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GALA WEEK FESTIVITIES OPENED BY BRILLIANT PARADE

Steamer Contests Held this Morning.—Hook and Ladder and Hose Wagon Contests and Military Parade This Afternoon.

To-day marked the beginning of what promises to be the most imposing ceremonies that people have ever witnessed in commemoration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The day dawned bright and with just enough breeze to make it pleasant. The crowd began coming in at an early hour, and even before city people had finished their morning meal, the streets were lined with sight-seers. All along Tryon street, from Fourth to the Episcopal church, crowds were banked on either sidewalk patiently waiting the time for the parade to start. At the hour named, 10 o'clock, the grand pageant of military, firemen and civilians started on the line of march. The course was as follows: Down North Tryon to Ninth street; East Ninth to Brevard street; south to East avenue; west to Mint street; south to Fourth street; East to Tryon; south on Tryon to Morehead street, and return to Independence Square, where parade was dismissed.

The military formed the front of the parade and came in the following order:

Chief of Police Orr and staff.
Governor's staff, Adjutant General Cowles, Maj. E. M. Hayes, U. S. A., Col. E. G. Harrell, Q. M. G.

Fourth Regiment and other military organizations, Col. J. F. Armfield and staff.

Second Regiment band.

Drum Corps, Fourth Regiment.

First Battalion, Fourth Regiment

W. G. Smith, commanding; Company F, Capt. Burkhardt; Company C, Capt. Gardner.

Second Battalion, Maj. George F. Rutzler, commanding; Company G, Second Regiment, Capt. Robertson;

Company C, Fourth Regiment, Capt. Flannigan; Company E, Fourth Regiment, Lieut. Erwin; Company G, Fourth Regiment, Capt. Hill.

Howitzer Battery, Lieut. W. F. Moody.

The battalions assembled on North Tryon, the First battalion resting on Seventh.

The uniformed rank of Knights of Pythias formed the back ground of the militia.

The following companies were in line:

Asheville, 54 men strong, Capt. C. R. Burkhead in charge. Cabarrus Black Boys, 37 strong, with Captain A. D. Hill in command, Richland rifles of Waynesville, 40 in number with Capt. W. J. Hanner in command. Iredell Blues 45 strong, Capt. R. S. Flanagan commanding. Cleveland Guards 40 strong commanded by Capt. T. S. Gardiner. Hornet's Nest Rifemen 60 strong, commanded by Capt. T. R. Robertson. Queen City Guards 47 strong commanded by Capt. T. S. Franklin.

Following these came the Anthony drum corps of Concord 25 strong.

Then came the firemen in the following order:

Phoenix Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, of Columbia.

South Side Reel Team No. 4, of Greensboro.

Pioneer Reel Team, of Anderson.

Reacue Hook and Ladder Company, of Asheville.

Asheville Hose Company No. 1.

The Monaghan and Delgars Hook and Ladder, of Sumter.

The "R. E. Lee" Hook and Ladder, of Greenville.

The Steam Fire Engine Company, of Greensboro.

The Palmetto Steam Fire Company, of Columbia.

Besides these the Charlotte Hook and Ladder Company joined in making one of the best firemen's parades that has ever taken place in the State.

Death of Mrs. R. C. White.

Mrs. R. C. White died at her home at 610 North Caldwell street this morning at seven o'clock, after an illness of ten days with pneumonia. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss. She was a consistent member of the Second Presbyterian church, and the Rev. J. W. Stagg, will conduct funeral services from the residence at 8:30 o'clock. The interment will be in Elmwood cemetery.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

MEETS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TOMORROW.

The Question of Organic Union With the Northern Church to be Presented.—Some of the Questions to be Debated.

Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock the Southern Assembly of the Presbyterian church convenes in the First Presbyterian church of this city.

