

... Jordan or ... Davidson & ... No tickets will be sold at the auditorium to-night. The number of tickets to the observation gallery will be limited to 100, at 75 cents each, which may be obtained at Jordan's drug store.

FIRE COMPANIES.

The following teams came in yesterday and last night: The South Side Hose Company, of Greensboro, under Captain J. H. Phillips, quartered at Mrs. Lucy Nether's, on East Third street; the Excelsior Hand Reel Team, Newberry, S. C., Captain T. O. Stewart, quartered at Mrs. Beaman's, 300 North Tryon street; Delgar Reel Squad, Sumpter, quartered at Mr. Elam's, 24 North College street; the Independent Southside Fire Engine Company No. 1, Columbia, S. C., Jno. D. Rodgers, president, and C. V. Lynch, captain; the Phoenix Hook and Ladder Company, Columbia, C. H. Corbin, captain, and J. F. Mechar, foreman. The above Columbia teams are at the Queen City Hotel. The Columbia Reel Team No. 4, captain, J. W. Dunning, and the Palmetto Reel Team No. 2, of Columbia, captain, Geo. A. Shields, are at the Central. The Greenville team, Greenville, S. C., captain, W. L. Moseley, are at Prof. D. McIver's, on the corner of Fourth, and Mint streets. The Camden Reel Team is at Mrs. VanLandingham's, on East Fifth street. The Charleston Hose Reel Association is at Mr. Jno. D. Ross', on West Trade street. The Goldsboro Fire Company is at 214 North College street. The Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, of Asheville, Captain J. S. Pullen, and the Asheville Horse Hose Wagon, are at Mr. Edwin Swinburn's, North Tryon street. The Monroe team is at Mr. F. M. Hoover's, on the corner of College and Sixth streets.

The timers for the races to-morrow are: Mr. James D. McNeill, Fayetteville; Capt. Harrison Watts and Jno. W. Todd, of Charlotte; starting judge, Dr. J. W. Griffith, of Greensboro; plug judge, W. P. Monroe, of Wilmington; and nozzie judge, Jas. P. Sawyer, of Asheville.

THE MIDWAY.

The Canton Carnival Co., owned and managed by Frank W. Gaskill, with whom the Elks contracted for the midway attractions to be run as the leading feature of their street fair, arrived here at daybreak yesterday morning. The company played to 150,000 people during the week at Birmingham and to over 200,000 at Chattanooga the week of May 15. This shows that the masses approve and attend Mr. Gaskill's midway. Further commendation is found in the report of the president of the Spring Festival Association at Chattanooga. He says the shows on the midway are grand and that this year for the first time in the Festival Association's history they didn't have to touch the guarantee fund, and that they quit their money to the good. The Elks of Birmingham are loud in their praise of Mr. Gaskill and his midway. They made about \$10,000 and say that next year they expect to give another street fair and do not want any other midway but Mr. Gaskill's. Grand Exalted Ruler Allen, who lives at Birmingham, proclaims the Gaskill midway clean and moral and far ahead of other midway attractions.

The feature show of the midway is the streets of India, where perform 35 of the strange, wonderful people of that great country. There are howling and whirling dervishes, jugglers, contortionists, acrobats, magicians, elephants, camels and sacred donkeys.

Archibald Phillips performs on his dizzy spiral tower in the centre of the midway. The tower is 25 feet in circumference.

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The other attractions are Rosco, the Australian snake-eater; international congress of dancing girls; Lunetta, the young lady; Greater American Theatre; Trained Wild Animal Shows; Leases theatre; Hindoo theatre; Oriental theatre; German Village; Sigmund's Living Pictures; Forest Tempest, the educated horse; Electric Fountain and theatre.

The first performance at the midway was given last night at 7:30, and during the evening a very large and delighted crowd witnessed the carnival's odd sights. The midway is sure to be a success in Charlotte. Owing to some mistake about lights Phillon did not do the spiral-tower act last night, nor did the spectators see the high dive that was promised, but both of these wonderful feats may be witnessed to-day and to-night.

THE BOOTHS.

The booths, which are inside the midway enclosure, and immediately in front of the entrance to the carnival, are beautifully and tastefully decorated and are a decided addition to the pretty effect of the scene. They are occupied by the display representatives of the following firms: The Queen City Cycle Co., Williams & Shelton, dry goods and notions; the Southern Hardware Company; J. W. Wadsworth's, Sash, Livery; C. H. Flournoy & Co., china and glass-ware; T. C. Williams & Co., tobacco, Richmond, Va.; Louis Theodore Kay, glass engraving; J. W. Prevost, tobacco; J. H. Weddington & Co., hardware; the General Fire Equipment Company; Yorke Bros. & Rogers, hatters and furnishers; the E. M. Andrews & Co., Furniture and Music Company; E. W. Melton Co., clothiers and hatters; J. R. VanNest & Bro., groceries; Garibaldi & Bruna, jewelers; D. H. Baruch, dry goods and notions; the Queen City Printing Company; the Southern Bell Telephone; P. H. Hanes & Co., tobacco; the Southern Electrical Company; Tapp, Long & Co.; Beverlyhill & Bryan, and the Stieff Music House.

MR. NEWLAND AT MAIDEN.

A Cotton Mill Man Will Not Allow Operatives to Wear White Supremacy Buttons. Special to The Observer.

Maiden, May 21.—Last Friday night Mr. W. C. Newland, of Lenoir, addressed a fair crowd of the citizens of the town on the political issues. Some Republicans and Populists were present. The speech was an able and convincing one in favor of white supremacy.

