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THE LARGEST CITY CIRCULATION ENABLES THE TIMES' PATRONS TO SECURE THE BEST RESULTS.

GRIMES' BATTERY HERE.

They Arrived at Three O'clock This Morning on the Atlanta Special.

The Grimes Battery arrived here, thirty-one strong, last night on the Atlanta Special at 3 o'clock. They were met at the depot by about 20 members of the Governor's Guard who gave them a cordial reception and escorted them to the armory, which will be their headquarters while in the city.

They will be given the freedom of the city. They did not bring their canon as was expected. It was found impossible to do so.

They have quite a handsome uniform—gray coats and blue pantaloons.

The hospitality of the city is extended to them and it is hoped that their stay will be of the most pleasant character. They will return home Thursday night.

WOODWARD-WARREN COMPANY

Make a Decided Hit at Their Opening Performance Last Night.

The Woodward-Warren repertoire company are here for a week's engagement. This is one of the best companies of this character on the road. They were here last year and gave thorough satisfaction, and this year they give even better performances.

Their good performances and popular prices ought to pack the house every night. To-night they will put on "The Man From Paris."

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

A Ragged Negro Attempts to Snatch a Lady's Pocket Book.

Yesterday afternoon a bold attempt at robbery occurred on Hillsboro street near the railroad bridge. A lady, a stranger in the city, was walking on the street going in the direction of St. Mary's, when a ragged and villainous negro rushed upon her and attempted to snatch her purse which she carried in her hand.

Electric Decorations.

Mr. A. Dughi is up with the times. He has had put into position a handsome electric light circle in front of his store. It adds not only to the attractiveness to his store, but to that portion of Fayetteville street.

Messrs. Sherwood Higgs & Co. have two long strings of electric lights in front of their handsome establishment, which makes a most attractive display.

Wide-Awake Merchants.

A novel, conspicuous and very noticeable feature of the street parade was the Robinson-Franklin show to-day was the banners on the elephants of Sherwood Higgs & Co. It was a stroke of up-to-date enterprise, characteristic of that firm who are ever on the alert, and always the first to adopt novel advertising methods.

The Old Soldiers.

Wednesday of this week will be Old Soldiers' Day at the fair. On this day the old veterans from all over the State will meet, shake hands and talk over the scenes of the war times. A most interesting programme has been arranged, and this is to be one of the features of the fair.

Railroad Commission.

The Railroad Commission held a brief session this morning. In the matter of telephone rates, the present reduction is continued.

Another sitting of the Commission will be held later in the day.

Governor's Guard Will Not Turn Out.

The Governor's Guard will not turn out as company to-day, but as an escort. They will accompany the fair parade only as far as St. Mary's.

The company will turn out in full on Thursday.

Lumeden Moving.

Mr. J. C. S. Lumeden is moving into his new store. He expects to have the transfer of goods by to-morrow morning. He will then be installed in a handsome store.

Monument Lights.

The electric lights on the Confederate Monument are kept burning this week. They make a brilliant illumination.

HORRIBLY BURNED

A Disastrous Accident Yesterday Afternoon.

WAS JOHNNIE WILLIAMS

THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF HIS RECOVERY.

Frightfully Burned About the Head, Chest and Stomach—Resting as Easily as Could Be Expected.

A very distressing accident occurred yesterday morning to the little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Williams. Mrs. Williams had stepped out of the room in which there was a fire, leaving the little boy alone for a few seconds, but was soon startled by a scream and the next instant saw the child rushing from the room enveloped in flames.

The child is frightfully and perhaps fatally burned about the head, chest and stomach. When a Times reporter called at the residence this morning little Johnnie was resting as easily as could be expected, but the chances for his recovery are extremely slight.

Special Officers.

The following special policemen have, upon recommendation of the chief of police, been appointed by the mayor for this week: Chas. Beavers, J. E. Francis, Melville Andrews and John Bashford.

Carried to Wilson for Safe Keeping.

A special to the News and Observer from Wilson says: "John H. Barnes, who is charged with attempting to rape a young lady at Rocky Mount, was brought from Nashville Saturday night and lodged in jail at this place. It is stated that the reason for removing him to this place is that there was fear that he would be lynched, if he remained in jail at Nashville. The preliminary hearing will be had at Rocky Mount to-morrow and he will be taken from here there. The Wilson jail is a very secure place of confinement, provided prisoners are placed in the steel cells, but there have been three escapes from this jail in the past month. Barnes is not in a cell."

THE CIRCUS PARADE.

The Largest and Grandest Ever Seen in Raleigh.

The circus and the fair carried the city to-day. Early this morning crowds poured in from the surrounding country in every conceivable kind of vehicle and on foot, and the city people were early upon the streets. By 10 o'clock Fayetteville street was one dense mass of surging humanity from one end to the other.

