

Final State Fair Plans To Go in Blaze of Glory

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Although the annual California State Fair and Exposition, to be held Aug. 30 through Sept. 10 at the old state fair grounds on Stockton Boulevard, will turn up its toes this year, its demise in favor of the new exposition now under construction, will be, to say the least, dramatic.

The old fair won't die quietly in a curtained room, but is scheduled to go out in a blaze of glory, reflecting the thrills and entertainment it has provided citizens of the state for more than a hundred years.

A plethora of nostalgia will be available for the older folks who can recall some of the attractions of the past, as well as an abundance of new thrills for the younger generation will mark the 12-day show. And even though it is tottering on its last legs, Harrison Cutler, the general manager, assures the public it will be "bigger and better than ever." The same claim has been made ever since the fair started, but who can dispute it after the show is over?

The fair this year will deal with the past as well as the present. And in recalling the days of yore for the final showing, Cutler and his staff have dreamed up a good many events which will become a reality, bringing back the things that "used to be" for one last showing before the writing of "thirty" at the fair gates.

Among these events will be the farm machinery show, with tractors of ancient vintage to be displayed along with modern farm equipment.

He also has revived the livestock parade, an event which has not been seen at the fair since World War II days. The last parade was held before the fair shut its gates for the duration back in 1942. Champion livestock will be featured.

Along with the livestock, an exhibit of five Percheons, will be shown. For the information of the younger generation, a Percheon is a heavy draft horse, and at one time was featured at the fair as

the conveyor of beer wagons. This exhibit is being furnished by the daughter of the late Fred Bixby, president of the fair board for many years, and a man with extensive cattle interests in California. Cutler, whose hobby is driving horses, also has arranged for a carriage rally, and conceived of nearly a century ago will be shown. Also, there will be a "horseless" carriage display, marking the era in which the automobile started supplanting the horse as a

means of transportation. Old mining days will be featured with a Gold Rush day at the state fair, when "E. Clampus Vitus" will take over. The brothers from Placerville, seat of the organization in California will be in

charge of this event.

And the old spectacular acts which drew open-mouthed crowds in the now forgotten past, have not been neglected. The "Great Zuc-

chini," who invented the spectacle of a man being shot from a cannon, will perform at the fair, and Eddie LeVeque, the last of the "Key-stone Cops," will be there too. Cutler, however, couldn't

revive all of the old events. He wanted to stage the spectacle of the locomotive crashing in the racetrack oval. But on this, he was out of luck. Reason: no more locomotives.

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The structure is open to children and a serious fire threat to the entire neighborhood, Hahn said.

"The house is neither fit nor safe for occupancy," county inspectors have said. Substandard conditions cited in the building include defective electrical equipment, broken walls and windows, cracked slab floors, leaks in the roofing, and unsanitary plumbing conditions.

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