

OPENING OF C. C. & O. CELEBRATED TODAY

Appropriate Addresses
Delivered by Leading Men

BARBEQUE A SUCCESS: 1500 PEOPLE SERVED

Thousands and Thousands of Visitors
Help to Make This a Red Letter Day

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Thousands and thousands of people from all sections of South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia joined in with the citizens of Spartanburg today in celebrating the completion of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio road from the coal fields of Tennessee and Virginia to Spartanburg.

The celebration came on the closing day of the country fair and all the big stunts, with the exception of the barbeque for the specially invited guests, were pulled off at the fair grounds, and the two events worked in harmony, the only criticism being that the speeches were pulled off in the side of the grounds far removed from the grandstand. It was generally supposed that the speeches would be made from the grandstand, but instead they were made at a little stand in a faraway corner of the grounds. Seats on the stand were occupied by President Carter of the C. C. & O. and party of officials, mayors of various cities, representatives of commercial bodies and specially invited guests. The First Regiment Band was on hand and furnished music.

The speech-making began shortly before noon. Dr. H. N. Snyder, chairman of the invitation committee, presided and introduced the speakers. Addresses were made by Judge Archer H. Phlegar, of Bristol; Mayors R. G. Rhett of Charleston, W. W. Reamer of Columbia, J. B. Marshall of Greenville, S. L. King of Greenville, and Mayor Dysart of Marion, N.C. was present but did not speak, Mr. Pless of that city speaking in his stead.

All of the speakers complimented Spartanburg on its push and progress and congratulated the city on the completion of the C. C. & O. road into the city. Mayor Rhett in his remarks spoke of Spartanburg as the chief industrial and educational city in the state. He took occasion to tell of the advantages of Charleston and the growth of the city during the past few years. Charleston, he said, would in time be the seaport town of the C. C. & O. road.

After the speeches the guests took in the sights at the fair, after which they were escorted to the grove in the rear of J. B. Cleveland's residence, where a great barbeque was served.

The arrangements were perfect, the meats were cooked to suit a queen's taste and every one of the 1,500 people present enjoyed the feast. The tables were well arranged and the decorations were artistic and appropriate. A committee of ladies had charge of the tables and decorations. J. B. Cleveland, president of the Charleston & Western Carolina road, presided at the tables.

After the 'cue the guests repaired to the fairgrounds, where they enjoyed the races, witnessed the balloon ascension and airship flight. Tonight they will attend the fireworks display. The hotels and boarding houses were crowded last night and today. The restaurants and lunch counters

reaped a harvest of nickels and dimes from the visitors. One lunch counter sold over 85 pounds of fish during the day.

THE FIRST TRAIN IS WELCOMED

Spartanburg and the West Joined by the C. C. & O.

ARRIVED AT 8:30 P.M.

Five Thousand People Present at Station to Witness Arrival

EIGHT HUNDRED ON TRAIN

The tooting of train whistles, mingled with the shouts of five thousand people, welcomed the arrival of the first train into Spartanburg over the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio road. The train arrived in the city last night at 8:30 o'clock, after a perfect run from Broad River, bringing in 800 visitors from over the Blue Ridge and the country beyond. The special was scheduled to have arrived in the city at 6 o'clock, but there was some delay at Broad River on account of the passenger train having to transfer.

The run from Broad River to Spartanburg was made in excellent time, and the passengers were in a good humor when they reached the city. If there was any one aboard the train who was out of sorts on account of the long trip their ill feeling was soon changed to pleasure, for when the train arrived in the city the shouts of the multitude, the cordial handshake and the warm greetings worked like magic and made the visitors feel at home.

The train, drawn by two engines, was under the management of Conductor J.L. Martin and Engineers Christenberry and Baker were at the throttles. As soon as the train came to a standstill hundreds and hundreds of people rushed to the engines and shook hands with the steady engineers and congratulated them on their splendid run from Broad River to Spartanburg.

Mayor Floyd was the man responsible for blowing the whistle. He mounted the engine some distance out, opened the whistle valve, and such blowing one never heard before. Just as the train was pulling across the campus at Wofford College the mayor commenced to toot louder and louder, and he kept the whistle tooting until the train pulled out from the station. The engineer in charge did not know the official and begged him to stop blowing; stating that the whole train crew would be arrested.

“Let the police arrest all they want. I’ll pay the fines,” said the Mayor. And he gave several long pulls, blowing the whistle to its full toot.

Special committees were at the station awaiting the arrival of the visitors, and all information was given them in the way of directing them to boarding houses and hotels. The committee did excellent work, especially the committees appointed from the traveling associations. One lady was found to come *all the way from Johnson City* with only 50 cents. She expected free board and free entertainment, bringing along only fifty cents to pay car fare. The committee secured lodgings for her and will see that she is provided for while in the city.

President G. L. Carter and the officials of the road did not arrive on the special last night, but came in this morning. They decided to stop over at Broad River for the night in order to make the trip to Spartanburg in the day time, that they might inspect the road. An engine was sent out to the river this morning, and the run to Spartanburg was made in good time, the officials arriving here in ample time to take in all the morning events at the fair grounds.

NEWSPAPER MEN HERE

The C. C. & O. celebration today was attended by many prominent newspaper men from all sections of the state, North Carolina and Tennessee, among them being Major J. C. Hemphill, Editor of the Charleston news and Courier; T. R. Waring, Editor of the Charleston Evening Post; W. E. Gonzales, Editor of the Columbia State; James A. Hoyt, Editor of the Columbia Record and others.