At 11 o'clock the immense parade of the John Robinson-Franklin circus started up Fayetteville street. It was one of the largest and handsomest circus pageants that we have ever witnessed. Its cages and vans were magnificent. Several bands and a steam piano enlivened its course of march with music. The big elephants were there, as well as the snake-charmer, with her den of snakes. The horses were magnificent specimens. The show arrived here in the early hours this morning and their immense tents men soon raised. The systematic manner in which everything was accomplished evidenced the greatness of the show. It is an immense circus.

Two performances will be given. The afternoon performance will commence at 2 o'clock and the night performance at 8 o'clock.

When the procession got to the Supreme court building, Mr. W. O. Munroe, of Goldsboro, was engaged in an argument. That gentleman cast an uneasy glance towards the street like he wished he could see the animals. All the judges looked grave, as judges ought to look, and tried to seem nettled at the disturbance. But human nature was too much. The court did not so far forget its dignity as to adjourn, but it just temporarily suspended "because the noise was too great for the argument to continue." And they didn't forget to look out of the window, either. But it was soon over, and the wheels of justice continued to grind as usual.

AFTER COLLECTOR HARKINS.

His Removals Will Be Thoroughly Investigated.

Uncle Sam is after Collector Harkins at last. The fruits of his administration so far having reached their autumnal bloom are ready to pick. The United States Civil Service Commission has heard of Mr. Harkins, along with other internal revenue collectors who have been frolicking in an unruly way in the preserves that are fenced around with the Civil Service laws.

Yesterday an official of the Commission arrived in Asheville. He is Mr. Fred Wanamaker, one of the board of United States Civil Service examiners. His duties in this city are to investigate and report on the cause of every removal that has occurred under the present collector, and to ascertain whether or not each appointment made by Mr. Harkins has been in accordance with the Civil Service Rules and regulations.

It is understood that Mr. Wanamaker wishes to interview those who have been separated from the service during Mr. Harkins' incumbency.

Mr. Wanamaker has been supervising examinations for the commission in the South, and the last point at which he performed this duty was Tampa, Fla.

If it is found that the collector has evaded the law in any of these removals the Civil Service Commission will notify the Treasury Department to that effect.—Asheville Gazette.

THE WILBUR OPERA COMPANY.

The Performance of "Said Pasha" Last Night Was Excellent.

A large and fashionable audience greeted the Wilbur Opera Company at the Academy of Music last evening in the opening performance, the comic opera, "Said Pasha."

Never before has such a performance been given to the people of this city at the prices this company are playing. It is a first-class company, with a stage full of bright players and pretty chorus girls.

The performance was simply immense and the audience was delighted from beginning to end.

The two comedians were splendid, especially Mr. J. Clarence Harvey, who is really inimical and convulsed the audience with his unique humor.

Miss Susie Kirwin, as Serena, the Pasha's daughter, was a charming success. She is a delightful and attractive actress, and blessed with a soft, sweet voice. Her work last night proclaimed her a decided star, and she carried the audience by storm.

Mr. Harvey and Miss Kirwin are exceptionally clever and won repeated encores last night.

At the conclusion of the opera, the company presented "Living pictures." They were simply immense, the finest ever shown in this city. These alone were worth the price of admission. There was not the slightest touch of coarseness or anything in the pictures to offend the most cultured.

To-night the company will present the beautiful opera "Queen's Lace Handkerchief."

Those who fail to see this company will miss one of the best shows on the road.

DESERTED HIS SWEETHEART.

The Act of a Villain—Instantly Killed by a Mule.

Sunday morning's Durham Herald gives an account of quite an awful discovery in a disreputable suburb of Durham. A young girl of fifteen, who had eloped with her sweetheart, was deserted there by the man who had attempted to take her virtue. The couple were from near Warren Plains, in Warren county, and the girl came on the strength of the promise of the man to marry her, but on reaching here he informed her that he was already married. She was taken back to her home yesterday.

Saturday afternoon about eight miles from town Mr. William Brogden was killed. He was doing some hauling with the mule team of Mr. James Tilley, and the animals becoming frightened ran away. He was thrown from the wagon and died a short while afterwards. Mr. Brogden was about thirty years old and leaves a wife and three children.

Racing at the Fair.

There are more horses entered than for many years. Seventeen horses are entered for the three-quarter mile dashes, running races and thirty-one entered for a mile heat, trotting races, besides ten or twelve entered for trotting. A number of famous horses from the Northern States will enter the races.

Pit Cooked Barbecue.

The ladies at the Woman's Exchange will serve pit-cooked barbecue to-morrow and Thursday. The public should give them a call.

