

THE BOSTOCK SHOWS

EIGHTEEN SEPARATE AND DISTINCT EXHIBITIONS.

AMUSEMENT FEATURE OF THE FAIR.

Where the Various Shows Will Be Located--Streets of All Nations--Trained and Wild Animals--Genuine Gypsy Camp.

No industrial exposition or commercial fair would be complete without an amusement section. In addition to the displays of manufactures and commerce, interesting as they may be, the public wants to be amused, and in view of this long-felt want it remained for Mr. Frank C. Bostock, extensively known as "The Animal King," to evolve the idea of a monster midway carnival that could be transported from one city to another. The magnitude of this enormous undertaking amazed the less progressive showmen, and it was thought that Mr. Bostock had undertaken more than he could fulfil. But the result was just the opposite, and today Mr. Bostock, who has yet to reach the two-score mark in years, owns more wild and trained animals, show property, and general exhibition paraphernalia than any other single individual in the world. The result of this energetic showman's arduous labors, and, incidentally, the outlay of nearly \$1,000,000, is known as "The Frank C. Bostock Mighty Midway Carnival," which will furnish the amusement feature of Richmond's Street Fair. This monster enterprise will be presented in its entirety, coming from the great Elks' Carnival in Greater New York. Those who were at the World's Fair in Chicago and remember the renowned Midway Pleasance can form an idea of Director-General Bostock's big collection of shows. Each of the eighteen distinct shows is presented just as it was in Chicago, and, in fact, some of the same performers particularly the Oriental dancers, and other men and women from the far East, have been with Mr. Bostock ever since the close of the great fair.

WHAT AND WHERE THEY ARE. The following outline will indicate the nature and location of the attractions. On the north side of Broad street, between First and Second, "Waco," the smallest horse in the world will be exhibited in a covered theatre. "Waco" is owned by Bostock. The horse is pure Arabian bred, and has been pronounced absolutely sound, and a perfect specimen of his kind in miniature. On the triable lot--Broad street at the head of Brook avenue--will be situated a number of gondolas which will be propelled by gondoliers from Venice. "Lunette," known throughout the amusement world as the "Flying Lady" will give exhibitions of her marvelous accomplishment at brief intervals throughout the day. The booth where this exhibition will take place will be lighted by 50 incandescent lights at night, and it will be located on the south side of Broad and Adams streets.

At the corner of Foushee and Broad streets a band stand has been erected, and here concerts will be given every hour from 11 o'clock in the morning. The fifteen bands will each be heard in turn and the lovers of the brass band will here find a constant feast. In the neighborhood, "Granada," the high wire walker, will give three exhibitions of his skill daily, at 12 M., 3 and 6 P. M. He will perform on a wire stretched 40 feet above the ground from the Meyer's building to the roof of the building occupied by Messrs. Carnell & Davis.

A GENUINE GYPSY CAMP. At Jefferson and Broad streets will be located a genuine gypsy camp, giving a perfect insight into the life and habits of this peculiar people. There will be fortune telling and all the strange interest usually connected with a settlement of this kind.

Scenes from the Boer war will be reproduced by cinematograph on the south side of Broad and Jefferson streets. The Great Menagerie of the Bostock shows will be located on the lot adjoining the Masonic Temple. An interesting feature of the exhibit will be the elephants and camels which will be available for riding purposes. Children and others who care for novel sensations will be given rides on the animals for a very modest fee. St. John, the high diver, will give a free show three times a day during the Fair week at Jefferson and Broad streets. He will dive from a tower erected for the purpose nearly 60 feet high.

THE STREETS OF CAIRO. The Streets of Cairo, will be located on the north side of Broad and First streets. They will faithfully reproduce the Egyptian streets with their quaint inhabitants. It will be one of the most interesting and picturesque sights of the Carnival. The costumes and the occupation of the inhabitants of the streets will present a very realistic and vastly entertaining picture. During the week the Barton Heights cars will stop at First and Marshall streets instead of First and Broad.

