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MORE THAN TWENTY THOUSAND Greatest Crowd that Ever Gathered at the Fair Grounds--Success that Breaks all Records--Tomor- row Educational Day.

The largest crowd that ever appeared in the State Fair grounds is there today--a crowd of more than twenty thousand, from every town and county in the commonwealth. A great crowd it is, jostling and pushing its way along the aisles of the main buildings, crowding the grand stand, and making merry fun on the fantastic midway; a democratic crowd, the laughing school girl with the aged farmer, the millionaire tobing elbows with the laborer. All sorts and conditions of men they are, and more than twenty thousand of them.

Secretary Pogue promised that he would break the record. He has broken the record in the matter of exhibits, the number of exhibits ever seen in the State. The midway is the largest ever seen here without a gambling machine or a robbing booth in the whole length of it. And the crowd is the largest that ever came.

The regular entrances to the grounds that are generally sufficient to accommodate a crowd of any size were entirely inadequate today, and two panels of the fence had to be pulled down to let the crowd in.

The school girls and school boys are in evidence by the hundred, the moribonds and colors of a hundred schools are seen on every hand. Prominent citizens and professional men, merchants and manufacturers from every part of the State are here.

And above all the hum of myriad voices and the tread of thousands can be heard the wild music and whirl of the midway. A thousand sound-waves beat on the air and every tune in the hand-organ from "Dixie" to "Jus. Because She Made Those Good-Go Eyes" can be heard. Above it all is the shrill voice of Esau's guardian, who asserts in megaphone tones: "She actually bites off her heads and positively eats them alive."

THE MAIN BUILDING.
The Judges have nearly completed their work, and the blue ribbons are pinned on many of the handsome exhibits. The beautiful exhibit of **Sherwood Higgs & Co.** is a centre of attraction. The Raleigh Electric Company, which operates the street car line, has a unique exhibit, in the centre of Floral Hall. Rows of colored incandescent lights glow from the roof and columns of the booth. Inside are the various appliances used in electric lighting, wiring and operating the car system. A feature that attracts attention is the electric house, where a typical "mammy" cooks tochtobams griddle cakes and makes delicious coffee by the electric flame. This exhibit was arranged by Mrs. W. J. Andrews, president of the company.

WORK OF THE BLIND.
Wonderful work done by the pupils of the Institution for the Blind, in this city is shown in the centre of Floral Hall. A hundred articles fashioned of wood, beautiful fancy articles, broom, brooms, and a variety of articles made by the blind are on view. Diplomas have been awarded the school for best individual work done by any school, for work in Sleyd and for fancy work. Besides premiums on many special articles. These were awarded in competition with all other work which is wonderful when one considers that the work was all done by the blind.

The Sloyd work attracted special attention today, when some little blind boys were busy working by their benches, planing their work, sawing, chiseling, etc., with the greatest interest and effect.

WAKE FOREST'S EXHIBIT.
Wake Forest has a very complete exhibit in charge of Prof. Poter, Lake and Brewer. It includes biological, chemical and geological apparatus, mathematical instruments and an assay outfit, besides numerous mineral specimens, and the finest exhibit of Chinese ceramics ever seen here. The surveyor's transit that surveyed the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad is here.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION The Government Magazine at Indian Head Blown Up Last Night.

By telegraph to The Times.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Several explosions occurred at Indian Head proving grounds at 10:45 last night. The explosion were sufficiently severe to be heard at Alexandria, twenty miles distant, and wide water station, seventeen miles south. At Quantico, eleven miles down the river and on the opposite side, the concussion were sufficient to rock the ground. Flares accompanied the crashes.

Witnesses on the Florida Special, running along the river opposite to Indian Head, heard the reports and saw the flames. Conductor McLane, who took that train at Quantico, was on the platform at a station when the explosion occurred. According to him the first explosion came at 10:45, followed five minutes later by three more, heavy and distinct. Five or six reports came in a short time after and the sky was brilliantly illuminated.

