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GREAT CROWD EXPECTED AT STATE FAIR

According to Reports From All Sections of State the Attendance This Year Will Prove a Record Breaker—Many New Features This Year.

Columbia, Oct. 11.—What promises to be a record breaking attendance upon the State fair is indicated each day by the unusual activity in purchasing concessions of space for exhibits and the general report from all sections of the State of plans to come and bring trains.

Charleston, too, is to bring its "special," promoted by the Charleston Ad Club, Charleston's commercial organization. The City by the Sea is to get a rapturous boost from the effort that will be made that day.

A Bond of Sympathy. An unusually attractive and comprehensive feature introduced this year is the Harvest Jubilee celebration.

Natural Resource Parade. Another feature, which approaches State fair interest from the local angle, will be the natural resource parade Wednesday afternoon.

South Carolina Day, which will be observed Thursday, will be the "big" occasion, and will be characterized by the most gigantic of all "caravans" that will file in slow procession through Main street.

The week's bill for gridiron contests is unusually full. In addition to the supreme contest on Thursday between the rival contenders, Clemson and Carolina, two other games and possibly a third will be played on the fair grounds athletic field.

Porter Military academy and Baylor preparatory school of Knoxville, Tenn., play the initial game Tuesday noon. Wednesday the Presbyterian College of South Carolina and the Citadel fight for supremacy, with Clemson and Carolina bring the series to a conclusion Thursday noon.

A heavy program of conventions have been scheduled for fair week. These more than ever before will swell to excessive proportions the attendance this fall.

The South Carolina Press association will hold an informal meeting then. Headquarters for these will be provided at the chamber of commerce rooms. Also a booth will be equipped for their use in the South Carolina building.

The real secret of many a man's success lies in doing a thing today and talking about it next week.

MAY CLOSE CANAL. Engineer in Charge Recommends Official Order to Continue in Force Till November 11.

Panama, Oct. 4.—Lieut. Col. Chester Harding, engineer in charge of the Panama canal, has sent a message to Secretary Garrison at Washington recommending that President Wilson issue an executive order officially closing the canal until November 11.

Col. Harding explains that it will be impossible to clear the channel before that date and perhaps not then. He favors refunding the tolls to ships that have paid them to tranship the cargoes of the vessel so that arrangements be made to forward them to their destination.

The conditions caused by the new slide are the worst in the history of the canal, according to Col. Harding. More than 1,000,000 cubic yards of earth must be removed before ships can pass. The dredges are maintaining a high point of efficiency, and during the month of September removed more than 1,000,000 yards.

SULLIVAN RECOVERS HIS DIAMOND BELT.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—John L. Sullivan again has his diamond belt, presented by friends in 1887. He left it here as security for a four thousand dollar loan. Sullivan redeemed it from a jewelry firm yesterday for \$5,300. It has 350 diamonds and 14 pounds of gold.

The self-made man forgets to list himself when the assessor calls.

commerce and industries personally acquainted with them all, will assist in making their stay in Columbia a pleasant occasion. Plans will be considered by the newspaper men for the next summer's meeting, when a joint session will be probably held with the North Carolina association.

Another large group will be the South Carolina federation of labor, bring to Columbia a large company of allied trades workers. Sixteen companies of the national guard and the coast artillery will advance upon the capital city, bringing with them their coast artillery band from Fort Moultrie.

A convention of horsemen has also been called, as well as a "fiddlers' convention." Prizes to the amount of \$100 are to be offered to the best fiddler who enters the concert. Other large aggregations will be some of the schools from which the entire student bodies will attend.

The Mayor's Breakfast. An attractive incident to be introduced this year will be the mayor's breakfast at the Jefferson hotel, tendered by Mayor Lewie A. Griffith to all visiting mayors and their wives.

Corn Club Boys Coming. The corn club boys are to have an important place in the fair week festival this year. Recently entry fees were cancelled and additional prize money offered that the youngsters might be encouraged to come to Columbia fair week.

L. L. Baker, State supervisor of the corn clubs, believes that he can easily produce 100 exhibitors.

The boys are to be a prominent entry in the parade. Each will wear overalls, a broad brimmed palmetto hat, thus emphasizing the harvest season idea.

Horse racing this year will again be one of the large drawing cards of the fair attendance. In addition to the usual scale of premiums, approximately \$1,600, the State fair officials recently designated two additional prizes. One of these was \$50 for the best saddle stallion, mare or gelding, any age.

