Raleigh Fire Department Newspaper Articles

Volume 3 - 1890-1899

Compiled by Michael J. Legeros

Contents

Introduction 7
1890-01-09 - News & Observer 9
1890-02-14 - News & Observer 9
1890-02-01 - News & Observer 10
1890-02-25- News & Observer 11
1890-04-09 - News & Observer 13
1890-04-27 - News & Observer 14
1890-05-08 - News & Observer 15
1890-05-20 - News & Observer 16
1890-05-23 - News & Observer 17
1890-05-23 - News & Observer 18
1890-07-01 - News & Observer 19
1890-10-12 - News & Observer 20
1890-10-30 - News & Observer 21
1890-11-08 - News & Observer 22
1890-12-13 - News & Observer 23
1890-12-30 - News & Observer 24
1891-05-20 - News & Observer 26
1891-07-04 - News & Observer 28
1891-07-21 - News & Observer 28
1891-08-21- News & Observer 29
1891-08-21 - News & Observer 30
1891-08-22 - News & Observer 31
1891-08-27 - News & Observer 32
1891-08-30 - News & Observer 33
1891-10-08 - News & Observer 34
1891-12-17 - News & Observer 34
1891-11-25 - News & Observer 34
1891-11-25 - News & Observer 35
1892-04-06 - News & Observer 36
1892-04-06 - News & Observer 37
1892-05-20 - News & Observer 38
1892-06-20 - News & Observer 39
1892-06-21 - News & Observer 40
1892-07-14 - News & Observer 40
1892-08-10 - News & Observer 41
1892-08-19 - News & Observer 42
1892-08-31 - News & Observer 44
1892-10-07 - News & Observer 45
1892-10-08 - News & Observer 46
1892-10-12 - News & Observer 47

1892-10-16 - News & Observer 48
1892-10-19 - News & Observer 49
1892-12-29 - News & Observer 50
1893-02-10 - News & Observer 51
1893-03-25 - News & Observer 54
1893-04-02 - News & Observer 55
1893-05-24 - News & Observer 57
1893-07-25 - News & Observer 58
1893-10-31 - News & Observer 59
1894-05-11 - News & Observer 60
1894-07-26 - News & Observer 61
1894-08-17 - News & Observer 62
1894-08-31 - News & Observer 63
1894-11-29 - News & Observer 64
1894-12-20 - News & Observer 65
1895-04-28 - News & Observer 66
1895-04-30 - News & Observer 67
1895-07-07 - News & Observer 69
1895-08-04 - News & Observer 70
1895-08-07 - News & Observer 71
1895-08-08 - News & Observer 72
1895-08-14 - News & Observer 75
1895-09-15 - News & Observer 76
1895-11-12 - News & Observer 78
1895-12-17 - News & Observer 79
1895-11-17 - News & Observer 79
1895-11-17 - News & Observer 80
1896-02-21 - News & Observer 81
1896-03-24 - News & Observer 82
1896-04-16 - News & Observer 85
1896-04-23 - News & Observer 86
1896-08-12 - News & Observer 90
1897-01-12 - News & Observer 91
1897-02-14 - News & Observer 92
1897-04-08 - News & Observer 93
1897-04-09 - News & Observer 95
1897-04-10 - News & Observer 96
1897-05-08 - News & Observer 98
1897-07-23 - News & Observer 99
1897-08-04 - News & Observer 100
1897-08-04 - News & Observer 102
1897-08-13 - News & Observer 103
1897-09-22 - News & Observer 104
1897-10-01 - News & Observer 105

1897-10-15 - News & Observer 106
1897-10-22 - News & Observer 109
1898-04-06 - News & Observer 110
1898-07-29 - News & Observer 112
1899-03-10 - News & Observer 114
1899-04-07 - News & Observer 115
1899-05-24 - News & Observer 116
1899-06-20 - News & Observer 117
1899-08-05 - News & Observer 118
1899-08-06 - News & Observer 120
1899-08-11 - News & Observer 121
1899-08-12 - News & Observer 123
1899-08-24 - News & Observer 124
Article List 127
Index 131

Introduction

This third compilation of newspaper articles is intended as an introduction to reference materials available on the early history of the Raleigh Fire Department. The articles are dated between 1890 and 1899 and originally appeared in the newspapers *News & Observer* and *Observer*. The articles were scanned at Olivia Raney Local History Library in Raleigh, using a microforms reader connected to a computer scanner. These articles were part of a research effort by the author, who attempted to read the local section of at least one daily newspaper for each day between January 1, 1890 and December 31, 1899. The articles represent a range of fire department topics typical to the time period. Common themes includes fires, fireman's tournaments, fire alarm system improvements, and water system improvements.

About the Date Format

Dates in this document are formatted as yyyy-mm-dd. For example, 1892-10-01 represents October 1, 1892.

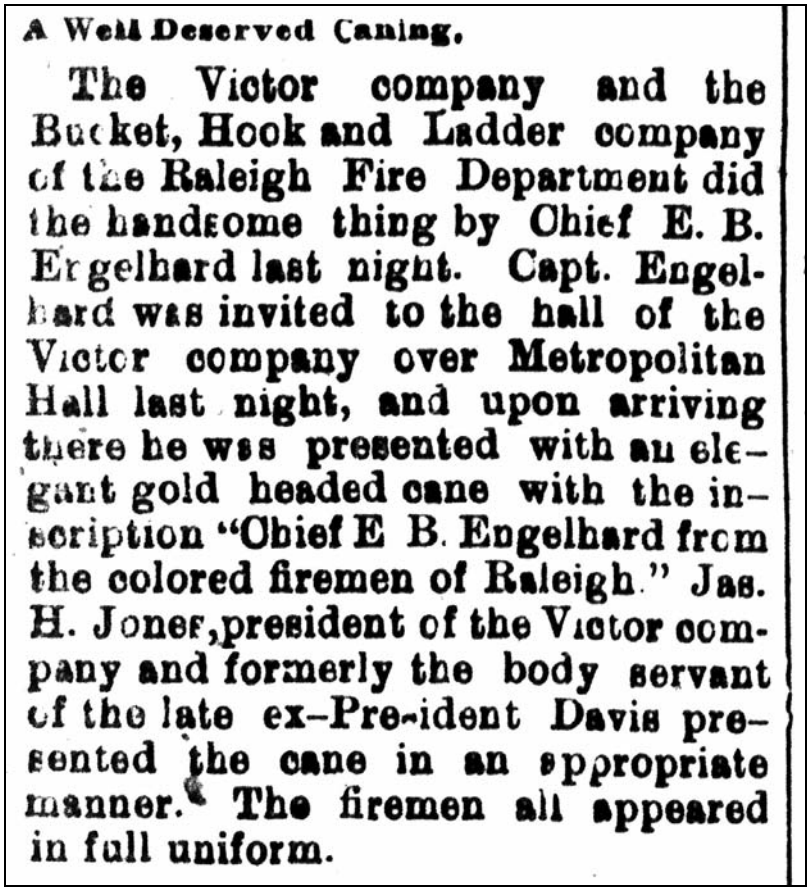
About the Cover Image

The cover image is a circa 1900 photograph of the 1896 headquarters fire station on West Morgan Street.

Document Version

This document is version 1.1 and was created on January 14, 2007.

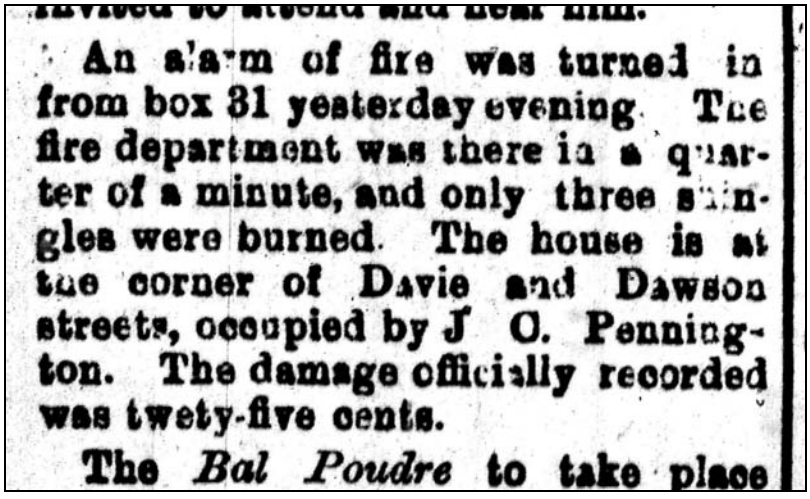
1890-01-09 - News & Observer



A Well Deserved Caning.

The Victor company and the Bucket, Hook and Ladder company of the Raleigh Fire Department did the handsome thing by Chief E. B. Engelhard last night. Capt. Engelhard was invited to the hall of the Victor company over Metropolitan Hall last night, and upon arriving there he was presented with an elegant gold headed cane with the inscription "Chief E B. Engelhard from the colored firemen of Raleigh." Jas. H. Joner, president of the Victor company and formerly the body servant of the late ex-President Davis presented the cane in an appropriate manner. The firemen all appeared in full uniform.

1890-02-14 - News & Observer



invited to attend and hear him.

An alarm of fire was turned in from box 31 yesterday evening. The fire department was there in a quarter of a minute, and only three shingles were burned. The house is at the corner of Davie and Dawson streets, occupied by J O. Pennington. The damage officially recorded was twety-five cents.

The *Bal Poudre* to take place

1890-02-01 - News & Observer

Destructive Fire Yesterday Morning.

Yesterday morning between one and two o'clock the Temple store and dwelling, located in the suburbs of the city on the Hillsboro road, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated $4 000: insurance reported at $3 000 Mrs. Temple was asleep in the dwelling division and did not awake till she heard something fall very heavily. A moment later she was advised of her danger. She was barely out of the house when the burning timbers began to fall in. Some furniture was saved, including most of the bedding. A small stock of merchandise in the store was lost. The fire is thought to have originated in the kitchen from a stove flue. The blaze was first seen by President Holladay of the A. and M. college. He sent a messenger to alarm the immates and soon had most of the college boys, many of whom went to the scene bare-headed and bare-footed fighting manfully, but unsuccessfully. The fire had too great a start. The city fire department had no advice of the fire. The place is considerably beyond the city limits, and had no connection with the fire alarm system.

1890-02-25- News & Observer

North Carolina Championship Reel Race —A Handsome Medal.

At the last annual tournament of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association held in this city, August 13th and 14th, 1889, the Fire Department of Raleigh presented a gold medal to the association, to be known as the "State Championship Medal," to be raced for under the following rules and conditions:

NORTH CAROLINA CHAMPIONSHIP REEL RACE RULES.

None but the regular organized companies, which have been recognized as such for at least sixty days previous to the annual tournament, and whose officers are members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association can contest for the championship medal.

Companies are allowed the use of any two or four-wheeled hose cart or carriage to be drawn by hand, the same not to weigh less than five hundred pounds, and any cart or carriage weighing less than five hundred pounds shall be weighted to the required weight. Companies shall furnish weights to judges previous to race.

All companies competing for prizes to be required to use a screw coupling three full threads.

Distance to be run shall be two hundred yards to hydrant, attach and lay one line of hose three hundred feet from hydrant, break coupling and attach pipe ready for water, all connections to show *three full threads* Each cart or carriage to carry not less than three hundred and fifty feet of standard 2½ inch hose, reeled in one consecutive line, all couplings made. Couplings must be broken with the hands or with the use of spanners, and couplings shall be made within twenty feet of the three hundred foot line. Plug must be closed at time of starting.

When the couplers have completed the coupling they shall drop the play pipe on the ground and time shall be taken by the time keepers when it touches the ground, and if couplers touch pipe or coupling after dropping same it shall be declared foul and no time shall be allowed. There shall be three judges, to be appointed by the association, who shall have en-

time shall be allowed. There shall be three judges, to be appointed by the association, who shall have entire control of race. They shall appoint one time-keeper, who shall start and stop the watch only, and the judges shall decide the time made and assignment of it. They shall appoint all other help necessary.

The "Champion Medal" shall be competed for annually, and shall not be the property of any company until it has won it three times.

Prize: Gold Medal, value $150, won first time by Capital Hose Team, Raleigh, N C., August 13th, 1889. Presented by the Raleigh, N C, Fire Department to the N. C. State Firemen's Association.

The medal is to be delivered to the foreman of the company winning it each year, who is to give a receipt for its delivery, in the same condition as when presented, to the president of the association ten days previous to the annual tournaments.

THE MEDAL

The design and workmanship is the handsomest and most tasty we remember to have seen. The medal is eight inches long by four inches wide. It is composed of a series of bars and scrolls of different colored gold, surrounding an oval center piece, encircling which is a wreath, and on which is an enamelled hose-reel monogram N. C. On the top bar is the word "Championship." On the scroll "300 yards," then the monogram "N. C.," and at the bottom a hydrant with hose and nozzle attached. The medal is in a handsome case. Taken as a whole—in design, workmanship and appropriateness—it surpassed anything of the kind ever offered as a prize in this State. The medal was designed and the greater part made by Mr. L. A Mahler, and reflects much credit on his taste and skill. The cost of the medal was $150.

At the last tournament the medal was won by a team of the Capital Hose, No. 3, of this city, in 54½ seconds. These same boys, good as the best firemen and better than the best at expert work with their reel and hose, say they intend to win this medal at Charlotte in May, and we know they will be successful if no accident happens to them.

1890-04-09 - News & Observer

The Capital Hose Concert.

The Capital Hose Concert drew a large crowd at Metropolitan Hall last night, and was a most brilliant affair. The costumes were happily gotten up and the young ladies looked indeed the Roses and the Lilies that they represented. The fairy scene was lovely and won high compliments and much applause.

The programme was as follows:

Music by orchestra. "The Waking of the Lily." Miss Aline Young, Lily; Miss Jessie Higgs, Fairy; Miss Annie Hester, Jasmine; Miss Mary Morris, Pink Rose; Miss Lena Latta, Holly; Miss Liza Wooten, Violet; Miss Mary Armistead Jones, Water Lily; Miss Margie Taylor, Red Rose; Miss Pearl Tucker, Chrysanthemum; Miss Ethel Norris, Forget-me-not; Miss Mary Latta, Wild Rose; Miss Rosa Battle, Daisy; Miss Pattie Sanderlin, Dahlia; Miss Hal Morson, Pansy; Miss Lily Gray, Aster; Miss Nellie Burwell, Lily of the Valley. Vocal Solo—"Judith", Concone, Miss Robins. Instrumental Solo—"Capricioso Brilliante", Mendelssohn, Miss Faison. Vocal Solo—"Waiting for the Loved One", Emerson, Miss Dugger. Address, Dr. Sanderlin. The ringing of the fire-bells, Mr. J. N. Holding, "with full chorus."

Mr. Holding, our clever alderman, was highly complimented on his "ringing of the fire bells" solo. It was noticed that in ringing the gong he tapped No. 34 which is the number near his house and it was surmised that he was learning how. Auditor Sanderlin's address sparkeled with his accustomed gems of wit and eloquence. After the entertainment the crowd repaired to the fair where refreshments and social intermingling were enjoyed till a late hour.

1890-04-27 - News & Observer

The Celebration and Firemen's Tournament at Charlotte.

The Richmond & Danville Railroad Company will sell round trip tickets to Charlotte and return for parties attending the 20th of May Celebration and Firemen's Tournament, May 18, 19 and 20th, good returning until and including May 23rd, at the following rates from points named. Durham, $4.30; Goldsboro, $5.65; Greensboro, $3.15; Henderson, $5.50; Raleigh, $4.70; Selma, $5.15; Winston-Salem, $3.85. Rates from intermediate points in the same proportion.

1890-05-08 - News & Observer

The Reel Contest.

Great interest has centered in the uncompleted reel contest which was run here last year at the Firemans' tournament. It is now announced that the contest to decide the prize will take place at 5 o'clock p. m. on New Berne Avenue on Monday afternoon if there is no interference with the Memorial exercises. If there is any delay the contest will take place about 6 o'clock p. m. Messrs. P. Cowper, J. N. Holding and W. P. Batchlor will be the judges.

