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THE FAIR IN FULL BLAST TOMORROW

A Wealth of Magnificent Attractions
Are Ready for Sight-seers

EXCELS ALL OTHERS

Brilliant Electric Illumination
at Night

GREAT CROWDS COMING

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stock and sleek cattle will contest in large numbers for coveted ribbons. Every product of the State will be shown in all its attractiveness, and there will be a wealth of amusements that will satisfy the most exacting taste. The railroads have offered a very cheap rate, which insures a great attendance. All the railroads have made unusual preparations for the transportation of visitors. Special trains will be run over all roads, thus giving a complete and thorough passenger service, which, with the low rate offered, is calculated to attract immense crowds. With favorable weather a record-breaking attendance will result.

The city is ready to welcome the visitors. Decorations adorn many of the places of business and by tomorrow the city will be in holiday attire in honor of the fair. In addition to the three hotels many boarding houses and private families will accommodate visitors. Hospitality will be extended under every roof in Raleigh.

There is an increase of interest in the State Fair in recent years, yet it is not sufficiently great. The Fair is in its broadest sense a State Fair, and the premiums are liberal and wide in their range—so as to give persons in every section an opportunity to show what they are doing in the way of progress and development. The farmer, the horse and cattle and swine breeders will all find premiums well worth the winning.

In the city there will be plenty of attractions. A number of meetings of State interest will be held during the week. Chief among these will be the theater. At the Academy of Music the widely known Columbia Opera Company will hold the boards four nights, being preceded Monday night by the "Prisoner of Zenda," cue of the greatest of stage plays.

At Metropolitan Hall the Herald Square Opera Company will hold forth. There will be dances each night of the week save two. The crowning feature of the dances will be the "Marshals' ball," in the beautiful ball room of the Capital Club Friday night. There will also be innumerable receptions during the week.

The Fair under the blaze of electric lights is the most magnificent ever seen here. The electric illuminations dazzle the eye and fancy. From the grand stand to the street car track dozens of powerful arc lights make night as bright as day. The opening of the Fair at night is going to be a popular and successful move. The street cars will maintain a fast schedule in the city. The admission at night will only be 25 cents.

The State Fair management is going to prove that it has arranged the greatest Fair ever conceived in the South. Some of the attractions are: Racing, the highest and most exciting order. A midway that will bewilder and astonish. A contest between automobiles, the first of the kind in the State.

Balloons with humane freight in their suspended cars, rising to inconceivable heights. Agriculture exhibits, such as never have been exhibited in the South. A magnificent poultry and pet stock show.

And now to the midway. This feature of the fair has possibly received more attention than any other. In order to accommodate the interesting class of people who populate the "streets of Cairo," the fence on the east side of the grounds has been moved back fifty yards, leaving a broad avenue between the race track and the midway for the great mass of people, who literally swarm that part of the grounds.

Of course, the midway, one of the most attractive things on earth, will be there. It will be composed of a glittering of strange races from the far east; fierce and swarthy sons of the desert; dazzling temples and sun-kissed minarets of the sacred city of Rajah, peopled with the real worshippers of Brahma and Buddha dancing girls from all nations; the weird and alluring Hula-Hula from Hawaii and the dream beguiling Hully-Geet; the magnetic Oggy-Goggy and the mystic Woosie-Woo.

together the weeks program of special features, with the fortieth annual fair promises to be the most successful in its history. The fair will be memorable for its immense display of farm products; interesting exhibits of agricultural implements and machinery; rare display of North Carolina fruits and flowers; great competitive exhibition of horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry; products of the dairy, pantry, apiary and work-room; exhibits of the schools and colleges of educational work.

The grand exhibit of Vanderbilt's Blinn farm products, which is not equaled anywhere in America in extent and variety, will be displayed at great expense, simply for the pleasure and profit of the visitors, but will not compete for premiums, as the general manager of Blinn farm, Mr. McNamee, is president of the society.

Another fine display, worthy of being seen by all will be (Gen. J. S. Carr's Oconeechee farm exhibit, which will consist of the finest horses, cattle, sheep, swine, standard poultry, pet animals and agricultural products of hundreds of varieties.

A grand parade of all the premium stock will take place Wednesday and Thursday at 10 o'clock. The route will be around the race track so that all can witness the greatest display of fine stock ever seen in the State.