HARVESTS SHOW FINE PROSPECTS WILL BE MOST VALUABLE IN HISTORY.

Corn Still the King—Indications Point to Crop of 3,026,159,000 Bushels. Wheat Yield the Largest.

Washington, Oct. 7.—American harvests this year will be the most valuable ever produced. With the wheat crop exceeding a billion bushels, the largest ever grown in one season by any nation, and a corn crop which also may prove to be the largest ever made the government's October crop report, issued today, announced preliminary estimates which indicate record harvests of oats, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, rice, tobacco and hay.

Wheat prospects increased as the growing season progressed and the government's early season forecasts moved up month by month so that today's preliminary estimate was placed at 1,002,029,000 bushels.

September weather was particularly destructive to potatoes, causing a reduction of 37,558,000 bushels or 10 per cent in the forecast of production. Tobacco also suffered from unfavorable conditions, which caused a decrease of 21,345,000 pounds in the production forecast.

Oats will exceed the record crop of 1912 by almost 100,000,000 bushels. Barley will exceed its record by 13,000,000 bushels; sweet potatoes by 5,000,000 bushels; rice by 500,000 bushels and hay by 8,000,000 tons.

The Observer has frequently heard the question asked: "What is Great Britain doing?" In fact, it has been requested on a former occasion to give some light on the matter and it undertook to do so with such facts as were in its possession.

The Journal goes into details in support of this general statement. It says that instead of her first expeditionary army, which totaled 180,000 men instead of the 125,000 expected.

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"There's one thing that's certain Says old Mr. Peck; 'A boil on the stove is worth two on the neck.'"

"Another thing sure," Says old Mr. Kelly; "A pane in the window's Worth two in the —."

"But joking aside," Remarks Patsy McSwair; "A wheel on your auto's Worth two in your head."

"But then it is certain," Remarks Mrs. Nance; "A hole in the doughnut's Worth two in your pants."

Agitation is the antidote for stagnation. A little change is a good thing, but a big roll of bills is better. It does seem queer that most of the "good fellows" have a lot of bad habits.

STATE WAREHOUSE SYSTEM IS PEST GOVERNOR WRITES OF ALLEGED WAREHOUSE MERGER.

Act Needs Amending—Is Concerned for Welfare of Cotton Producer. System Must Be Independent.

Gov. Manning in a letter made public yesterday expresses his views on the suggestion made recently that a warehouse combine was being formed to destroy the State cotton warehouse system.

The governor's letter follows: "D. W. Robinson, Esq., Columbia, S. C. 'Dear Sir: I am in receipt of a copy of your letter of the 6th to Mr. T. B. Stackhouse, president Standard Warehouse company, and thank you for the information contained therein.

"The success of any cotton warehouse system depends, in my opinion, on its independence of any other interests than that of the producer of the cotton, and any move that would place cotton under the control of the spinners, either domestic or foreign, or any other move inimical to the man who produces the crop, might bring disaster to the farming interests of our State.

"The prosperity and peace of our land depends, to a very large extent, on the success of our farmers. The State warehouse system, when the law is perfected, will, in my opinion, go a long way to solve the problem of the gradual marketing of the cotton crop.

"If it is true that an effort is being made to block the purposes for which the State warehouse system is created, it is of the utmost importance that whatever steps are necessary to prevent the scheme should be taken without delay.

"Of course there can be no objection to any corporation, firm or individuals, engaging in legitimate cotton warehousing, even in competition with the State, if they wish, so long as that competition is fair and open.

"I agree with you that the warehouse has become an important factor in this State, furnishing means by which the producers are enabled, when the market is depressed, to hold the cotton and obtain loans on it at reasonable rates, until the market is such as to justify them in selling same, instead of forcing the sale on a glutted market.

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"You kin boast about yer cities, and their stiddy growth and size, And about yer county-seats, and busines senterprise, And railroads, and factories, and all sich foolery— But the little Town o' Tailholt is big enough for me!"

Greenfield took particular interest in the celebration. Many of its older inhabitants remembered James Whitcomb Riley as a little boy, unknown to the world except as the son of Captain Reuben Riley, a highly respected citizen.

"I love Old October so, I can't bear to see her go— Seems to me like losin' sum— Old-home relative 'er chum— 'Pears like sort o' gettin' by Some old friend 'at sigh by sigh Was old friend 'at sigh by sigh Was a-passin' out o' sight Into everlastin' night."

