

WORLD'S FAIR WATERMELONS.

"Colored Folks' Day" at the world's fair is August 25. The Afro-Americans of Chicago, in fact the great majority of our people throughout this section of the country, especially the intelligent ones, are thoroughly disgusted with those Philadelphia and Boston members of the race who are so persistently pushing a movement which will net them a few paltry dollars, and which can only result in humiliation to the race and in enriching the coffers of the exposition management. The directors of the fair have followed in the path of the president and steadily refuse to have about them any Afro-American in any but a menial capacity, and now add to positive injury a stinging insult by offering our people, as an "inducement," to attend the fair on "Colored Folks' Day, *free watermelons!*" "The horticultural department," writes Miss Ida B. Wells, who is in Chicago, "has already pledged itself to put plenty of watermelons around on the grounds with permission to the brother in black to appro-