

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 14, 1892.

Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary and Treasurer:

DEAR SIR: The judges appointed to decide on the best drilled and best uniformed company in the line of march in the firemen's parade of this day, make this their decision: That the Greensboro Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, was the best drilled and best uniformed company in line, and is, therefore, entitled to the prize offered for same.

JAS. D. GLENN, }
J. G. MARTIN, } *Committee.*
T. A. GREEN, }

After the parade was over and every one had satisfied the inner man, a rush was made for Montford avenue, where the steamer contest was to come off at 2:30 p. m.

The Atlantic steamer, of New Berne, was the only entry. Having been placed in position promptly on time, a delay was caused by the cistern from which the water was to be raised springing a leak. At last, after a long wait, the leak was stopped, and the torch was applied with John Green firing and Wm. Ellis at the throttle. Time made: 3 minutes 56 seconds. Distance thrown: 128 feet 10 inches.

The company owning this engine offers to enter her against any steam fire engine in the world on quick steaming.

The judges in this were as follows: E. G. Parmelee, Wilmington, N. C.; N. F. Reid, Danville, Va.; Ed. Elliot, Asheville, N. C.

The next was the sack race.

Entries—Chas. Carl, Greensboro; Chandler Otter, Wm. Otter and A. Schilling, Asheville.

Judges—Charlie Rawls, Asheville; C. H. Whittaker, Durham; W. F. Keith, Winston.

Winner—Wm. Otter, Asheville.

This closed the contests of the first day of the tournament.

At night Capt. Frank O'Donnell, foreman of Hose Company No. 1, of Asheville, gave the visiting firemen and ladies with them a moonlight excursion on the dummy line to the top of Sun Set mountain. Every one availed themselves of the opportunity, and came back singing Captain Frank's praises.

THIRD DAY.

The day opened bright, and every one was astir early, making ready for the hook and ladder contests, which were to come off on Montford avenue, at 9 o'clock. It was regretted by all that the track over which the contest was to come off was so heavy. But when they reached the place they were surprised to find that Capt. Frank O'Donnell had anticipated the regrets and had a squad of hands at work hauling and spreading coal dust over the track, which greatly aided the runners. Who would have thought of such a thing but a whole-souled, big-hearted fireman?

The first of the sports for the day was the

HAND HOOK AND LADDER CONTEST.

Entries—Asheville Hook and Ladder Company, Greensboro Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Judges—O. H. Whittaker, Durham; W. C. Von Glohn, Wilmington; John W. Fink, Concord.

Timer—Ben T. Amerson, Wilson.

Time—Asheville Hook and Ladder Company 53 seconds, Greensboro Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, 34 seconds.

It is well here to say that the Asheville Company had never had any practice with a hand truck.

HORSE HOOK AND LADDER CONTEST.

Entries—Same as hand contest.

Judges—Same.

Time—Asheville Hook and Ladder Company 1 minute 21½ seconds, Greensboro Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, 1 minute 14 seconds.

It is well to say that the Greensboro Company had never before had any experience with horse truck.

Mr. M. H. Kelly, foreman of the company, gave notice of an appeal from the decision of the judges to the Executive Committee as allowed by the laws governing same. The following are the objections:

1st. Time being called before the tiller of truck was in place.

2nd. That two ladders were placed on truck without being geared by tiller.

3rd. That Greensboro Company pushed the truck for a distance of over fifty yards, which made the race partake of hand truck conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. KELLY, *Foreman.*

G. S. HENDERSON, *Secretary.*

The following was filed with the Executive Committee in answer to the above objection on which the appeal was taken:

1st. We claim, and judges so decided, that tiller was in proper position when time was called.

2nd. The ladders were sufficiently secure to be used in regular fire service. The judges so decided.

3rd. Our men did not push truck, but only ran for a short distance by the side of the truck before getting on same.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. J. STONE, *Captain.*

R. B. BEAL, *Secretary.*

This ended the contest for the forenoon. It was announced that the reel races would come off on the same track in the afternoon at 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON.

Promptly at the appointed time people began to come from all directions, and for a time it seemed that they came up out of the mountains. But they came and all seemed to be in a good humor and determined to be on hand at the finale.

The first called was the

HAND HOSE REEL.

Entries—1st. Asheville Hose Company, No. 1. 2nd. Dur-

ham Hose Company No. 1. 3rd. Independent Hose Company, No. 2, of Durham.

Judges—J. R. Donnell, Greensboro; Ben T. Amerson, Wilson; E. Y. Parmelee, Wilmington.

Time keepers—Wm. Ellis, New Berne; Farris, Greensboro.

