

PRODIGIOUS WONDERS ARE PROMISED AT STATE FAIR

What Secretary Dickerson Cannot Do — Demand for Space Exceeds Limits — Farmers Learn — Sacred Services...

The Illinois State Fair for 1909, which opens its gates at Springfield, Friday, Oct. 1, will be a nine days' exhibition of the agricultural and mechanical prodigies and inventions of the age in which we live.

It will be a wonder this year. One cannot even imagine the completeness and vastness of the State Fair unless he visits it.

"I declare," he remarked the other day "I don't know what we are going to do. I can do most anything any human man can do. But I can't climb a tree with my hands tied and my legs in shackles.

Lovers of good racing—and the man who doesn't love a good horse is wrong in his head—will be pleased to know that the State Board has added a beautiful inside track in front of the grandstand for running races.

Quality fanciers are also given a new and modern set of ropes. The old patched, battered affairs have been burned and an entire new equipment provided.

The Night Horse Show, a sort of aristocratic setting for the State Fair, where \$5,000 in cash will be handed to the handsomest and best horses in the world.

The Chamber of Commerce, Springfield, has pledged visitors that they shall have comfortable quarters this year. Railroad rates are all right, and everybody had better go to the State Fair this year. It is a great show.

The best wild west and vaudeville entertainments have been provided. Information Bureaus are located in principal hotels. No charge.

Sacred services on Sunday, when all the exhibits will be in place and open, but no machinery will run. The State Fair of 1909 will be stupendous—better so.

THE TRACTION KING OF ILLINOIS.

An Illinois Statesman Who Doubles Farm Values—Friend of State Fair—Central Illinois is enmeshed with interurban lines owned by Congressman William B. McKinley, of Champagne, Springfield, the State Fair (Oct. 1-9) city, is the hub of most of them.

Mr. McKinley believes in the State Fair. He wants every farmer on his lines to visit it this year and has made a round trip rate of less than one fare as an inducement.

A REMARKABLE RECORD.

During the past fifteen years, since the Illinois State Fair was permanently located at Springfield, it has given, principally to the people of Illinois, over a million dollars more than it received from the State in appropriations.

BRILLIANT SCENE OF BEAUTY.

The Night Horse Show in the Coliseum at Illinois State Fair.

The management of the Illinois State Fair has provided an attraction this year that is sure to attract. It is a Night Horse Show and it will be given in the Coliseum Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. The grand parade of beautiful horses, saddlers and in harness, will occur at 8 o'clock sharp.

MANY SEE LINCOLN'S HOME.



Home of Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Ill. Second only to the tomb of Lincoln, the Home of Lincoln attracts more visitors than any other object of historical interest in Springfield, Ill.

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR RACES.

Big, Fat Purses for Speedy Horses—New Running Track This Year.

The racetrack of the Illinois State Fair is one of the fastest in the country. The world's pacing record on a racetrack was made on it. Large sums of money are annually spent to place it in perfect condition for the Kings of the Turf.

On Monday, Oct. 4, there will be two trotting races for \$1,500, a pace for \$500 and two running races for \$400. On Tuesday, Oct. 5 there is a \$1,000 trot, two pacing races for \$1,500, and two running races for \$500.

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, the Illinois Derby will be run, besides a \$300 pace, two trotting races at \$1,500 and a \$200 running race.

On Thursday, Oct. 7, \$1,000 is given for a trot, \$2,500 for two pacing races and \$500 for a couple of fast running races.

Friday, Oct. 8, two trotting races will win \$2,000, two pacing races \$2,000 and two running races \$400.

Saturday, Oct. 9, there will probably be some sensational automobile racing. Hedgwood boy and Lady Maid C. will be special attractions on one day.

A DOMESTIC SCIENCE SCHOOL.

A Ten Days' Course in Cooking and Baking at Illinois State Fair.

Beginning with Sept. 24, 1909, and lasting until Oct. 9, there will be a school in Domestic Science in the Woman's Building, Illinois State Fair grounds.

