

The Reel Contest.

The reel contest was pulled off at 1 o'clock on Main Street, and was witnessed by a big crowd. It was close enough to be exciting, and until the time was announced there was doubt.

Of course, the crowd was banking on Sumter, and wanted one of the squads to win, it did not make much difference which. Yet the Columbia Independents had lots of friends and admirers present.

The Independents are a fine looking set of fire laddies, and their fire record, both in actual combat with flames, and in contests like this, is well known in Sumter. They are real firemen and know how to handle the reel and nozzle as well as the best.

The squads are as follows:

Delgar Reel, 3.—W. J. McKagen, captain; W. C. Bagnal, W. S. Graham, A. G. Flowers, Louis Lyons, D. China, W. R. Burgess, Phil Miller, J. E. Miller, E. O. Ingram, H. Dickson, I. H. Moses, Jr., Geo. P. McKagen, Jr.

Columbia Independent Reel Squad.—G. R. McJunkin, captain; Pittman, Sweeney, McDougal, Strickland, Swygert, Dunning, Radcliffe, Kramer, E. B. Allen.

Monaghan No. 1.—John Moran, captain; V. H. Phelps, Joo. T. Wilson, Joe Villeneuve, John Power, Tom Miller, W. Bultman, R. T. Carr, Gas Epperson, C. J. Alphonse, John Barrett, Blandford Durant.

The members of the Independent Squad were dressed in white tights and navy blue trousers.

Delgar Squad 3, in navy blue blouse and knickerbockers.

Monaghan Squad, 2, in red blouse and knickerbockers.

The reels were weighed at 11 o'clock. Number 1 weighed 732 pounds, which entitled them to 10 men to the reel and a hydrant man and a nozzle man.

Number 3 weighed 680 and had 9 men and the two extras as above.

The Independents weighed 608, and was allowed 8 men and two extras.

The course was from Scaff's to Rytenberg's corner, where connection was made with the hydrant—a distance of one hundred yards.

Col. J. A. Blame, Mr. A. W. Sander and Mr. E. H. Moses acted as judges. Mr. E. I. Boardman was clerk.

Number 2 ran first, time 35 1/2 seconds. Number 3, second, time 33 seconds.

The Independents, third, time 30 seconds. The prizes therefore go to the Independents and Delgar 3.

There was considerable kicking about the connection made with the nozzle by No. 3, and the manner in which the Independents used a strap on the hose to facilitate making a quick connection with the nozzle, but the judges decided that there was no violation of the rules.

The Independents just ran away with their opponents. Had the street been level the time would have been much faster.

THE GRAB CONTEST.

Immediately after the reel contest the grab test was run.

The runs were made in the same order as above.

Monaghan No. 2, made the run in 35 1/2 seconds.

Delgar No. 3, failed to make connection on account of a kink in the hose, preventing it from unreeing, and was ruled out.

The Independents made the run in 29 seconds, but were ruled out for pulling off the hose before the hydrant was reached. This gave the first prize to Monaghan No. 2.

Delgar No. 3, and the Independents then ran for the second prize. Delgar made the trip in 31 1/2. The Independents made a fine run, but the butt blew off, and they were ruled out under the rules. Second prize went to Delgar No. 3.

The judges on the grab contest were: Messrs. E. H. Moses, A. W. Seder and S. Y. Delgar.

Main Street was crowded and the windows of the stores were filled with the ladies who are taking as much interest in the Carnival as any of the men.

The Fantastic Parade.

The Fantastic Parade brought out a big crowd last night. Main Street was thronged, and from Republican to the Nixon House the sidewalks were almost blocked.

The decorations of the stores and residences added a great deal to the attractions of the display along the line of the parade, and the sight-seers were unanimous in their praises of that happy union of enterprise and artistic taste that marks every effort in this line made in Sumter.

On Main Street the decorations receiving most praise from the passers by were: Schwartz Bros., O'Donnell & Co., the table in Ducker & Bultman's window, Chandler's and Burn's joint decoration, Barrett, Brown, Gurtino & Delgar, Dr. China's window, Rytenberg's, Hammond's, the Monaghan Block, as a whole; Miss McDonald's and Levi's. Miss McDonald's decoration divided honors with the Monaghan Block and Burn's and Chandler.