1890-05-20 - News & Observer

OFF FOR CHARLOTTE.

Raleigh Soldier Boys and Fire Laddies Start.

The 3:45 Raleigh and Augusta train bound for Charlotte yesterday carried away a jovial and happy lot of boys. They went with their feathers all plumed for victory, and declared that they would come back wearing the laurels.

The representation which Raleigh sends to participate in Charlotte's galla-day consists of the Governor's Guard and three of her brag hose reel teams, the Capital, the Rescue and the Independent. The Governor's Guard went twenty-five strong, Capt. Bernard in command. Chief Engelhard was in charge of the fire boys and Assistant Chief Ferrall was also aboard.

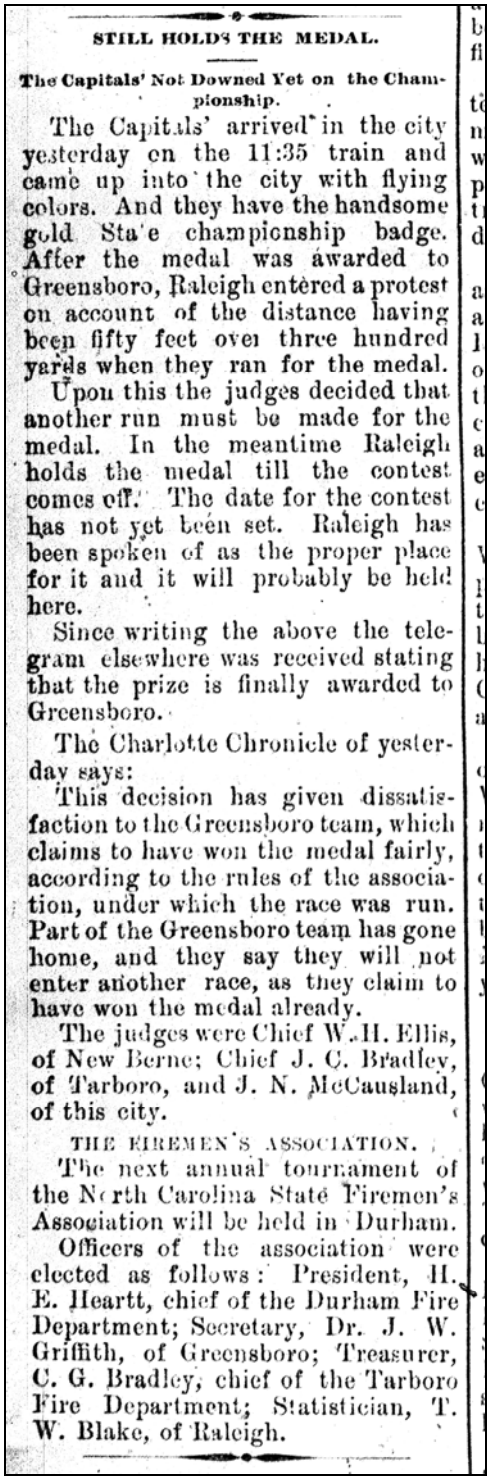
The personnel of the hose reel team, is as follows:

Capital—W. Woolcott, captain; L. A. Mahler, butman; J. Floyd Brown, slack puller; Alex. McPheeters, Jr., nozzleman; W. A. Linnehan, hydrantman; C. D. Arthur, J. J. Whitehead, Fred Woollcott, Geo. Sears, Will Alcott. W. T. Brooks, J. C. Dobbin.

Independent—J. S. Correll, captain; W. Mi chell, butman; A. McCulley, slack puller; J. N. Howard, coupling breaker; Will Bashford, renchman; Messrs. Nowell, Upchurch, Keith, Habel, Jordan, Lumley, Stedman, Lyon.

Rescue—T. W. Blake, captain; W. H. Weatherspoon, slack puller, E. M. Cheek, butman; A. Keith, dydrantman; S. P. Pennington, coupling breaker; P. N. Pennington, driver; W. C. Warren, nozzleman.

1890-05-23 - News & Observer



STILL HOLDS THE MEDAL.

The Capitals' Not Downed Yet on the Championship.

The Capitals' arrived in the city yesterday on the 11:35 train and came up into the city with flying colors. And they have the handsome gold State championship badge. After the medal was awarded to Greensboro, Raleigh entered a protest on account of the distance having been fifty feet over three hundred yards when they ran for the medal.

Upon this the judges decided that another run must be made for the medal. In the meantime Raleigh holds the medal till the contest comes off. The date for the contest has not yet been set. Raleigh has been spoken of as the proper place for it and it will probably be held here.

Since writing the above the telegram elsewhere was received stating that the prize is finally awarded to Greensboro.

The Charlotte Chronicle of yesterday says:

This decision has given dissatisfaction to the Greensboro team, which claims to have won the medal fairly, according to the rules of the association, under which the race was run. Part of the Greensboro team has gone home, and they say they will not enter another race, as they claim to have won the medal already.

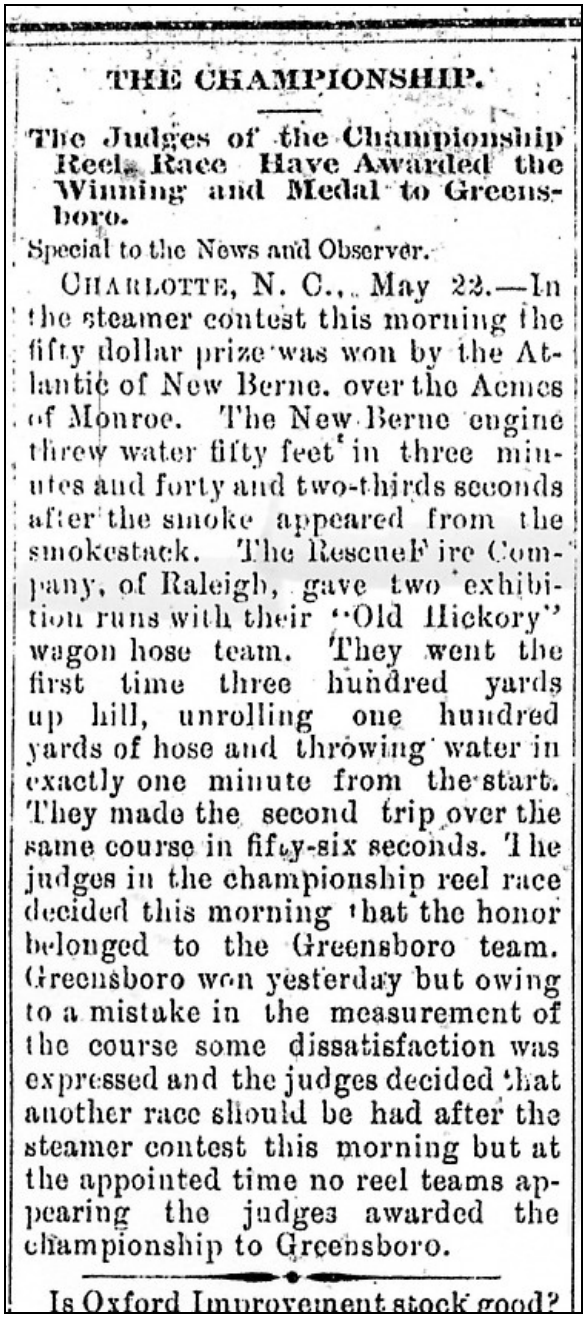
The judges were Chief W. H. Ellis, of New Berne; Chief J. C. Bradley, of Tarboro, and J. N. McCausland, of this city.

THE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The next annual tournament of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association will be held in Durham.

Officers of the association were elected as follows: President, H. E. Heartt, chief of the Durham Fire Department; Secretary, Dr. J. W. Griffith, of Greensboro; Treasurer, C. G. Bradley, chief of the Tarboro Fire Department; Statistician, T. W. Blake, of Raleigh.

1890-05-23 - News & Observer



THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Judges of the Championship Reel Race Have Awarded the Winning and Medal to Greensboro.

Special to the News and Observer.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 22.—In the steamer contest this morning the fifty dollar prize was won by the Atlantic of New Berne, over the Acmes of Monroe. The New Berne engine threw water fifty feet in three minutes and forty and two-thirds seconds after the smoke appeared from the smokestack. The Rescue Fire Company, of Raleigh, gave two exhibition runs with their "Old Hickory" wagon hose team. They went the first time three hundred yards up hill, unrolling one hundred yards of hose and throwing water in exactly one minute from the start. They made the second trip over the same course in fifty-six seconds. The judges in the championship reel race decided this morning that the honor belonged to the Greensboro team. Greensboro won yesterday but owing to a mistake in the measurement of the course some dissatisfaction was expressed and the judges decided that another race should be had after the steamer contest this morning but at the appointed time no reel teams appearing the judges awarded the championship to Greensboro.

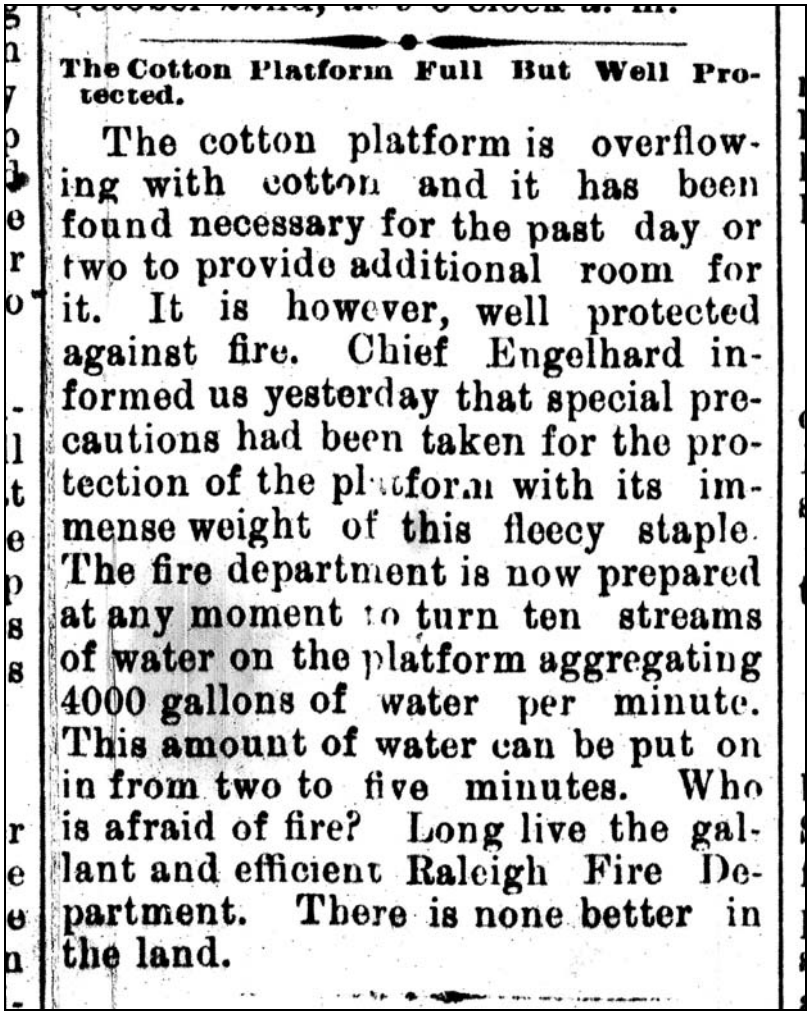
Is Oxford Improvement stock good?

1890-07-01 - News & Observer

New Hook and Ladder Truck.

A magnificent shiny, glossy, brand new, red and blue light service city hook and ladder truck arrived yesterday for the Raleigh Fire Department and at once became the cynosure of all eyes. She is a daisy and no mistake. She is forty-five feet in length from tip to tip and stands about eight feet from the ground. She carries thirteen ladders embracing a total of 210 feet of ladder, with all the necessary accompanying hooks, fire axes, buckets, Babcock fire extinguishers, etc. Altogether the machine is a thing of beauty and is as light as a feather. It is drawn by two horses. She was placed regularly in service yesterday evening.

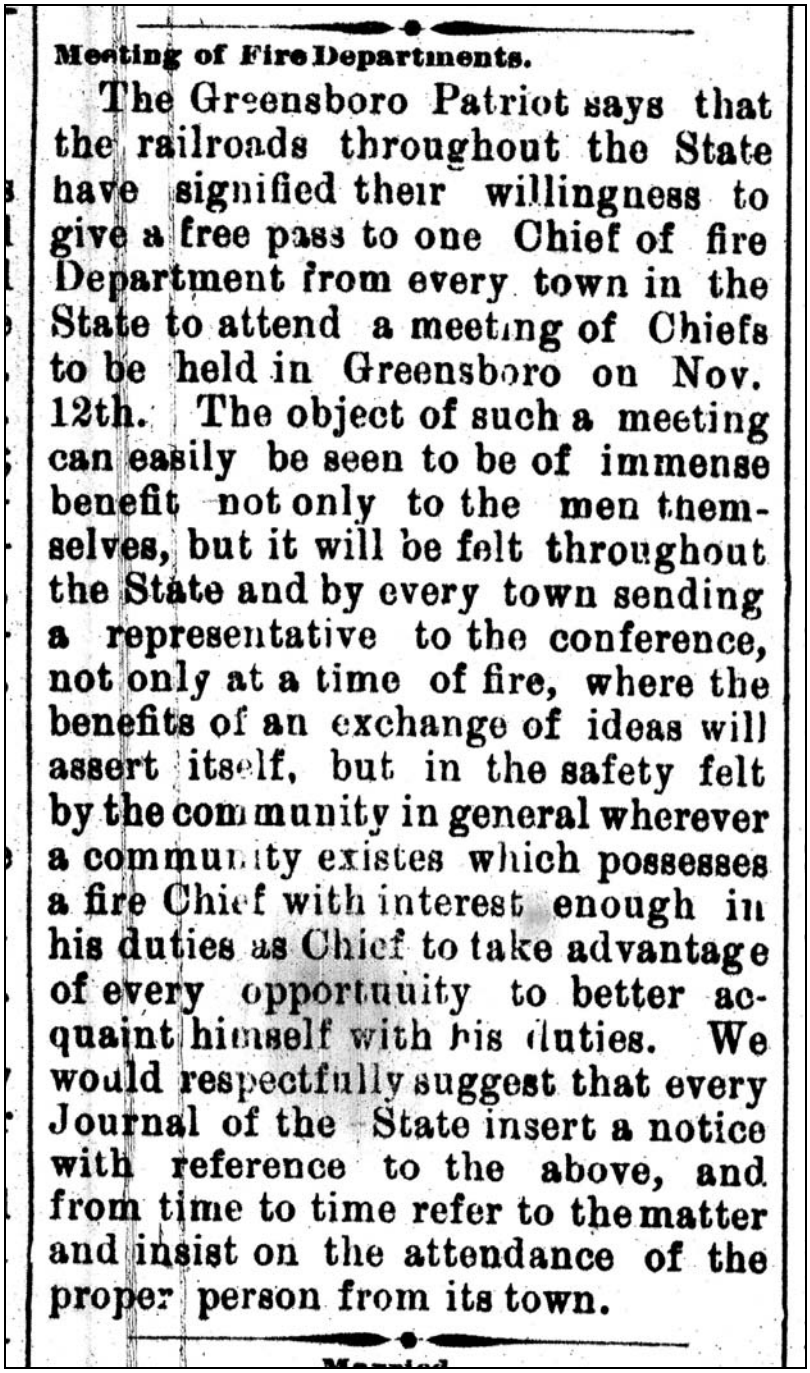
1890-10-12 - News & Observer



The Cotton Platform Full But Well Protected.

The cotton platform is overflowing with cotton and it has been found necessary for the past day or two to provide additional room for it. It is however, well protected against fire. Chief Engelhard informed us yesterday that special precautions had been taken for the protection of the platform with its immense weight of this fleecy staple. The fire department is now prepared at any moment to turn ten streams of water on the platform aggregating 4000 gallons of water per minute. This amount of water can be put on in from two to five minutes. Who is afraid of fire? Long live the gallant and efficient Raleigh Fire Department. There is none better in the land.

