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EDITOR'S CORRESPONDENCE.

Opening of the Newbern Fair—A Novel and Beautiful Exhibit.

The fair was formally opened this morning at 10 o'clock. After prayer by the Rev. Mr. George of the Episcopal church, followed by an impressive reference to the magnitude of the occasion, Mr. C. C. Clark in most eloquent and appropriate language introduced to the large audience Gov. Fowle, whose duty it was formally to inaugurate the act of opening.

The buildings and the grounds are those of the old Griffin School, an institution founded more than half a century ago by a benevolent gentleman of Newbern named Griffin, who donated certain funds for the establishment of an industrial and educational school for the benefit of the children of the county—not those of the town—and it prospered and the fund increased until the school became one of note, until the original one-story school house grew into a capacious two-story brick building with a high dry basement, and the grounds were enlarged until they covered a space of about four acres.

As it is heralded as emphatically a fish and game fair, my steps were first directed to the department in which those things were displayed, which was in a building specially built and arranged for the purpose. Entering the main door, I was introduced at once to the fish, most of them fresh from the water, laid side by side on broad inclined shelves, thickly covered with broken ice, and ready for inspection.

Perhaps my first impression was a little disappointing; I had expected too much. But examination proved that I was a little unreasonable, for I found them all but the whale—the skeleton of one of which, however, was lying outside. But there were all the table fish of the season found on our coast, the shad, the herring, the Spanish mackerel, the drum, the sea trout, the sheepshead, the pompano, the sturgeon, the flounder, the jack, the club, the perch, the cel of fresh water, while from the waters of the gulf had been brought the rosy red snapper and the grouper were found, while more northern waters had contributed the cod and the salmon. There were lobsters and crabs, and among the shell fish were the finest oysters almost ever seen, taken in our waters, some from planted, others from natural beds; there were also clams and scallops in abundance. The fish display was large and various enough for a profitable object lesson, and could not well have been larger, since from the perishable character of the subject the supply has to be renewed every day.

The game included half a dozen fine deer, kept in large open pens, three or four bears, opossums, raccoons, squirrels, and of birds, eagles, wild geese, brant, ducks in great variety, gulls, owls, hawks, partridges in quantity, all caught in the vicinity of Newbern. In addition to these were stuffed specimens of birds and beasts, giving instructive lessons in the natural history of this section.

Independent of the fish and game features, the fair is complete and instructive in many other particulars. In truth it is a very comprehensive exhibit. Near by the fish hall, is agricultural hall. Many of the articles there are common to all similar exhibits. Some are, however, peculiar, illustrative of the peculiar industries of the section. One illustrates the manufacture of turpentine in all its stages. Sections of trees are taken up and placed in the hall, one of which will show the first step in "boxing," and the making of the "box," out of which is taken the "virgin dip," and a cask near by contains that substance, which a very intelligent colored man, an expert, will show the visitor and explain the process. Then there will be another tree, in its second year of working, when the "round above" has scraped away a broad

face above the box, down which the resin slowly trickles, and is scraped off, a thick gummy substance, known as scrapings; and you will be shown a barrel of scrapings. Then there is cotton still on the stalk, introducing you to the process of making cotton seed meal, and oil cake; and it is all shown you, from the seed stripped of lint, the decorticated seed, the crushed kernel, the fine meal, and the compressed cake. Then there are displays of forest wealth which gave me opportunity of comparing with our own. There was one section of a yellow pine cut longitudinally exposing a face four feet in diameter; holly trees cut the same way two feet across, but all other timbers, though numerous, were smaller than ours. Some shrubs with us here grow almost into the size of trees. I saw a section of a huckleberry bush four inches in diameter, and other shrubs, switch like with us, so large as to be ranked as trees.

The stock of poultry is the finest I have ever seen, in quality and variety. Langshan chickens, Brahmas, game fowls, turkeys, ducks, peacocks, guinea fowls and others were perfect in their kinds. There was a large display of very fine cattle, Jerseys and Holsteins, and an endless quantity of young calves of blood, which will come here again when they shall come to maturity and show the progress of improvement in stock raising. There was also a large number enormously large and fat, but too lazy to exhibit themselves by rising from their soft cotton seed beds.

One feature of the fair I have not yet seen—the bank ponies. They are to come out this afternoon, but I am elsewhere engaged. But they are common enough on the streets.

Nothing on earth sells like our Childs' Heavy Ribbed 10c. Hose.

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