A visit to the grounds on yesterday surprised us as to the preparations already made. The stands and booths are going up more rapidly than ever before and the whole grounds is a scene of great activity.

The large octagon in Floral Hall is being handsomely decorated by the pupils of the institution for the blind, in which they will exhibit the products of the industrial departments of the school.

The Snider Pump Company, of Richmond, Virginia, are putting up the engine for supplying power for the machinery on exhibition.

For the first time in years all machinery will be in motion, which will add largely to the proper display of farm and stock machinery. The Snider Company will also supply the grounds with water pumped from the well free of charge.

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them some melons that challenge the raisers of the State.

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The exhibits this year will not only be numerous, but will be comprehensive for not only will Raleigh merchants show their goods, wares and manufactures, but those from other cities and States have secured room in the mammoth buildings for a similar purpose. It would require a volume to particularize these.

A big football game and clay pigeon shoot.

There will be many special features during the week of the Fair. Notable among these will be a splendid football contest between the A. and M. College of Virginia (Blacksburg) and the A. and M. College of North Carolina on Friday. Both colleges have strong teams and the game has been secured at great expense. The game will be played on the grounds without any extra charge to visitors.

The musical program will be all right. Wright's Cornet Band will give morning and afternoon concerts at the grandstand by a regularly arranged program, and the fine orchestra of the Institution for the Blind will play in the octagon of the Floral Hall.

E. P. McKissick, Esq., of Asheville, is director of the department of gun contests at the fair, and the prizes, with donations, amount to two hundred and fifty dollars. These contests occur on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 24, 25 and 26. Mr. C. H. Belvin, Jr., secretary of the Raleigh Gun Club, is resident manager. Crack shots from many Southern cities are expected to participate.

Friday is to be educational day. That day will be observed as a holiday in all the graded schools of the city for the celebration of educational day. There will be a special program at the grounds, which will be announced. Gold medals and diplomas are offered for exhibits by schools and colleges of art work, apparatus, collections of specimens, charts, school publications, etc. Best exhibit of maps and charts, No. 1501 of premium list, will receive premium of full set of maps of the Caxton Company of Chicago. This donation to the fair is the value of \$25, and given through Charles A. Parker, director of the educational department. For individual pupils cash premiums are provided. Among others, for the best essay on the subject of "North Carolina and

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W. T. OLD, Chief Marshal.

THE RAILROADS PROVIDE TO HANDLE LARGE CROWDS

The railroads are making elaborate preparations to bring vast crowds to the Fair. A remarkably low rate has been given by the railroads and is sure to attract tremendous throngs. Both the Seaboard and the Southern are preparing ample accommodations to take care of the unusual traffic. Special trains will be run over both roads every day. The Seaboard has announced its determination to run trains every half hour Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the union station and the grounds. These trains will run at night on Wednesday and Thursday. The street car company has made great preparations to handle the crowds, and with an up-to-date railroad and street car service, augmented by hundreds of public vehicles and equipments, the transportation accommodations will be all that can be desired. The Seaboard will only charge fifteen cents for a round-trip ticket this year, making a reduction of twenty-five per cent. in the fare over former years.

THE INDUSTRIAL PARADE AN ASSURED SUCCESS

"Industrial Day," Wednesday of Fair week, will be a great day, and the interest taken in it shows that the appeal to the business, manufacturing and educational interests of Raleigh have been answered in a public-spirited way. It requires enterprise and zeal to show what Raleigh is doing. The trade parade on Industrial Day will be the crowning feature, and it will contain at least forty-five magnificent floats. Every one will recall the fine parade last year. The people who were represented were as well pleased as the spectators, for they saw at once how capital they were advertising themselves. Well, this year's parade will be both bigger and better than the last one. The Fair will also be bigger and better, so everything is in harmony.

The chief marshal of the industrial parade will be that hustling young business man, Joe K. Marshall, and he will have an excellent assistant in the person of Dalton Stronach. The starting place of the parade will be Fayetteville street in front of the Centennial school. There will be a new feature this time and this also will be an object-lesson. Following the floats, and as a section of the procession, will be the city's street cleaning and sanitary department, with sixteen vehicles in line, headed by Dr. Sale and his assistant, James Jordan. All the vehicles will be painted, and the drivers will be in white, the reg-

ulation color—"white wings" they are called in the big cities.