The American Theatre, with a stage 12x24, is located on the north side of Broad and Second streets. Performances of varied interest will be given here during the day, and the bill will be changed frequently. EATS LIVE SNAKES. On the north side of Broad and Second streets "Bosco," the famous snake eater, will give hourly exhibitions of his insatiable appetite for reptiles. One of the most interesting of all the free street shows will be the wonderful feat performed by Mile. Onoco, who ascends a spiral platform in a steel ball, and at the top makes her appearance from the centre of the orb, and descends walking upon the ball--a most difficult feat. She will give three free exhibitions each day at Fourth and Broad streets, on the south side. The hours will be 12, 3, and 6 o'clock. The great Wild West show will occupy Fourth street north, from Broad to Marshall. Every feature will be included and three exhibitions will be given each day. A Moorish palace has been built on the north side of Broad street at the intersection of Fifth. All the striking magnificence has been reproduced by the natives in charge, and the gorgeous costumes are veritable works of art. The entertainment afforded by the natives is something that should not, under any circumstances, be missed.

On the opposite side of the street to the Moorish palace will be a unique contrivance made to represent "Sea on Land." A voyage in one of these boats will reproduce all the sensations that can be realized by a trip on old ocean. The Crystal Maze, one of the most mystifying of wonders, will be located on the south side of Broad street at Sixth. It is made up of rooms of sliding mirrors, arranged so deceptively that the most perplexing and laughable mistakes occur as you endeavor to walk in the maze mystery. In the north side of Eighth and Broad streets, Minting will perform wonderful feats on a high spiral tower. He will give

Smith, a well-known travelling man of this city.

The Presbyterian Confession. At the First Presbyterian church this morning Dr. Kerr will preach on the

ROYAL BAKING POWDER ABSOLUTELY PURE Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

lough, returning again to the island, when he remained until May 1st. Two Mormon "elders" are now making a tour of the county. Yesterday they made a house-to-house canvass of Monterey, meeting with a cool reception everywhere they called. A laughable fea-

W. Va., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Peterson, of McDowell.

Property Transfers. Richmond: Joseph E. Glenn and wife to Mary A. Walker, 30 feet on west side Seventh street, 23 feet south of Preston, \$1,000.

Richard E. Branch from S. H. Pulliam, trustee, 20 feet on east side Randolph street, 50 feet east of Willis, \$224. Honrico: James H. Barton's trustee to W. M. Parrish and wife to Thomas C. Williams, Jr., 34 feet on south side Grace street, 166 feet west of Madison, \$5,500. A. H. Robins and wife to Southern Aid Society, 25 feet on east side Second street, between Clay and Leigh streets, \$2,250. Richmond Perpetual Building Loan and Trust Company, 10 feet at the southeast corner Mitchell and Poe streets, Barton Heights, \$10.

lowing officers were elected for the ensuing year: D. J. Carroll, president; H. L. Lane, vice-president and general manager, and G. W. Bostick, secretary and treasurer. When the company gets its electric plant established it will furnish power to the Alberne Soapstone Quarry and other large enterprises, and will furnish electricity at all points in South Albemarle, where the demand will justify it. Mr. Anthony T. Goodwin, of Louisa county, who was visiting his son at "Snowden" this week, has just left for home. Mr. J. W. Jennings, of Cartersville, was here a few days ago, visiting his old friends. Mr. Thomas Johnson and daughter, of Fork Union, were in our town this week. Miss Sue Beal, who has been teaching in Fluvanna county, returned to her home, near town, a few days since. Mr. Charles Anderson, son of Major D.

OUR COMORN COLUMN.

A BUDGET OF NEWS FROM THE NORTHERN NECK.

A VERY INTERESTING CHARACTER.

A Curious Theory in Regard to Electricity--Made His Own Clothes--Public Road Contracts--Religious Matters--Personal Mention.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.) COMORN, KING GEORGE COUNTY, VA., May 12--The death of Mr. Oscar Johnson, of Shiloh, in this county, several days ago, removes one of the most remarkable and decidedly unique characters of the State of Virginia. Honest to the core, his scrupulous integrity in principle and practice was a part of his being. He never sought or accepted gratuities

