

THE GREATEST DAY OF ALL

VISITORS NUMBER ABOUT 20,000
The 20th of May Celebration is Drawing the Crowds—Yesterday was a Red Letter Day in the History of the City—The Program as Given—The Floral and Industrial Parades—A Splendid Success—Forty Floats in Line—The Prize Winners and Their Decorations—The Marine Band Led the Procession—The Crowds at the Fair—The Show Continues To-Day—Fireworks and Red Men's Parade.

Close to 20,000 visitors were here yesterday, and they came from the counties round about. From a very early hour in the morning the streets swarmed with men and women. The crowd remained up town most of the day to hear the Marine Band, at the corner of Second and Tryon streets; see the floral and industrial parade, and to hear the Hon. Champ Clark speak. Later in the day thousands went to the fair grounds to witness the drills of the cavalrymen, infantrymen and marines. The street car conductors and motormen and police officers handled the multitude well. No accidents were noted during the day. The electric cars were not crowded going and coming from the park yesterday as they were Tuesday, but at times they were packed closer than ever before in the history of their existence.

THE FLORAL AND INDUSTRIAL PARADE.
The first thing on the programme was the floral and industrial parade, under the management of Capt. W. R. Robertson and Mr. H. C. Long. This was a little late in starting, owing to the fact that so many turnouts had to be formed in line. A little tardy, but in full dress, the procession came up South Tryon street, from Morehead, led by the Marine Band. The parade passed in review before the throngs that had collected in the streets and on the sidewalks.

THE FLOATS IN LINE.
The list of floats in line follows: The Shaw-Harney Company, International Harvester Company, Mecklenburg Cotton Growers' Association, the D. A. Tompkins Company, Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, Little-Long Company, United Commercial Travelers' Association, Barringer Company, Queen City Cycle Company, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Bailey Brothers, Mecklenburg Iron Works, J. A. Haley, Scholtz Green Houses, W. Van Ness Company, Henry Hayman, Sherrill Mineral Water, Parker-Gardner Company, J. B. Ivey, White House Coffee, American Road Machinery Company, Stief Piano Company, Swift & Company, Mecklenburg Nurseries, Cornellius Furniture Company, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Elk Brothers, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Concord Fire Department, Miller Clothing Company, Levinger's Coffee.

PRIZES AWARDED.
A committee, consisting of Col. Leroy Springs, Lancaster, S. C.; D. M. Hodges, Asheville; John A. Sims, Concord; Col. J. T. Gardner, Shelby; Thomas L. Craig, Gastonia, judged the floats. Four prizes were awarded as follows:
First prize of \$50, the Little-Long Company; second prize of \$25, Mecklenburg Cotton Growers' Association; third prize of \$15, International Harvester Company; fourth prize of \$5, the D. A. Tompkins Company; fifth prize of \$5, Junior Order United American Mechanics, schools.

THE PROGRAMME TO-DAY.
The programme for to-day will be very interesting. It follows:
11 A. M.—United Commercial Travelers' and Fraternal Orders' Street Parade.
12 Noon—Speech to Fraternal Orders by Hon. E. Y. Webb, at Vance Park.
12:30 P. M.—Grand Horse-Back Tournament at the Fair Grounds.
2:30 P. M.—Firemen's Exhibition Fire Fighting Drill, Opposite the Grand Stand, at the Corner of Second and South Tryon streets. Third Regiment Band will participate.
4:30 P. M.—Exhibition Drill by Cavalry.
7:30 P. M.—Carnival of Lights on Main Street.

LAST DAY OF CELEBRATION.
An interesting Programme Arranged for To-Day.
This is the last day of the 20th of May celebration. The United Commercial Travelers' and the Fraternal Orders' street parade will take place at 11 o'clock this morning. This should prove very interesting as some unique features are promised.
At noon Hon. E. Y. Webb will address the Woodmen of the World and others, at Vance Park. Mr. Webb is a very entertaining speaker and those who hear him will have a treat.
Those who like tournaments can see one at the fair grounds at 12:30. The games will be of an exhibition nature, including a fire fighting drill at the corner of Second and Tryon streets at 2:30. The Third Regiment Band will participate in this feature.
At 4:30 this afternoon Troop G, of the 13th cavalry, will give its final drill at the fair grounds. This is to be a benefit affair. The grand stand seats will sell for 25 cents.

Among the special carriages in the procession was that of Dr. George W. Graham, Prof. Alexander Graham and Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Alexander, representing the committee that went to Baltimore, and put B. Millington Miller out of business. The first carriage in line was occupied by Mayor S. S. McIninch, Mr. W. C. Dowd, Hon. Champ Clark and Hon. E. Y. Webb.

AT THE FAIR GROUNDS IN THE AFTERNOON.
Troop G, of the 13th cavalry; Companies I and K, of the 17th infantry, and the marines drilled at the fair grounds yesterday afternoon before about 30,000 spectators. Every body was pleased with the work, of Uncle Sam's soldiers and many will go back to-day to see the last drill of the cavalry.

THE HELLOON MAN AGAIN.
Mr. E. H. Hutchison, the balloon man from Elmira, N. Y., has had hard luck. The wind has blown so that he could not handle his balloon to get it in proper shape to ascend. He has made several attempts to inflate it, but saw that he would lose control of it before he was ready to let her go. But if the weather is anything like it to-day, the balloon will go up between 12:15 and 1:45.

THE FIREWORKS LAST NIGHT.
Several thousand people witnessed the fire works display at the foot of East Morehead street last night. Carriages, baggies, automobiles, wagons, brakes and other things, including several hundred painted Red Men on horseback, were jumbled together in one seething mass, all looking at the biggest fire works exhibition ever given in the State. There were no electric lights nearer than the graded school corner and darkness hung over the crowd like a blanket. On the white dresses of some of the young ladies could be seen. When the fire works were set off, the scene was brilliantly lighted. Multi-colored exploding rockets, whizzing, sparkling devils and every other conceivable kind of illumination was fired, much to the delight of the crowds. In a word, the exhibition was a signal success, and in keeping with the other features of the celebration.

