

been full. Some of the boys look like it has run over. I would like to second the motion that a Committee be appointed to get together and the proper words to express the sure enough appreciation we feel towards them for the good time we have been having and will have hereafter."

A rising vote was taken on the motion and it was carried unanimously.

On motion the Convention was adjourned to meet in Salisbury, 1896.

### THIRD DAY.

It was a warm sultry morning, the air seemed to penetrate the skin like needles and the thermometer registered high, but with all this, the members of the different teams who were to take part in the contests of the day, were on the move early making ready for the fray. Promptly at the time appointed the different teams were on the ground, and it seemed the whole population had turned out to witness the races. The ropes kept back a surging mass from one end of the course to the other.

The first called was the

### GRAB RACE.

#### ENTRIES.

Eagle Hose Company, No. 7, Greensboro.  
South Side Hose Company, No. 4, Greensboro.  
Atlantic Hose Company, Newbern.  
Chicora Hose Company, Fayetteville.

*Judges.*—H. P. Christie, F. H. Vogler, Ben. T. Amerson, W. C. VonGlahn.

*Starter.*—J. W. Griffith.

*Timers.*—W. D. Barrington, Morris Sultan.

Time—Chicora, 27 4-5 seconds.

" Atlantic, 27 1/2 seconds.

" Eagles No. 7, no time—nozzle blew off.

" South Sides, 25 1-5 seconds.

A protest was entered by the Atlantic Hose Company against South Side Hose Company No. 4, as follows:

The Atlantic Hose Reel Company protest against the South Side Hose Company in the Grab Race, in that they were assisted in the race by one of the Eagle Hose Company of Greensboro.

W. T. MCCARTHY,  
*Capt. A. H. R. Co.*

*Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary:*

DEAR SIR:—The decision of the judges in the protest of the Atlantic Hose Company of Newbern, against South Side Hose Company No. 4, of Greensboro, is that the South Side Hose Company No. 4, be ruled out and the Atlantic Hose Company of Newbern, is entitled to first prize, and the Chicora Hose Company of Fayetteville, second prize.

H. P. CHRISTIE,  
F. H. VOGLER,  
B. T. AMERSON,  
W. C. VONGLAHN,

The following is the appeal taken from the decision of the Judges, to the Executive Committee.

NEWBERN, N. C., Aug. 8th, 1895.

*To the Executive Committee State Firemen's Association, State of North Carolina:*

DEAR SIR:—Having been a contestant in the Grab Race at contest held this day, and feeling and knowing that an injustice has been done my company in ruling same out on the grounds of an outsider having assisted us, I deem it my privilege and duty to

members of my Company to make this appeal. In law, where charges are preferred against a person, these charges must be proven before the person can be pronounced guilty. It is also a rule in all contests where protests are entered to prove irregularities and a failure to do so exonerates the party or parties. In the case in question we are charged with receiving assistance from an outsider; these charges not having been proven by any other than incorrect statements, does it not then fall solely on the judge stationed where the irregularity occurred as charged, but not proven to render a decision. If our Company was interfered with by any outsider, were we given the protection against such interference as we were entitled to under the rules, viz: That no one but contestants be allowed inside the ropes. If this protection is not given contestants any outsider who might have a wager on the result seeing that a certain company was about to win, could under the arrangements to-day not in compliance with the rules, steps in and pull hose or step on same or in some other way act so as to cause the innocent company to be ruled out. The charges cannot be proven truthfully, so I ask justice. Is it not strange that of the many persons present none but the complainants could see a man in usual citizens attire rendering the assistance as charged? Would not the contrast in attires attract the attention of others? We claim that if an outsider did interfere was it not probable that it was done to damage Greensboro? If it was or was not done with that intention we claim protection under the rules and the benefit of the doubt, the proper proof of charges not having been produced.

J. HENRY PHIPPS,  
Capt. South Side Hose Company.

The decision of the Executive Committee after careful consideration, is that the decision of the judges be sustained.

## HORSE REEL RACE.

### ENTRIES.

Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, Greensboro.  
Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, Winston,

Howard Relief Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 1, Wilmington.  
Atlantic Steam Fire Engine Company, Newbern.  
Stern Fire Engine Company No. 1, Newbern.

*Judges.*—Jas. D. McNeill, H. P. Christie, Ben. T. Amerson, J. D. Bullock, F. H. Vogler.

*Starter.*—J. W. Griffith.

*Timers.*—Morris Sultan, Jno. J. Nelson.

Time—Howard Relief 44 4-5 seconds.

“ Atlantic Steam Fire Engine Co. Newbern, 45 ¼ seconds.  
“ Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Greensboro, 43 4-5 “  
“ Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Newbern, failed on start.  
“ Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1, Winston, 44 seconds.

The following protest was handed to the Judges by the Atlantic Steam Fire Engine Company, of Newbern, against the Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, of Greensboro, as follows:

NEWBERN, N. C., Aug. 9th, 1895.

The Atlantic Horse Hose Reel Company, of Newbern, protest against Greensboro Horse Hose Reel Company, No. 1, on account of parties not members of said Company assisting in said contest.

L. J. TAYLOR, Chief.  
F. B. LANE, Foreman.  
J. L. HARTSFIELD, Foreman.

To Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary:

The Judges in the Horse Hose Reel Races, after having the evidence in the Protest by Atlantic Steam Fire Engine Company, of Newbern, against Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, of Greensboro, find themselves unable to satisfactorily decide this case on the rules given for our guidance. We recognize the fact that one of the judges unquestionably violated his duties and privileges as a judge, and we feel should we adhere strictly to the rules, that perhaps one of our best companies may be unjustly treated. We, therefore, recommend to the local committee to divide the two prizes into three equal ones, and give one part each to the Howard Relief Steam Fire Engine Company, of Wilmington, Steam Fire

Engine Company, No. 1, Greensboro, and Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 1, Winston.