STATE FAIR OPENS

Splendid Line of March to the Grounds.

OPENED BY GOVERNOR

THE GRIMES BATTERY WAS IN THE PARADE.

State Officers and Other Prominent Citizens Were in Line—The Prospects for the Week are Bright.

The State Fair was formally opened to-day by an address by Governor D. L. Russell.

The procession formed in front of the Yarboro House and at 11:45 moved off to the grounds. The procession was much larger than usual and bespeaks the great success that is predicted for the fair this week.

A much larger number of marshals were in line than usual. There were over thirty, under the leadership of Chief Marshal Lybrooks, of Winston. Many of the marshals brought their own horses, and the body presented a spirited scene.

The line of march was as follows: Statesville band, of eighteen pieces.

Detail from Governor's Guard as special escort.

Grimes' Battery, thirty-one strong, under Capt. C. R. Warren.

Carriages with prominent citizens came next as follows:

First, Gov. Russell and Private Secretary Alexander, President R. H. Battle and Mnj. E. M. Hayes.

Next, Attorney-General Waiser, Treasurer Worth, Secretary of State Thompson, Auditor Hal. W. Ayer.

Next, R. A. Cobb, Librarian; J. M. Mevborne, Commissioner of Agriculture, and P. Y. Hamrick, Commissioner of Labor Statistics.

Next, Dr. J. A. Weston, Rev. E. C. Glenn, Col. B. S. Royster, Inspector General.

Next, J. M. McCuthen, J. C. Levi, W. M. Poindexter, Frank Stronach and W. M. C. French.

The marshals brought up the rear and presented a fine appearance.

The procession upon arriving at the grounds proceeded to the grand stand, when, at 12:30 President Battle introduced Governor Russell, who delivered the formal address opening the fair, which was favorably received.

The halls and grounds present a lively scene.

Insurance War in Greensboro.

A special from Greensboro of yesterday says: "An insurance war was inaugurated in Greensboro on Friday, which has created considerable comment and commotion. The Southwestern Tariff Association published on Friday last a schedule of rates for Greensboro cutting the rates on certain specified business 50 per cent. The specific risks named, it is claimed by the Home Company the Southern Stock Mutual applies almost exclusively to those risks taken by the Home Company, other classes not taken by this Home Company not being named in the cut rates. This has naturally aroused the Home Company and its friends, and as a consequence, a mass-meeting is now being held under the auspices of the Industrial and Immigration Association of Greensboro, which is largely attended by every class of Greensboro's citizens and this meeting seems to be a solid unit against the proposed effort of the Southeastern Tariff Association to break down the Home Company."

Meeting of the Alliance.

There will be a meeting of the Executive committee of the North Carolina State Farmers' Alliance at the State Treasury Department at 2 p. m. Wednesday. The shoe factory problem is to be considered. An effort is being made to secure a good man to manage the factory.

CLASS OF ATTRACTIONS AT THE FAIR.

Never before did the North Carolina Agricultural Society have a more moral and instructive class of exhibitions upon the ground. In addition to the usual hot sausage, candy, ball-throwing, photograph, cane-rack, knife rack, fish-pond, merry-go-round, soda water, shooting gallery, and refreshment stands, there are a number of first-class entertainments. Among the list are the following:

Hege's six-legged cow, a monstrosity seldom seen.

The petrified man, a marvelous piece of petrification.

Levitt's Crystal Maze, the largest and most expensive attraction ever seen upon a fair ground.

Edmundson Museum of Anatomy.

Kelly's calf, born without eyes or tail, a freak of nature exclusive to North Carolina.

The largest aggregation of rare and monster snakes.

The Gypsy Camp, expressive of the oriental style of fortune-telling.

Another North Carolina freak of nature, the fat boy, seven years old, weighing 113 pounds.

The petrified woman, the rarest specimen of petrification ever on exhibition. In charge and under the management of ladies.

Millie Christine, the greatest living wonder of the age.

Westlake's great New Orleans menagerie, comprising the largest collection of rare animals ever exhibited, together with the largest snake ever seen.

The fat woman, weighing 640 pounds, and many living curiosities, both marvelous and instructive.

The visitors to the fair of 1897 can be assured that Secretary Nichols has gathered together the best and most moral stupendous aggregation of exhibits, moral and instructive, ever gotten together upon one fair ground. There has nothing immoral been admitted to the grounds and none need fear entering any tent upon the ground.

Not a foot of space but what has been filled with some attraction, amusement or pleasant pastime for the thousands who will visit the grounds, and all these have been located in such a manner as to afford the greatest ease and satisfaction to those who wish to see them.

She Was a Hero.