in favor of any human being, nor did he mingle with his fellow-citizens enough to have to do, or decline to do, favors for others. Mr. Johnson was a veritable recluse in every sense of the term. For many, many years he had lived entirely alone in an unpretentious little house on the roadside, just outside of the village of Shiloh, and there, always solitary and alone--never making visits nor receiving visitors--he earned a plain, simple support, cut and made his own cooking and washing, and made nearly every article used about his house and on his little farm. A prominent gentleman, who had much knowledge of Mr. Johnson's manner of life, says that he not only made all his clothing, but even made his farming implements, his plow-shares, etc. Although a thoroughly well-read man, of a brilliant intellect and excellent education, an able writer and charming talker, he was notoriously eccentric, and his reputation for certain eccentricities extended far beyond his State--as far as his writings had gone. Like Paul, Mr. Johnson had "a thorn in the flesh," and that was a most singular theory in regard to electricity. For many years he had labored under a belief that certain parties in New York, or somewhere else, had control of electricity to the extent that they could produce any kind of mischief upon any man in any part of the world, and he honestly believed that he had been a target for that party for long years past. He claimed that evil and damaging influences of electricity, from that evil source in New York by night, and that every ache and pain he had, every misfortune and reverse, every drought and storm damaging to his crops, and even the insects that ravaged his vegetables, were all the result of electricity directed by that evil, malicious party, who had some special grudge against him. It will be remembered that some years ago he reduced this most remarkable theory to writing, and the brilliant article was addressed to the President of the United States, supplemented by an appeal to the Chief Magistrate to have a stop put to the heartless work of the electric people in New York. Subsequently he addressed a similar communication to the Governor of Virginia, and this, too, was a rare literary production. It has long been believed that Mr. Johnson had "lots of money." Several years ago his house was entered and he was cruelly beaten and robbed by some negroes, and two of the robbers--Charles Bellfield and Sam Moore--are now serving a term in the penitentiary for the dastardly crime. During the trial of the robbers, Mr. Johnson was, of course, a witness, and when it became known that he would be at the court-house, great crowds flocked there just to get one look at the man whose name had been on every tongue and who had not been seen

(CONCLUDED ON SEVENTH PAGE.)



CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES WHO HELPED TO MAKE THE FAIR A SUCCESS.

his wonderful exhibition of trick bicycle and unicycle riding, and will ascend the spiral way on a single wheel, and return to the ground riding backwards.

STREETS OF ALL NATIONS. The Streets of All Nations will be spread over Ninth, Tenth, and Capitol streets. Representatives of all the nations will be gathered there, and no better place can be imagined at which to investigate the different characteristics which mark the great people of the earth.

There will be palaces of amusement in these streets, where any one may learn something of the different modes of entertainment, which are in vogue in the various foreign countries there reproduced. The last, but not the least, of this list of extraordinary attractions is "Bonner," the talking horse, who will give exhibitions at frequent intervals during each day. His theatre will be on Capitol street facing Ninth.

Death of Mrs. Bettie Smith. A telegram has been received here announcing the death of Mrs. Bettie Jennings Smith, at Vinton, Roanoke county, Friday night.

Mrs. Smith was the widow of Benjamin R. Smith, who was a native of Henrico county, and who resided until a few years ago near Malvern Hill. She leaves several children, among them Mr. Robert O. Smith, with the Richmond Locomotive-Works, and Mr. E. Henning

subject, "Does the Presbyterian Confession of Faith Teach Fatalism and Infant Damnation?"--a reply to some recent attacks upon the Presbyterian Church.

UP IN HIGHLAND. Small-Pox Scare--Joke on Mormon Elders.

MONTEREY, VA., May 12--(Special.)--Dr. S. F. Suddarth, of Williamsville, on yesterday reported to the Board of Health of Highland county that he had two patients near the line between this and Bath county who had all the symptoms of small-pox, and asked the board to take action in regard to them. Although the cases are not developed to an extent that would justify him in declaring them to be small-pox beyond doubt, a rigid quarantine has been established until the disease progresses further. This is one of several small-pox scares that have been given the Highland people during the present year, and it is hoped it will prove no more serious than the others.

Mr. Frank Wilson, son of Osborne Wilson, Esq., of Monterey, who has been a regular in the United States army for four years, returned on Saturday, his term of enlistment having expired. Mr. Wilson was in Cuba during the war with Spain and was wounded in the hand in the fight of Santiago. While thus disabled he spent a month at home on fur-

ture of their tour occurred at the post-office. After reading some mail handed them, they became interested in a slot-machine, and, finding a record in position, they dropped in the necessary nickel. By a strange fatality, the machine played, in rather unusually loud tones, the well-known song, "Just One Girl." The joke was on them, and they joined the few spectators in a hearty laugh.

There are still many cases of grip in our community, and physicians are kept busy. The more serious cases this week are Messrs. John E. Spe, Joseph B. Hiner, and Sheriff J. Ed. Arbogast.

Mr. R. F. Gillett has moved into his new residence, on Sieg avenue, and L. A. Orndorff now occupies the house vacated by Mr. Gillett, opposite the Methodist church.

