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## "ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE"

### The Curtain Rises the Coming Week with the Scene Laid at Carolina's Capital City--The Play Is

## THE GREATEST OF STATE FAIRS

### Or, An Exposition of the Limitless Products of Most Resourceful State in the Union

## WEALTH OF THE STATE

### Portrayed in Charming and Active Style

## ALL TARHEELDOM HERE

### To Witness the Performance for Four Days--The Mammoth Twentieth Century Fair Beginning on Tuesday--Finest Stock and Agricultural Exhibits Ever Displayed Here--The Midway Covers Many Acres of Ground--Various Attractions for the Sightseer and Pleasure Seeker--Bunch of Ostriches--Ninety-four Entries for Horse Races

When the light of day breaks through the curtain of night and day dawns next Tuesday, October 22, the city of Raleigh and the fair grounds of the North Carolina Agricultural Society will present a scene of great activity and resplendent beauty.

What is the occasion?

The great Twentieth Century State Fair will open on that date.

After all that has been said and written concerning the coming event it would seem to be superfluous to say anything more but--

Listen, neighbor!

You have never seen such a fair as will be displayed before your admiring gaze this time. The entries in all departments of exhibition hall, the stock pens and yards, the horse stables, fast-steppers for the race track and numerous outdoor attractions have never approached the immensity and almost fabulous lookings as those for the coming week. The attractions have not only been booked--they are here at the grounds now in large numbers and variety, and when the curtain is rung up Tuesday, well, no pen can do justice to the picture.

Of course you will be here.

The officials and managers have cause to felicitate themselves on the elaborate show they have, by indefatigable energy

seeking knowledge of the latest and best of the improvements in all lines of manufacturing machinery.

The department for live stock and products of the farm are full. There will be the fat, sleek farm horses, the cattle, the swine, the sheep, the geese, the ducks, the turkeys, the chickens, all in large numbers and of every name and breed. The time can never come when these things will be required under any conditions to take a back seat, and the long-handled gourd and the biggest pumpkin will never lose their drawing power at the annual fairs.

But why attempt to enumerate?

It would be sheer folly.

The show is great and every department and the people are coming to see it.

With their usual enterprise, the various railroads running into Raleigh have offered a very low rate, which insures a great attendance. All the roads have made extensive preparations for the transportation of visitors and special trains will be run from all sections of the State as the demand may require, thus giving a complete and thorough passenger service and with the low rate unusual crowds will be attracted. With reasonably good weather the crowds will be large and with favorable weather they will be immense.

And Raleigh?

Raleigh is preparing to do her part handsomely and the city is ready to extend a cordial, hospitable welcome to all. Decorations are unusually elaborate and extensive, and gala attire adorns the whole town. The hotels, boarding houses and private families will accommodate visitors and everything possible will be done to make everyone have a pleasant time. Hospitality is written over every door and will be extended under every roof in Raleigh. The city has been greatly beautified in recent years, and those who have not visited the city or fair in several years will find a double attraction. The fair will claim your attention in the day and at night there will be special attractions at the two theatres, the Academy of Music and the Metropolitan Opera House. There will be no dull or tiresome moments, but something to enliven, amuse, inter-

est that ever drove stakes on a North Carolina fair ground. The grounds were enlarged last year to accommodate the people who inhabit the "Streets of Cairo" and this year the tents will be put in double rows, forming two streets or walkways along the section where the Orientals jingle their trappings, and where there are dens of large and ferocious rattlesnakes and where Esau actually "kissed" his brother. In addition to this the space for the midway extends four hundred feet north of the grand stand this year, occupying that much space never before utilized at a State Fair. This extension was made absolutely necessary by reason of the extraordinarily large number of applications. To many visitors at the fair the midway is one of the most attractive things on earth. It is composed of a conglomerate mass of all manner of side show including a "glittering of strange races from the far east; fierce and swartly sons of the desert; dazzling temples and sun-kissed minarets of the sacred city of Rajaha, peopled with the real worshippers of Brahma and Buddha dancing girls from all nations," etc. The fact of the business is it is impossible to describe in a real midway, such as will be laid out for your amusement at the coming fair.