James Whitcomb Riley was born at Greenfield, Ind., October 7, 1853, the son of Captain Reuben A. Riley and Elizabeth Riley. He first began contributions to Indiana papers in 1873. His dialect poems brought him his greatest fame.

The list of Indiana citizens taking part in the celebration is big. In

POET RILEY SPENDS HAPPIEST BIRTHDAY.

Notables of Hoosier State and Entire Nation Join in Honoring Beloved Author—Unique Gifts.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 7.—James Whitcomb Riley, aided by the State and nation, today celebrated one of the happiest birthday anniversaries of his life. He was the honor guest at a theatrical performance in the afternoon and tonight attended a banquet given in his honor.

More than 2,000 of the poet's friends greeted him at the theatre. Some of the most prominent men in the world of letters spoke at the banquet tonight.

One of the unique presents received at the Riley home was a birthday cake shaped and colored like a pumpkin. Crowning it was a layer of frosting. It typified Mr. Riley's poem, "The frost is on th' punkin."

A letter felicitating him on his birthday reached Mr. Riley today from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the organization which three years ago acknowledged the Hoosier poet as the greatest living poet and presented him with a gold medal in testimony of that fact.

"In behalf of your associates of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, we send you our heartiest felicitations on your birthday, and on the festival with which it is celebrated by your native State. The academy is deeply gratified by the honor thus accorded you, and hails it as a recognition of the lasting worth of poetry as an influence in the national life.

The letter, dated New York, was signed by William Dean Howells, president of the academy; Wm. M. Sloane, Robert Underwood Johnson, Edwin Howland Blashfield, William Cray Brownell, Thomas Hastings and William Rutherford Mead, directors of the academy.

This year was picked for honoring the poet because the citizens of Indiana wished to pay him tribute while he would be fully able to take part in and enjoy it.

Politeness is like an air cushion; there may be nothing in it, but it eases many a hard jolt.

When a small boy begins to wash his face without being told he is passing through the ordeal of his first love affair.

addition to the members of the committee of arrangements, there were Former Senator Albert J. Beveridge, Senator Kern, Vice-President Marshall and others.

The program of the day called for an entertainment in a local theatre in the afternoon and a banquet at which Mr. Riley was to be the guest of honor in the evening.

At the entertainment, several of Mr. Riley's poems, including "The Raggedy Man" and "Little Orphan Annie," were set to music by Mr. Ward Stephens. Dancers from Anna Pavlova's company interpreted a number of the verses.

Hundreds who had hoped to attend the banquet this evening had to be disappointed. The committee in charge have been compelled to reject scores of appeals for accommodations as there are seat for but four hundred. Former Vice-President Chas. W. Fairbanks will be toastmaster.

CHARLESTON DISPENSARIES ARE CLOSED

Governor Manning Wires Special Orders to Cathcart—Constables are Directed to Be "Unusually Vigilant," Active and Impartial.

Dispensaries in Charleston county were ordered closed until further notice by Gov. Manning last night. It is presumed that this action was taken because of the municipal election to be held in Charleston tomorrow.

The following telegram was sent by the governor to W. C. Cathcart, chief constable: "Charleston county dispensaries ordered closed immediately until further orders from me. Dispensary constables must be unusually vigilant in the enforcement of dispensary law. Show this wire to them and tell them I expect them to do their duty actively and impartially."

The governor addressed the following message to C. L. Wilson, J. V. Wallace and John Marshall, members of the Charleston dispensary board: "By virtue of authority vested in me under section 856, code of laws of South Carolina, 1912, volume 2, I hereby order you to close at once every dispensary in Charleston county, said dispensaries to remain closed until further orders from me. See that this order is strictly enforced."

HOGS WERE ON A DRUNK ON SORGHUM SKIMMINGS.

A citizen of Newberry went to his plantation last week and while going through the pasture saw a hog acting as though something were wrong with it. As he examined it and found it shaky in the legs he cast his eyes around and discovered another in a wobbly condition, apparently dying. Other hogs on the place were similarly affected.

Leaving word with the overseer to put the hogs up and look after them, the citizen returned to his city home and family for the night, and went back to the plantation next morning, expecting to find the hogs dead. He was surprised when told that the hogs were all right.

They had just been on a drunk that afternoon, having swilled the skimming of the sorghum molasses.—Newberry Observer.