

THE GREAT NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR OF 1905

Everything Ready for the Reception of President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt--The Greatest Occasion in History of Capital City

THE GREAT PARADE ON THURSDAY

Citizens, State Fair Officers, Marshals and Visiting Military Companies and Veterans Will Form the Escort

MODERN NEW GRAND STAND

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt Will Take Breakfast at the Governor's Mansion as the Guests of the Governor and Mrs. Glenn--After This Will Come the Grand Procession to the Fair Grounds Where the President Will Address the People From a Pavilion in Front of the Grand Stand

This is the beginning of the week that will be ever memorable in the history of Raleigh, the week in which President Roosevelt, whose name will go down the annals as one of the greatest Americans that ever lived, will honor the Capital City with his presence on the occasion of the Forty-fifth North Carolina State Fair, coming on what is always the biggest day of the fair, Thursday.



Claude B. Denson of Wake, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary

hours, entertained by the governor and Mrs. Glenn at the executive mansion at breakfast. It is needless to say that the people of Raleigh and the whole state are especially proud of the fact that Mrs. Roosevelt will be our guest with the president, because this is the first time that Mrs. Roosevelt has ever accompanied the president on one of his trips. That the Old North State will fittingly demonstrate her delight goes without saying. President Roosevelt has been the recipient of a number of very warm receptions, but it is doubtful if he ever got one to compare with what Raleigh will give him on next Thursday, the nineteenth of October.

& M. College. Upon his arrival at the fair grounds, which will be about half-past ten o'clock, President Roosevelt will deliver an address to the people from the pavilion that has been erected immediately in front of the grand stand and adjoining it. After the address a luncheon will be given by the North Carolina Agricultural Society to the president and marshals in a building put up on the grounds for the purpose. After luncheon the president will be escorted to an improvised station just outside of the grounds to take his special train at one o'clock.

The city already has on its gala dress of gay banners and bunting. All the public buildings, the great majority of the business houses and many of the private dwellings have been hung and tastefully draped with appropriate bunting, and huge banners have been hung across the main streets. Of course it goes without saying that the crowd at this fair will be the biggest in the history of North Carolina State Fairs on account of the visit of President Roosevelt, and special preparations have been made to



Ashley Horne of Johnston County, President State Fair of 1905

handle the vast throng. All of the roads, the Southern, Seaboard and Raleigh & Cape Fear, have put on an additional number of specials to run during the week from points that are within reasonable distance, so timed as to reach Raleigh in the morning and return the same evening. Then the fair ground trains will be run from the Union Station to the grounds every few minutes during the day. The new street car extension, which is operating between Fayetteville street and the depot will be a convenience to those going to the grounds from the Union Station.

ten o'clock in the grand-stand at the fair grounds the North Carolina Veterans of the Spanish-American war. A reunion of the Veterans of the Mexican war will be held in the city October 17, 18 and 19, with a convention in the city hall on Tuesday at 2:15 and Wednesday at 9:30. On Thursday the veterans will participate in the reception to the president and the place of honor in the parade has been assigned to them. On Thursday night there will be the annual meeting of the North Carolina Agricultural Society, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

On Friday night will be the inter-collegiate contest, for which many entries have already been made, and which promises to be a most successful and interesting event. As for the social features of the week, there will be a subscription dance on Tuesday night and on Wednesday night at the Roney Hall. The Capital Club dance will be given on Thursday night, and the Grand Marshals Ball on Friday night in the Capital Club ball-room. There will be plays at the Academy of Music and Metropolitan Hall every night of the week.

The progressive management of the State Fair has made improvements at the fair grounds, chief among them being the replacing of the old grand-stand by a new one of the most modern style, so situated as to command an uninterrupted view of the entire track and midway from any part of it. The new stand is entirely completed and it is a magnificent structure, two hundred and five feet long, fifty feet wide and forty feet high to the roof. It is modeled after the grand-stand at the famous race course at Benning, and that speaks sufficiently for its adaptability to the purposes for which it is intended. The lower end is about fifteen feet out of the line where the old stand was, thus swinging the new stand more across the midway and giving a view clear down the midway to the very gates. Any one from any position on the stand will be able to see all around the race track and the whole length of the midway.

through beyond on the other side. This is a distinct innovation and a good one. Another great convenience is that the ground in front of the stand slopes down so that persons there can get a good view no matter how closely they are packed. Just in front of the middle entrance and on a level with the first section of seats has been built a pavilion sixteen feet wide and thirty-two feet long, for the use of President Roosevelt and party, from which the distinguished visitor can be seen from every seat in the grand-stand, as well as from any point along or inside the race-course, or along the midway in both northerly and southerly directions. This pavilion is constructed of like substantial material with the grand-stand, and will be a permanent part of that structure.