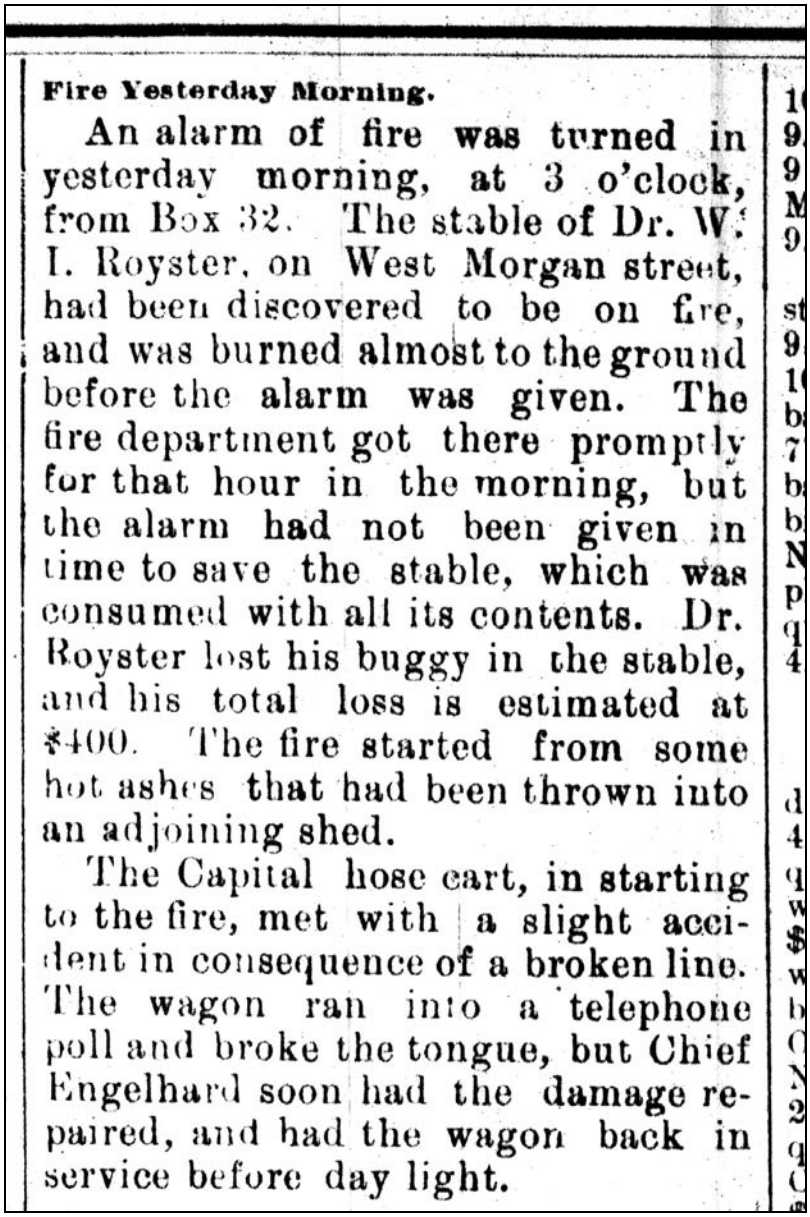
1890-10-30 - News & Observer



Meeting of Fire Departments.

The Greensboro Patriot says that the railroads throughout the State have signified their willingness to give a free pass to one Chief of fire Department from every town in the State to attend a meeting of Chiefs to be held in Greensboro on Nov. 12th. The object of such a meeting can easily be seen to be of immense benefit not only to the men themselves, but it will be felt throughout the State and by every town sending a representative to the conference, not only at a time of fire, where the benefits of an exchange of ideas will assert itself, but in the safety felt by the community in general wherever a community existes which possesses a fire Chief with interest enough in his duties as Chief to take advantage of every opportunity to better acquaint himself with his duties. We would respectfully suggest that every Journal of the State insert a notice with reference to the above, and from time to time refer to the matter and insist on the attendance of the proper person from its town.

1890-11-08 - News & Observer

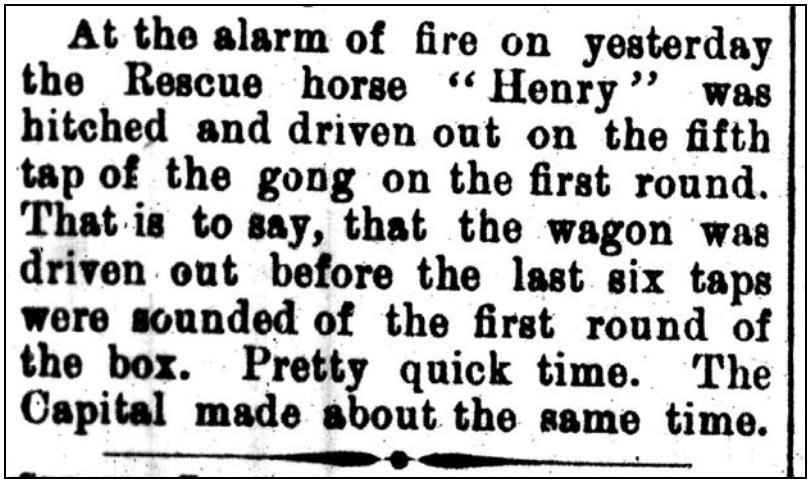


Fire Yesterday Morning.

An alarm of fire was turned in yesterday morning, at 3 o'clock, from Box 32. The stable of Dr. W. I. Royster, on West Morgan street, had been discovered to be on fire, and was burned almost to the ground before the alarm was given. The fire department got there promptly for that hour in the morning, but the alarm had not been given in time to save the stable, which was consumed with all its contents. Dr. Royster lost his buggy in the stable, and his total loss is estimated at $400. The fire started from some hot ashes that had been thrown into an adjoining shed.

The Capital hose cart, in starting to the fire, met with a slight accident in consequence of a broken line. The wagon ran into a telephone poll and broke the tongue, but Chief Engelhard soon had the damage repaired, and had the wagon back in service before day light.

1890-12-13 - News & Observer



At the alarm of fire on yesterday the Rescue horse "Henry" was hitched and driven out on the fifth tap of the gong on the first round. That is to say, that the wagon was driven out before the last six taps were sounded of the first round of the box. Pretty quick time. The Capital made about the same time.

1890-12-30 - News & Observer

for Asheville, their future home.

LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED BY FIRE.

A Disastrous Conflagration at the Raleigh and Gaston Round House.

The first fire of any consequence, which has occurred in Raleigh since the burning of the Oil Mills, four years ago, was the destruction by fire of the new round house of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad on Sunday morning between two o'clock and daylight.

Owing to the hour of the morning and the remoteness of the round house from the city, the alarm was not sounded till it was too late for the fire department to accomplish much toward saving the building and the engines which were in it.

The fire was first discovered by the night dispatcher, Mr. Johnston Busbee, whose office is near the new round house. About 2 o'clock he remarked to one of the night-watchmen that he thought he smelt smoke, and the watchman went out to investigate the cause.

Soon cries of fire were heard and Mr. Busbee on looking toward the round house saw that the wood in the tenders was blazing.

The alarm was sent in from the nearest box, 47, as soon as possible, but the fire was already under way. The fire department arrived within three minutes after the alarm struck but the fire had gained such headway that all efforts to quench it were useless. The location of the fire was at a great distance from any hydrant and water had to be carried to the fire through 2,800 feet of hose. Notwithstanding this three streams were turned on the burning building.

There were in the round house

turned on the burning building.

There were in the round house seventeen engines. The building was a total ruin and all the engines more or less damaged. The fire department remained steadily at work till 8 o'clock a. m. before Chief Engelhard tapped the stroke indicating that the flames were entirely extinguished.

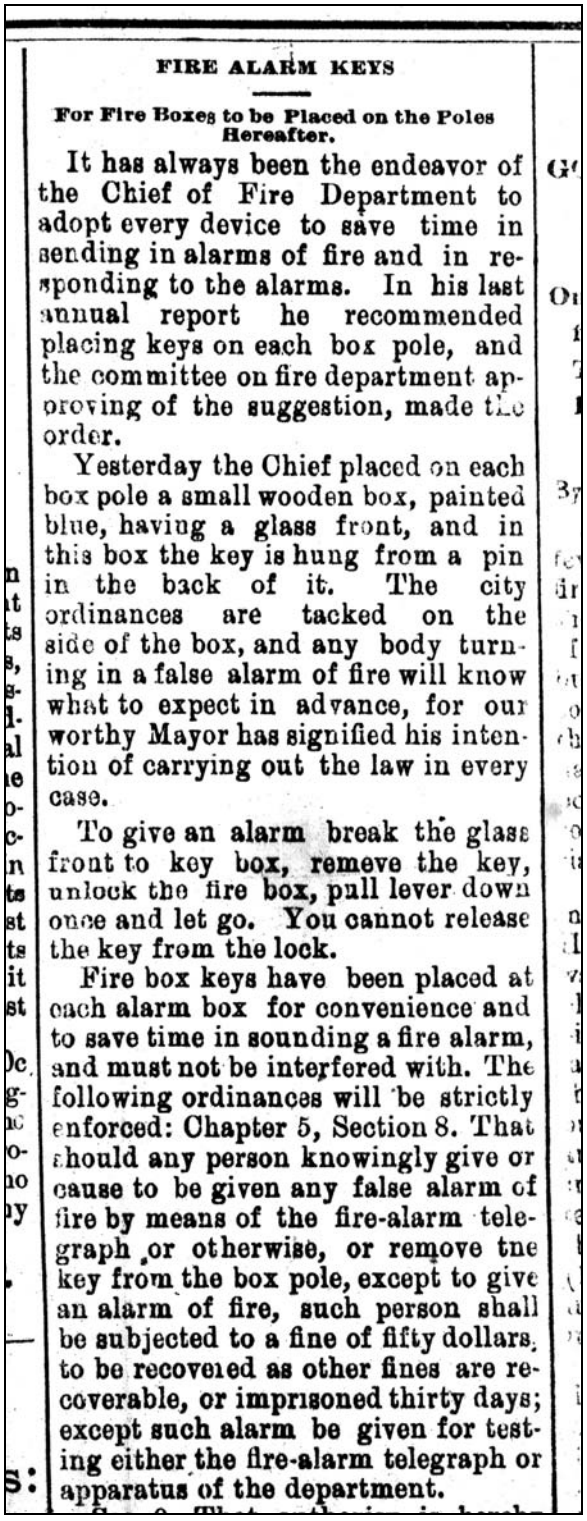
It is not yet known how the fire originated unless from an engine which went into the round house ab ut 12 o'clock, and it is thought that some sparks from it might have fallen among the wood in some of the tenders and ignited it. All of the tenders of the seventeen engines were filled with wood and the sheeting of the roof was also of pine wood which ignited and burned rapidly. The burned building is not connected with the shops and is used only as a shelter for engines. One of the damaged engines belonged to the Egypt coal company.

The amount of loss can not yet be definitely ascertained but will probably be between $40,000 and $50,000. Some of the engines were damaged to the extent of $2,500 each and it is thought that the average damage to each engine is about $1,500. There was no insurance.

The Raleigh & Gaston company has telegraphed for and secured more engines and the regular traffic of the road will go on uninterruptedly.

The building was thought to be entirely fire proof. The wall in the rear was brick and the front was iron and wood.

1891-05-20 - News & Observer



FIRE ALARM KEYS

For Fire Boxes to be Placed on the Poles Hereafter.

It has always been the endeavor of the Chief of Fire Department to adopt every device to save time in sending in alarms of fire and in responding to the alarms. In his last annual report he recommended placing keys on each box pole, and the committee on fire department approving of the suggestion, made the order.

Yesterday the Chief placed on each box pole a small wooden box, painted blue, having a glass front, and in this box the key is hung from a pin in the back of it. The city ordinances are tacked on the side of the box, and any body turning in a false alarm of fire will know what to expect in advance, for our worthy Mayor has signified his intention of carrying out the law in every case.

To give an alarm break the glass front to key box, remeve the key, unlock the fire box, pull lever down once and let go. You cannot release the key from the lock.

Fire box keys have been placed at each alarm box for convenience and to save time in sounding a fire alarm, and must not be interfered with. The following ordinances will be strictly enforced: Chapter 5, Section 8. That should any person knowingly give or cause to be given any false alarm of fire by means of the fire-alarm telegraph or otherwise, or remove tne key from the box pole, except to give an alarm of fire, such person shall be subjected to a fine of fifty dollars, to be recovered as other fines are recoverable, or imprisoned thirty days; except such alarm be given for testing either the fire-alarm telegraph or apparatus of the department.

Sec. 9. That authority is hereby given to the Mayor to offer a reward of fifty dollars, or less, for the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons who shall knowingly give or cause to be given any false alarm of fire by means of the fire-alarm telegraph or otherwise, or who shall remove the key from the box pole, except to give an alarm of fire.

Sec. 10. That if any person interfere with the fire-alarm telegraph, or injure any of the poles, wires, boxes or other apparatus, such person shall be fined twenty-five dollars, or imprisoned thirty days.

A reward of $25 is hereby offered for the apprehension and conviction of any person violating any of the above city ordiances.

THOMAS BADGER, Mayor.

We feel satisfied, that [illegible] thinks of this matter at all will appreciate what has been done, and will not themselves turn in a false alarm of fire, or permit another to do so.

1891-07-04 - News & Observer

That Handsome New Rescue Hose Wagon.

In the fourth of July procession yesterday morning the shining new wagon of the Rescue Hose Reel team attracted all eyes. It has just been completed for the team by Messrs. Evans and Martin of this city, who are making a reputation for their stylish work in waggon building. It is finished in beautiful black and gold and shows off splendidly. The Rescue team should be proud of it.

1891-07-21 - News & Observer

Lightning Strikes the Water Tower.

Yesterday afternoon during the storm the water tower was struck by lightning but no damage was done except that the telephone in the office was burned out. William Mangum, driver of the Hook and Ladder Company who was standing in the door of the carriage stable across the street, was stunned by the shock but soon recovered and was not permanently injured.

1891-08-21- News & Observer

New Fire Alarm Boxes.

The new fire alarm boxes which were ordered some time since have been received and have been put up and are in service. They are as follows: No. 12, at the corner of Polk and East streets; No. 214, at the corner of Hargett and Bloodworth; No. 36, at the corner of South and Harrington; and No. 43 at the corner of Jones and Saunders; No. 26 has been removed from the corner of Hargett and East streets to the corner of Hargett and Swain. In the last fire which was sent in from box No. 214, that box had just been put up on that day and was just in time for the fire.

1891-08-21 - News & Observer

The Rescue steamer was out on Fayetteville street last night. She is working beautifully and is ready for the tournament at Durham next week.

Those desiring to attend the firemens' tournament next week at Durham can leave on the 8:15 a. m. train and return at 10:40 p. m. Go with the boys.