Indian Head is without communication save by single telephone wire controlled by the government. About half dozen officers are stationed there and a large number of workmen. The explosion was reported to the Navy Department by the magazine belonging to the proving grounds exploded, and no one was hurt. On being shown a special dispatch from Woodbridge, Va., which states that at least twelve were killed by the explosion, and the entire post demolished.

Admiral O'Neill, chief of the Bureau of Ordnance in the Navy Department, pronounced the story as preposterous from every point of view. He said: "I am an officer in charge of the ground which states that no one was hurt, and the time was one when no one would be likely to be in that vicinity. That the explosion was caused by a fire in the magazine which exploded is away from the railway, and the time was one when no one would be likely to be in that vicinity. That the explosion was caused by a fire in the magazine which exploded is away from the railway, and the time was one when no one would be likely to be in that vicinity."

EXPLOSION A MYSTERY.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The explosion at Indian Head proving grounds proved less serious than at first feared. No one was hurt.

Lieutenant Joseph Straus, the officer in charge of the proving ground, reported in person. He arrived at the Navy Department shortly after 11. His official statement is to the effect that a brick magazine 25 feet square and 100 feet long wooden filling house, or high-class magazine, was exploded together with a small photograph house, were completely destroyed by the explosion, which started in a brick magazine, and was communicated to the wooden one. How it originated is a mystery. In two magazines there were 30,000 pounds of smokeless powder, 8,000 pounds black powder, and an unknown quantity of brown powder. A good deal of smokeless powder was not exploded. Besides there were fifty 6-pound shells in a magazine, with few exceptions all these were exploded.

FUNERAL OF SHERMAN
SHERMAN, Ohio, Oct. 25.—The schools are closed today and all flags are at half mast in honor of Hon. John Sherman. When his body reached here at 10 o'clock members of the Sherman brigade, in a body met the funeral train at Grace Episcopal church, where the remains lie in state from 10 until 2.

Service was conducted by Rev. A. B. Putnam, at the church at 2:30 o'clock. Among those attending were President McKinley and Senators Foraker and Hanna.

ARCHITECTS MEET Leading Architects of the State Confer Here.

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WILMINGTON, DEL., Oct. 25.—Well pleased over his demonstration here last night Bryan left for Philadelphia today at 8:15 a. m.; but at no other point were the Delaware people enthusiastic over Bryan. But they listened to him attentively. Bryan spent the night at a local hotel. He was in good cheer when he reached the depot to depart. Mr. Bryan believes he is going to defeat McKinley. This information comes through his bosom friend, ex-Congressman Wm. M. Springer. The latter said to your representative: "Bryan has reached that decision from what he has seen on his tour of the country. The demonstrations in his honor have been generally remarkable for the enthusiasm displayed. I believe Bryan will win."

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FAIR TONIGHT
Propitious weather also predicted for tomorrow.

MRS. MANGUM DEAD
A lovely young woman passed away in this city.

OUT OF VOICE
Roosevelt missed a chance to make a speech.

SAFE BLOWN OPEN
Masked men bound and gagged the railway agent.

KILLED EACH OTHER.
Another tragedy on Laurel River, Kentucky.

BELIEVES HE'LL WIN. Bryan Believes Thoroughly that He Will be the Next President.

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GOES TO PHILADELPHIA.
Bryan Speaks to Big Crowd in Quaker City. Emphasizes Election of Senators by People.

SETTLEMENT NEAR
Announcement from Council of United Mine Workers Expected Today.

ALIENS CAUSE TROUBLE
Two Thousand Shots Fired and the Peaceable Citizens Terrorized.

DR. CRAIG'S SUDDEN DEATH
Rev. Dr. Daniels on the Life of This Noted Divine.

RAILWAY WRECK
Seattle, Wash., Oct. 25.—Four persons were killed and three injured last night in a Great Northern freight wreck on the coast line near Seattle.

THE PERFORMING DOGS
The performance of Prof. Meacham's dog show, given in front of the grand stand daily, has called forth much praise from the large crowds that have witnessed it.

FOR VANGUARD
Justice John Nichols today sent Chas. Straughn and Henry Banahan to the roads for ten days for vagrancy.