The racing promises to be the best ever seen on these grounds, and doubtless some of the track records will be broken, there have been about one hundred entries. The department is under the direction of Colonel Robert Hough of Baltimore, who will act as both manager and starter. The clerk, C. G. Ford of Philadelphia will get out a handsome score card. Mr. J. S. Wynne of this city will be chief judge, and Mr. John W. Cross and Dr. James R. Rogers are directors.

The amounts offered in stakes aggregate \$2,450. The track is in splendid condition, having been worked under the direction of Dr. W. C. McMackin.

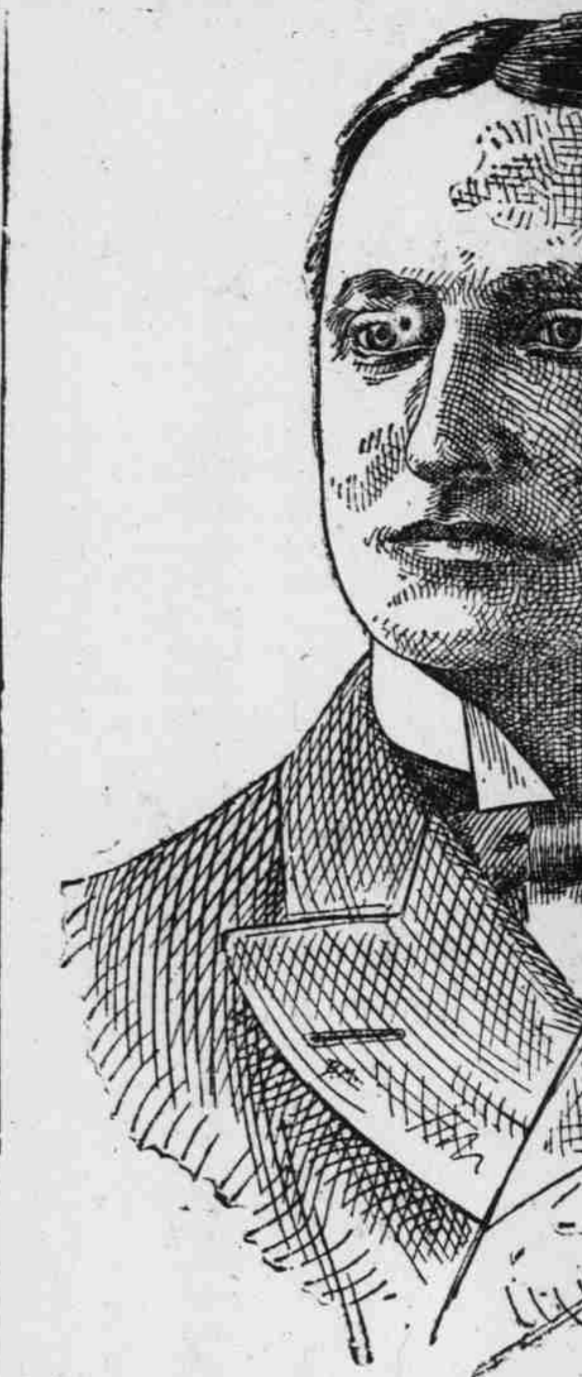
Outline of Exhibits Department A. Field crops--Special premiums offered by the board of agriculture are bringing in many entries, showing largest yield per acre of staple crops. There will be big exhibit from Wake county in charge of Mr. J. H. Robbins and a splendid display from Johnston county, besides many others.

Department B. (1.) Horses--LaFayette Stock Farm of La Fayette, Ind., car load of Heavy Draft and German Coach horses. These are blue ribbon horses from the St. Louis Fair. Many entries of local or native horses. B. (2.) Cattle--About \$1,500 in premiums. Display from outside breeders and from North Carolina breeders. B. (3.) Sheep--Samuel Archer, Statesville, large display of North Carolina sheep. A Campbell of Wellington, O., large display of foreign sheep. Besides many smaller local breeders. B. (4.) Swine--Fine display of western swine and of local swine.

Department C. Poultry and pet stock. Over sixteen hundred breeds shown last year; over two thousand will be shown this year. Director in charge, Ivan Proctor, Expert Judge, J. S. Jeffrey of the North Carolina Experiment Station, Supt. J. W. L. Thompson, of Burlington, expert poultryman. Open this year for the first time to South Carolina breeders. Fifty-seven breeds. Department D. Apples--Apples from western North Carolina. Floral display and new specimens.