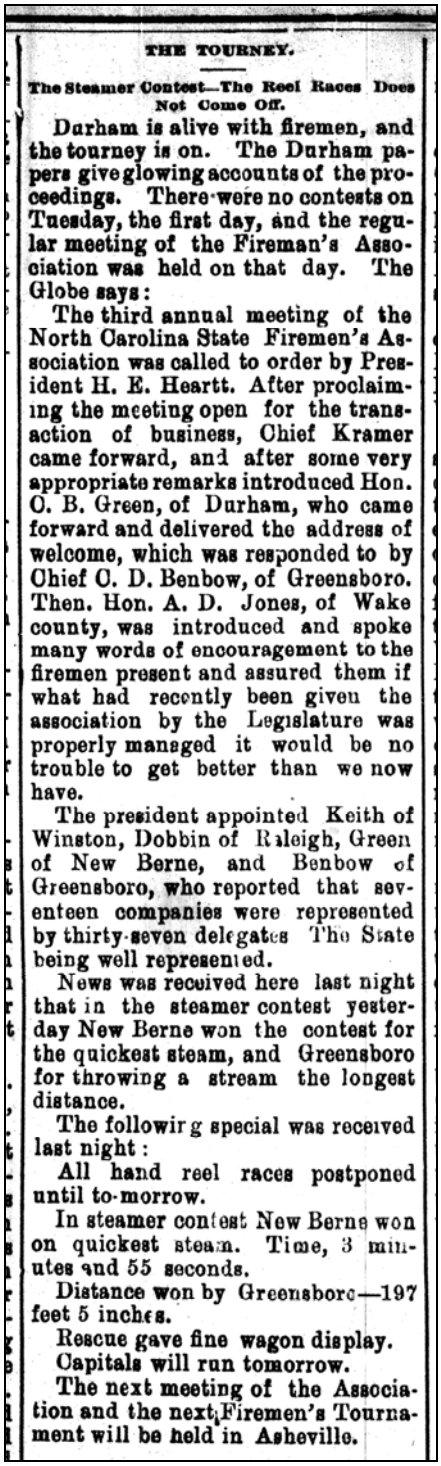
Chief Engelhard, of the Fire Department, now has fire alarm cards with the complete list of boxes, which he will furnish to citizens upon application.

1891-08-22 - News & Observer

The Capital Hose Team.

The Capital team is somewhat crippled, we are sorry to learn. Mr. J. Floyd Brown, their slack-puller, injured his knee some weeks ago, and has not been able to do any work with his team. Mr. Walter Woollcott, the old captain and coupling breaker, has been absent from the city on business for nearly a month. These two important positions will have to be filled by less experienced men. Several of their fastest runners found it impossible to go to Durham. However, Will Linehan is in great shape to run the one hundred yards race, and he is making fast time in his practices. Raleigh will send a fairly fast team, with two or three sprinters to contend with Daniels, of New Berne.

1891-08-27 - News & Observer



THE TOURNEY.

The Steamer Contest—The Reel Races Does Not Come Off.

Durham is alive with firemen, and the tourney is on. The Durham papers give glowing accounts of the proceedings. There were no contests on Tuesday, the first day, and the regular meeting of the Fireman's Association was held on that day. The Globe says:

The third annual meeting of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association was called to order by President H. E. Heartt. After proclaiming the meeting open for the transaction of business, Chief Kramer came forward, and after some very appropriate remarks introduced Hon. C. B. Green, of Durham, who came forward and delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by Chief C. D. Benbow, of Greensboro. Then. Hon. A. D. Jones, of Wake county, was introduced and spoke many words of encouragement to the firemen present and assured them if what had recently been given the association by the Legislature was properly managed it would be no trouble to get better than we now have.

The president appointed Keith of Winston, Dobbin of Raleigh, Green of New Berne, and Benbow of Greensboro, who reported that seventeen companies were represented by thirty-seven delegates The State being well represented.

News was received here last night that in the steamer contest yesterday New Berne won the contest for the quickest steam, and Greensboro for throwing a stream the longest distance.

The followir g special was received last night:

All hand reel races postponed until to-morrow.

In steamer contest New Berne won on quickest steam. Time, 3 minutes and 55 seconds.

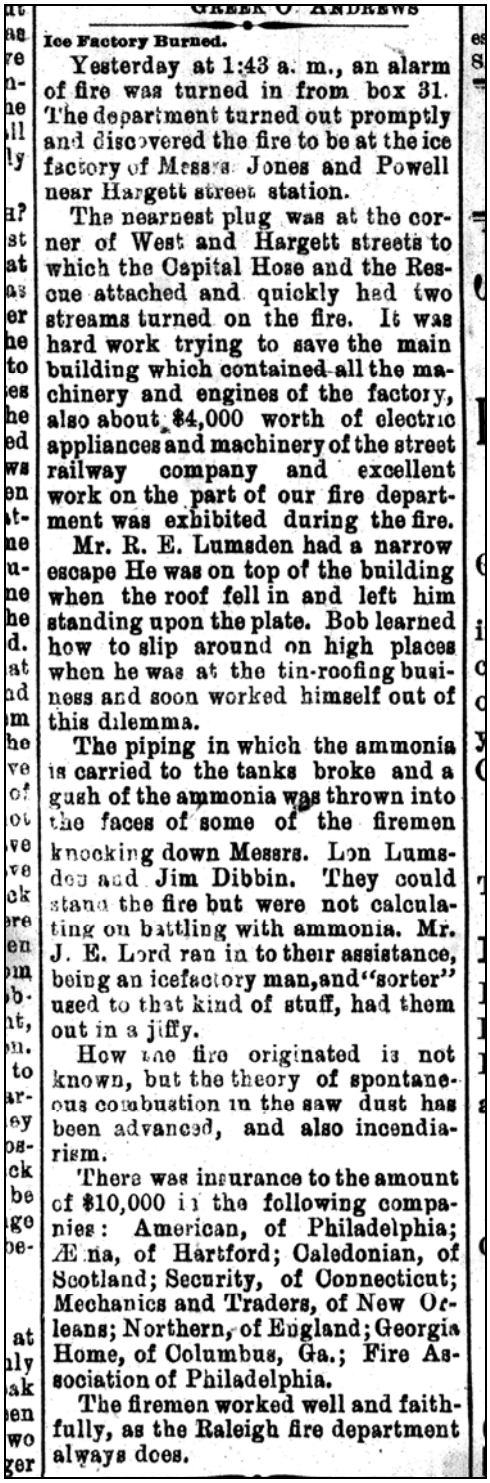
Distance won by Greensboro—197 feet 5 inches.

Rescue gave fine wagon display.

Capitals will run tomorrow.

The next meeting of the Association and the next Firemen's Tournament will be held in Asheville.

1891-08-30 - News & Observer



GREEK O. ANDREWS

Ice Factory Burned.

Yesterday at 1:43 a. m., an alarm of fire was turned in from box 31. The department turned out promptly and discovered the fire to be at the ice factory of Messrs. Jones and Powell near Hargett street station.

The nearnest plug was at the corner of West and Hargett streets to which the Capital Hose and the Rescue attached and quickly had two streams turned on the fire. It was hard work trying to save the main building which contained all the machinery and engines of the factory, also about $4,000 worth of electric appliances and machinery of the street railway company and excellent work on the part of our fire department was exhibited during the fire.

Mr. R. E. Lumsden had a narrow escape He was on top of the building when the roof fell in and left him standing upon the plate. Bob learned how to slip around on high places when he was at the tin-roofing business and soon worked himself out of this dilemma.

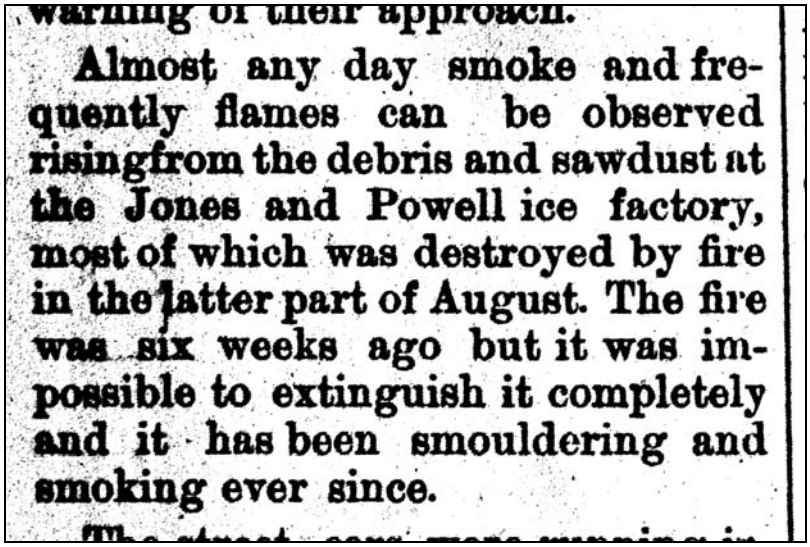
The piping in which the ammonia is carried to the tanks broke and a gush of the ammonia was thrown into the faces of some of the firemen knocking down Messrs. Lon Lumsden and Jim Dibbin. They could stand the fire but were not calculating on battling with ammonia. Mr. J. E. Lord ran in to their assistance, being an icefactory man, and "sorter" used to that kind of stuff, had them out in a jiffy.

How the fire originated is not known, but the theory of spontaneous combustion in the saw dust has been advanced, and also incendiarism.

There was insurance to the amount of $10,000 in the following companies: American, of Philadelphia; Æ na, of Hartford; Caledonian, of Scotland; Security, of Connecticut; Mechanics and Traders, of New Orleans; Northern, of England; Georgia Home, of Columbus, Ga.; Fire Association of Philadelphia.

The firemen worked well and faithfully, as the Raleigh fire department always does.

1891-10-08 - News & Observer

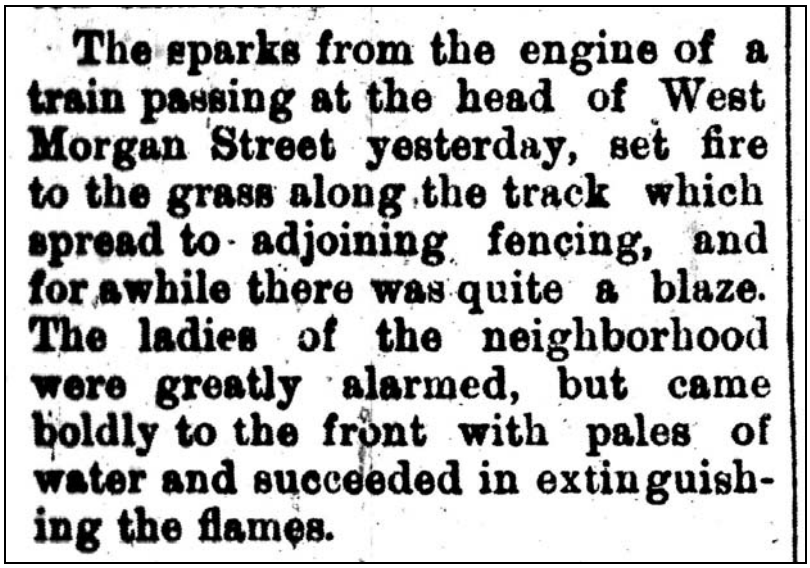


warning of their approach.

Almost any day smoke and frequently flames can be observed rising from the debris and sawdust at the Jones and Powell ice factory, most of which was destroyed by fire in the latter part of August. The fire was six weeks ago but it was impossible to extinguish it completely and it has been smouldering and smoking ever since.

The street cars were running in

1891-12-17 - News & Observer



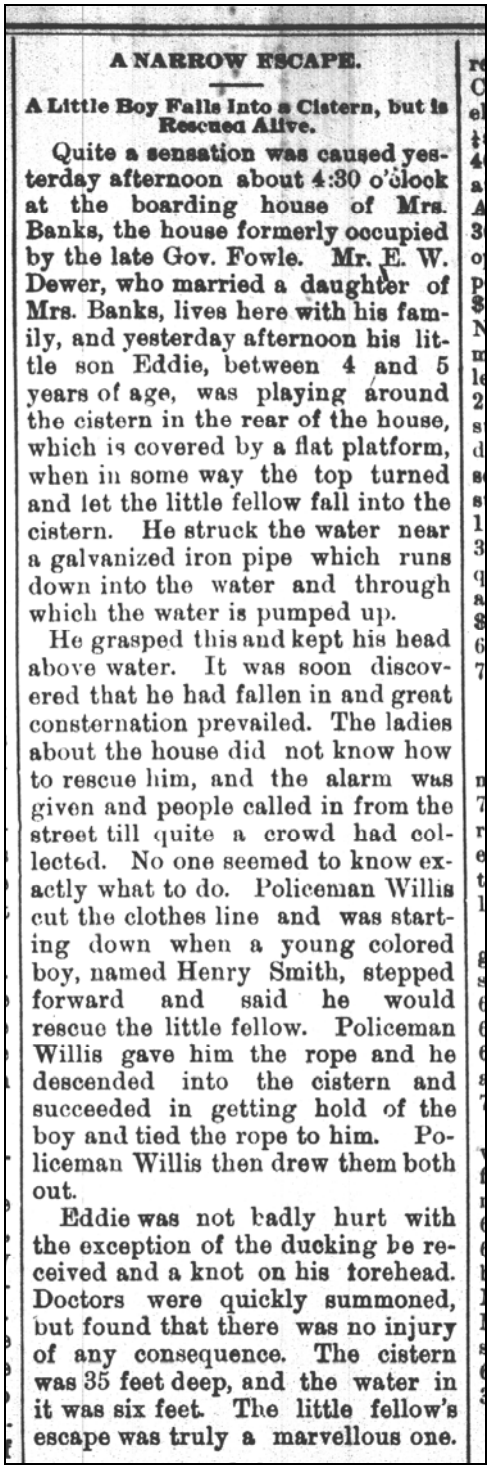
The sparks from the engine of a train passing at the head of West Morgan Street yesterday, set fire to the grass along the track which spread to adjoining fencing, and for awhile there was quite a blaze. The ladies of the neighborhood were greatly alarmed, but came boldly to the front with pales of water and succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

1891-11-25 - News & Observer

Funeral of Mr. W. R. Womble Today.

The funeral services of the late Mr. Walter R. Womble will be held this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the First Baptist church. The Board of Aldermen will attend the funeral in a body and the fire department, all the apparatus of which have been draped in mourning will also turn out in the funeral procession and the members will attend the services. The following pall bearers have been chosen from among the Board of Aldermen, the Order of Odd Fellows and citizens of Raleigh: Hon. Thos. Badger, Messrs. Joseph E. Pogue, Frank Stronach, H. H. Crocker, N. B. Broughton, Millard Mial, J. H. Parham and Josephus Daniels. The county court was draped in mourning yesterday in honor of Mr. Womble.

1892-04-06 - News & Observer



A NARROW ESCAPE.

A Little Boy Falls Into a Cistern, but is Rescued Alive.

Quite a sensation was caused yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock at the boarding house of Mrs. Banks, the house formerly occupied by the late Gov. Fowle. Mr. E. W. Dewer, who married a daughter of Mrs. Banks, lives here with his family, and yesterday afternoon his little son Eddie, between 4 and 5 years of age, was playing around the cistern in the rear of the house, which is covered by a flat platform, when in some way the top turned and let the little fellow fall into the cistern. He struck the water near a galvanized iron pipe which runs down into the water and through which the water is pumped up.

He grasped this and kept his head above water. It was soon discovered that he had fallen in and great consternation prevailed. The ladies about the house did not know how to rescue him, and the alarm was given and people called in from the street till quite a crowd had collected. No one seemed to know exactly what to do. Policeman Willis cut the clothes line and was starting down when a young colored boy, named Henry Smith, stepped forward and said he would rescue the little fellow. Policeman Willis gave him the rope and he descended into the cistern and succeeded in getting hold of the boy and tied the rope to him. Policeman Willis then drew them both out.

Eddie was not badly hurt with the exception of the ducking he received and a knot on his forehead. Doctors were quickly summoned, but found that there was no injury of any consequence. The cistern was 35 feet deep, and the water in it was six feet. The little fellow's escape was truly a marvellous one.

