CHARLOTTE DAY A SUCCESS

THOUSANDS THRONG GROUNDS.

Men, Women and Children Crowded the Grandstand Yesterday Afternoon to Watch the Races, Which Were Hampered by the Heavy Track—Merriness Reigned on the Grounds and in Floral Hall—Confetti Filled the Air—Everybody Good-Natured and the Best Order Prevailed, Although Conventionalities Were Forgotten—The Merchants Closed Business in Town at the Noon Hour and Permitted Employes to Attend—Night Display of Fireworks.

Charlotte Day at the fair was a huge success. Although the clouds were lowering all day long, and there were a few drizzles of rain, the ardor of the occasion was not abated one jot or tittle, and thousands took their way out to the grounds. In the afternoon it was estimated by conservative folks that fully 5,000 people were in attendance. They were scattered everywhere over the field, hundreds going in and out the fake shows of the midway, thronging Floral Hall and exclaiming over the prettiness of the varied exhibits, and in the grand stand there sat the greater part of the afternoon viewing the races, fully 5,000 persons. It was an ever-changing mass of color which met the eye. There seemed to be quite as many women and young girls in the crowds as were men and boys. It was a joyous, care-free throng, and conventions were thrown away, although there was no rough house actions, as a rule. The usual implements of carnival warfare were very much in evidence. Confetti filled the aid—and the clothes and hair of everyone who got anywhere near the storm-wave of the merriment, and it was by no means necessary to be introduced to "get in the swim."

SPIRIT OF HILARITY.

"It is good for folks to get out and be foolish occasionally," said a business man with approving smile, as he gazed upon a laughing crowd of young girls trooping by. And as he smiled expansively at them, one vivacious creature tossed a handful of spiced paper into the cavern surrounded by his teeth. He gasped, extricated the stuff from his features, started to say something beginning with a d, then recovered himself and chuckled. That was the sort of thing that was common. The spirit of hilarity permeated the atmosphere.

The grand stand overlooking the race course was well-packed with people as the afternoon began. The track was very heavy with mud, but the horses were willing workers, and made fairly fast and exciting contests, despite adverse conditons. A fine lot of citizens followed the events with interest. From nearby towns many people were in attendance, and from all over the county there were families who had come to see the sights. The Ferris wheel turned with every seat taken pretty nearly all through the afternoon, and it was a perfect joy to watch some men trying to look dignified as they rode. The wheels of chance were put out of business about the middle part of the afternoon "for the good of the service," and a private establishment, where beer, possibly, was dispensed to friends, not sold, attracted so much attention, that it was thought best to cancel its date, just to be on the safe side.

Pretty nearly all the business of the town had suspended, and the schools let out early to allow everyone to celebrate Charlotte Day. The happiness of the agreement among merchants was well shown. Splendid music was dispensed by the Fifth Regiment Band, of Georgia, all the afternoon, and about 5 o'clock it ended up with the never-failing hilarity producer, "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town To-night." It was a precusor to the evening.

THE RACING EVENTS.

The racing began with a 2:35 class trot, for a $250 purse, 1 mile, three heats out of five. Jim Baird, owned by Mr. William Nicholson, of Baltimore, won three straight, and got first money; Bleekwood, owned by G. T. Dyer, of Roanoke, Va., got second money, and Sweet Rector, third. The best time was 2:55. The three-quarter-mile dash was reduced to half a mile, on account of the heavy track. The purse was $150. Effie Sheppard won two heats out of three. The Russian coming second. The best time was 53 3-4 seconds. Grace Arter was a third entry, which was sent to the stable after finishing third twice.

The 2:21 pace did not start on account of the bad track. This reason also operated against the high jumping of Miss Shaffer on Kingfull, but she tried it a few times as high as safety would permit, and presented a very striking figure in a red sweater, a derby hat, black breeches and boots. A great deal of applause greeted the accomplished horsewoman when she won two heats handily in a half-mile trot, driving Cupid, against another horse driven by Mr. Demarest. The grand stand yelled and gave a vigorous hand-clapping when Cupid passed under the wire, the time being 1:14¼.

NIGHT DISPLAY.

At night there were several thousand people gathered, principally to witness the fireworks display and the Eruption of Mount Pelee. A little boy in talking about this show said: "They sent things up in the air an' they busted." Well, that was somewhat descriptive. A score or more of men were busy running to and fro with exhibition of terror, while the volcano part of the show was on. Afterwards the crowd wandered about the grounds again, into the side-shows and viewing the exhibits. There were a number of family parties to be seen; father, mother and children and everybody looked pleased, if somewhat tired out, when they began to board cars for home, about 9 o'clock. A few hundred folks, mostly men and boys, remained on the grounds till a late hour. Good order generally prevailed.