There will be some three hundred delegates in attendance. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., L. L. D., the Stated Clerk arrived Tuesday. Dr. Wilson has been clerk of the Assembly since the second year of its organization. Rev. Robert P. Farris, D. D., permanent clerk arrives tonight, and together with Dr. Wilson will be ready to enroll delegates tonight, and prepare the docket for the Assembly. Rev. R. Q. Maillard, D. D., of New Orleans, the retiring moderator, will preach the opening sermon at eleven o'clock.

The coming of the General Assembly to a city usually raises many questions as to its nature and the church whose court it is. The Southern church is one branch of the great Presbyterian tree, or family, which if they were all united in one assembly would have a court representing the greatest number of people of any religious court in Protestantism, as all branches of the Presbyterian family make more than half the Protestant world.

The Southern General Assembly was organized in the First Presbyterian church at Augusta, Ga., December 1861, and was the result of the conditions then prevailing in the country. On Friday, May the 27th, 1869, the reasons given why there should not be a union of the Northern and Southern churches will likewise convey to the reader some idea of why they separated.

1st. The Northern church did totally complicate herself with the State, in political utterances deliberately pronounced year after year; and which, in our judgment, were a sad betrayal of the cause and Kingdom of our common Lord and Head.

2nd. A union on the bases of the old and new school assemblies, North, would in our judgment, involve a total surrender of all the great testimonies of the church for the fundamental doctrines of grace, at a time when the victory of truth over error hung long in the balance.

3rd. Some of the members of our body were, at a short time since, violently and unconstitutionally expelled from the communion of one branch of the Presbyterian church, under ecclesiastical charges, which, if true, render them utterly infamous before the church and the world.

4th. It is well known that similar injurious accusations were preferred against the whole Southern Presbyterian church, with which the ear of the whole world has been filled. Extending, as these charges do, to heresy and blasphemy, they cannot be quietly ignored by an indirection of any sort. If true, we are not worthy of the "confidence, respect, Christian honor and love," which are tendered to us in this overture.

The wording of the extracts taken from the report referred to is sufficient to show the causes leading to a separation between the Northern and Southern churches. From time to time since overtures have been sent to the Assembly for organic union, which have always caused intense interest in debate. This year an overture comes from the Presbytery of Louisville on this subject, and will elicit as much interest as any business before the Assembly. One of the greatest objections to organic union as advocated by those who oppose it now is the negro race and the failure of the Northern church to understand the situation.

The Southern church has always been friendly to the negro. In 1865 in a pastoral letter is this language: "In this dispensation of Providence which has befallen the negroes of the Southern States, and mainly without their agency, your obligations to promote their welfare, though diminished, have not ceased. Debtors to them when bound, you are still debtors to them when free. You are bound to them not only by the ties of a common nature, a common sin, but a common redemption also. They have grown up around you, in your households, have toiled

PROGRAMME OF TOMORROW'S EVENTS.

- 10 a. m.—General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, South, meets at First Presbyterian church.
- 9 a. m. to 11 p. m.—Exposition building open, corner Fifth and Church streets; concert at 4 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. Admission, 25 cents.
- 9 a. m.—Hand reel race, followed by grab race on South Tryon and foot race on West Trade.
- 11 a. m.—Baseball at Latta Park; Oak Ridge vs. Charlotte.
- 3:30 p. m.—Amateur bicycle races, bicycle park.
- 5:30 p. m.—Military parade and sham battle, Latta Park.
- 8 p. m.—Projectoscope in tent opposite the exposition building.

for your benefit, ministered to your comforts and words, and have often tenderly, faithfully nursed you in sickness. They are still around your doors, in the bosom of your community. Many of them are your fellow-heirs of salvation. Together with you, they all need it, greatly need it for time, for eternity. We are persuaded you will not turn away from them in this day of their imagined millennium—we fear of terrible calamity. Do all you can for their best welfare and do it quickly, for they already begin to pass rapidly away. "By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left; by honors and by dishonors, by evil report and good report," let it be shown to all men that nothing shall withdraw the sympathy of your heart or the labor of your hand from a work which must of necessity and ever rest chiefly upon those who dwell in the land, not upon the strangers who visit it.