The Women's Building. The Illinois Board of Agriculture, recognizing the necessity for a building exclusively for women, erected this spacious and comfortable structure several years ago.

The Temple of Justice.

This magnificent edifice is across the street from the Capitol. It is a pure specimen of modern Renaissance, dignified and stately. The walls and floors are in richly veined imported marbles with decorated vaulted ceilings.

Colonial World's Fair Home, Illinois State Fair.

SPECIAL DAYS AT STATE FAIR.

Big Days at the Illinois State Fair this Year—Better Go.

Friday, Oct. 1—Opening Day, will pick up paper, lumber, packing cases and sweep and dust, burnish the brass, polish the silver and glass.

Saturday, Oct. 2—The bands make their appearance, the wild west and vaudeville shows open their doors in Happy Hollow, racers are being accustomed to the track, fruits and flowers are grouped in artistic designs and the Alton arranges for its shuttle train service.

Sunday, Oct. 3—Sacred services with music by the bands and a quartet, an eloquent lecture by an eminent orator. Exhibits will be open and ready for inspection, but the machinery will not run.

Monday, Oct. 4—Children's Day, when thousands of children who attend the schools are admitted free and the best care taken of them. In all towns in central Illinois school is dismissed for this day and the children taken to the State Fair, where they obtain an intimate knowledge of the productiveness of Illinois soil.

Tuesday, Oct. 5—Central Illinois Day, when the different cities in the central part of the State meet their friends on the Illinois State Fair grounds.

Wednesday, Oct. 6—Old Soldier's Day, when the veterans of the civil war will be guests of the State Board.

Thursday, Oct. 7—Governor's Day, when the Governor of Illinois will be the special guest of the Board of Agriculture.

Friday, Oct. 8—Springfield Day, when the shops and stores and offices in the Capitol city are closed and everybody attends the State Fair.

Saturday, Oct. 9—Automobile Day, when there will be some sensational races on the race track by dare-devil demons on engines.

Sunday, Oct. 10—Closing Day, when the State Fair will be closed and everybody goes home.

FOR STATE FAIR VISITORS.

Accommodations for Strangers—Points of Interest in Springfield.

The Chamber of Commerce of Springfield has taken in hand the matter of providing comfortable accommodations at reasonable rates for all State Fair visitors this year.

Springfield offers many objects of interest to State Fair visitors and all can be seen without charge.

Neighborhood excursion parties are being arranged for the State Fair this year. This is a most satisfactory and desirable way to visit the Fair.

The State display of game birds alone is worth a visit to the State Fair.

THE STATE FAIR AND RAILROADS.

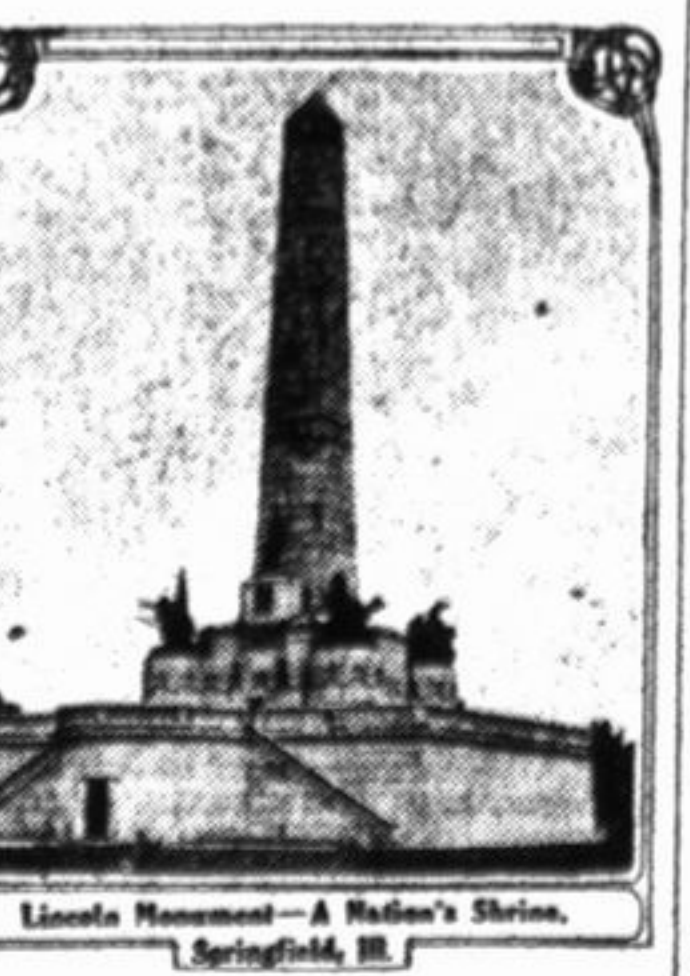
Low Rates Granted by All Lines—Cheap Excursions on Many Lines.