1892-04-06 - News & Observer

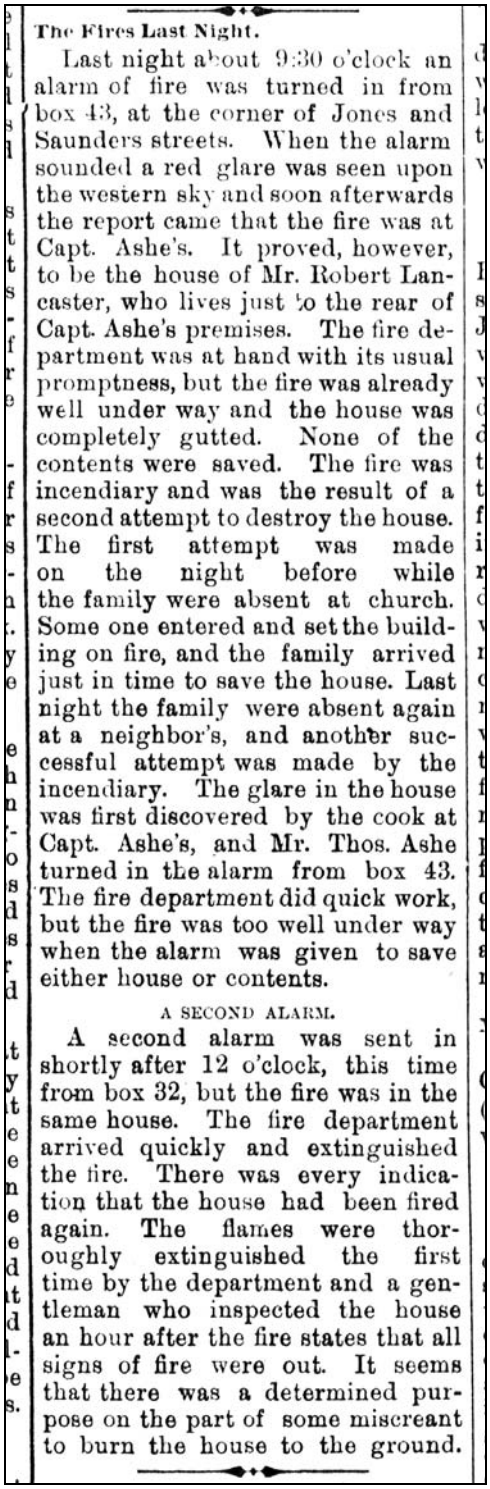
The Fire Laddies at Asheville.

The State Firemen's Annual Meet- and Tournament will take place in Asheville, July 13-14 and 15th, and already the brethren in that progressive city are bestirring themselves to give the "boys" a big time. On 13-14 the business of the association will be transacted, and on the 15th the contests—or tournament—will come off. From the following committee of arrangements, we take it that nothing will be left undone to make the occasion one of pleasure to all the members of the association, who can make it convenient to attend: E. B. Lewis, W. S. Ray, L. W. Jennerette, Edward McDowell, W. H. Shipe, J. W. Spears, M. H. Lelley, F. O'Donnell, W. Strachan, E. Elliot, C. B. Leonard, G. S. Henderson.

1892-05-20 - News & Observer

The alarm of fire last night was caused by a festive William goat. The goat had been allowed to disport himself in the house of a colored man, and espying his ugly image in a looking glass he aimed a well directed but at the glass, smashing it to flinders and also demolishing a lamp. Great consternation was caused, resulting in a fire alarm from box 34, at the corner of Lenoir and McDowell. No damage was done. The goat when last seen was voraciously devouring the fragments of glass.

1892-06-20 - News & Observer



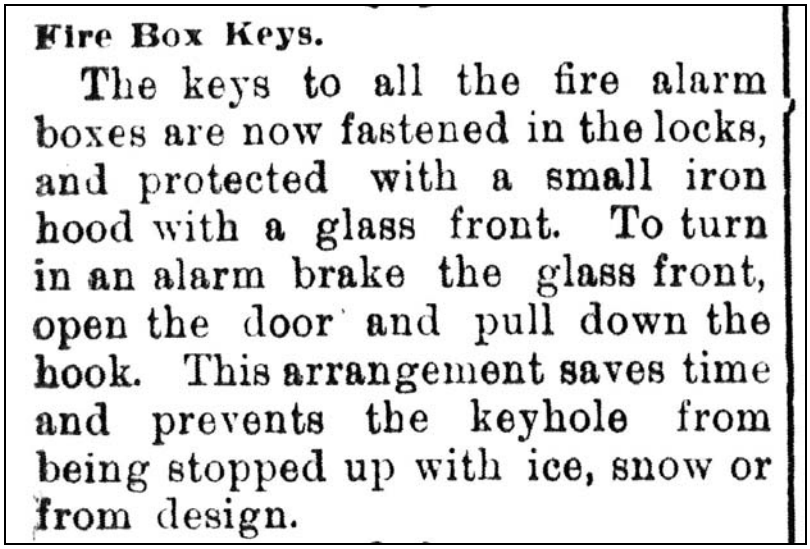
The Fires Last Night.

Last night about 9:30 o'clock an alarm of fire was turned in from box 43, at the corner of Jones and Saunders streets. When the alarm sounded a red glare was seen upon the western sky and soon afterwards the report came that the fire was at Capt. Ashe's. It proved, however, to be the house of Mr. Robert Lancaster, who lives just to the rear of Capt. Ashe's premises. The fire department was at hand with its usual promptness, but the fire was already well under way and the house was completely gutted. None of the contents were saved. The fire was incendiary and was the result of a second attempt to destroy the house. The first attempt was made on the night before while the family were absent at church. Some one entered and set the building on fire, and the family arrived just in time to save the house. Last night the family were absent again at a neighbor's, and another successful attempt was made by the incendiary. The glare in the house was first discovered by the cook at Capt. Ashe's, and Mr. Thos. Ashe turned in the alarm from box 43. The fire department did quick work, but the fire was too well under way when the alarm was given to save either house or contents.

A SECOND ALARM.

A second alarm was sent in shortly after 12 o'clock, this time from box 32, but the fire was in the same house. The fire department arrived quickly and extinguished the fire. There was every indication that the house had been fired again. The flames were thoroughly extinguished the first time by the department and a gentleman who inspected the house an hour after the fire states that all signs of fire were out. It seems that there was a determined purpose on the part of some miscreant to burn the house to the ground.

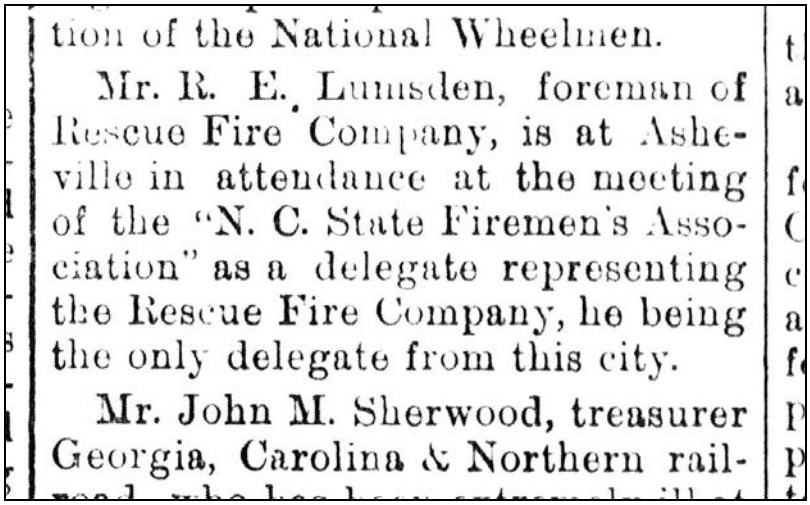
1892-06-21 - News & Observer



Fire Box Keys.

The keys to all the fire alarm boxes are now fastened in the locks, and protected with a small iron hood with a glass front. To turn in an alarm brake the glass front, open the door and pull down the hook. This arrangement saves time and prevents the keyhole from being stopped up with ice, snow or from design.

1892-07-14 - News & Observer



tion of the National Wheelmen.

Mr. R. E. Lumsden, foreman of Rescue Fire Company, is at Asheville in attendance at the meeting of the "N. C. State Firemen's Association" as a delegate representing the Rescue Fire Company, he being the only delegate from this city.

Mr. John M. Sherwood, treasurer Georgia, Carolina & Northern rail-

1892-08-10 - News & Observer

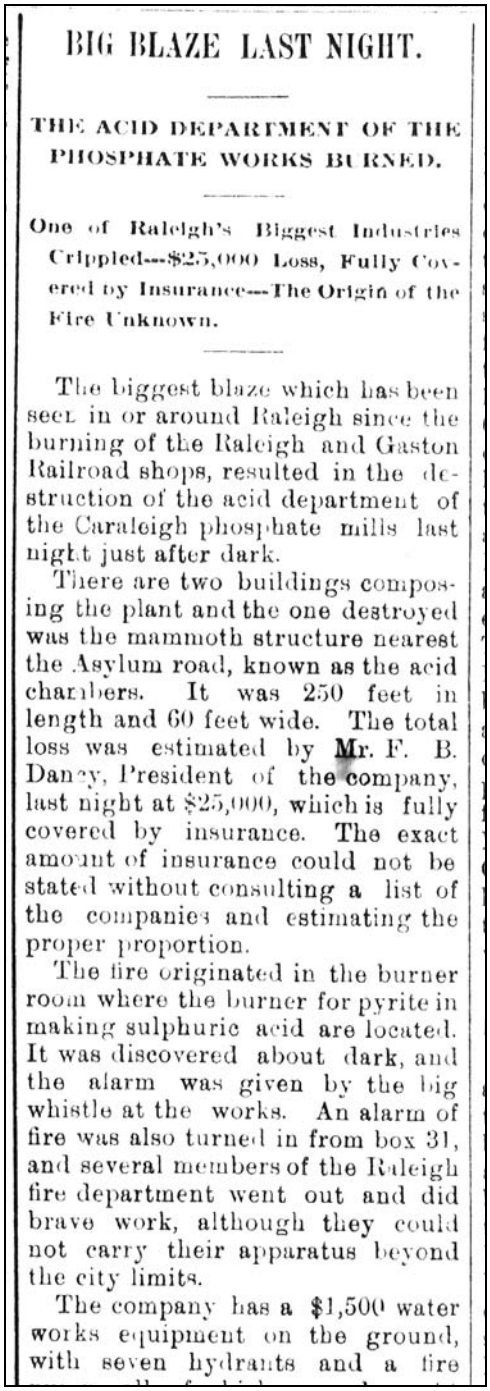
The Colored Fireman's Tournament.

Yesterday was a gay day among the colored people, the occasion being the State colored fireman's tournament. There were a large number of visiting firemen in the city and the tournament will be continued today. The visiting companies are the Cape Fear Steam Fire Company of Wilmington, the Excelsior Hose Company No. 2. of Greensboro, the Enterprise Hose Company of Henderson, the Eclipse Hose Company of Greensboro and the Dread Not Hose Company of Charlotte.

At noon the visiting colored firemen were formally welcomed at Metropolitan Hall. In the absence of Mayor Badger Alderman J. E. Pogue made an address of welcome on behalf of the city and Chief E. B. Englehard of the Raleigh Department made an address on behalf of the Victor Fire Company of this City. Mr. J. N. Holding who was present was also called upon and responded briefly. The President and Foremen of the Companies also made short addresses. The contests came off in the afternoon and there will be others today.

The Wilmington Campany gave a fine exhibition of their steamer in front of the postoffice yesterday afternoon, throwing a fine stream high above that building. The exhibition was witnessed by a large crowd.

1892-08-19 - News & Observer



BIG BLAZE LAST NIGHT.

THE ACID DEPARTMENT OF THE PHOSPHATE WORKS BURNED.

One of Raleigh's Biggest Industries Crippled---$25,000 Loss, Fully Covered by Insurance---The Origin of the Fire Unknown.

The biggest blaze which has been seen in or around Raleigh since the burning of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad shops, resulted in the destruction of the acid department of the Caraleigh phosphate mills last night just after dark.

There are two buildings composing the plant and the one destroyed was the mammoth structure nearest the Asylum road, known as the acid chambers. It was 250 feet in length and 60 feet wide. The total loss was estimated by Mr. F. B. Dancy, President of the company, last night at $25,000, which is fully covered by insurance. The exact amount of insurance could not be stated without consulting a list of the companies and estimating the proper proportion.

The fire originated in the burner room where the burner for pyrite in making sulphuric acid are located. It was discovered about dark, and the alarm was given by the big whistle at the works. An alarm of fire was also turned in from box 31, and several members of the Raleigh fire department went out and did brave work, although they could not carry their apparatus beyond the city limits.

The company has a $1,500 water works equipment on the ground, with seven hydrants and a fire

the city limits.

The company has a $1,500 water works equipment on the ground, with seven hydrants and a fire pump, all of which were brought into use with good effect. It was impossible, however, to successfully check the flames, and the building was consumed by the devouring element. Mr. Dancy stated last night that there was no satisfactory theory as to the origin of the fire.

There is a boiler in the burning room where the fire started and also there is always fire in the pyrite burners.

The entire building and all the contents and valuable machinery were destroyed. There were in it all the acid chambers, built of lead. It took thirty car loads of lead, worth $10,000, to build these chambers.

The fire pump on the grounds played upon the flames till it was itself disabled and kept the fire from spreading to the other buildings. Then the big 10,000 gallon tank on top of the manufacturing mill was turned on.

By 9:30 o'clock the whole structure was in ruins. It was a severe blow to one of Raleigh's most important enterprises but we are informed by the President that the work of reconstruction will at once be begun and pushed to completion. The company is composed of Raleigh's strongest business men, with too much pluck and vim to be discouraged by this disaster.

The mills were completed only a few months ago and had just gotten under full headway.

Mr. Frank Dancy was recently elected President, Mr. Ashley Horne, Vice President and Mr. J. R. Chamerlain, Superintendent and Secretary.

1892-08-31 - News & Observer

THE COTTON FACTORY FIRE.

Narrow Escape from the Flames Yesterday---Good Work by the R. & G. Railroad Employees---Automatic Sprinklers Did the Work.

An alarm of fire was turned in yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from box 45, it being situated immediately opposite the Raleigh Cotton Mills. The fire department responded promptly to the alarm and upon arrival found the fire to be in the cotton mills as every one suspected.

The fire began in the picking room, caused it is supposed from a grit or something of the kind getting in with the cotton. As soon as the blaze shot up from the cotton the whole room seemed ablaze, and the alarm was at once turned in. The first to respond were the employees of the Raleigh & Gaston shops, who have been organized into a fire brigade. They did good work and the city department soon had two streams playing on the flames after they arrived. The fire was soon under control and the damage was slight, but it came very near being a serious fire, on account of the large amount of cotton on hand, and would undoubtedly have consumed that part of the factory at least before the arrival of any of the fire companies but for the admirable system of water works in the building. It is fully supplied with the automatic sprinkler, at least a dozen being attached to the ceiling of this room, and as soon as the heat strikes them a perfect sheet of water comes down, deluging the room.

The city fire department came out with its usual promptness and did good service, and in a very short while the fire was extinguished. The loss is slight and fully insured.

PREPARING FOR STEVENSON

1892-10-07 - News & Observer

FIRE AT THE YARBORO.

Narrow Escape Last Night from a Sweeping Conflagration.

Shortly after 1 o'clock last night the alarm of fire was sounded.

A fire had started in the kitchen of the Yarboro and a big blaze which attracted the attention of Mr. Ellis, the clerk, was the first warning.

Mr. D. B. Avera, who was conversing with Mr. Ellis at the time in the hotel office, went and had the alarm rung. The department came out with incredible quickness, as the flames were shooting up from the kitchen which adjoins the hotel, and turned on a plenty of streams. There was a glaring light and at first glance it looked as if the Yarboro would go. But our magnificent department did its work and the fire was quickly extinguished.

All the guests were aroused but soon found that they were safe. The exact origin of the fire is not known, but was probably from smouldering embers in the cooking department.

The ranges were destroyed and the kitchen was gutted. The loss will be covered by a few hundred dollars.

No excitement was occasioned among the guests of the hotel as the fire was extinguished almost as quickly as they were aroused.

It is said that the fire originated from the broiler in the kitchen. The kitchen is attached to the dining room, but the latter was not injured. It was a fine piece of work on the part of the fire department.

1892-10-08 - News & Observer

The Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in regular monthly session, and transacted routine business. The Board unanimously decided to purchase a four circuit repeater for the fire alarm system. This has been a much needed appliance and its addition to our already very complete system will make the city doubly secure against fires. The Board is to be commended for ordering it. A committee of the Board of Managers of the Centennial appeared before the Board and were granted permission to perfeet certain necessary arrangements for that occasion.