The personnel of the Assembly will be good. Among those who take part in the 25th anniversary of the Westminster Standards on such men as Rev. Robt. L. Dabney, D. D., L. L. D.; Rev. Moses D. Hoge, D. D.; Rev. F. R. Beattie, B. D., D. D.; L. L. D.; Rev. S. M. Smith, D. D.; Rev. Chas. B. Hemphill, D. D.; Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D.; Rev. R. K. Smoot, D. D.; Rev. Henry White, Ph. D., D. D., and many others.

FAIR WEATHER THIS WEEK.

Weather Observer Doshier Promises Good Weather for Twentieth Week.

Light, scattered showers have fallen during the past 24 hours over the upper Lakes and showers are generally reported from the extreme Northwest; elsewhere, with the exception of a thunder shower last night at Jupiter, Florida, there has been no precipitation during the past 24 hours.

The weather is generally warmer this morning over the eastern portion of the country, and the temperature has remained very nearly stationary elsewhere.

The general atmospheric conditions are highly favorable for continued fair weather in this locality during the next two days.

Local forecast for Charlotte and vicinity: Continued fair weather tonight and Thursday.

Thought to Have Killed Himself.

REIDSVILLE, N. C., May 19.—Charles Preston was found near here Saturday, his throat badly cut. He died early this morning. It is thought now he committed suicide. He will be buried here, nothing being heard from his people.

To Study Finance in China and Japan.

By Telegraph to The News. BOISE, Idaho, May 19.—Ex-Senator DuBois and Senators Cannon and Pettigrew will sail July 2nd for China and Japan, it is understood, to study the financial question from an Oriental standpoint.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE HOMELESS.

NEW YORK, May 19.—The mayor of Jersey City at noon issued a proclamation, calling a public meeting in the city hall to-morrow afternoon to take steps to provide for the homeless families. The families lost everything they owned and the majority of them are without a cent. The neighbors will shelter others.

—There will be no prayer meeting at the A. R. P. church this evening owing to the closing exercises of the graded schools.

PRESIDENT ALDERMAN TO SPEAK.

City Public School Commencement This Evening.—Those Who Won Scholarships.

The commencement exercises of the Charlotte graded schools take place at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium at eight o'clock this evening.

The programme is as follows:

Invocation, Rev. C. L. Hoffman.

"Chorus, "Wake, Wake, Wake!"

Oration, "The Crescent and the Cross," Claud N. Wilkinson.

Class historian, Miss Josephine A. Osborne.

Oration, "The Dawn of a New Era," Robert S. Hutchison.

Class prophet, Miss Feriba E. Grier.

Valedictory, Miss Jessie V. Henderson.

Chorus, "The Oars are Plashing Lightly."

Address, President Edwin A. Alderman of the State University.

Presentation of diplomas, Rev. P. T. Durham.

Awarding of scholarships. Benediction.

The honor roll for the year is as follows: Jessie Henderson, 99.10; Eva Buddin, 98.97; Bettie Montgomery, 88; Mary Graham, 97; Feriba Grier, 97; Robert Hutchison, 96; Claude Wilkinson, 96; Fanny Andrews, 95; Ethel Lewis, 95; Isabella Doughty, 94; Ethel Finger, 94; Ada Friday, 94; Norma Van Landingham, 94; Marry Carothers, 93; Fanny Sims, 92.

The scholarships have been awarded as follows: Presbyterian College for Women, Miss Jessie Henderson.

University of North Carolina, Robert S. Hutchison, Claude N. Wilkinson.

Converse College, Misses Eva Buddin, Mary Graham and Fannie Andrews.

Guilford College, Miss Bettie Montgomery.

Trinity College, Miss Ethel Lewis.

GREENSBORO AND COLUMBIA DIVIDE.

Greensboro Won the Fast Steaming Prize and Columbia the Distance.

The first contest on the list was a steamer contest for quick steaming and long distance. The contest took place on East Trade street.

Greensboro won the \$75 prize for quickest steaming; time, six minutes and 27 1/2 seconds. Columbia's time was 6 minutes and 16 seconds.

