

AN AUSPICIOUS OPENING

THE FAIR'S FINE FIRST DAY

School children turned out by the thousands and swarmed the grounds all day. Giving cheer and brightness to the occasion—

TO-DAY, "CHARLOTTE DAY." 8:00 a. m.—Gates open. 8:30 a. m.—Concert on Independence Square by "Big Four Band."

THURSDAY, "EVERYBODY'S DAY." 8:00 a. m.—Gates open. 8:30 a. m.—Concert on Independence Square by "Big Four Band."

FRIDAY, "VETERANS' AND COLLEGE DAY." 8:00 a. m.—Grounds open. 8:30 a. m.—Concert on Independence Square.

With the merry voices of thousands of school children ringing through the air, the beat of the drum, and the hideous sound of the trumpet, all mixing in a melody of mighty volume, and with weather as perfect as if it had been made to order, the sixth annual fair was auspiciously opened yesterday.

THE PARADE FORMED.

The line of parade began at the city hall about 11 o'clock and was headed by mounted policemen, followed by the Dilworth Brass Band.

CHILDREN ADMITTED FREE.

It was Children's Day, and the presence of so many little folks gave an interest to the opening which could not have been injected in any other way.

MAYOR FRANKLIN'S INTRODUCTION.

In a few remarks, Mayor T. S. Franklin, after being presented by President Alexander, raised his voice in the floral hall and introduced the crowd to the occasion and the occasion to the crowd.

A GOOD-HUMORED HERD.

Such an intermixture of folks as was witnessed yesterday seldom assembles in this county. People from the county drove in early and by the time the fair was formally opened all available space behind the floral hall was occupied by vehicles of all kinds.

THE AFTERNOON EVENTS.

The biggest event of the afternoon, of course, was the races which were pulled off before a large majority of the enormous throng that spent the day on the grounds.

as follows: Mad a Victory 8, Walton of Falls Mills, Va.; Elector by E. J. Fenn, New Decatur, Ala.; Lucy Gentry by Dr. Mott of Statesville, and Charlotte Boy, by Hank Thomas, of Greensboro.

A THRILLING INCIDENT.

During the second heat an incident occurred which set the on-lookers a-fire with enthusiasm. H. M. Jamison, jockey, pulling the strings over Lucy Gentry ran against one of his competitors just after the bell sounded.

THE BALLOON ASCENSION.

Not among the least attractive events of the afternoon was the joyous balloon ascension about 4 o'clock by Professor Lola and Milla Theresa, French aeronauts.

OTHER EVENTS.

The shooting of a Westerner belonging to the Kemp Shelters aggregation was also a feature of the afternoon.

A FEATURE OF THE RACES TO-DAY.

Alderman W. S. Shelor and the fair association have offered a handsome and stylish storm coat, and \$10 in gold, as a prize for the best single buggy horse, the entries to be between heats at the races this afternoon.

TO-DAY'S RACING EVENTS.

Horse racing will be made a feature of each of the three remaining days and lovers of this sport are assured of some fine exhibitions.

Real Estate Transfers Recorded.

Transfers of earth in this vicinity were recorded as follows in Charlotte yesterday: Rounce E. Erwin to Mrs. M. P. McLaughlin 145 acres of land in Crab Orchard township.

Little Herbert Turner Dead.

Herbert Turner, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Turner, of South Cedar street, died yesterday morning at the home of his parents at 10 o'clock.

OUT OF SIGHT.

"Out of sight, out of mind," is an old saying which applies with special force to a sure burg or wound that's been treated with Bucklen's Arnica.

20 IGORROTES!

Wild, Dog Eating, Head Hunting People From the Philippines, Living as They Live at Home, AT THE FAIR, October 22-25.

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