

# THE BIG OBJECTIVE OF The COLORED STATE FAIR

## October 24-29

is to make the state a better place in which to live. Come out and let's make a start to accomplish so grand an object.

**TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE**, the following persons obligate themselves to do all the printed program says, from whom any information respecting exhibits may be had. Then, in addition the Secretary will furnish Catalogues, tags and auto banners.

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**A DAY OF CONFERENCES** is Tuesday, while the mothers are having their "beautiful colored dolls" examined, the fathers will be conferring as to how to make better the condition of their children when grown up.

**MAYBE TWO GAMES** on Wednesday. One Foot and one Base Ball. Excursion expected from Charlotte, N. C., and Educational Congress.

**THE SOUTHERN FIDELITY AND SECURITY CO.** of Durham, N. C. will meet at 7:30 p. m. in Elks' Hall, cor. Washington and Assembly Streets with the business and professional men of the state to put some of the business "pep" in S. C. that is around Durham. Of course this is the day when A. U. and B. C. will attempt to thrash each other.

**ASSURED IN THE GAME FRIDAY** between B. T. and Wilson Hi from communications from Prof. Curtwright. Here's where the younger generation, shows to advantage, to whom it will in time come to carry the Fairs to the success it would be.

Catalogues being mailed out, Tickets here, Banners here. Have you one of the Noble Pumpkins on your car? We pay freight, drayage and expressage both ways on your exhibits. Many have written requesting Catalogues, Entry Blanks and Tags to

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#### FAILURE OR SUCCESS

To make South Carolina and incidentally, this part of the world a better place in which to live, is the big objective of the South Carolina Colored State Fair and "If, in the accomplishment of the objective, it succeed or fails, the colored people, themselves, have the answer in their hands."

The head lines and quoted sentence above are taken from the timely admonitions (bearing the references made to the secretary) of the Editor of the Leader respecting the Colored State Fair.

Success or failure depends, keeping in mind the fair's big objective, on what one considers success and what he calls failure.

As set forth in the Fair's ads on page eight of the Leader, the Fair, through its officers obligates itself to furnish the people of the State the things set out in its published program. In addition to the days of amusement and an opportunity to meet in educational and inspirational conferences, cheap rates to and from their capital city, free auto parking, with police protection, athletic games, inspiring music, education shows and absolute free, a place to display the products of their genius and industry; and furnish the exhibitors and often their friends, free passes to go in and out of the exhibition ground and building at their pleasure. They further furnish a printed catalog, giving facts concerning the getting up and sending exhibits; they pay freight, express or drayage both ways, and in addition obligate themselves to

pay a premium on all worthy exhibits. Indeed, if failure, it will be at the hands of the colored people of the State themselves. No other institution offers the colored citizenry so great an opportunity for uplift.

We fear an enterprise of the magnitude of the State Fair, so large in opportunities, so rich in helpfulness and so lofty in purposes, is not fully conceived even by those intimately concerned with its affairs. In their efforts to find out "What it is all about," to learn this thing they possessed, "Being greater than they knew," some have thought it existed to give them an opportunity to get off some political stunt. Weaker minds have figured out getting easy money out of it, while the base and vicious, with no other right, except super power, held up the institution and gotten its coin. The public has sadly failed to credit the advantages and opportunities cited above and to loose the larger vision, dropping to appreciate only what comes to it personally.

Not even the promoters themselves have stopped to think that out of the eight or nine schools, colleges and charitable institutions that touched last year's fair, they were awarded quite a thousand dollars. This has nothing to do with the premiums given churches, individual exhibitors, farmers, etc., and when the means ran low, the promoters irrespective of the pay for their own services, exhibited a willingness to raise the money necessary to pay off the premiums. Furthermore, in every instance where there was a misunderstanding, where a person had exhibited and the judges erroneously awarded a premium not called for in the catalog, the association invariably paid the award. And where it required a certain number of competitors to enter a competition to merit a certain prize and the requirement was not met, the association paid the prize, in many instances just as if the full requirements had been filled.

If we call the usual attendance at the usual exhibits or above the rec-

ord in both a "success," then we have no misgivings, but all that has been cited above and all that may be done, within this radius of thought are mere drops in the bucket, when we think of the larger success, viewed from the possibilities waiting development. If the farmer, the unadulterated thing, not the man, who farms in an uptown office in an automobile, but he who smelts of cured tobacco, with mud on his shoes and cotton over his clothes, could get from two to three hundred dollars as first prize in competitive exhibits at the Fair, we would be facing a success worthwhile.

If the thousand or fifteen hundred dollars State's appropriation, were offered as premiums to the farmers, they would meet the challenge in royal fashion. If the association will struggle, as we believe, it will, to own its own fair grounds, where a hall is kept for your round public gatherings, where a gallery is provided for painting and other racial works could be on exhibition at all times, where there would be a stadium creditable and comfortable; "If we would let down our buckets where we are," we would face a success, the success in this state, a fit place in which to live.

While thinking of the Fair's membership and its promoters, they may never know, fully; it may not be Providence's plans, that the people should know, the deeper intricacies of life; true knowledge is intrusted to the few, the many must move by faith, and to achieve success, the larger, such a success as will cause a Fair's patron, "to make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before" for the Fair's sake; even, the few, scarcely realize the struggles, the efforts and even the sacrifices that must be made for such accomplishments.

Some how the Fair has been preserved for His name's sake, and as we climb to Nebo's heights, and view the possibilities of the institution, we look back in grateful appreciation of the achievements of the past and realize the glorious hope of a future

just beyond. We conclude that the South Carolina Colored State Fair can be and by right of its natural endowment, ought be, and we are firm in our belief that it will be South Carolina's greatest institution for racial uplift and advancement. Then will come success.

The Fair dates October 24-29. Write for catalog to Green Jackson, Secretary, 1119 Washington Street, Columbia, S. C.

#### HEALTH OF RACE AT LOW EST EBB, NEGRO ELKS TOLD

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This questionnaire was prepared by Dr. Thompkins with the aid of Dr. Frank Walker, of the American Public Health Association, and was approved by Dr. D. B. Armstrong, of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Replies have already been received from 400 cities.

Reports from 142 cities by the Negro Elk Lodges, Dr. Thompkins said, indicate that high Negro mortality is due chiefly to the following causes: General insanitary conditions and failure of officials to enforce and Negroes to observe public health laws; complete lack of modern drainage systems in Negro homes and schools, especially in Southern cities; lack of water "externally, internally and eternally"; and whole square miles of Negro population without a single bathtub; the prevalence of "dirty, crowded, unventilated school rooms" and disease carrying rats in the poorer homes.

"Under present conditions," Dr. Thompkins concluded, "the tubercular Negro hasn't the first semblance of a chance. It is a marvelous proof of general health and strength among Negroes that they have survived at all."

When the survey is completed it will be sent to every public health official in the United States, Dr. Thompkins said, and an appeal will be made to Legislatures for remedial legislation.

—New York Herald Tribune.

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