In the contest for distance Columbia won with hands down. Greensboro threw water 136 1/2 feet, while Columbia's record was 188 feet.

Greensboro claims that she had no idea of winning the distance prize, but only entered the contest while her steamer was in order.

The Concert This Evening.

The noted Statesville band will give a concert at the Exposition building this evening at eight o'clock. The following programme will be rendered:

March—"Under the Double Eagle"—Wagner.

Schottische—Golden Trumpets—Rollinson.

Waltz—"In Old Madrid"—Meisler.

Overture—Cassandra—Rollinson.

Serenade—"In the Moonlight"—Hall. (Baritone Solo, Mr. E. Clark.)

Two-Step—"Ma Angeline"—Johnson.

Polka—Jocosity—Rayder.

A Kansas Two-Step—Pryor.

Medley Overture—Before the Footlights—Bendix.

Clarinet Solo—Somnambula—Thornton. (Dr. C. A. Turner.)

Waltz—Ornamental Roses—Ivanovici.

Galop—"King of the Road"—Rollinson.

THE CYCLE RACES.

ENTRIES FOR THE AMATEUR RACES TO BE HELD TOMORROW.

Oak Ridge to Cross Bats With Charlotte at Latta Park Tomorrow Afternoon.—Players and Racers.

The amateur bicycle races will take place at Bicycle Park at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The events and prizes are:

One mile novice—prize, gold medal.

One mile handicap—first prize, diamond ring, \$35; second prize, bicycle suit, \$10.

One mile Charlotte riders—first prize, Pope medal; second prize, Shell & Harrison medal.

Fourth mile open—first prize, diamond ring, \$35; second prize, gold cuff buttons, \$8.

Half mile boys' race—first prize, lantern; second prize, knife.

Two mile handicap—first prize, diamond ring, \$35; second prize, shot gun, \$25; third prize, watch fob, \$5.

Team race, three men to each team—prize, silver cup.

The officials are: Referee, T. T. Gilmer.

Judges: John Todd, W. H. Hefner, C. Creswell.

Umpires at turns: Ed Carson, John Dean.

Starter and announcer: Geo. Fitzsimons.

Clerk of the course: Frank Mahan.

List of racers and their places of residence: 1, Robert Wharton, Greensboro; 2, W. R. Spanolia, Charlotte; 3, Bellamy Harris, Wilmington; 4, J. Harris, Concord, N. C.; 5, T. J. Bell, Greenwood, S. C.; 6, Tom Pfaff, Winston; 7, Lonnie Caldwell, Charlotte; 8, T. J. McAdoo, Greensboro; 9, E. W. Watson, Augusta; 10, J. T. Temple, Richmond; 11, M. C. Buchanan, 12, Herman Buchanan, 13, R. H. DeButts, Greensboro; 14, H. W. Glum, 15, Fred Schade, 16, Glen Halstead, Washington, D. C.; 17, Archie Clark, Nashville, Tenn.; 18, Fred Oliver, Charlotte; 19, Frank Turrentine, Wilmington; 20, Chas. D. Coburn, Savannah, Ga.; 21, Chas. Spanolia, Statesville; 22, J. H. McAden, 23, Burton Smith, 24, Willie Cochran, 25, Monety Freeman, 26, Labe McDonald, Charlotte; 27, Eugene Fant, Anderson, S. C.; 28, H. R. Steenson, California; 29, W. E. Becker, Minneapolis, Minn.; 30, Jay Eaton, New Jersey; 31, Al Newhouse, Buffalo, N. Y.; 32, W. I. Huffetta, Florida; 33, Carroll Jack, Philadelphia; 34, A. Powers, Jacksonville, Fla.; 35, Phons Spanolia, Charlotte.

Each racer will have his number pinned on his back. "By their number ye will know them."

CHARLOTTE AND OAK RIDGE.

Charlotte is fortunate in securing so strong a team as Oak Ridge for its 20th of May game, and the "rooters" may look forward to an exciting contest.