All the railroads have made a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip to the Illinois State Fair, October 1-9.

Excursion parties are being arranged in this way from distant parts of the State to visit the Fair this year.

The Illinois Traction System is making a rate of less than one fare for the round trip. Better go.

VISIT NATION'S SHRINE.



Thousands of pilgrims visit the Tomb of Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois, every year. It was erected soon after the death of the immortal War President.

ILLINOIS GAME EXHIBIT.

This splendid structure 225x325 feet, was erected about ten years ago, but was entirely inadequate to accommodate the throngs of people.

The Exposition Building.

This enormous building, 217x342 feet, was the first one erected on the grounds after the Fair had permanently been located.

The State Arsenal.

Occupying a quarter block of ground, extending from Monroe to Adams streets on Second, this is one of the "show points" of Springfield.

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATERS.

McVicker's Theatre. "The Circus Man" in which Maelyn Arbuckle has made such a tremendous success, has only one more week to run at McVicker's theater, Chicago.



The Artistic Women's Edifice, Illinois State Fair.

There are numerous quaint characters, types of the New Englander, in the play, and there is a big appeal to the sensibilities of the audiences.



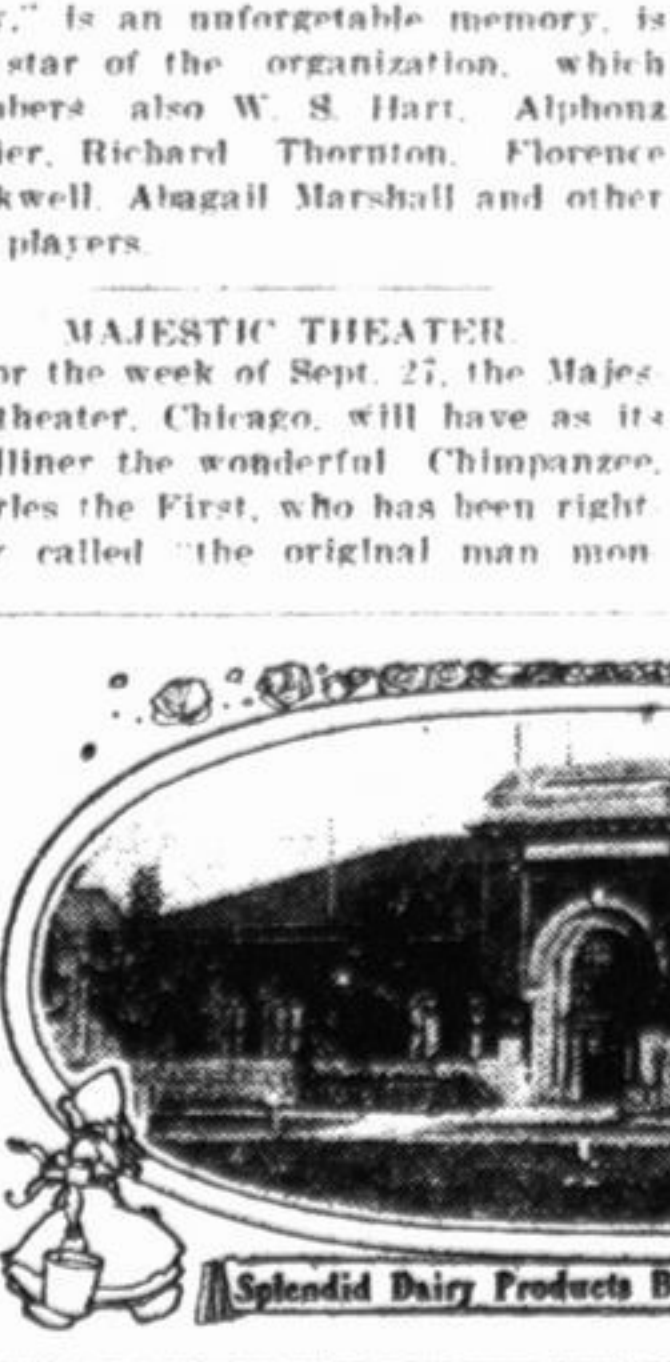
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Reverend and almost instantly was recognized as a headliner in "Imperfection" returning to musical comedy, he will be seen at the Alhambra theater the week beginning Sept. 26, 1909.