Mr. S. B. Sieg attended the Circuit Court at Staunton this week. He was accompanied by Mr. Charles T. Shumate, of our town. Miss Ollie Jordan, who has been spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. William Horner, of Crabbottom, has been summoned to her home, in Kansas City, by a telegram from her attorney in an estate in litigation.

Rev. John Ruff and daughter, Miss Libby, are attending presbytery at Hobson church, in Augusta county. Mr. C. T. Flusher, of Monterey, and a lay member of that body, was also present at the opening session, but was taken sick, and is now confined to his room at Mr. George W. Homer's, near Hebron.

Mr. James Moomaw, of Green Bank,

SCOTTSVILLE. Still at Large--Personal Notes--A Marriage.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.) SCOTTSVILLE, VA., May 12--The negro, Massie, partner of William Slaughter, who was in the row here Saturday night, and who escaped, has not as yet been apprehended, but as he is well known through this section, it is thought he will be captured soon.

Mr. B. H. Jones, of Wheeling, W. Va., who has been here visiting his mother and sister, left this week on his return. Mrs. DeVries, of Stockton, Cal., wife of Congressman De Vries, of that State, is here on a visit to the family of Mr. Jonathan Pitts, her relatives.

Verger, Jr., by Imp. Verger, raised here by Mr. Jackson Beal, has been sold to a New York party for \$1,000. That is considered a good score for South Albemarle.

There came near being frost here again this morning. Mr. Roy C. Moon and Miss Lalah F. Zimmerman were married yesterday at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. L. T. Hitt.

Our people will cast a big vote for the constitutional convention. Rev. L. T. Hitt, the Methodist pastor at this place, is in a successful protracted meeting at Wesley's chapel this week.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fallsburg Power and Manufacturing Company this week, the fol-

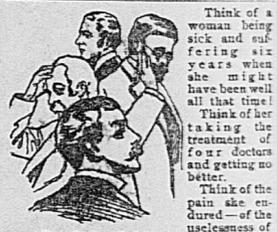
W. Anderson, is at home from Richmond on vacation.

Our postmaster, S. R. Gault, Esq., is about establishing a weather bureau at his office here, and a ship will be sent out daily to every mail-box on the rural free delivery route.

Warren Memorial-Day. FRONT ROYAL, VA., May 12--(Special.)--At a meeting of the Ladies' Warren Memorial Association, it was decided that "memorial-day" should be held as usual--on the 23d of May, the anniversary of the battle of Front Royal. The exercises promise to be more interesting than usual. The main feature of the occasion will be the decoration of the Mosby monument by the ladies of the association. All of the school children in the county have been invited to take part in the exercises, and a great portion of them will be in the parade.

Southern Earnings. Estimated earnings of the Southern railway system for the week ended May 7th, were:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Earnings. Last year: \$52,509. This year: \$52,509. Increase: \$47,732.



Think of a woman being sick and suffering six years when she might have been well all that time!

Think of her taking the treatment of four doctors and getting no better. Think of the pain she endured--the uselessness of those six long, dreary, miserable years.

Think of the distress of a refined, modest woman during the useless examinations and treatment of four different doctors who each and all failed to give her any comfort. Think of all this and then think that she was finally cured--completely, wholly, permanently cured right in the privacy of her home without the abhorrent "examinations" and local treatment so uniformly insisted upon by home physicians--cured just as she might have been six years before.

These are simply the facts in the case of Mrs. M. B. Wallace, of Muenster, Cook Co., Texas, who writes: "I had been a great sufferer from female weakness. I tried four doctors and none did me any good. I suffered six years, but at last I found relief. I followed your advice, and took four bottles of Golden Medical Discovery, and eight of the Favorite Prescription, and now feel like a new woman. I have gained eighteen pounds."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a medicine made for just one purpose--to cure disorders or diseases of the feminine organism. It is the only preparation of its kind introduced by a regularly graduated physician--a skilled specialist in the diseases of women, whose thirty years of successful practice are a guarantee of health to all sufferers who consult him.

Every woman may write fully and confidentially to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., and may be sure that her case will receive careful, conscientious, confidential consideration, and that the best medical advice in the world will be given to her, absolutely free.

In addition to this free advice Dr. Pierce will send a paper-bound copy of his great 1,000-page book "The Common Sense Medical Adviser," to any one who will send 21 one-cent stamps to pay the cost of mailing. French cloth-binding, 31 stamps.



VIEW OF THE RIVER FRONT OF RICHMOND, AS SEEN FROM THE CHESTERFIELD SIDE.