Oak Ridge Institute has always been active in outdoor sports, and for some years held the State championship in base ball. The first match game of ball ever played in the State was between Oak Ridge and Guilford College (then New Garden). It was in the seventies, before masks, gloves and body protectors were heard of. The game was won by Oak Ridge by a score of 119 to 56.

This year's team is probably the best one Oak Ridge has ever put out, and has made the best record of any team in the State.

The star of their team is Barker, the big left handed pitcher. His south-paw curves have puzzled all opponents so far and Charlotte will have hard work solving them.

Brake catches Barker, and is without doubt one of the best backstops on the college diamond. His throwing is speedy and accurate.

Lambath plays 2nd base and captains the team. He is a fast infielder, and out of nine games this season has had only one error. The team has confidence in him as a leader, and his steady individual work does much toward strengthening the team work.

Bembow, the first baseman, is the slugger of the team, and plays a good all round game.

Charlotte will have Whitaker and Bailey of the University. "Joe" Whitaker has played center field at Chapel Hill for two years, and is worthy successor to "Sly" Robertson. Whitaker is one of the most popular men in college and is captain of next year's foot ball eleven.

SIXTY ARE MISSING.

TERRIBLE FIRE IN JERSEY CITY THIS MORNING.

Fifteen Tenement Houses in Flames—Fire Broke Out After an All Night Dance.—Thrilling Scenes of Rescue. By Telegraph to The News.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., May 19.—Fifteen tenement houses and a large furniture store in the business centre of the city were burned to the ground this morning, and two hundred people are made homeless.

The damage will amount to half a million.

The watchman of the store is missing, and is supposed to have been burned to death.

There were many thrilling scenes of rescue. Electric light, telephone and telegraph wires interfered with the work of rescue, and it is feared that many lives were lost on this account.

Many persons who were known to be in the burned tenement houses are missing, and it is supposed they were cremated in the flames.

Rumors at an early hour today place the number of fatalities at sixty.

The fire originated in the Paines furniture factory, after a dance which was held in the building last night.

The fire broke out before day and was not under control until 8 o'clock this morning.

In the tenement district the greatest confusion and panic prevailed.

All the buildings on the street from No. 208 to 325 were burned, and many other buildings a block away were badly scorched by the fierce heat.

Several men were so terror stricken that they had to be clubbed almost into insensibility before they would allow themselves to be rescued.

ENGLISH MARKETS IMPROVE.

LONDON, May 19.—The truce between Greece and Turkey has re-established confidence in the efficacy of the "concert of the powers" and is regarded as impressive. British consols are a shade higher today, and money is very easy again. The Paris bourse is particularly buoyant and French rents have advanced.

TWO THOUSAND MORE ON STRIKE.

Contractors Join Hands With the Brotherhood of Tailors.

By Telegraph to The News.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Over two thousand more members of the brotherhood of tailors are in the ranks of the strikers today.

The strike, while nominally against contractors, is virtually against manufacturers. The contractors have thrown their sympathy and influence with the strikers, asking what good are sweatshop workers for them. Better prices for labor means greater profits to the contractors.

The conduct of the strikers continues good. The police do not interfere with their meetings.

28 Soldiers Killed in an Accident. By Telegraph to The News.

COLOGNE, May 19.—A railway train conveying a thousand reserve troops from West Phalia for garrison duty at Metz, Alsace, was thrown from the track near Gerolstein, Rhenish Prussia, last night, and twenty-eight were killed.

Oscar Wilde a Free Man. By Telegraph to The News.

LONDON, May 19.—Oscar Wilde was released from prison this morning. He is enjoying robust health. He goes to Paris immediately, and proposes to return and engage in literary work. He does not intend to hide himself and will write over his own signature.

Liberals to Oppose Spain's Policy. By Telegraph to The News.

MADRID, May 19.—Ex-Premier Sagasta, the liberal leader, at a meeting last night, made a violent attack upon the Government, during which he declares that the truce granted by liberals was ended, and that the policy of the Government is dangerous and must be vigorously opposed.