RED MEN'S PARADE.
One of the most spectacular features of the celebrations yesterday was the parade of the Red Men, at 11 o'clock last night. There were nearly 200 members of the order in line, about half mounted and the others walking. Among the paraders were many military brasses, from Concord, Salisbury, Gastonia and Wilmington. They marched in single file, Indian style, and with their Indian costumes, war-paint, feathers and tomahawks, made a most unique picture. The line was more than half a mile long and the streets, with the thousands of spectators, were brilliantly and beautifully lighted by the red fire works. The parade of the Red Men's line was in charge of Capt. J. R. Anderson, chief marshal, and Messrs. W. F. Millersham, P. B. Mulligan and W. F. Robertson, assistant marshals. A body of scouts, consisting of the following named braves, marched in advance of the main body of warriors: Messrs. J. N. Watson, G. W. Hearty, E. G. Graham, H. N. Hanks, J. W. Donaham and C. E. Kennan.

SOME PROMINENT VISITORS.
Among the prominent visitors here yesterday were: Hon. Robert N. Page, of Biscoe; Judge J. L. Webb, of Shelby; Judge E. B. Jones, of Winston; and Col. Fred Olds, of Raleigh. Judge Jones adjourned court at Stateville to come down here. Mr. Richard N. Hackett came in yesterday afternoon.

WRECK DELAYS TRAINS.
Special To The Observer.
Mocksville, May 23.—The derailing of a freight engine near here this morning delayed the passenger train from Charlotte two hours. No one was injured and the damage was very slight.

WRECK ON N. & W.
Engine and Six Freight Cars Derailed Near Helena—Fireman Ewers Injured.
Special To The Observer.
Durham, May 23.—There was a wreck on the Norfolk and Western road last night, the particulars of which were brought here when the Norfolk and Western passenger train reached here near midnight, being accompanied by the local freight No. 71, coming to this city from Lynchburg. The engine and six cars went on the ground at a point near Helena, Person county. The engine and two cars smashed into kindling wood and about 150 yards of track torn up. The train from here to Lynchburg and the one coming to this city had to transfer passengers, baggage, mail and express at the scene of the wreck. Fireman Ewers, who was on the wrecked train, was the only man hurt. He received a sprain of the hip in jumping, and a cut on the side of his face. His wounds are not of a serious nature.

A BRUTAL KILLING.
Negro at Coronaca, S. C. Splits Wife's Skull With Axe.
Special To The Observer.
Greenville, S. C., May 23.—News reached here to-day of an atrocious homicide committed at Coronaca, seven miles from Greenville. Elmer House, a negro, sunk an axe in his wife's head, killing her instantly. He first grazed her skull and when she turned to run, he drove the weapon up to the eye. The killing crew went of the refusal of the woman to return to her home, she having left her husband on account of alleged brutal treatment. The slayer escaped.

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THE PARADE A GREAT SUCCESS.
Messrs. Robertson and Long deserve much credit for having gotten up such a splendid parade. It was the most gorgeous thing of the kind ever seen in North Carolina. After striving about the business section of the city the procession broke up.
After leading the parade to the square the Marine Band returned to the fair grounds and played for an hour, much to the delight of a large and appreciative audience.

WAKE FOREST TRUSTEES.

Their Annual Meeting Inaugurates the Seventy-First Commencement—Class Numbers Forty-Five.
Special To The Observer.
Wake Forest College, April 23.—The commencement exercises of the seventy-first session of Wake Forest College began this morning with the annual meeting of the board of trustees at 10 o'clock. The past session has been one of the most successful in the history of the college. The graduating class is not only unusually large and strong in numbers, but also strong in quality. It numbers forty-five.

At the annual meeting of the board of trustees to-day the body was re-organized for the year. The old members were re-elected. Two new members of the board were elected, Mr. John A. Oates and Mr. R. P. Thomas. The reports of the president and the treasurer showed that the college is in better condition than ever before in its history. The trustees present were: Dr. W. C. Tyree, president; Mr. Cary J. Hunter, secretary; Dr. J. W. Lynch, Mr. W. J. Ferrell, Judge E. W. Timberlake, Mr. J. N. Holding, Mr. A. D. Ward, Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Prof. J. A. Campbell, Dr. R. H. Marsh, Rev. Livingston Johnson, Mr. N. E. Broughton, Dr. J. D. Huffham, Dr. W. R. Gwaltney, Mr. J. W. Bailey, Mr. R. E. Royall, Prof. J. C. Scarborough, Mr. Noah Biggs, Dr. J. B. Richardson, Mr. W. N. Jones, attorney of the board, and Mr. T. H. Briggs, treasurer.

Among the out-of-town people here yesterday was Mr. T. S. Lee, of Marshville.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Fair Thursday except rain on the coast; Friday fair, fresh, possibly brisk, north-east winds.
LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU.
Charlotte, May 23, 8 p. m.—Sunrise 5:14 a. m.; sunset 7:58 p. m. (Standard time).
LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.
Highest temperature... 77
Lowest temperature... 57
Mean temperature... 67
Deficiency for the day... 0.1
Accumulated excess for the month... 0.1
Accumulated deficiency for the year... 4.2
Precipitation for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. (inches)... 0.0
Total precipitation for the month... 1.7
Accumulated deficiency for month... 0.9
Accumulated deficiency for year... 4.2
Prevailing wind direction... N. E.
W. J. BENNETT, Observer.

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