The official horse-racing programme for to-day is as follows: 2:19 pace, special, purse $350; three out of five heats. Entries: "Green Bob," owned by R. L. Smith, of Greenville; "Sadie Temple," owned by J. H. Hanner, Roanoke, Va.; "Irish Queen," J. H. Hanner, Roanoke, Va.; "Lady Phillips," J. T. Snyder, Winston; "The Spaniard," J. C. Smith, Richmond, Va.; "Watson," J. C. Smith Richmond, Va.; "Minnie Thompson," H. J. Jamison, Roanoke, Va.

Second race, 2:13 pace, 1 mile heat, 3 in 5, purse $350—"Little Belle," A. P. Cuddick, Lynchburg, Va.; "Honest Joe," Doyal & McLurd, Lynchburg, Va.; "Mary Dell," William Nicholson, Baltimore; "Fannie K.," N. Y. Equestrian Combination, of Raleigh; "Ozette," N. Y. Equestrian Combination; "Lady Phillips," T. Snyder, Winston; "Bobby H.," Price Neely, Winston.

Third race, mile heats, 2 in 3, half mile running, all ages, $300 purse. Entries—"Irvin Silby," Ben Duncan, Raleigh; "The Russian," Oscar Broddles, Raleigh; "Ben Tessa," N. Y. Equestrian Combination, Raleigh; "Postmaster Bailey," T. Leach, High Point; "Trapazest," L. P. Holliday, Basic City, Va.; "Panella," L. P. Holliday, Basic City, Va.; "Effie Sheppard," H. J. Jamison, Roanoke, Va.

PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

The programme for to-day is as follows:

8 a. m.—Grounds opened.

9 a. m.—Grand concert by Fifth Regiment Band.

11 a. m.—Parade around track of all stock, cattle and all exhibits in this line, showing by tags attached to each, money-winners; blue tags, first money-winners; red, second money.

1:30 p. m.—2:19 pace, 3 in 5. Purse $350. 2:13 pace, 3 in 5; purse $350.

2:30—Half mile dash, in harness, with pacers with fast records, driven by ladies.

3:00 High School horses, showing 20 gaites, and the great high jumpers, Kingfull and Yellowstone.

4:00—Mile heats running. 2 in 3. Purse $200.

5 p. m.—Parade around track of 30 automobiles, handled by owners; open to all.

6 p. m.—Grounds close.

7 p. m.—Grounds re-opened.

8:30 p. m.—Fireworks display, Eruption of Mont Pelee andd estruction of city.

ANNIVERSARY OF REFORMATION

Services Will be Held in Many Protestant Churches Next Sunday in Commemoration of Martin Luther's Work.

Monday, October 31, is the 387th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation which gave birth to Protestantism. On the eve of All Saints' Day, October 31, 1517, the decisive blow was struck, when Martin Luther nailed upon the door of the Castle church at Wittenberg the celebrated ninety-five theses against the sale of indulgencies. The root and basis of these theses was the doctrine of justification by faith alone. "Here," says D'Aubigne, "the evangelical doctrine of a free and gracious remission of sins was for the first time publicly professed." The 36th thesis reads as follows: "Every Christian who feels true repentance for his sins has perfect remission from the punishment and from the sin, without the need of indulgence," and the 37th thus: "Every true Christian, dead or living, is a partaker of all the riches of Christ or of the Church by the gift of God, and without any letter of indulgence." And the 32nd is characteristic of the heroic leader of the Reformation: "Those who fancy themselves sure of their salvation by indulgences will go to the devel with those who teach them this doctrine."

A large portion of the Protestant Churches observe this anniversary, but more especially the Lutheran Church, both in this country and in Europe, and, as the 30th is Sunday, it is probable that Reformation discourses will be preached from thousands of pulpits next Sunday morning. There are over 12,000 Lutheran churches in this country, with nearly 2,000,000 communicants, and this represents only one-thirtieth of the members of this Church. So it is safe to say that there will be not less than a quarter of a million Reformation services on next Sunday by one church alone in different parts of the world. The services at St. Mark's are expected to be of unusual interest.

WHY PAPA IS HAPPY.

A Tale of a Restless Cherub, a Sleepless Mama and a Phonograph, and a Very Happy Home.

A north Charlotte resident, whose home is blessed with two little cherubs, has introduced an innovation of much merit into his domicile of which he is very proud, and he is anxious that other happy (?) fathers should be put next. One of the cherubs, just turning eighteen months, is inclined to be very wakeful and in consequence of the restless spirit of the tot, mother has had troubles.

