

# THE TWENTIETH OF MAY CELEBRATION.

## CHARLOTTE HANDSOMELY AND PROFUSELY DECORATED.

### THE CITY HAS DONNED HER HOLIDAY ATTIRE AND HER GATES STAND OPEN.

EVERYTHING IN GREAT SHAPE AND VISITORS ARE ALREADY COMING IN.

**The Prospects Good for a Splendid Celebration—The Programme of the Week's Festivities—The Military and Floral Parades, Firemen's Parades and Contests, Elk's Parade, Sham Battle, Baseball, Etc.—Mr. Osborne to Deliver the Address on Tuesday—Lieutenant Anderson to Review the Great Parade—The Elk's Carnival and Midway Opens at 1 O'Clock To-Morrow.**

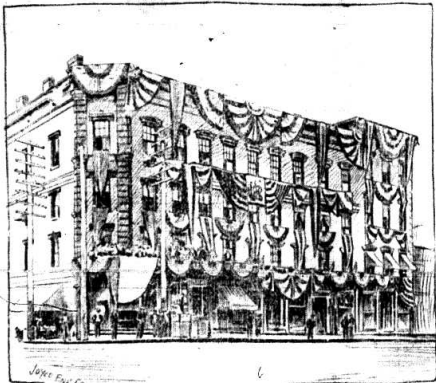
Charlotte is ready for the week's celebration of May 20th. The city is gaily decorated and the streets and buildings present a beautiful appearance. Standing on the iron tablet in Independence Square, which marks the spot where the famous Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was signed on May 20th, 1775, one can turn north, south, east and west and look upon a perfect sea of flags, banners and bunting. The decoration of the city was never before more

federate Veterans, Grand Army of the Republic and Spanish war veterans, commanded by Col. Armfield, will assemble as follows:

The visiting military will form promptly at 9 o'clock, right resting on Hill street. Specific orders as to formation will be issued by the general commanding.

The United Confederate Veterans, Grand Army of the Republic and Spanish war veterans will form at the county court house under their respective commanders at 9 o'clock.

2. The second division, comprising all



THE CENTRAL HOTEL—AN IDEA OF THE CHARLOTTE DECORATIONS.

general or more profuse. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be the big days of the celebration, but the Elks, with their carnival and midway, will see to it that each day this week, from 1 o'clock to-morrow until midnight Saturday, will be a lively one. The features of Tuesday will be the floral and military parades and the oration by Hon. Frank L. Osborne. The fireman's parade will take place on Wednesday and the Elks' parade on Thursday. The details of the parades and contests are given in the programme.

The celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence is to be conducted under the auspices of the Charlotte chamber of commerce. Dr. Jos. Graham is chairman of the committee of arrangements, George L. Stephens, secretary; John M. Scott, treasurer; O. L. Barringer, Mr. C. H. Campbell, the chief director, is in general charge. Other officials are: Col. A. L. Smith, chief marshal; Maj. T. R. Robertson, chairman of the military committee; Thos. Garibaldi, chairman of the firemen's tournament; Miss Adelle Williams, floral director; George L. Stephens, chairman athletic committee; Capt. Z. B. Vance, chairman of the committee to receive Lieutenant Anderson; Joe Garibaldi, chairman hotel accommodation committee. Major George F. Rutzler is in charge of the Elks' carnival and midway.

The official programme is as follows:

#### TUESDAY, MAY 22.

Grand procession will start at 9:30 a. m., from intersection of Hill street and South Tryon street, and will march up Tryon to Seventh street, on Seventh street to College street, on College street to College avenue, on College avenue to North Tryon street. Lieutenant Anderson will review the parade passing at the point between Ninth and Tenth streets. The procession will proceed to Independence Square, where it will disband.

Order of procession—Mounted police, chief marshal and assistants, chief director, colonel and staff commanding First Division, S. A. L. Band, Portsmouth, Va.; military and veterans, invited guests, mayor and president chamber of commerce, Rentflow band, firemen with horses and apparatus, drum corps, floral bicycle division, ladies on horse back, band, floral carriages, including locomobiles and floats, patrol wagon.

Exercises at speaker's stand, immediately after review at Presbyterian College grounds:

Music—Selection ..... S. A. L. Band  
Prayer, ..... Rev. J. W. Stagg  
Address of welcome, ..... Mayor J. D. McCall  
Music—"Old North State" ..... S. A. L. Band  
Reading Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence ..... Geo. W. Graham, M. D.  
Music—"America," ..... S. A. L. Band  
Oration ..... Hon. F. L. Osborne  
Benediction.