Time—Asheville Hose Company No. 1. (Failed to connect pipe); Durham Hose Company No. 1, 32 seconds; Independent Hose Company No. 2, 33½ seconds.

GRAB RACE.

Entries—Same as in hand hose reel.

Judges—Same as in hand hose reel.

Timers—Same as in hand hose reel.

Time—Asheville Hose Company No. 1, 29 seconds; Durham Hose Company No. 1, 25 seconds; Independent Hose Company No. 2, 20 seconds.

HORSE HOSE REEL.

Entries—Asheville Hose Company No. 1, 2-horse reel; Greensboro Steam Fire Company, 1-horse hose wagon.

Judges—W. C. Bradsher, Durham; F. C. Meinung, Salem; Ben T. Amerson, Wilson.

Time keepers—Wm. Ellis, New Berne; Farris, Greensboro.

Time—Asheville Hose Company No. 1, 1 minute 33 seconds; Greensboro Steam Fire Company, 1 minute 1½ seconds.

There being a misunderstanding about which side the line water should show, Asheville throwing on the inside and Greensboro over the line, Capt. O'Donnell, foreman, agreed that the time made by each company be recorded, though according to his understanding Greensboro was not entitled to the prize, but as intended all the time, they should have it.

FOOT RACE.

Entries—J. F. Schelky, New Berne; C. H. Whittaker and W. B. Whittaker, Independent Company, Durham; Wm. Otter and Cas. Otter, Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, Asheville;

R. B. Beal and R. L. Durham, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, Greensboro; J. R. Donnell and W. M. Adams, Greensboro Steam Fire Engine Company; H. W. French and Jasper Burns, Asheville Hose Company No. 1.

Judges—Ben T. Amerson, Wilson; John W. Fink, Concord; F. C. Meinung, Salem.

Time keepers—Wm. Ellis, New Berne; Geo. S. Powell, Asheville.

Winners—H. W. French; time, 11 seconds; Jasper Burns; time, 11½ seconds.

The first start in this race the judges decided as unfair and ordered it run over immediately with same results to winners, but on much slower time than made on first run.

This ended the most successful tournament ever held in the State.

LIST OF PRIZES.

1. Quick steam—two to enter.....	\$100.00
2. Distance.....	25.00
3. Quick steam—one entry.....	50.00
4. Distance.....	25.00
5. Hand Reel—first prize.....	150.00
6. " " second "	50.00
7. " " Grab—first prize.....	30.00
8. " " " second "	20.00
9. Horse Reel.....	50.00
10. Horse Hook and Ladder.....	50.00
11. Hand Hook and Ladder—first prize.....	75.00
12. " " " " second "	25.00
13. Individual Foot Race—first prize.....	15.00
14. " " " " second "	10.00
14. Sack Race.....	5.00

RULES GOVERNING TOURNAMENTS AND RACES HELD UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

RULE I.

There shall be held annually an Association Tournament, at such time and place as the Association shall from time to time direct, at which Tournament and no other, the championship of the various branches of the firemen's service shall be contested for.

All Tournaments shall be under the auspices of the Association, but the arrangements shall be made by the firemen and citizens at the place which it is to be held.

RULE II.

SECTION 1. Champion prizes other than money prizes shall be the property of the Association, subject to their call and control, but will be in possession of the champion companies until within ten days of the meeting of the Association, when it shall be returned to the Secretary and Treasurer, and by him put in safe-keeping until the day of the races, and then he shall place the same in the hands of the judges of the race for which the prize is offered, before the companies start in said race.

SEC. 2. This association shall have the power to suspend any company from participating in any annual Tournament.

SEC. 3. All companies members of this Association can contest for prizes at the annual Tournament, unless suspended.

SEC. 4. All prizes hereafter offered for contest at the annual Tournaments of the Association, for which there has been no competition, shall revert to the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, to be by said Association devoted to the purchase of permanent Association championship prizes, to be competed as provided for in the preceding section.

RULE III.

SEC. 1. The captains of the competing teams shall select judges and time-keepers, at each annual Tournament, who shall decide each and every contest which takes place at said Tournament, and no judges shall be from towns which are represented by any teams.

SEC. 2. Companies shall have the right to appeal from the decisions of the judges to the Executive Committee, and the decision of this Committee on all questions submitted to them shall be final.

RULE IV.

SEC. 1. Any company attempting to win prize by fraud, deception or foul play, or in any dishonorable way, or who shall disobey or infringe upon or evade any of the requirements of these rules, shall forfeit any prize won thereby, and shall be subject to suspension or expulsion.