Department E. Pantry Supplies--Many competitors for the regular premiums and particularly for the special premiums offered by Royall & Borden of felt mattresses and felt pillows. Department F. Manufactures. Department G. Musical instruments and Mercantile Display. Department H. Fancy work. Department I. Art. Department K. Machinery. Department L. Educational--Exhibits from different colleges and schools. Departments M. & N. Historical display and minerals. Among the great machinery exhibits will be that of the Rawlings Implement Co., a great display of labor saving farm machinery; The Carolina Machinery Co. of Greensboro, N. C., gasoline engines; Johnston Harvester Co. of Batavia, N. Y.; J. L. Case Threshing Machine Co. of Greensboro, N. C.; Cole Manufacturing Co. of Charlotte, agricultural implements; Melrose Wagon Co. of South Bend, Ind., farm wagons; J. W. Barber & Son of Raleigh, representing themselves and many foreign firms in displays of wagons, buggies and carriages; Corbitt Buggy Co. of Henderson, N. C., buggies; Watkins Hardware Co. of Henderson, N. C., feed cutters, etc.; J. P. Wyatt & Bros. of Raleigh, farm machinery; Young Hardware Co. of Raleigh, farm machinery; Ideal Concrete Machinery Co. machine for making concrete blocks; Mechanical Cotton Picker in operation.

Free Attractions Prof. EA R. Hutchison, human bomb, going up in a ball attached to a balloon, ball explodes in air and he drops out with parachute. Zingarella, standing on ball and rolling with her feet up a spiral tower and performing many juggling tricks. Mat. Gay, high diver, turning backward somersault from a 90 foot ladder into a tank of water 4 feet deep.



B. Frank Mebane of Rockingham, Chief Marshal

Madam Bonnie, aerial act and cloud web act. These acts will be put on twice each day in front of the grand-stand. The Midway Among the shows on the midway will be the magnificent trained wild animal show of Geo. Rollins, occupying space with 50 feet front and showing Cronje, the \$10,000 lion. Crystal Maze, glass blowers, high class vaudeville shows, deep sea diver, electric theatre, Pygmalion and Galatea, moonshiners and bank robbers, two or more ferris wheels and merry-go-rounds, all sorts of shooting galleries, African dodgers, con heads, striking machines, etc., fourteen hundred pound hog, many freaks and curiosities.

Officers of the State Fair It is the great good fortune of the North Carolina Agricultural Society and the people of the state that the State Fair is under the same management this year it has been for a number of years past, with Joseph E. Pogue secretary and superintendent and Claud B. Denson, treasurer and assistant secretary, and that the successful president of last year, Ashley Horne, is again at his post at the head and front of the society this year, destined to be one of the most famous in the history of the state. Mr. Horne's great common sense, wisdom and sagacity worked wonders for the success of the fair of 1904, and every one is serenely confident of the outcome of this state fair of 1905.

The Chief Marshal The society was peculiarly fortunate this year in its selection of a chief marshal. No better man for the place than B. Frank Mebane could have been chosen. By his birth, training, disposition and habits he is eminently suited to lead the social functions



Jos. E. Pogue of Wake, Secretary and Superintendent

incident to the State Fair of 1905, to be the most brilliant ever held in the history of North Carolina.

Mr. Mebane is universally regarded as one of the State's foremost business men. He is a young man fully endowed with the most progressive ideas. A few years ago he became the head of a small cotton mill at Spray. Now not only has that mill grown to be one of the largest in the State but a number of mills have

been added. Mr. Mebane is now having built a mill in which German capitalists are largely interested. He also has a plan on foot for the erection of a great textile school at Spray where young men and women may be trained in the cotton mill business and thoroughly equipped for the work. The chief marshal comes from one of the most distinguished families in the state. He married a daughter of J. Turner Morehead of his state. Mr. Mebane is a friend of President Roosevelt and as delegate to the last Republican national convention voted for his nomination.

President Ashley Horne As farmer, merchant and capitalist, Mr. Horne is easily one of the foremost men of the state. Not only has he been a remarkably successful planter, but in addition he is one of the leading spirits in all industrial enterprises that can be of any advantage to his beloved state. Probably a better liked, more generally popular man never lived in North Carolina. To mention some of the industries he is connected with will give some idea of that fact. He is president of the Clayton Banking Company, the Clayton Cotton Mills and the Clayton Oil Mill, a stockholder in the Selma Oil Mill, the Wilson Oil Mill, the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Raleigh, the North Carolina Home Insurance Company of Raleigh, director in the Carolina Cotton Mills of Raleigh, vice-president of the Carolina Phosphate and Fertilizer Works of Raleigh, stockholder in the First National Bank of Durham, the Winston Chemical Company, the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, the Southern Building and Loan Association of Huntersville, Alabama, and owner of a large cotton gin at Clayton.

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