It is difficult to say which was the most admired.

The decoration of the residences were especially beautiful. Mr. E. P. Monaghan eclipsed all others, but all were festooned with bunting and illuminated by long strings of Chinese lanterns.

The Nixon House, Dr. Dick's, Mr. Rosendorf's, the Jervey House, Mr. Mason's, Dr. China's, Mr. Nash's and Mr. Langbery were all profusely decorated.

The Fantastic Parade started from the Monumental Square, headed by the Fourth Regiment Band in the big band wagon. Then came the "Sacred White Elephant from Mayeville," with banner bearers and body guard. [The sacred beast was a calm and gentle white ox that has recently received emancipation from the plow.] Mr. Sid Stubbs occupied the post of honor, astride the beast's back. Then came Tod Folsom in a billy goat cart surrounded by lanterns and flags. Rex [the white ox] followed in an ox cart, symbolic of agriculture, patience and frugality, surrounded by his court beauties.

The Devil—there were several of them this time—and the angels followed arrayed in long white robes and bearing torches.

Frank Little, the only original, brought up the rear of the procession as the clown, astride the trick mule.

The parade was a success and Dr. Dick and Mr. J. N. Alphonse deserve much credit for getting it up.

The grand fire works display at Monumental Square will begin at 7 p. m. this evening, instead of 8 p. m. This change is rendered essential on account of the bicycle parade.

The fire reporter has been told that the fire work display will be unusually fine, and the public are urged to be present, and bring the little folks.

The bicycle parade this evening will be one of the most interesting features of the Carnival program. It is said there will be many riders in line. The participants will meet and the parade will form at 6 30, p. m. The parade will start at 7 30, p. m., sharp, and will go from Monumental Square down Liberty to Sumter; down Sumter to Bartlett; down Bartlett to Main; up Main to Warren; Warren to Washington street and up Washington to Monumental Square, where the prize will be awarded. Three prizes will be awarded for the best decorated wheel. \$5.00 for the first; \$3.00 for the second; \$2.00 for the third.

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THE GREAT PUG-A-WUG OF THE HIGH HILLS.

A Few Philosophic Reflections by Henry R.

COLUMBIA, S. C., October 15th, 1894.

Mr. Editor: While the Watchman and Southron is a bitter Straightout paper it is very respectable, and tries hard, seemingly, to deal with men and measures in a just and fair spirit. So I was surprised to see the little editorial trying to make it appear that the Reformers proposed to run a man against Mr. Mellett because he saw fit to "rebuke Railroad Commissioner Thomas for his impertinent and unauthorized letter" to the Senator and Representatives of Sumter county, asking them to define their political position on the questions of the day.

The Editor knows he is unjust to the Reformers, for he has seen them tried and proved. We Reformers all know that the Haskellism, which the Watchman and Southron and Mr. Frank Mellett espoused and independentism, of all kind means the negro, and we assure the Watchman and Southron that they need feel no fear of us. We will go to the polls and cast our votes for Mr. Frank Mellett. My letter to the Senator and Representatives, was not as you say, impertinence. The Straightouts all over the State were making an effort to run an independent ticket. In the interests of the faction which has honored me by electing me their leader, I wrote these gentlemen a respectful letter asking them to publicly define their political position, that our people, whose votes they seek in the general election, might know that they regarded their pledge and oath and would do their duty by supporting the State ticket and the Democratic nominee Dr. J. W. Stokes, for Congress. I thank the Senator and four Representatives for their gentlemanly, respectful and courteous reply. Our people know by the reply that they are not called upon to support a lot of traitors to the primary. I am told on good authority that Mr. T. B. Johnston, Independent Republican candidate for Congress, who has always affiliated with the negro, has been promised the Conservative vote of Sumter county against that life long Democrat and scholarly gentleman Dr. J. W. Stokes, the nominee of the Democratic party for Congress. You are pledged and took solemn oath to support the nominee of the Democratic party. You are not supporting Dr. Stokes as you have sworn to do. At the general election we Reformers intend to do our duty and cheerfully support every man on the Democratic ticket. You know we did it in the last election under greater provocation than we have had this time. So we beg you will cease making your little spiteful flings at the Reformers, and do your sworn duty by all the nominees of the Democratic party.