THE RACING PROGRAM AN ATTRACTIVE ONE

The liberal purses offered for the racing contests have attracted some of the finest horses in the country. The races will be all that lovers of speed trials can desire. The track is one of the best in the country and is rated as very fast. There will be four days of splendid racing. Mr. W. C. McMackin is manager of the races, and Mr. W. J. Carter the starter.

The program of the races is as follows: **FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, OCT. 23.** No. 1.—2:50 Class; trotting and pacing, 3 in 5. \$250.00 No. 2.—Running race; 5-8 mile heats, 2 in 3. 100.00

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24. No. 3.—2:50 Class; for North Carolina bred and raised horses; pacing and trotting, 3 in 5. 250.00 No. 4.—Running race; 3/4 mile heats, 2 in 3. 100.00 No. 5.—2:24 Class; trotting, 3 in 5. 250.00

THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, OCT. 25. No. 6.—2:35 Class; trotting, 3 in 5. 250.00 No. 7.—2:18 Class; trotting and pacing, 3 in 5. 300.00 No. 8.—2:40 Class; trotting, 3 in 5. 250.00 No. 9.—Running race; 1 mile, 2 in 3. 150.00

FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, OCT. 26. No. 10.—2:20 Class; trotting, 3 in 5. 250.00 No. 11.—2:28 Class; pacing, 3 in 5. 250.00 No. 12.—Running race; 1-2 mile, 2 in 3. 100.00 National Association rules govern. All races in harness, mile heats, best 3 in 5. Moneys divided 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent. Entrance fee 5 per cent, with 5 per cent, additional from money winners. A horse distancing others gets one money only. Five to enter, three to start.

Right reserved to change order of any day's program. Right reserved to reject any entry which is not received within 36 hours after date of closing. Hopples no bar; old distance rules. Entries close Monday, October 22, at 11 p. m. Records made that day no bar.

THE FAIR MARSHALS AND SOCIAL FEATURES

The social side of the fair always attracts many people from a distance. The fair is a great occasion for renewing acquaintances. Society finds no such occasion at any other season of the year for so many festivities and functions.

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W. H. McNAMEE, President.

Organization of a State Library and Historical Society. Organization of a Fruit Shippers Association. Meeting of the Cotton Growers' of the State.

The Confederate Veterans' reunion at the fair has for the past ten years been an annual feature. An opportunity is thus given for old comrades to get together. The annual meeting of the State Association of Veterans will be held at night, at the Capitol, when the election of officers are held. The reunion at the fair grounds is always pleasing, and there is a genuine pleasure in seeing the joy old soldiers feel in meeting former comrades of days that are gone.

The program has been arranged for the general meeting to be held in this city October 23 for the purpose of organizing the North Carolina Literary Association, and indications are that the event will be attended by a marked degree of success. The meeting will be held in the music hall of the Olivia Raney Library building, and quite a number of people from different parts of the State are expected to attend. The program is as follows:

Prayer by Dr. A. A. Marshall. 8:15 to 8:30—Reading of Plan of Organization by the Committee on Constitution. Song—"Thou Art Mine All" (Tipton), Miss Minnie Fitch Tucker. 8:45 to 9—"How to Collect and Preserve Material for Local and State History"—Graham Daves, New Bern, N. C. 9 to 9:15—J. S. Bassett, Durham, N. C. Violin Solo—Miss Mary Johnson. 9:30 to 9:45—"Practical Plans for Publishing What We Produce"—E. J. Hale, Fayetteville, N. C. 9:45 to 10—"How We May Stimulate the Production of Literature in North Carolina"—B. F. Siedd, Wake Forest, N. C.

Vocal Solo—"Angel's Serenade"—Miss Mamie Cowper. General Discussion. "The Old North State" (Gaston)—Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Hamilton, Chorus, accompanied by choir and audience. 10:45—Adjournment.

LIBERAL PREMIUMS AND A WEALTH OF EXHIBITS

The premium list includes over \$3,000 in cash premiums, besides many valuable special offers. Judging from the exhibits already installed, and entered, and the innumerable attractions that have secured space,



E. POGUE, Secretary.



C. B. DENSON, Treasurer.