Sham battle at Latta Park at 5 p. m.  
Grand 20th of May ball at Latta Park at 9 p. m., complimentary, to Lieutenant Anderson.

Governing the parades on May 23, Col. A. L. Smith, chief marshal, has issued the following general orders:

General Order No. 1—The assistant marshals are assigned as follows: First division, T. L. Powell, E. L. Farrior, Geo. L. Lyon; second division, W. R. Robertson, S. B. Alexander, Jr.; third division, Major T. R. Robertson, Capt. David Clark, Osmond L. Barringer, Geo. C. Wadsworth.

General Order No. 2—1. The assistant marshals are hereby ordered to report at 8 a. m., Tuesday, May 23, 1900, at the Manufacturers' Club.

2. The first division, comprising the

visiting and local fire companies, commanded by Thomas Garibaldi, chairman of the fire committee, will form at 9 a. m. in regular order as assigned and designated by the commander on Hill and South Church streets, right of column resting on Hill street.

4. The third division, comprising the Charlotte drum corps, bicycle brigade and the floral floats, under command of Major R. E. Davidson, will form at 9 o'clock on South Tryon and Morehead street, the right resting on Morehead street.

General Order No. 3—The formation of the procession will be as follows: Mounted police, chief marshal and assistants, chief director, colonel and staff commanding first division, Portsmouth band, first division of military, United Confederate Veterans, Hartranft Post G. A. R., Spanish war veterans, invited guests and orator in carriages.

Second division: Commander and invited guests, Rentflow band, fire trucks and hose wagons with horses, reel teams.

Third division: Chief of police and Sergeant Baker, mounted, drum corps, floral bicycle division, ladies on horseback, band, floral carriages, including locomobile and floats, patrol wagon.

The procession will start at the intersection of Hill street and South Tryon at 9:30 a. m., and move up Tryon street to Seventh, up Seventh to College, up College north to College avenue, and out college avenue to Tryon, down Tryon to Independence square, where it will disband.

Lieutenant Anderson and other invited guests will review the parade between Ninth and Tenth streets.

The following is the order in line of the fire companies in the parade: Chief of fire department, Charlotte; carriage-containing President J. D. McNeill and staff, Charleston Hose Reel Association, of Charleston, S. C.; Fire Company No. 1, hook and ladder company, hose reel team, of Goldsboro; Palmetto Fire Company, No. 2, Independent S. F. E. Company, No. 1, Columbia reel team No. 2, Phoenix Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, Columbia, S. C.; Asheville Hose Company, No. 1, horse hose wagon, Rescue Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, Asheville; Delgar reel squad, Sumter, S. C.; Southside Hose Company No. 4, Greensboro; Marietta fire department, Marietta, Ga.; Excelsior Fire Company, Newberry, S. C.; Camden fire department, Camden, S. C.; Monroe Fire Company, Monroe; Charlotte reel team, (No. 1); Pioneer reel team, No. 2, Charlotte hose wagon No. 1, Church Street hose wagon No. 2, Charlotte Hook and Ladder Company, Charlotte.

All engines not yet made will be assigned in line just ahead of Charlotte departments.

All captains of teams entering races and judges of races are asked to meet at the mayor's office Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, sharp, to draw for positions in races.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 23—FIREMAN'S INTER-STATE DAY.

Competitive contests for \$1,000 cash prizes.

These races will occupy the entire day, beginning at 8 a. m.

Race course on North Tryon street between Fifth street and Seventh streets, for horse hose-wagon races and horse hook and ladder races. Race course on West Trade street, between Church street and Poplar street for hand reel races and grab races.

Baseball at Latta Park at 4 p. m.—Charlotte vs. Cheraw, S. C.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 24—ELKS' DAY.

Morning at 10 o'clock—Grand grotesque, fantastic, comical and side-splitting, laugh-producing parade, introducing animals from the midway to march across the hot sands of Charlotte.

Baseball at Latta Park at 4 p. m.—Charlotte vs. Cheraw, S. C.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 25.

Locomobile race on Tryon street at 9:30 a. m. The greatest novelty of the twentieth century.

Baseball, two games, morning and afternoon, at Latta Park, at 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.—Charlotte vs. Bingham.