H. R. THOMAS.

Literary.

The Rev. John Kershaw delivered a lecture before the Sumter Library Association last Wednesday evening that was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience present. He dealt principally with what might be termed the unwritten history of the realm, for much of it is to be found only in traditions and in many old manuscripts.

Mr. D. M. Young read a portion of the oration of ex-Governor James R. Hammond on the Life and Character of Calhoun, delivered before the Charleston City Council, by request, in 1850. Mr. Young's delivery was unusually good. He was familiar with his subject and threw life and character into the reading.

Col. J. J. Dargan, President of the Association announced that Gen. Edward McCrady, of Charleston, and other well known men have consented to deliver addresses during the winter.

Rev. J. W. Daniel's lecture, "Moonshine," was heard by a large audience—for a lecture—on Thursday evening. It was intensely amusing, and was so enjoyable that it is hoped that Mr. Daniel will before long deliver another.

It is gratifying to be able to note that Solicitor John S. Wilson has improved so decidedly that he may be able to resume his duties before the work of the present circuit is concluded.

The constables began raiding blind tigers in Columbia on Thursday last. They had search warrants and proceeded in an orderly manner.

Ex Vice President Morton, the Republican candidate for Governor of New York, has gotten into a snafu by importing an English coachman under contract. The penalty is \$1000.

Chief Justice Bleckley, of Georgia, has resigned. He gives as the principal reason that there is more work than five men ought to do, and there are only three judges.

Anyone can find anything that is usually kept in a first-class drug house, at lowest figures, at the City Drug Store, A. J. China, proprietor.

China's Soda is the best. All you want is to try it once and you will call again. Any flavor from a x y z.

Why continue paying to foreigners all we can make for life insurance when we can get better results at home for one-third the cost? and the money is kept at home where we need it. This is co-operative life.

A conflict is impending in Guiana, South America, between Venezuela and England. This fact is interesting, inasmuch as the United States may be drawn into it in defence of the Monroe Doctrine.

The St. Mary's Catholic Abstinence Society of Knoxville, Tenn., has adopted emphatic resolutions regarding the liquor traffic. The resolutions recite that the object of the society is to train the Catholic youth in paths of sobriety and morality, that they may become practical Catholics and patriotic American citizens; that the society realizes that the strongest impediment to the consummation of these objects, as well as the greatest evil which confronts the American people, is intemperance, and that it contemplates with horror the result of intemperance and especially deploras the misery entailed on Catholics and the odium cast on them as a religious denomination.

On the Diamond.

The base ball game between Sumter and Columbia proved to be a regular Waterloo for the latter. Columbia was not in it alongside of James and Gibson, Sumter's battery, and, in consequence, the Game Cocks wiped up the diamond with them to the tune of 20 to 0. The game was without a feature to recommend it.

There is no medicine so often needed in every home and so admirably adapted to the purposes for which it is intended, as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Hardly a week passes but some member of the family has need of it. A toothache, or headache may be cured by it. A touch of rheumatism or neuralgia quieted. The severe pain of a burn or scald promptly relieved and the sore healed in much less time than when medicine has to be sent for. A sprain may be promptly treated before inflammation sets in which insures a cure in about one-third of the time otherwise required. Cuts and bruises should receive immediate treatment before the parts become swollen, which can only be done when Pain Balm is kept at hand. A sore throat may be cured before it becomes serious. A troublesome corn may be removed by applying it twice a day for a week or two. A lame back may be cured and several days of valuable time saved or a pain in the side or chest relieved without paying a doctor bill. Procure a 50 cent bottle at once and you will never regret it. For sale by Dr. A. J. China.

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In a Sioux Falls paper on a recent Sunday appeared an advertisement, "stenographer wanted." Miss Era Humes, of Salem, saw the ad., but Sioux Falls is forty-five miles from that city until late Monday, and before that time half a dozen persons might apply for the place. Miss Humes therefore attired herself in a jaunty bicycle suit, provided herself with a luncheon, mounted her wheel and made nearly fifty miles over a rough and billy road to Sioux Falls, and early Monday morning applied in person for the position and got it.

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