1892-10-12 - News & Observer

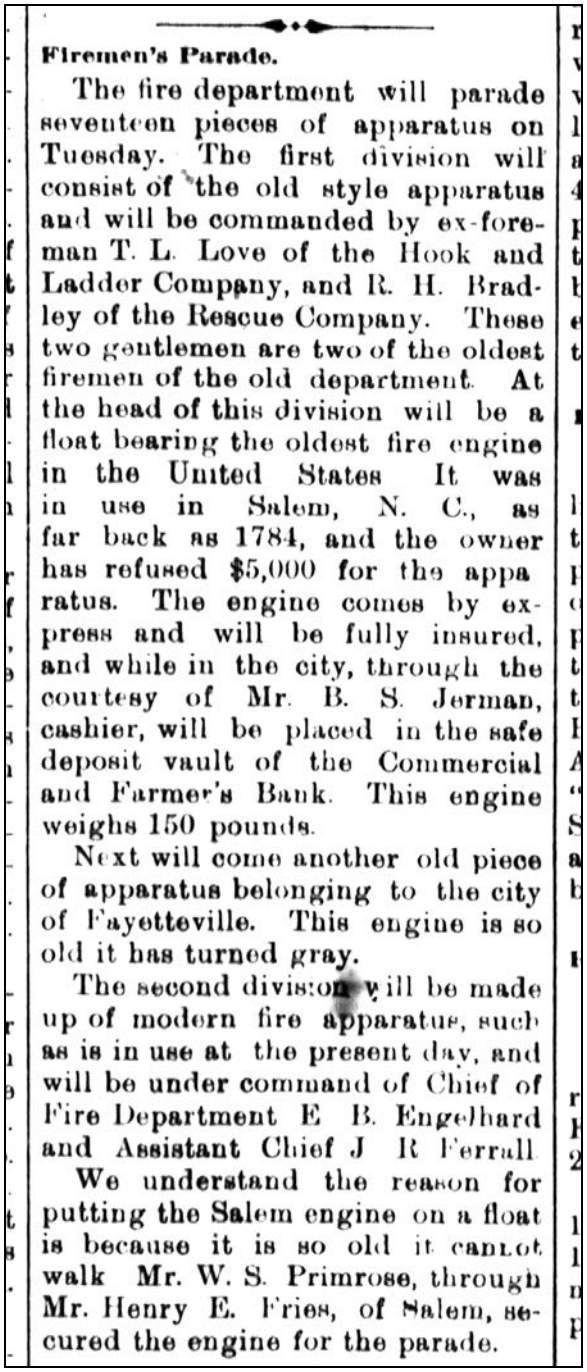
The Firemen and Help.

Many of the firemen belonging to other organizations that will take part in the centennial parade next Tuesday, and hence we cannot get a sufficient number to take charge of both the old and new apparatus. We will be glad to have the aid of all ex-firemen or citizens. All who will aid us in the parade will please report to the chief or assistant chief, or to foremen, R E. Lumsden, Walter Woollcott or C. M. Lambeth, who will give them full particulars of parade, &c. The apparatus will not be carried out of the city limits, and all taking part in the parade will be admitted free to the fair. Respectfully,

E. B. ENGELHARD,
Chief Fire Department.

J. R. FERRALL,
Assistant Chief Fire Department.

1892-10-16 - News & Observer



Firemen's Parade.

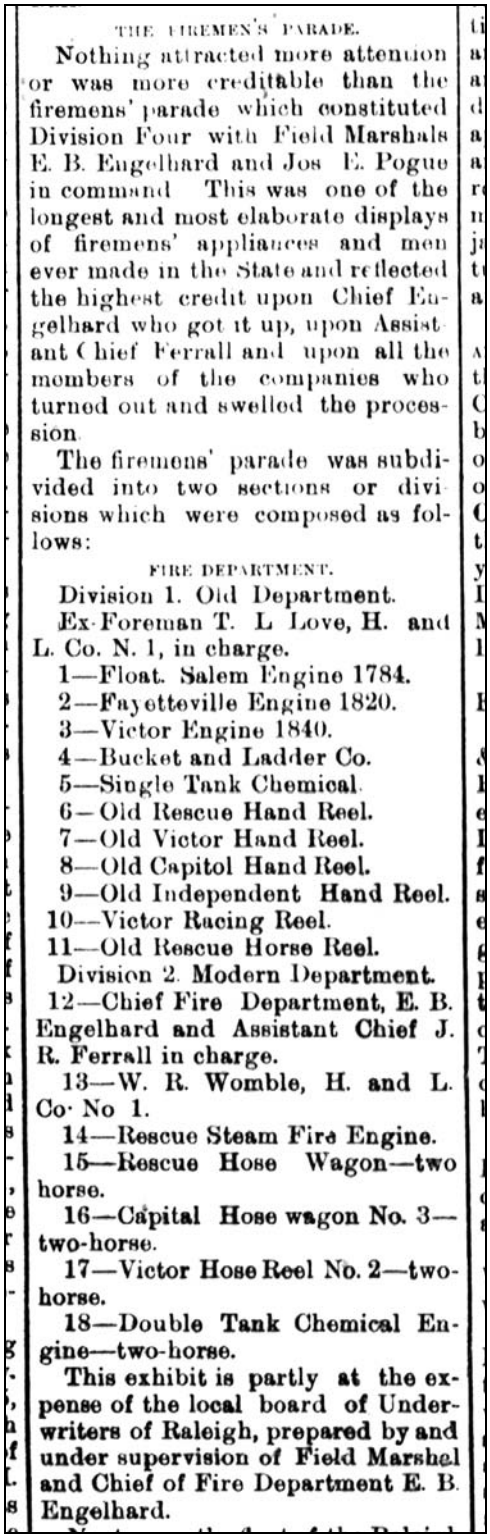
The fire department will parade seventeen pieces of apparatus on Tuesday. The first division will consist of the old style apparatus and will be commanded by ex-foreman T. L. Love of the Hook and Ladder Company, and R. H. Bradley of the Rescue Company. These two gentlemen are two of the oldest firemen of the old department. At the head of this division will be a float bearing the oldest fire engine in the United States It was in use in Salem, N. C., as far back as 1784, and the owner has refused $5,000 for the apparatus. The engine comes by express and will be fully insured, and while in the city, through the courtesy of Mr. B. S. Jerman, cashier, will be placed in the safe deposit vault of the Commercial and Farmer's Bank. This engine weighs 150 pounds.

Next will come another old piece of apparatus belonging to the city of Fayetteville. This engine is so old it has turned gray.

The second division will be made up of modern fire apparatus, such as is in use at the present day, and will be under command of Chief of Fire Department E B. Engelhard and Assistant Chief J R Ferrall.

We understand the reason for putting the Salem engine on a float is because it is so old it cannot walk Mr. W. S. Primrose, through Mr. Henry E. Fries, of Salem, secured the engine for the parade.

1892-10-19 - News & Observer



THE FIREMEN'S PARADE.

Nothing attracted more attention or was more creditable than the firemens' parade which constituted Division Four with Field Marshals E. B. Engelhard and Jos E. Pogue in command This was one of the longest and most elaborate displays of firemens' appliances and men ever made in the State and reflected the highest credit upon Chief Engelhard who got it up, upon Assistant Chief Ferrall and upon all the members of the companies who turned out and swelled the procession.

The firemens' parade was subdivided into two sections or divisions which were composed as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Division 1. Old Department.

Ex-Foreman T. L Love, H. and L. Co. N. 1, in charge.

1—Float. Salem Engine 1784.
2—Fayetteville Engine 1820.
3—Victor Engine 1840.
4—Bucket and Ladder Co.
5—Single Tank Chemical.
6—Old Rescue Hand Reel.
7—Old Victor Hand Reel.
8—Old Capitol Hand Reel.
9—Old Independent Hand Reel.
10—Victor Racing Reel.
11—Old Rescue Horse Reel.

Division 2. Modern Department.

12—Chief Fire Department, E. B. Engelhard and Assistant Chief J. R. Ferrall in charge.
13—W. R. Womble, H. and L. Co. No 1.
14—Rescue Steam Fire Engine.
15—Rescue Hose Wagon—two horse.
16—Capital Hose wagon No. 3—two-horse.
17—Victor Hose Reel No. 2—two-horse.
18—Double Tank Chemical Engine—two-horse.

This exhibit is partly at the expense of the local board of Underwriters of Raleigh, prepared by and under supervision of Field Marshal and Chief of Fire Department E. B. Engelhard.

1892-12-29 - News & Observer

Fire Destroys the Capital Club's Furniture.

At 3 o'clock yesterday morning Mr. Chester G. Whiting, who sleeps over the store of Whiting Brothers, on Park Avenue, was awakened by the glare of fire.

It was a bright light, and no wonder. The Capital Club rooms were on fire, and the loss is serious.

The Rescue engine responded promptly and laid its hose through the store of Whiting Brothers, and fought the fire from the rear of the building. Mr. C. G. Whiting turned in the alarm and the bell response was immediate, but for some reason the Capital hose and the hook and ladder companies failed to receive the alarm. The fire had been burning some time before Mr. Whiting was awakened, and but for the fact that he was sleeping where he was and turned in the alarm as promptly as he did, the whole block of buildings surrounded by Fayetteville, Wilmington and Davie streets and Park Avenue might have been destroyed.

1893-02-10 - News & Observer

A DISASTROUS FIRE.

LATTA AND MYATT'S COTTON WAREHOUSE BURNED.

Two Hundred Bales of Cotton Destroyed in the Blaze---Mr. Frank Stronach's Stable and an Adjoining Tenement House Gutted---A Bad Fire Which Might Have Been Worse but for the Department's Fine Work.

Raleigh had the most damaging fire yesterday that has visited the city since the Raleigh and Gaston round house fire, but it might have been infinitely worse, and but for the superb work done by the Raleigh fire department it is no exaggeration to say that half of the best business portion of the city might have been smouldering in ashes this morning.

The fire was discovered between 12 and 1 o'clock in the large three-story frame warehouse on Blount street, near the corner of Martin, which was owned by Messrs. Latta and Myatt and in which they had stored two hundred and ten bales of cotton and a quantity of machinery and farming implements.

There is no theory as to the origin of the fire. Messrs. Latta and Myatt say nobody had been in the building to their knowledge for two days, and the fire may have started by spontaneous combustion in the cotton, or it is thought that some little boys may have gotten in through a window and thrown down a cigarette stump somewhere. The fire apparently started in the cotton, and when discovered the whole building was so thoroughly under way that it was seen that nothing

building was so thoroughly under way that it was seen that nothing could save it, so the department at once applied itself to preventing the conflagration from spreading, the imminent danger to the business part of the city being seen. The work of checking the spreading of the flames was admirably executed.

It seemed almost impossible to stop the fury of the flames. The warehouse was a wooden three story structure, about 120 by 40 feet, and with the burning cotton made a fire which would have discounted a million furnaces. The stable to the left, owned by Mr. Frank Stronach, and a small dwelling house adjoining it, also owned by Mr. Stronach, and occupied by Mr. D. W. C. Harris, soon caught and were completely gutted. On the right the fire communicated to the old Adams house, occupied by Mr. Seth Jones, and it was damaged in the upper story, and burned in the rear, and the brick building, formerly Pogue's tobacco factory, was considerably damaged. Both of these buildings were also the property of Messrs. Latta and Myatt.

By the systematic fighting by the department the flames were not allowed to spread beyond these buildings. It was like fighting down an invincible foe but our magnificent department conquered and won the day and saved the city from a sweeping conflagration. Their praises were on every tongue. Mayor Ellyson, of Richmond, who is here and who witnessed the work pronounced it as fine as he had ever seen anywhere or at any time. Mr. Norman V. Randolph, a well known insurance man, told the NEWS AND

Norman V. Randolph, a well known insurance man, told the NEWS AND OBSERVER that in twenty-three years experience he had never seen such splendid work. Mr. Myatt in speaking of the fire yesterday evening said that the department had undoubtedly saved the city enough to pay for itself and the water works system.

The warehouse was valued by Messrs. Latta & Myatt at about $3,000, and they had $1,500 insurance on it. The cotton, which was valued at about $8,000, was fully insured. They also had in the building eighteen McCormick mowers, and some reapers and binders, which were destroyed. These were valued at about $800, and were uninsured.

Mr. Stronach had no insurance on either one of his buildings, and both are almost a total loss. His loss was probably less than $1,000. Messrs. Latta & Myatt had no insurance on the Adams house or the brick building. It was the most important fire that has visited the city in a long time, and a tremendous crowd flocked to the scene of the conflagration.

The masterly manner in which the fire was handled by the department made every Raleigh man feel proud of it, and the whole city voted that they wouldn't be without it for three times what it costs.

Shiloh's Vitalizer is what you need

1893-03-25 - News & Observer

solidity of these companies.

Two false alarms of fires were sent in yesterday morning, one at about 1:30 o'clock and the other at about 3:30 o'clock from boxes 25 and 31 respectively. The glasses of the boxes had been broken by some malicious person or persons, and the alarms sent in without any provocation whatever. This kind of amusement would be severely punished if the offenders were detected. False alarms are a nuisance to the public, and an unnecessary and damaging annoyance to the fire department. It would not be advisable for the guilty parties to try it again.

1893-04-02 - News & Observer

THE WOODS ON FIRE.

THE HEAVENS OBSCURED BY SMOKE YESTERDAY.

Dry Sedge Fields and Woods Adjacent to the City Take Fire and Raise a Smoke and Do Some Damage to Property.

The heavens were almost lurid with smoke yesterday afternoon. The sun's rays, which filtered through the haze and the dust which was blown up by the gusts of wind, fell on the ground with a sickly yellowish and reddish light. The sun itself looked like a red sphere of fire. Everything wore quite an unnatural hue. It was learned as the cause that fires were raging in the woods and fields adjacent to the city. One fire started in Oberlin, and burned two houses. Another started in a graveyard east of Oberlin, and communicated to Cameron's woods, burning through them, and reaching Dev ereux's woods it burned across the pasture of Maj. Devereux, and reached to within 75 yards of his barn. It was feared that serious damage would be done to Maj Devereux's premises, but the alarm was given, and help was summoned, and the flames were fought back. Two hundred pannels of the fence were burned, however.

There was also a fire in William-

There was also a fire in Williamson's woods and a big blaze was going on there during the day. Considerable of Capt. Williamson's fencing was destroyed.

It was said yesterday that the woods were burning all the way between here and Cary.

These fires occur to a more or less extent every spring about this time, generally on a windy day.

An alarm was sent in yesterday from box 45, the nearest box to Maj. Devereux's premises. The fire department was soon out but the fire was entirely out of their territory and out of the question for them to fight. There was a second alarm turned in from box 25 at the corner of Wilmington and South streets but the fire was of no consequence.

News reached the city last night that the woods were on fire and the flames raging in the section of the Falls of Neuse Paper Mills and that a large party of men were vigorously at work trying to fight back the fire. At last accounts the fire was gaining at a dangerous rate.

From all accounts fires seemed to be raging for miles around us in all directions yesterday.

People should be careful about burning off their fields on such a windy day as yesterday.

FIRE ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Late reports received last night were to the effect that almost the whole of the pine wooded section along the line of the Raleigh and Augusta Railroad between this city and Sanford was on fire. At one point three box cars were burned on a siding, the report did not state at what point. The fire was raging among the pine forests and is decidedly the most extensive which has been known in many years.