J. D. MCNEIL,  
B. T. AMERSON,  
F. H. VOGLER,  
J. D. BULLOCK,

*Judges.*

The following appeal was taken from the decision of the Judges to the Executive Committee, by the Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, Greensboro.

*To the Executive Committee of the Firemen's Association of North Carolina:*

The Greensboro Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 1, having been awarded by the Judges, (or it has been recommended by the Judges that they receive a part of the prize) a part of the prize for the Horse Hose Reel Race, hereby file this as their appeal from the decision of the Judges, and ask that said matter be heard by the Executive Committee. We claim that if we are entitled to any part of the money, we are entitled to first prize, as we made the run in the shortest time.

We further insist that the protest filed by Chief Taylor should not have been filed, as if anything was done by Judges at the plug, it was after water had passed out, and that the Judges stationed at the plug was placed there to judge in regard to anything that should occur at that plug.

Hoping to be heard by the Executive Committee, we are,  
Very respectfully,

JOHN LEWIS,  
*Foreman Greensboro Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1.*

The decision of the Executive Committee after carefully considering the appeal from Judges decision in the Horse Hose Reel contest, decide to sustain the decision of the Judges.

Immediately after the last company run in the Horse Hose Reel Race, Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 1, Newbern, requested the Judges to allow them to make an exhibition run, not for the prizes, but that the time

made be recorded and credited to them. The request be allowed, time taken, 40¾ seconds.

NOTE.—This Company failed to make the run in the contest on account of the horse in making start jumped, breaking a trace.

## HAND HOOK AND LADDER RACE.

### ENTRIES.

Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, Greensboro.  
Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, Winston.

*Judges.*—Ben. T. Amerson, Joe. R. Willis.

*Starter.*—J. W. Griffith.

*Timers.*—Morris H. Sultan, Jno. J. Nelson.

Time—Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Greensboro, 33¾ seconds.

“ Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Winston, 38 1-5 seconds.

*To Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary:*

The decision of the Judges in the Hand Hook and Ladder Race is that Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, Greensboro, is entitled to first prize.

B. T. AMERSON,  
JOE R. WILLIS,  
*Judges.*

## AFTERNOON

### HORSE HOOK AND LADDER RACE.

Entries, Judges, Starter, and Timers same as in Hand Hook and Ladder Race.

*To Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary:*

The Judges in the Horse Hook and Ladder Race, decide that Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Winston, made the run in 56¾ seconds therefore is entitled to first prize.

Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Greensboro, 1 minute 16¾ seconds, therefore entitled to 2nd prize.

B. T. AMERSON,  
JOE R. WILLIS,  
*Judges.*

## HAND HOSE REEL RACE.

## CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST.

## ENTRIES.

Atlantic Hose Company, Newbern.  
Chicora Hose Company, Fayetteville.

*Judges.*—W. C. VonGlahn, J. K. Willis, J. S. Dunn.

*Starter.*—J. W. Griffith.

*Timer.*—Morris H. Sultan.

*Time.*—Atlantic's, 60 $\frac{3}{4}$  seconds.

" Chicora's, 64 seconds.

*To Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary:*

We, the Judges appointed by the Association in the Championship Contest decide that the the Atlantic Hose Company of Newberne, having made best time in the Championship Hose Race <sup>15</sup> entitled to hold the Championship Belt of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association for one year as per rule governing same.

W. C. VONGLAHN,

JOE K. WILLIS,

JAS. S. DUNN,

*Judges.*

This ended the most successful Tournament ever held under the supervision of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association since its organization. The time made in the different contests comparing favorably with those made in any State in the Union.

## FOURTH DAY.

Ever since the program for the Convention and Tournament was issued by the Local Committee, the firemen all over the State have been looking forward to the excursion down the "River Neuse," on the Palatial Steamer.

The time advertised for the start was 9.30 o'clock A. M. But on account of a "test" having been arranged between Mr. Lambert and Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 1, of Wilmington, to show the efficiency of the "Ball Nozzle" in fighting fire, the start was not made till after 10 o'clock, with everything good to eat and drink in abundance, with every local and visiting firemen and the jolly "Cook" with his famous Silver Cornet Band aboard. We pulled anchor and steamed out on a trip that will long be remembered by every one on board as the "time of their life," with plenty to eat and drink, and plenty of good music and more, the good Irish songs and recitations by the "jolly Cook." It was sure a big time, for President McNeill said so, and with "Maud" the "I'm awfully sorry it occurred," and everybody else in the best of humor. Time rolled on so rapidly that before we knew we were on board, we had gone to the mouth of the Neuse River, (35 miles) and almost back to the wharf. There it was that a vote of thanks were tendered the firemen of Newbern, for hospitality and open heartedness in giving their visitors such a jolly, grand good time, Newbern sustained her reputation and more. Firemen from all over the State was aboard, and the general expression was, "we expected much but got more." Very soon we pulled up to the wharf and all went ashore feeling a regret that this was the end, and feeling loath to leave the hospitable old town and its many pretty girls.

## REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The stealthy tread of the grim tyrant has been heard in our household and we mourn the loss of those whom we dearly loved and esteemed. With sorrowing hearts we weep over their newly made graves and plant a flower of love to keep vigil at the little