### IMPOSING PARADE ON OPENING DAY OF FAIR

On Tuesday morning an imposing parade will form on Fayetteville street, headed by the Governor and various State officials, the president and other officials of the fair association, the executive committee and distinguished visitors in carriages, and the marshals of the fair, preceded by a cordon of police and followed by the military and cadets of the A. and M. College and civic organizations, interspersed along the line by bands of music and march to the fair grounds, where the opening exercises will be held.

### INTERESTING MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

There will be a number of important meetings held in this city during the week of State-wide interest. Some of them are of vital interest to the farmers, especially cotton and tobacco growers of the State.

On Tuesday night a meeting will be held at the capital under the auspices of the State Agricultural Society, at which there will be specially prepared addresses by President Charles D. McIver, of the State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, and Rev. Dr. A. A. Marshall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Raleigh. Dr. McIver's subject will be "The Education of Women," a most fruitful topic and one that will be handled by a master. Dr. Marshall's subject will be "The Present Standpoint of Woman as Compared



GEN. W. P. ROBERT, Chief Marshal.

The executive committee of the Cotton Growers Association, composed of Hon. S. L. Patterson, chairman; and Messrs. W. H. Clark, of Halifax, J. W. B. Battle, of Edgecombe, J. A. Stevens, of Wayne, J. W. Atwater, of Chatham, H. McLean, of Scotland, and B. H. Thompson, will meet in Mr. Patterson's office in agricultural building on Tuesday night to prepare recommendations to be submitted to a meeting of the association to be held in the hall of the agricultural building Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Since the meeting of the Cotton Growers Association held here a few weeks ago much interest has been awakened, manifest by the organization of branch associations in several counties, and the attendance next Wednesday afternoon is expected to be large.

Another important meeting for Tuesday night will be that of the State Horticultural Society, which the faculty and students of St. Mary's College, Peace Institute and Baptist Female University have been invited to attend.

On Wednesday night the annual reunion of the Confederate Veterans will be held, and appropriate addresses will be made. The veterans of the gray are expected in full force, and the meeting is looked forward to with interest, as are all things that pertain to the pleasure or welfare of the heroes of the Civil War.

Thursday night the annual meeting of the State Agricultural Society will take place and among other features of this meeting will be an address by President Geo. T. Winston.

### CHANCE FOR SPORTING BLOOD AMONG FARMER BOYS

Going back to the fair grounds and the race track for a few moments, attention is called to what is styled the gentleman's running race, which will take place on the opening day of the fair, is not a part of the technical program for trials of speed, but intended to be a feature of reunion among the young planters of the State and lovers of good horse flesh on the farm. Horses that have been trained will be barred from entering this race. No entry fee will be charged for this contest, and all are cordially invited to come and join the sport. Those who desire to enter should report promptly. The race will be five-eighths of a mile. The first premium will be a handsome saddle, blanket and bridle, complete riding outfit, given by the North Carolina Agricultural Society, and valued at fifty dollars. The second prize is a splendid set of buggy harness, given by the Wyatt Harness Company, of this city. These premiums will be presented during the fair.

### LARGE AMOUNTS TO BE PAID IN PREMIUMS

The premiums are more liberal this year than ever before. By the assist-

ance of the Agricultural Department through its liberal board, which aided the society to the amount of \$1,500 for premiums, the entire premium lists amount to about \$7,000, including the cost of the valuable gold medals.

The State Farmers' Alliance also gives a list of cash premiums for farm and garden products to Alliances and Alliancemen in good standing in addition to those otherwise awarded. There are a large number of special premiums to be found throughout the list.

Judging from the exhibits already installed and entered, and the innumerable attractions that have secured space, together with the program of special features for the week, the forty-first annual fair promises to be the most successful in the history of the association. The fair will be memorable for the 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, poultry, apiary and work-room; exhibits of the schools and colleges of educational work.

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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.

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### GUN CLUB SHOOT AND FOOTBALL GAME

Under the auspices of the Raleigh Gun Club there will be a grand trap shooting tournament each day of the fair. The shooting will commence at 10 o'clock each morning. The Raleigh Gun Club has been earnestly at work to make the shoot an enjoyable and attractive feature to sportsmen.