Now, be it known, this naughty cherub is very much afraid of pa; his basso commands, whenever she is tempted to be naughty, by night or day, awe her into complete and satisfying silence. Unfortunately for mother, however, the head of the house is forced, by business, to be away frequently until very late at night and mother's sleep, up to the time of his home-coming, is on the catch-as-catch-can order. Mother's caressing tones and soothing pleas do not suffice to stop the ear-ripping yowls in which cherub indulges every now and then. Let papa appear, however, speak two words on a low note and cherub subsides. This condition of affairs has perplexed the head of the house for some time and he has been doing some thinking.

A few days ago he went home to the evening meal all smiles—he had solved the problem. In his arms he carried a phonograph and a blank record and he lost no time in speaking into the machine the magic words so often used to bring peace to the household. That very night the experiment was tried. The machine was placed alongside the bed and a string fastened to mother's finger. Cherub permitted her fond mama to get a nap of about ten minutes' duration and then declared war. Mama pulled the string and the stentorian tones—the only thing around the place of which baby was afraid—bellowed through the stillness and baby threw up the sponge. The phonograph is doing business every night now, but cherub is puzzled—her tiny brain hasn't been able to figure out yet how pa can go to the office and leave his voice at home.

And Pa is happy; he sleeps o'nights.

BRIEFS.

Minor Happenings in and About the City—Events of a Day.

—There will be a parade of the live stock exhibit this morning at the fair track.

—"A Royal Slave" will be the attraction at the Academy of Music to-night.

—Some idea of the immense crowds in town may be gained from the fact that the Central Hotel for dinner yesterday fed 210 men in an hour and twenty minutes.

—The interesting operation of removing the telephone wires from the city poles is now going on, a large force of the Bell Company's men being engaged in the work.

—The sound of the fire bell yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock attracted the usual crowd out to attend the supposed fire. New magnets have been put in the electric apparatus which rings the bell and they were tested by a call of 36.

—The many friends of Mr. W. I. Van Ness will regret to learn of his illness. Mr. Van Ness, who has been in poor health for some time, was taken suddenly ill uptown shortly before 7 o'clock last evening and was removed to his home, where he is resting quietly.

—The members of the "Babes in Toyland" company, which appeared in the Academy last night, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon on a special train from Richmond. About fifty of the chorus girls crowded into the Central Hotel, creating vast amusement for the spectators.

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TO BRING POWER TO CHARLOTTE

Whitney Reduction Company Expects to Finish Its Plant in Two Years and Will Then Distribute 10,000 Horse-Power in This City—President Hambley Talks to a Reporter Concerning the Progress of the Work.

Captain E. D. C. Hambley, of Salisbury, president of the Whitney Reduction Company, which is now engaged in harnessing the Narrows of the Yadkin river, was in the city yesterday, and The Observer reporter had a short conversation with him about the progress of his work. Captain Hambley is a much interviewed man, but answered the reporter's questions very pleasantly.

When asked if he objected to stating the nature of his business in town he replied: "I just came over with Mr. Fuller, of New York, an expert engineer, to visit the plant of the Catawba Power Company. It seems to be a very substantial affair, and I was much pleased with it, as was Mr. Fuller.

"As regards our plant on the Yadkin, there is not much to say. The plant has been put upon a firm financial basis, and we are now steadily at work. I think probably we will finish in two years, and when we are complete, we will have the third largest plant of its kind in the country. We intend to bring about 10,000 horse-power to Charlotte. Of course, the companies you have are supplying the town pretty well, but your manufactories are constantly on the increase, and I think you will have room for more power by the time we are ready.

"Our plant is on the Yadkin, eight miles from Albemarle, and, I suppose, about 38 miles from Charlotte. We have recently moved our headquarters down to the river, and we are well fixed up there. The railroad has also been extended to the river, and we are in a condition now for work. Our idea is, you know, to start a town there around our plant. We will derive our power from a canal, which is to be 4½ miles long."

The Whitney Reduction Company owns both banks of the Yadkin for 16 miles up and down the Narrows, and they propose to develop 26,000 horse-power. They have had much trouble anl litigation, and it is pleasant to learn that they have now begun work. It will be remembered that the Yadkin falls 200 feet in ten miles, while running through the gorge of the Uwharie mountains, known as the Narrows. The river is from 60 to 200 feet wide at this point, and the force generated by its rapid fall has been estimated at 26,000 horse-power, at low water. A dam will be thrown across the Narrows, and the power derived from a canal will be made to concentrate the strength of its stream on a mighty turbine wheel, from which the power will be distributed wherever needed.

Only 20 bales of cotton were recived at the local platform yesterday and the best price paid was 8½. On the same date last year 93 bales were recived and the best price was 10 cents.

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BY

Katherine Cecil Thurston

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