It is said the manager of one or two of the cotton mills here is bringing great pressure to bear on the mill operatives to get them to support the amendment ticket, so much so that white supremacy buttons are forbidden to be worn in the mills, even by the white girls who have been wearing them.

A good working club was organized, with Dr. J. L. Latimore president and R. A. Riddick secretary. Regular meetings will be held each week, with speaking every two weeks.

THE BOERS VISIT FRUITLESS.

THIS COUNTRY CANNOT INTERFERE.

The Delegation Called Upon the Secretary of State and Urged That the United States Being the South African War is a Close They Cordially Received, but Insisted That This Country Could Only Remain Neutral.

Washington, May 21.—The State Department has met the issue raised by the coming to Washington of the Boer delegation by declining to interfere in behalf of the South African republics in the present struggle. In view of this announced decision all questions as to the character of the recognition to be extended to the delegates and the sufficiency of their credentials dropped at once into the background. It was, after all, of little moment whether or not the Boers were received as diplomatic agents or ministers, so long as they were powerless to promote the prime object of their mission; namely, cause the United States government to interfere to bring about peace. The meeting between the delegates and Secretary Hay was brought about in the simplest manner.

Gen. O'Beirne had secured from the Department last Saturday a promise to entertain any credentials that might be presented to-day. This morning, a note came to the State Department from the delegates asking that they be permitted to present themselves at the Department. A prompt acquiescence was returned by Secretary Hay and at the hour fixed, 2:30, the three delegates appeared, and were at once shown into the diplomatic room. Secretary Hay, accompanied by Mr. Babcock, his private secretary and stenographer, entered the diplomatic room and cordially greeted his visitors. Just what passed between them probably will never be exactly known, for when the meeting was over, after lasting an hour, the Boers, in departing, stated to a number of anxious newspaper men that they had, and would have, nothing to say as to what happened. For his part, the Secretary of State was more comprehensive, but before making any statement, made his way to the White House and conveyed the President.

Then the Secretary gave out, through his secretary, a statement to the effect that the delegates were received cordially and laid the merits of their controversy before him and expressed a desire that the United States should interfere in behalf of peace. The Secretary replied, quoting the President's utterance in his last message, to the effect that while the United States maintained a strictly neutral attitude in the South African contest, that had circumstances suggested that the parties would be well served by the good offices of this government would have been tendered. Secretary Hay reviewed the efforts made by the United States, some months ago, to bring the war to a close and quoted articles of The Hague convention regarding such matters, and in conclusion said: "The President sympathizes heartily in the sincere desire of all the people of the United States that the war which

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is now afflicting South Africa may, for the sake of both parties engaged, come to a speedy close, but having done his full duty in the premises, and seizing the first opportunity that presented itself for tendering his good offices in the interests of peace, he feels that in the present circumstances no course is open to him except to persist in the policy of impartial neutrality. To deviate from this would be contrary to all our traditions and all our national interests and would lead to consequences which neither the President nor the people of the United States could regard with favor.

Lord Pauncefote called at the State Department while the Boers were consulting with Secretary Hay.

The Boer representatives will be received at the White House at 10 a. m. to-morrow. Their visit to the Executive Mansion was arranged during their call at the State Department. The call will be entirely unofficial.

DR. GEO. T. WINSTON SPEAKS.

Two Commencements are in Progress in Greensboro—Bishop Chestre Dedicates a Church. Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, May 21.—The closing exercises of the Greensboro Public High School were held to-night in the chapel. There are 25 of the graduating class. Mayor Taylor delivered the diplomas. The annual address was delivered by President George T. Winston of the A. and M. College. Dr. Winston spoke on "Opportunities for Boys in North Carolina."

To-morrow evening a reunion of former graduates of the school will be held, and addressed by Prof. David B. Smith, of the Winston public schools. This is commencement week at the Agricultural and Mechanical College for the colored race. The baccalaureate sermon was preached yesterday afternoon by Rev. Livingston Johnson, of West Washington Street Baptist church. His chosen as his theme "Blessings of Christianity." There are seven graduates in the regular college depart-

ment and 25 in the preparatory department.

St. Andrew's Episcopal church was dedicated yesterday by Bishop Chestre.

The running team of the Southside Hose Company, the champion reel team of the State, went to Charlotte to-night in order to be there in time for the parade to-morrow. The hose wagon and two horses were shipped to-day. Senator Pritchard passed through this morning on his way to Winston to attend the Falem Female Academy commencement, where his daughter is a student. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rankin and Mr. C. F. Cline are among the Greensboro people in Charlotte.

Bad Storm in Florida.

Marianna, Fla., May 21.—On Saturday a hail storm struck the village of Greenwood, leaving a path of destruction five miles long and one mile wide. The Baptist church was blown down and several houses badly damaged. The cotton and corn crops were destroyed.

Ladybrand Occupied by British.

London, May 21, 2 p. m.—The War Office has received the following message from Lord Roberts.

"Kroonstad, May 21.—Buller reports that his advance will be delayed for a few days on account of the way in which the railroad has been destroyed. Rundle reports that Ladybrand has been completely occupied. Hunter is pushing up the railroad with supplies for the Mafeking garrison and is arranging a hospital train for the conveyance of the sick and wounded to Kimberley. Methuen has left Hopstad to co-operate with this force."

Champion Fashionist.

Newport News, Va., Herald. Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, is the champion fashionist of the age. At Sioux Falls he advocated fusion with the Democrats, and in North Carolina he advocates fusion with the Republicans.

BAD BLOOD

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