There has also been arranged a great game of football to be played between the A. and M. College team of this city and another strong team. No extra charge will be made to see the football game. It is free to all who visit the fair.

Taking everything together and summing it all up it is seen that nothing imaginable has been left undone to make the fair the biggest success, from a meritorious standpoint, in its history. The musical program will be all night and inspiring strains of band music will be wafted about the place in melodious welcome.

### AN ATTRACTIVE RACING PROGRAM

The splendid purses offered for horse racing, running, trotting and pacing, has

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GEN. W. R. COX, PRESIDENT.

est and instruct the whole week through.

The fascinating and popular sport of horse racing has not been neglected. On the contrary every effort has been made to make this the record breaking year on the race track. Some interesting marks have been scored on North Carolina tracks lately and the management here have determined to keep up with the procession, and to give the visitors and spectators the worth of their money.

The entries this year for the races far exceed in number those of any previous year in the history of the State Fair, and it is confidently believed that the fastest steppers ever seen here are among them. If you are an admirer of fine blooded racers, trotters and pacers, as well as real racing contests, clean track work, you cannot afford to miss the races this year.

### BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The North Carolina Agricultural Society was formed in 1852, and its first president was R. H. Smith, Esq., of Scotland Neck. Its fairs were held in the southeastern part of the city, and gave much pleasure in the ante bellum days. Suspended during the war, the State Fair was again held in 1869, and at that time a movement was inaugurated to change the location to the present spacious and eligible grounds, which are connected by rail with the main lines of roads at union station. This was effected in 1872, and the first fair at the new grounds was held in 1873, Col. Thos. M. Holt, president. This patriotic citizen held the position for twelve years. Messrs. K. P. Battle, J. S. Dancy, Geo. W. Upchurch, R. H. Battle, Col. Benehan Cameron, Gen. Julian S. Carr, Col. J. S. Cunningham and Charles McNamee and other distinguished North Carolinians have served as president. And the present great fair is under the executive control as president of Gen. Wm. R. Cox, of Edgecombe.

### THE MIDWAY SPACE DOUBLED THIS YEAR

There have been midways at former fairs; but the midway this year is the

with the Past." For this meeting the Hollowbush orchestra will furnish music interspersed with vocal selections under the direction of Mr. W. S. Primrose. Ladies are especially invited to attend.

On the same night the State Literary and Historical Association will hold its annual meeting in the hall of the Olivia Roney Library Building, and a most interesting program will be rendered. At this meeting an effort will be made to organize the Nat. Macon Monumental Association.

The following is the program of the exercises for the meeting of the State Literary and Historical Association:

8 p. m.--Prayer by the Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D. Address by the president, Justice Walter Clark. Violin solo by Mr. Clarence de Vaux-Royer, Raleigh, N. C.

8:25 p. m.--Address: "Status of the Library Movement in North Carolina," by Prof. G. A. Grimsley, Greensboro, N. C.

8:45 p. m.--Address: "Possibilities of the Library Movement in North Carolina," by Senator H. S. Ward, Plymouth, N. C.

9:05 p. m.--Address: "What Durham County is Doing, and What the State Ought to be Doing for Public Schools," Hon. Robert W. Winston, Durham, N. C.

9:20 p. m.--Roberts of Committees. Vocal solo by Miss Mary R. Mackay, Raleigh, N. C.

9:40 p. m.--Address: "Proposition to Celebrate on Roanoke Island the Landing of Raleigh's Colony," by Major Graham Daves, New Bern, N. C.

Proposition seconded by Governor Charles B. Aycock.

General discussion.

Piano solo by Miss Chilian Pixley, Raleigh, N. C.

10:20 p. m.--Address: "Ways and Means to Erect a Statue to Sir Walter Raleigh in Our State Capital," by Gen. Julian S. Carr, Durham, N. C.

General discussion.

Vocal solo by Miss Alice Huston Hammond, Raleigh, N. C.

10:40 p. m.--Poem: "Sir Walter Raleigh," (written for the occasion), by Mr. Henry Jerome Stockard.

10:50 p. m.--Election of officers. Benediction.



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