater things.

For many years the late Capt. C. B. Denson was an active and leading factor in the management of the Fair, and as its Treasurer rendered the Fair great service. Upon his death, he was succeeded by his son, C. B. Denson, Jr., as Treasurer, and his usefulness and industry shows he is a "chip off the old block." He is diligent in his work in assisting Mr. Pogue, and his ability, earnestness and zeal have proven valuable factors in the success and management of the State Fair.

Chief Marshal Mebane. Much—very much—depends upon the sort of men who are selected as Chief Marshals of the State Fair. The management was fortunate indeed

when it secured the acceptance of Mr. B. Frank Mebane, of Spray, as Chief Marshal. Mr. Mebane is one of the most successful manufacturers in the State and one of the most agreeable and popular men in our borders. He is a natural leader in everything he takes part, and he goes into no venture of a social or business character into which he does not throw himself fully. And that spells success. He has selected a corps of assistants who represent the strongest of the younger men in the business and progressive life of the State, and they will add greatly to the pleasure of the Fair. Mr. Mebane has been too busy building cotton mills and bringing capital to North Carolina to heretofore take active interest in the management of the Fair, but he has attended nearly every year and shown that what ever concern the progress of North

ments are considered, these with the directors in each being: A.—Field and Garden Crops, C. N. Allen, of Wake. B1.—Horses, John W. Cross, of Wake. B2.—Cattle, Benchan Cameron and J. M. Crenshaw, of Wake. B3.—Sheep, C. W. Burkett, of Wake. B4.—Swine, Ben. M. Moore, of Wake. C.—Poultry and Pet Stock, Ivan M. Proctor, of Wake. D.—Horticulture, etc., Z. W. Whitehead, of New Hanover. E.—Pantry Supplies, Carey J. Hunter, of Wake. F.—Manufactures, J. S. Wynne, of Wake. G.—General Displays, John Nichols, of Wake. H.—Ladies Work, John S. Cuning-



ASHLEY HORNE, President State Fair, 1905.



B. FRANK MEBANE, Chief Marshal State Fair, 1905.



JOSEPH E. POGUE, Secretary State Fair, 1905.



C. B. DENSON, Treasurer State Fair, 1905.

RALEIGH A MECCA FOR THE SOCIETIES

Fair Week the Time for Many Meetings.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

Confederate Veterans, Spanish-American War Veterans, Mexican Veterans, Cotton Growers, Convention State Historical and Literary Society and Others to Meet.

Raleigh is the Mecca towards which the faces of many thousands of people in the State are now turned, and the people will be here in great numbers next week during the Great State Fair.

Among the thousands who will be here will be many members of various organizations which will hold their sessions in the Capital City during the week, thus combining the interests of these organizations with a visit to the Fair, the enjoyment of its pleasures and the gathering of much information.

State Agricultural Society. Connected with the Fair the meeting of chief interest will be that of the North Carolina Agricultural Society which will hold its annual meeting. This will be held on Thursday night, the 19th of October, in the Hall of the House of Representatives and will be called to order at 8 o'clock by Hon. Ashley Horne, the president of the society, which has charge of the State Fair. At this meeting the officers are to be elected for the ensuing year.

The Confederate Veterans. An important meeting that will be held on Wednesday night, October 18, in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 8 o'clock is that of the Confederate Veterans' Association of North Carolina, the meeting having been called by General Julian S. Carr, in command of the North Carolina Division. The Veterans have been invited to hold the honor position in the parade which will escort President Roosevelt to the State Fair, and it is probable that some action on this will be taken at the meeting on Wednesday night.

Spanish-American War Veterans. A meeting of Spanish-American War Veterans will be held here on Thursday morning, this to be at 10 o'clock in the grand stand at the Fair Grounds. The call for the meeting has been issued by General Joseph F. Armfield, Colonel of the First North Carolina Volunteer Infantry during the Spanish-American War and by Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, who was in command of the Second North Carolina Volunteer Infantry in that war. The call says that the meeting will be held that the men who took part in that war may see the President "our comrade in that war, and to make his acquaintance." The meeting will be in session at the time President Roosevelt reaches the Fair Grounds to deliver his address, which is to begin about eleven o'clock.

Mexican Veterans' Association. There will also be a meeting here of the surviving veterans of the Mexican War. There are but few of these left yet the smallness of the numbers will be no bar to the enthusiasm of the meeting. It is expected that there will be a gathering of the veterans of the Mexican War at the City Hall about 9 o'clock on the morning of Thursday, October 19, and that the meeting will adjourn to the grand stand at the Fair Grounds shortly after ten o'clock, as to meet the President of the United States and take part in the ceremonies there. Plans are also being arranged to have a meeting of the veterans on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock in the City Hall.

Cotton Growers' Association. The North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association is to meet here on Friday night, October 20, in the Hall of the House of Representatives at half past seven o'clock with the State President, Col. John S. Cunningham, of Person, presiding. The meeting will be largely attended and it is apt to prove an important one with possible action in regard to present conditions in the cotton market. An address will be delivered by Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association.

State Historical and Literary. The North Carolina Historical and Literary Society will meet on Tuesday night, October 17, in the Roney Library Hall, and the meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock. It will be an interesting meeting and a specially entertaining address is to be made by Judge R. W. Winston, of Durham, who will have for his theme, "The Cultivation of State Pride." The nature of the presentation of the cup offered by Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, of Winston-Salem, to the North Carolina man who during the past year has published the best piece of literature will also come up, and the award will be watched for with keen anticipation.

The Oratorical Contest. The State Fair Association has arranged for a meeting of great interest, this to have as its active participants representative orators from the colleges of North Carolina. For the best oration by any college man the society has offered a gold medal, and (Continued on Page Twenty-Three.)

Carolina is dear to his heart. The town of Spray is in reality the town that Frank Mebane built, it contains a population of over 4,000 and the hum of the spindles from eleven large and prosperous mills make merry music in old Rockingham county. Mr. Mebane has built these mills by bringing to the attention of capitalists all over the United States the advantages of investing money in North Carolina mills. He has interested millionaires in Ohio and Massachusetts and a dozen other Northern States, and at the close of the recent Peace Conference Mr. Mebane greatly interested Baron Komura in the Southern cotton mill development and his progressive Jap will have money in the spindles that make Spray "The Lowell of North Carolina." When a man of Mr. Mebane's large business enterprise accepts as Chief Marshal of the Fair it means that he puts a high estimate upon this greatest institution in the State for bringing North Carolina folks together, showing them what they have done and inspiring them with faith to do greater things.

In each of these departments there are many cash prizes, medals, ribbons and diplomas, besides which there are many special prizes of various articles offered by manufacturers, merchants and dealers throughout the State and the country, all of which are set forth in the handsome catalogue issued by the society, to be had of Secretary Joseph E. Pogue.

Ho! For The Races!!

The racing at the State Fair will be exciting as some fast horses have been entered and contests will be spirited. The track is in a great one, and is in excellent condition, a fine view of the races being easily had from the new grand stand which faces the track (Continued on Page Twenty-Three.)

Who Judge of Exhibits. The wide range of articles to be found on exhibit at the State Fair is easily seen in the various depart-