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MAJESTIC THEATER.

For the week of Sept. 27, the Majestic theater, Chicago, will have as its headliner the wonderful "Chimpanzee," Charles the First, who has been right fully called "the original man mon."



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A charming girl of 18, the daughter of a Western publisher and quite a society queen in her own city, had been brought to Washington by her father, and at one of the White House receptions was presented to President Roosevelt.



THE DIFFERENCE.

Unlike New Yorkers, Chicagoans Are Fond of Grass and Fresh Air. Summer parks in Chicago are the Eden of the populace, writes a New Yorker, while in New York they are merely the carnival spirit over again.

Chicago has certainly changed in the last ten years. New York has been getting worse, and Chicago better. At Coney Island, when it is crowded, you are constantly rubbing shoulders with the woman who dares, with the man who has no aim but evil, and these persons contaminate the whole meaning of general fun.

Those of us who are normal by nature have our gardens of forgetfulness, the pleasant hours that make pleasant places. In New York it is almost impossible to find the pleasant place in the midst of rank amusements.

Everything is exaggerated, noisy. Confetti pollutes the air and the loafer's privileges are everywhere.

In Chicago there is an effort to meet the men and women who have grown beyond idleness and mere sensation with a touch of their Arcadian instincts, with good music, with real flowers, with green grass and shady nooks.

New Yorkers don't care about the garden of forgetfulness; their Eden is a place where they can wait till dawn drives them back to their beloved streets.

This is the colossal dome of the World's Fair in Chicago, purchased and moved to Springfield by the Board of Agriculture in 1891.

Louisiana is about to take up the subject of rat extermination as a means toward prevention of disease, and to that end her health commissioner, Dr. Dillon, has gone to the Pacific coast to study the methods successfully employed there.

Dr. Dillon hopes to put in practice in New Orleans the plan that San Francisco, during its plague scare, adopted to keep infested rats from landing from vessels and spreading contagious diseases.

SPECIAL PRIZES AT STATE FAIR.

For Horses, Cattle, Swine and Sheep—Extra for Aristocrats.

In addition to the regular cash and trophy prizes of the Illinois Board of Agriculture, special premiums are provided by breeders' associations and others.

Extra prizes are held up for Poland China, Barre Jersey Reds, Chester Whites, Illinois Berkshire, Hampshire and Tamworths in swine. The Schuttler-Wagon company give a blue farm truck for best pair of pigs.

Extra prizes for sheep include cash for lamb's head and owned in Illinois, cash for American Oxford Downs, and a silver cup for Angora goats.

It pays to exhibit high grade cattle at the State Fair. Additional prizes to the amount of \$50 in cash, one-half to Illinois breeders, is given by the American Short-Horn Breeders' association.

\$100 REWARD. \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work.