The Greensboro Record says: "There is one lady in Greensboro who is not afraid of a mouse. No, she is not—this is true.

"The story is that she was hearing a class, when she felt a mouse—she knew it was a mouse—crawling under her clothing. She didn't scream, but when his mousetrap had reached a place where she could get a grip on him, she quietly grabbed it through her clothing and held on to it until through with her class, then she went to her room and removed it.

"It was indeed by this time, of course, she had choked it to death.

"The lady's name we do not propose to tell. She is not craving notoriety and does not want to be annoyed by offers from all the dime museums in the country as the only living woman who is not afraid of a mouse."

Marriage at Charlotte.

Mr. Chas. Leslie Keerans and Miss Florence May Alexander will be married this evening at Charlotte. The ceremony will be performed at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. Frank D. Alexander, by Rev. Dr. Howerton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Upon account of a recent death in the bride's family, no cards will be issued and the ceremony will be of a quiet nature, the invitations being limited to the immediate friends of the contracting parties.

Mr. Keerans is connected with Leslie & Rogers, and is one of the most popular young men in Charlotte. Miss Alexander is a daughter of the late T. LaFayette Alexander. She is known as a young lady of many charming traits of character, and is a favorite, not only in Charlotte, but wherever she has acquaintances.

Killed by Number 12.

The Charlotte Observer of Sunday says: "Local passenger train No. 12, on the Southern, which came in yesterday afternoon from Atlanta, struck and killed an aged white man in the train yard at Spartanburg. At the time the train left, the name of the man had not been ascertained.

"Engineer Werner was in the cab. He was going through the yard at the usual speed, when he saw the old man come from between two box cars and step on the passenger track immediately in front of the engine. He evidently had no thought of danger and did not see the train. The engineer had no chance to avert the accident, as the man was struck before there had been more than two or three revolutions of the wheels. He was knocked from the track and died almost instantly."

KILLED BY ST. CAR

Accident Occurred Near Fair Grounds.

AN UNKNOWN NEGRO

INQUEST WAS HELD AT COURT HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON.

The Mortman Rang His Bell, But he Remained on the Track—Must Have Been Deaf.

This morning at 10:15 o'clock an unknown negro man was run down and killed by a street car. The accident occurred just at the foot of the great hill at the fair grounds.

The car had just left the fair ground station and was speeding down the incline. The negro was at the foot of the hill and going in the same direction that the car was.

Motorman Winchester rang his bell repeatedly and had no idea but that the negro would get off the track, but no heed was paid to the rings and he applied his breaks, but owing to the drizzling rain, the tracks were slippery and the car could not be stopped before it had knocked the unfortunate man down and the wheels passed over his body just about the abdomen, killing him instantly.

He saw no doubt deaf.

The body was brought into the city at 12 o'clock on a street car and placed in the court house where an inquest will be held this afternoon.

LATER—The inquest was held in the court house, about 12:45, by Coroner Ellis, assisted by Dr. McKee. An examination showed that the skull was slightly fractured, but no bones were broken. The car did not pass over him, as first reported, and his death was caused by the blow from the car.

The following witnesses testified: Howard Winchester, Bettie Wilcox (col.), J. H. McGinis. Their testimony proved that the motorman was in no wise to blame, and that the deceased came to his death by his own carelessness. This was also the verdict of the jury.

The jurors were P. H. Johns, C. R. Todd, A. A. Howell, Jas. Baker, John B. White, Wm. Williams.

The deceased appeared to be about 30 years of age and was identified by William Plummer, colored. Plummer stated that the man's name was Thomas Hawkins and that he lived at Ridgeway. Had known him from infancy. Hawkins came to this city last Tuesday, and worked at the Fair grounds yesterday with Hyman Taylor. He was a single man, and not addicted to drink, and it is unknown why he failed to get off the track as he was not deaf as first supposed. When killed he had on his person eleven cents.

After the inquest the remain were taken to the home of Plummer, who has telegraphed the dead man's relatives.

To Speak.

The people who go to the Elizabeth City fair will hear a great deal about "State Aid," "Christian Education," and the like. Dr. Jno. C. Kilgo, Superintendent C. H. Mebane and Editor J. W. Bailey are advertised to speak. They left here yesterday morning to fill their appointment.

Remodeling Residence.

Mr. B. F. Montague is having his residence, on Newbern avenue, handsomely remodeled.

Colored Child Lost.

A little colored girl got lost from her people this morning during the excitement attendant upon the circus parade. She is now being cared for by a colored woman on East Hargett street, whose name we could not learn. She is too young to tell who her parents are.

Football Friday.

On Friday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock, a game of foot-ball will be played at Athletic Park between the A. and M. College and Guilford College. Admission twenty-five cents. Ladies free.