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Base Ball Festival

The forthcoming festival of the Southern Base Ball Club, to take place at the Fair Grounds, on Sunday, August 8, has excited much comment, and tickets are already getting to be quite scarce. This is not to be wondered at for by a glance at the programme published in another column it will be seen that it is quite an extensive affair. The entertainment will open at 9 A.M. with a match between two-junior nines for an elegant silk flag. At 12 o'clock the second nines of the R. E. Lees and Washington Clubs will contend for the champion second nine flag; and at 3 P.M. the match of the season will commence between the first nine of the Southern Base Ball Club against a "picked nine" for the nine elegant gold medals that have been on exhibition for the past two weeks in Lilienthal's window on Canal Street. These medals are not for either of the sides, but for the nine best players as the full scores and umpire may decide.

After this there are to be several foot races respectively for 100, 200, and 500 yards, for several fine prizes, limited to members of the Louisiana Base Ball Association, so enter "ye home runners and ten second men." There are also two very elegant prizes for hand engine contests: one to be given to the contestants from the New Orleans department, and the other for the departments of Jefferson City, Carrollton, etc., the rules to be the same as in all other contests of this kind, but the distance to be only a quarter of a mile, thus giving a chance to the many companies who have not been able to enter against Nos. 5, 6, 12 and 13, but who can give even these crack companies a lively brush for that distance.

With all these manly amusements, the ladies must not think that they have been forgotten. There is to be any amount of dancing on the platform after 6 P.M.

So, do not forget to go to the Fair Grounds on Sunday, August 8. The proceeds of this festival are for the purpose of assisting the Southern Base Ball Club to defray their expenses during their coming tour to Memphis, St. Louis, Chicago, and possibly to Cincinnati, and thus show the "ball tossers" of those cities that the South has players who can and will do themselves credit.