1893-05-24 - News & Observer

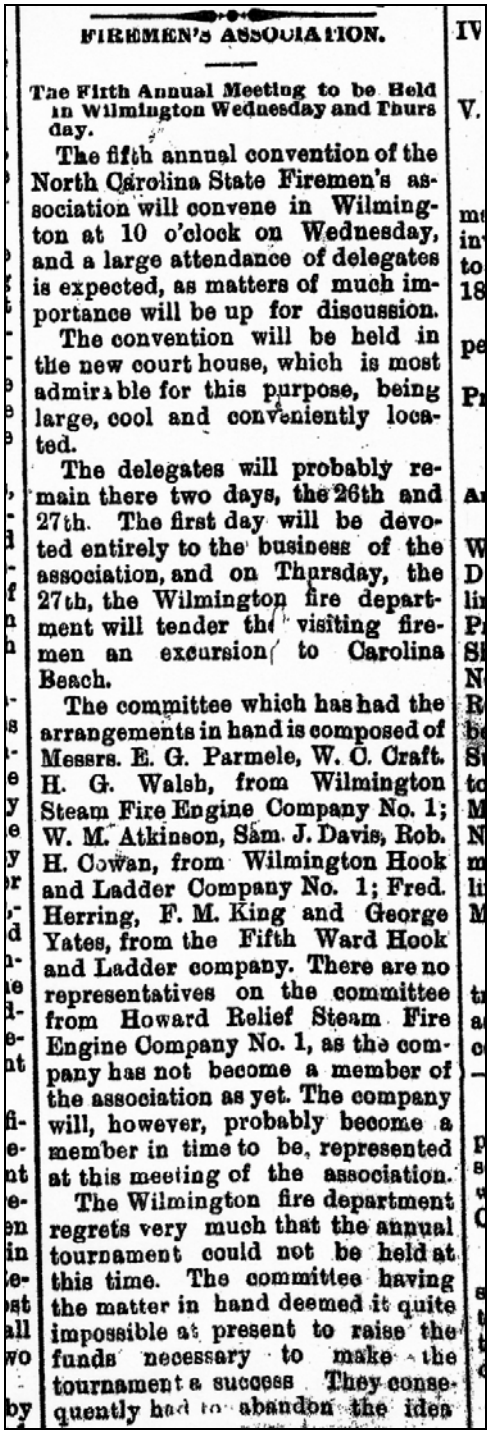
The Raleigh Fire Department.

The report of the Fire Department for the year ending February 28, 1893, is as follows :

Number of fires,	38.
Total loss,	$15,924.95
To insurance, where any loss,	89,250.00
Total insurance, paid on losses,	$12,310 45

The above will show that the loss in Raleigh by fire during the year was brought down almost to an absolute minimum figure. As long as such a magnificent fire department as Raleigh has is maintained, our city will always enjoy such immunity from the destroying agent. Raleigh is thrice fortunate in having such a department.

1893-07-25 - News & Observer



FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Fifth Annual Meeting to be Held in Wilmington Wednesday and Thursday.

The fifth annual convention of the North Carolina State Firemen's association will convene in Wilmington at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, and a large attendance of delegates is expected, as matters of much importance will be up for discussion.

The convention will be held in the new court house, which is most admirable for this purpose, being large, cool and conveniently located.

The delegates will probably remain there two days, the 26th and 27th. The first day will be devoted entirely to the business of the association, and on Thursday, the 27th, the Wilmington fire department will tender the visiting firemen an excursion to Carolina Beach.

The committee which has had the arrangements in hand is composed of Messrs. E. G. Parmele, W. C. Craft, H. G. Walsh, from Wilmington Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1; W. M. Atkinson, Sam. J. Davis, Rob. H. Cowan, from Wilmington Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; Fred. Herring, F. M. King and George Yates, from the Fifth Ward Hook and Ladder company. There are no representatives on the committee from Howard Relief Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, as the company has not become a member of the association as yet. The company will, however, probably become a member in time to be represented at this meeting of the association.

The Wilmington fire department regrets very much that the annual tournament could not be held at this time. The committee having the matter in hand deemed it quite impossible at present to raise the funds necessary to make the tournament a success. They consequently had to abandon the idea

1893-10-31 - News & Observer

Fire Yesterday Morning.

At 1:30 o'clock yesterday, Monday morning, fire broke out in the kitchen of Mr. W. S. Primrose, the old Hinsdale place, northwest of the city. The kitchen and entire contents were consumed.

The fire being outside of the city limits and beyond the reach of the fire department it could render no assistance but a crowd which gathered at the sound of the alarm rendered good service in keeping the fire from communicating to the residence.

1894-05-11 - News & Observer

At 2:30 yesterday afternoon fire broke out in the loft of a wooden building at the city lot. The loft was full of hay, and a rat and a match are thought to have started the fire. The Victor engine house is only a few yards away and that company laid hose aud put on a stream. Then an alarm was sent in from box 85 and the rest of the firemen responded. Three or four streams were put on and in a few minutes the fire was put out. The roof of the building and the hay in the loft were burned. There was no other damage.

1894-07-26 - News & Observer

Fire at Joseph's Old Stand.

About 3:30 o'clock yesterday the alarm of fire was turned in from box 212 at the corner of Fayetteville and Hargett streets, and clouds of smoke soon showed that the fire was located in the old frame building at the corner of Hargett and Salisbury streets. The fire department quickly arrived and a crowd was soon on the scene. Several streams of water were turned in, but the fire was a difficult one to fight effectually, being up stairs. With the use of ladders, however, and effiicient work by the firemen, the devouring element was stopped in good time. This old building was for a long time familiarly known as Joseph's restaurant and saloon, and later was occupied as Wetmore's shoe factory. More recently it was the Farmers' Alliance headquarters here, but for some months past it has been unoccupied. It was lately purchased by Mrs. Ayer and yesterday some colored men were at work there cleaning up the building, and the fire ignited in an attempt to burn a pile of debris up stairs. The fire was stopped before any great amount of damage had been done. There was no insurance on the building.

1894-08-17 - News & Observer

THE DURHAM FIRE COMPANY CONTEST.

The Colored Laddies of Raleigh Bring Back "Peace With Honor" in a First Prize—An Accident on the Way.

The colored Raleigh Fire Company, led by Chief Burgess, returned yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from Durham, where for two days had been gathered the colored Fire Companies of the State to try their mettle in contest.

There were about one hundred firemen altogether, making up the different companies represented from Wilmington, Raleigh, Henderson, Greensboro, Salisbury, Charlotte, Little Washington and Warrenton.

There were, however, but four companies so fitted ont as to make active contests for the prizes. They were the Raleigh, Greensboro, Henderson and Salisbury companies. The other companies came unequipped, through representatives only.

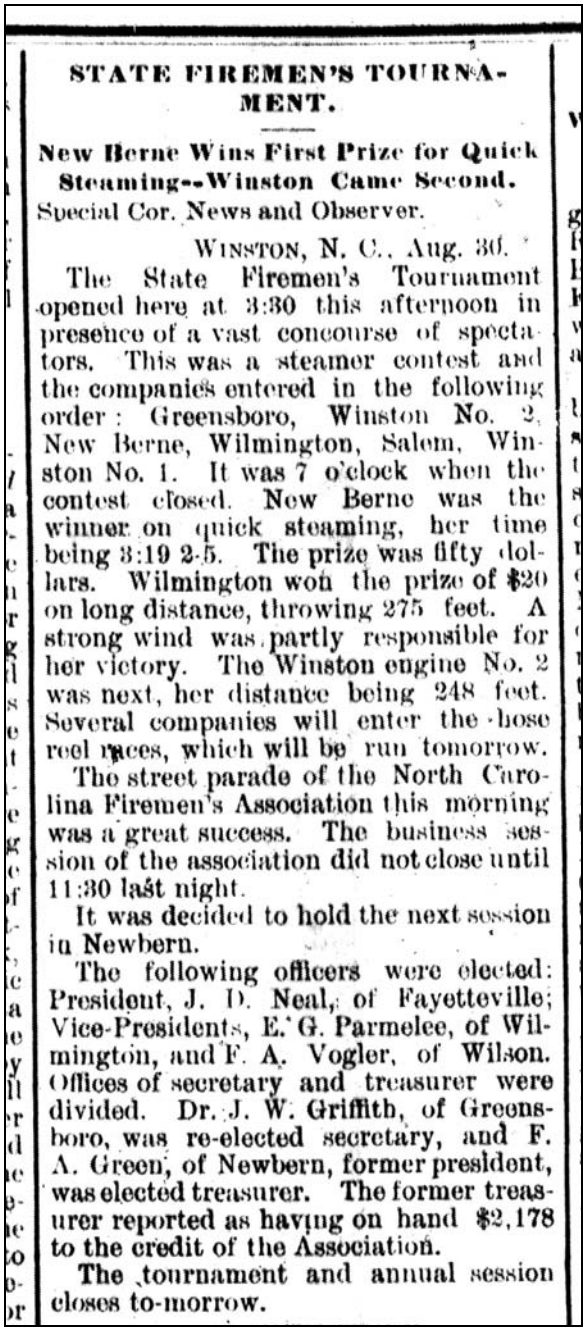
The first day, Tuesday, was spent for the most part in jollification, but on Wednesday the four contestants got down to work in earnest.

The judges were E. M. Cheek, of Raleigh; Mr. Mahler, of Durham, and Geo. Hardin, of Durham. The races were three. First, the hand reel race, prize $50, 150 yards, tie between Greensboro and Raleigh, time 33 seconds; second, the grab race, prize $25, 100 yards, won by Raleigh, time 22 seconds; third, the foot race, prize $2.50, 100 yards, won by Greensboro, time 10 seconds and a fraction.

Raleigh's Fire Campany went fifteen men strong and all went merrily until, on their return, they were within three miles of home, when a painful accident occurred.

Near Method, Wm. Haywood, one of the party, fell from the train, in full motion, and was injured, though not seriously. The train was stopped and backed, and he was lifted, in and brought to his home in this city. At last accounts it was thought that no bones were broken, and he was doing as well as could be expected.

1894-08-31 - News & Observer



STATE FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

New Berne Wins First Prize for Quick Steaming--Winston Came Second.

Special Cor. News and Observer.

WINSTON, N. C., Aug. 30.

The State Firemen's Tournament opened here at 3:30 this afternoon in presence of a vast concourse of spectators. This was a steamer contest and the companies entered in the following order: Greensboro, Winston No. 2, New Berne, Wilmington, Salem, Winston No. 1. It was 7 o'clock when the contest closed. New Berne was the winner on quick steaming, her time being 3:19 2-5. The prize was fifty dollars. Wilmington won the prize of $20 on long distance, throwing 275 feet. A strong wind was partly responsible for her victory. The Winston engine No. 2 was next, her distance being 248 feet. Several companies will enter the hose reel races, which will be run tomorrow.

The street parade of the North Carolina Firemen's Association this morning was a great success. The business session of the association did not close until 11:30 last night.

It was decided to hold the next session in Newbern.

The following officers were elected: President, J. D. Neal, of Fayetteville; Vice-Presidents, E. G. Parmelee, of Wilmington, and F. A. Vogler, of Wilson. Offices of secretary and treasurer were divided. Dr. J. W. Griffith, of Greensboro, was re-elected secretary, and F. A. Green, of Newbern, former president, was elected treasurer. The former treasurer reported as having on hand $2,178 to the credit of the Association.

The tournament and annual session closes to-morrow.

1894-11-29 - News & Observer

Just before 1 o'clock this afternoon the Capital Hose Wagon while on the way to answer to a fire alarm was overturned at the corner of South Harrington and West Morgan streets. E. A. Lassiter was driving, R. O. Pool, the regular driver, being absent on leave. The horses in going down a grade got the advantage of Lassiter and made a sharp turn. The left rear wheel of the wagon was broken and ruined, the fifth wheel was sprung and the dash board was broken. There were some other damages of a slight character. Lassiter was not hurt, save very slightly. hurt. The horses were not injured. Driver Pool has handled the reins since 1887 and has never had an accident. The fire on account of which the alarm was sent in was due to the burning of some brush in the railway-cutting at the end of West Morgan street.

1894-12-20 - News & Observer

Fire at Raleigh Cotton Mills.

At about 7 o'clock last night a fire alarm was turned in and the fire bell rang out on the calm crispy air. The fire companies began hustling toward the box from which the alarm was given, when it was found that it was only the burning out of the dust room at the Raleigh Cotton Mills. This is a common thing for the mill people to do, and—as the old fellow said by coming down the stairway head first—this is one of the ways they get rid of their trash. But an outsider saw the flames blazing forth last night, and thinking that the mills were on fire rushed in, got the key, and turned on the alarm.

Mr. J. S. Wynne, the superintendent of the mills, said that if nobody had told them not even the operatives in the mills would have known of the commotion, nor of the incident that caused it all.

1895-04-28 - News & Observer

FIRE AT CARALEIGH.

The Waste House Catches Fire--One Story Burned--Loss Small.

About 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon a good deal of excitement was created on the streets through the report becoming general that Caraleigh Mills was burning furiously, with no chance of anything being saved. This was all started by a wild-eyed operative, who rushed into town to find the officers and to try to have the fire companies go out to the mills. Many persons left in carriages for the scene of the supposed conflagration. The fire in reality was confined to the waste house and very little damage resulted. One story of the house was burned. Secretary Moring said last night that, had the entire building been burned, the loss would have been only about $175.

At one time, however, there was considerable danger of the main building catching fire.

1895-04-30 - News & Observer

DEADLY ACID IN CITY WATER.

It Kills Fish--Analysis by a Chemist Shows the Presence of Sulphuric Acid.

The citizens of this city will remember that when the big phosphate works at Caraleigh were burned a year or so ago, great quantities of acids used in the works were spilled. They will also remember that this acid soaked through the ground and getting into the main pipes of the Water Works Company tainted the water to such a degree that it became unpalatable. The Water Works Company gave public assurance that there should be such pipes laid that the acids could not penetrate the pipes. Presumably this was done and the water at any rate regained its one-time pureness.

It would seem, however, that the Water Company has never made the proper change in the pipes. In any event the acids still get into the city water. This has been proved beyond a doubt by analysis made by Mr. C. B. Williams, a Chemist in the Experimental Station. There is enough acid present to kill fish. Whether it will hurt the populace that drinks the water is an open question. But it is an uncomfortable feeling for one to think that he is drinking water daily that causes fish to turn over and die without a struggle.

Some days ago Mr. Logan Terrell decided to have a little aquarium. He made a small pool, using city water, and placed in it a number of fish. This was in the morning and the fish were fresh and sportive; that afternoon the fish were dead, one and all, Mr. Terrell obtained a sample of the water and carried it to Mr. Williams for analysis. Various tests were tried and it was found that the water was impregnated with sulphuric acid, one of the most powerful in existence.

It was thought that perhaps there

office.

It was thought that perhaps there might have been impurities outside the water pipes, so another test was tried. Yesterday Mr. Williams procured from the faucet in Mr. Bruner's office at the Agricultural Station a glass of water. In this a piece of blue litmus paper was dipped and instantly its color was changed to red. This is the simple but infallible chemical test for acids, and to say that Mr. Bruner was surprised when he saw what he had been drinking would be putting it mildly.

Mr. Williams says that the amount of acid in the water varies with the weather; the water-pipes are what are called "tile" and are porous; the pipes pass near the phosphate works; the ground there is saturated with various acids which were spilled at the time of the fire. When the weather is rainy there is present in the water a deal more acid than when dry weather prevails; this is caused by the acid being soaked through the ground into the pipes by the rain water.

While there may not be enough acid in the water to be very harmful to health, still the presence of a deadly acid, in any quantity, in drinking water is not a pleasant contemplation. The trouble should be immediately remedied.

1895-07-07 - News & Observer

New Fire Dep't Headuuarters.

Ellington & Hicks will build the new building which is to be the headquarters of the fire department; and $4,000 is the figure named in their bid.

The building will front on Morgan street, and will be 52 1-2 by 65 feet. It is to be headquarters for the fire department and the apparatus is to be moved there from the city hall. Horse stalls and truck and reel sheds take up the first floor. On the second floor will be an assembly hall and sleeping apartments. September 1st is the time fixed for its completion.

1895-08-04 - News & Observer

"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING."

A General Fire Alarm and Much Running of People About a Burning Ash Box.

At 10:55 last night a fire alarm was rung in from box No. 21, and a few minutes later the city was roused by a general alarm.

The various fire engines and hose reels turned out in force, people rushed from stores and the streets to follow them, excitement ran high and the streets overflowed with humanity, rushing wildly for the scene of what every one thought was a destructive fire.

And out in the back yard of Mr. J. D. Riggan's lot, on East Hargett street, a diminutive ash box sent up one or two spasmodic flashes of flame, and succumbed ingloriously on the application of half a bucket of water.

The firemen and the crowd strolled solemnly into the yard; they kicked over the slightly charred box and departed, the crowd in mirth, the firemen grumbling somewhat.

But when the excitement was over much cooling beer was sold.

The man who turned in the alarm turned up missing.

1895-08-07 - News & Observer

FIREMAN'S SPECIAL COLLIDES.

It Dashes Into a Freight at Haw River --The Caboose and two Freight Cars Telescoped and two Men Badly Hurt Accident Occurred on a Bridge.

A collision between the fireman's special and a freight train at Haw River yesterday may result in the death of a Mr. Durham, of Chapel Hill.

Coming at full speed around the sharp curve in the railroad track at Haw River, the engineer of the special train carrying several fire companies from Greensboro to Newbern, saw the caboose and several cars of a long freight pulling leisurely across the bridge, just in front.

Realizing in a moment that a collision was unavoidable he reversed his engine, called to the fireman and at the proper moment both jumped. But the train dashed on down the grade at slightly reduced speed.

When the collision occurred, the freight had just pulled across the high bridge, and when the passengers in the cars of the special had extricated themselves, bruised and bleeding, from the stationary cars, they stepped out on the bridge itself. At the East end was the wreck, the big engine almost hidden in the wreck of the freight train caboose and two box cars, which it had completely telescoped. The engine nor any of the cars of the special left the track. This was almost a miracle, and had they done so, loss of life would have been inevitable, as the cars would have been precipitated fifty feet into the river.

When the crash came there were only three persons in the freight train caboose. Two of them were brothers, named Durham, of Chapel Hill. They were on their way home. Both of these were very badly hurt, one of them being so seriously injured that it is feared he may die. The other passenger in the caboose somehow escaped injury.

Among the passengers and firemen, composing the Winston, Greensboro and Salisbury companies, who were injured beyond the bruises which fell to everyone's share, were Mayor Nelson, of Greensboro, who was badly cut on the neck; Charles Whitington and William Thompson, firemen, the former with bad cuts on the face and the latter with a crushed hand.

A flagman had been sent back from the freight train and under ordinary circumstances the Special could have been stopped. Next to the engine were two flat-cars, carrying the fire apparatus, then came two box-cars for the horses and then the passenger coaches. The first four cars were not fitted with air-breaks and this made the stopping of the train by no means the easy matter it would have been otherwise.

The accident happened at 10 o'clock. The track was cleared and the Special passed here at 1:20 o'clock. The regular Southern train, due at 1:12, passed through at 2:15.

1895-08-08 - News & Observer

IN GLITTERING RANKS

THE FIREMEN AT NEWBERN MADE A FINE SHOW YESTERDAY.

THE PARADE WAS A MILE LONG.

As it Moved Down the Street Every Boat in the Harbor Blew its Whistle, Bells Were Rung and Flags and Banners Were Flung to the Breeze--Greensboro won the Steamer Contest and Wilmington the Long Distance Contest--Annual Reports Read.

Special to the News and Observer.

NEWBERN, N. C., Aug. 7.

At 9 o'clock this morning the long procession of firemen formed at Stanly Hall and marched in glittering file through the principal streets of the city. They made a fine show, these heroes of the reel and nozzle. They do credit to the State.

The hall was well filled at the night session last night.

The annual reports of the President, Secretary, Statistician and Treasurer were read and adopted.

Mayors Fishblate, of Wilmington; Ellis, of Newbern; Cook, of Fayetteville, and Nelson, of Greensboro, were seated on the platform.

President Howe, of the State Colored Firemens' Association, was among those present.

President McNeill begins his annual report by saying: "I am indeed glad to report that I was able, during the last session of the Legislature, to have the view of the previous session corrected; and that the muddle that we were in at our last meeting now no longer exists.

"That our membership shall have in-

the police came the association officers, the mayor, city council, visiting firemen, Silver Cornet Band, the various companies of firemen.

As the procession moved down Front street every boat in the harbor blew its whistle, all the bells rang and flags and banners by the thousand were flung to the breeze. The Newbern company had an elaborate float in red, white and blue filled with pretty girls, while the Atlantic had a white, blue and gold float for its fair partisans. Just as the last float passed the reviewing stand, it collapsed, carrying with it the officers and visitors. Several were caught between the planks, but there were no serious injuries.

Greensboro won the steamer contest to-day, making steam in 3 minutes 47 seconds; Atlantic (Wilmington) second, 4:09 1-5. Prizes $100 and $25.

The Atlantic (Wilmington) won the long distance contest throwing water 238 feet. Prize $50. The records in the hand reel contest were: Southside, Greensboro, 31 3-4; Eagle Hose, Greensboro, 34 1-2; Atlantic Newbern 34 1-4; Chicora, Fayetteville, 35. Mr. John McRae of Fayetteville fainted just after the run.

The Atlantic Hose Company, of Newbern, won the silver lantern and gold medal for the best uniform and drill. All the old officers of the association were re elected.

JOHN WILBER JENKINS.

and that the muddle that we were in at our last meeting now no longer exists.

"That our membership shall have increased to the extent of embracing every town and city in the State, which must eventually be the case; then indeed will we be safe and secure in the enjoyment of a fund so eminently just and necessary to our organized existence.

"It is with much pleasure that I can report an increased interest and appreciation of our Association and its annual meeting' both by its members and the public generally. * * * To my comrades who were with me at our first meeting in Greensboro, in 1888, I would recall the great difference between then and now. Our membership has grown since then from twenty-three members to 572, our equipment in value from a few thousand dollars to tens of thousands of dollars, for discipline, from mediocrity (as a rule) to almost perfection, and we have by organization made the calling of a volunteer fireman in North Carolina the most honorable and appreciated of any in the land.

"Since our last meeting death has taken from us one of our most honored members. E. B. Englehard was our first secretary and our second president. He was a most enthusiastic and efficient fireman and a splendid executive official. To him our Capital City owes much for its present efficient department. He was its chief organizer and it was his pride. Stricken down in the pride of his manhood, his untimely death is but too real an example of how uncertain our life tenure is and should cause us to realize how very important it is that we should so regulate our earthly existence as to be always ready to answer the call when "rung in" for us to appear before the Great High Chief for orders. Requiescat in pace. I would ask that a page of our minutes be devoted to his memory and that a copy of the same be sent to his department and to his family, attesting our high regard for his memory and our grief at his untimely death."

The statistician's report shows that there are one thousand whites and 450 colored firemen in the State.

timely death."

The statistician's report shows that there are one thousand whites and 450 colored firemen in the State.

Secretary Griffith's report shows that four new companies were enrolled last year, the Electric Hose and Reel Company, of Goldsboro; Eagle Hose Company No. 2, Salem; Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, Asheville; Steam Fire Company, No. 1, Monroe. The membership includes 538 privates, 16 chiefs and nine assistant chiefs; total 573.

The chair stated that he found it useless to convene the Legislative Committee and that he himself did all that was possible in that body. A vote of thanks was tendered the president for his good work in the late Legislature.

Mayor Fishblate was called upon. He said the best element of the State was represented here; all municipalities should promote in every way the interest of this great organization. When the Wilmington Fire Department wants anything they get it.

Mayor W. S. Cooke, of Fayetteville, added his voice in commendation of the brave fire laddies.

Mayor Ellis, of Newbern, said he had been an active firemen for many years, and heartily endorsed all the other Mayors had said.

Mayor Nelson, of Greensboro, was invited to a seat on the platform.

Mr. J. A. Lambert, of Atlanta, Ga., in charge of several exhibits here, was elected an honorary member of the association.

Mayors Cook, Fishblate and Nelson were elected honorary members.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Howard were introduced to the convention.

Committee on Exhibits—W. D. Barrington, of Newbern, Chairman; J. S. Dunn, of Winston; F. H. Vogler, of Salem; R. D. Holt, of Goldsboro; Martin Newman, of Wilmington.

The matter of organizing an Inter-State (North Carolina and Virginia) Association was deferred.

The Volunteer Fireman was adopted as the official organ of the Association.

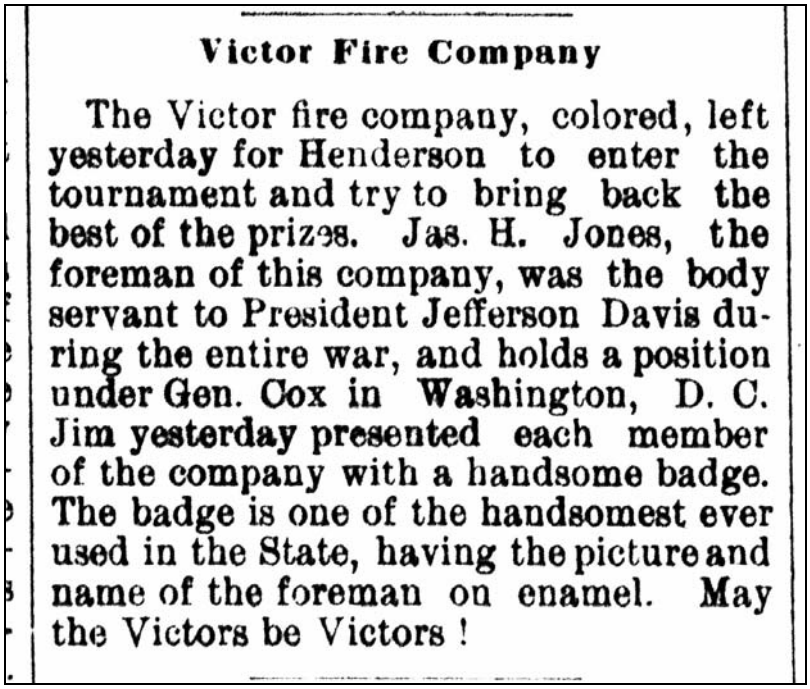
Letters were read from the Chief of the St. Augustine, Fla., fire department, A. F. Greatorex; invitation to National Association at Augusta, F. J. Nolett, Chief Fire Department of Augusta, H. B. Blum, Chief Sumter Fire Department.

Officers of the companies reported improvement in the fire service in every part of the State.

President McNeill referred to National Secretary Hill's letter, and urged attendance upon the National Convention.

For a mile the procession was one long line of imposing display. The apparatus was decked with flowers, and here and there rode a beautiful little girl, the mascot of the company. After

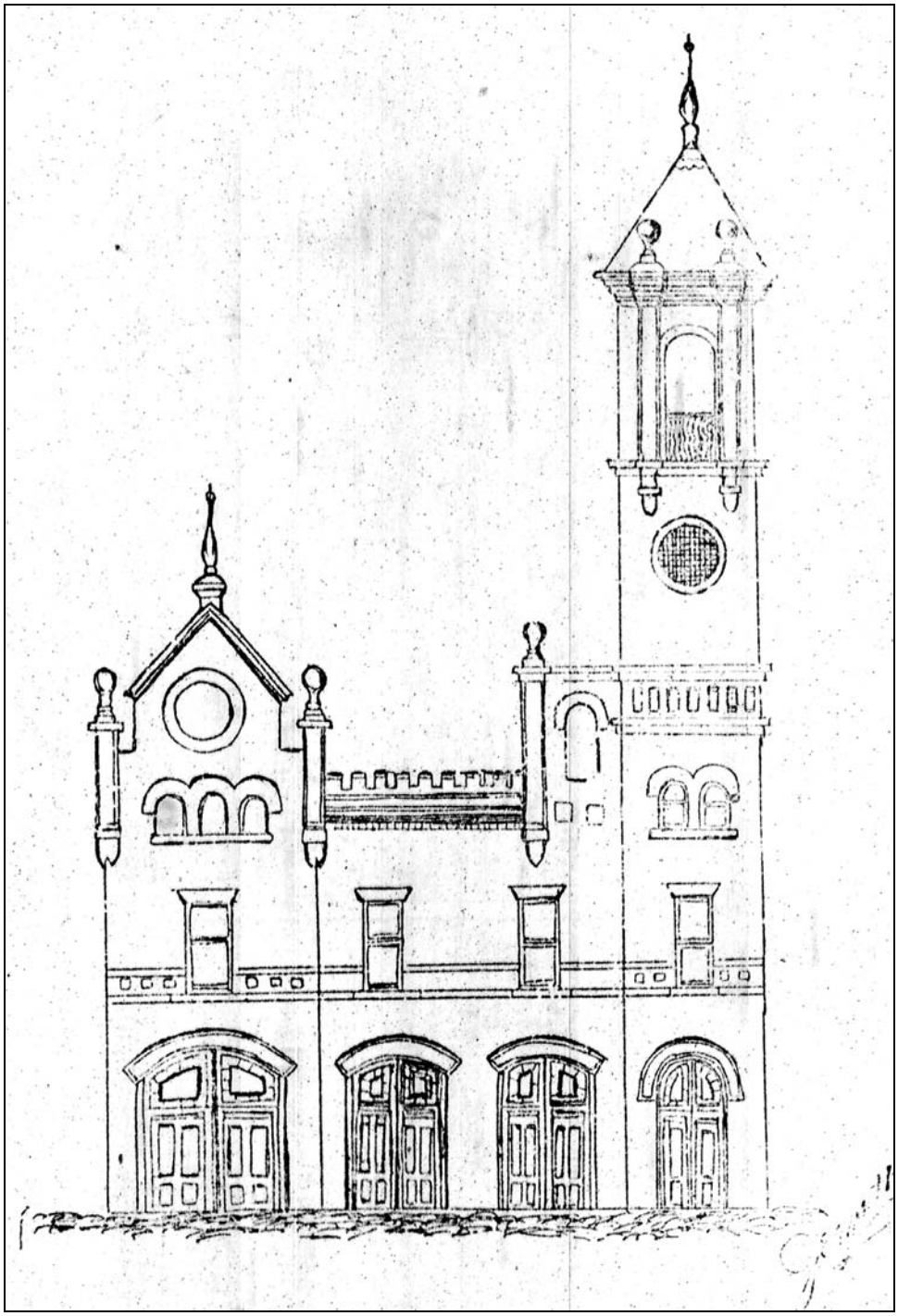
1895-08-14 - News & Observer



Victor Fire Company

The Victor fire company, colored, left yesterday for Henderson to enter the tournament and try to bring back the best of the prizes. Jas. H. Jones, the foreman of this company, was the body servant to President Jefferson Davis during the entire war, and holds a position under Gen. Cox in Washington, D. C. Jim yesterday presented each member of the company with a handsome badge. The badge is one of the handsomest ever used in the State, having the picture and name of the foreman on enamel. May the Victors be Victors !

1895-09-15 - News & Observer



RALEIGH'S NEW FIRE HEADQUARTERS.

The above is a drawing from the architect's plans of the new headquarters of the Raleigh Fire Department, now in course of erection on West Morgan street. Mr. A. G. Bauer is the architect, and Hicks, Ellington & Co., are the contractors. The building will be sixty feet long, forty-two feet wide, and the top of the tower will be seventy-five feet from the ground. The main structure is two stories high, while the tower embraces four stories. Brick is the material used in the construction, and the cornice work is of galvanized steel.

On the first floor will be apartments for the Capital Hose Wagon, the Walter R. Womble Hook and Ladder Truck, the reserve double-tank chemical engine, and the chief's wagon. The stables are well arranged, with a view to proper sanitation. The second floor will contain sleeping rooms for the drivers, an assembly room for the several companies of the fire department; the batteries and other electric fire alarm apparatus. The tower will, for the present, be used for hose-drying. The cost of the building will be about $4,000.

1895-11-12 - News & Observer

AN OLD LANDMARK BURNED.

It Was Dangerously Near the News and Observer's New "Linotypes"--The Bridegroom Who Held the Hose--Old John Hinton and His Footman 'Mollie."

When the fire-bell struck at seven o'clock Sunday night, Jennett, the NEWS AND OBSERVER's staff artist, looked out of his window and saw a big blaze in the quarter where he makes his pictures. He thought the NEWS AND OBSERVER office was on fire. Wildly he rushed down Fayetteville street, screaming "fire" at every jump. Editor Daniels pulled on his six-league boots, and came up town at a speed that would have made John R. Gentry pale.

In about eighteen seconds from the time the bell struck, the NEWS AND OBSERVER staff met on the sidewalk.

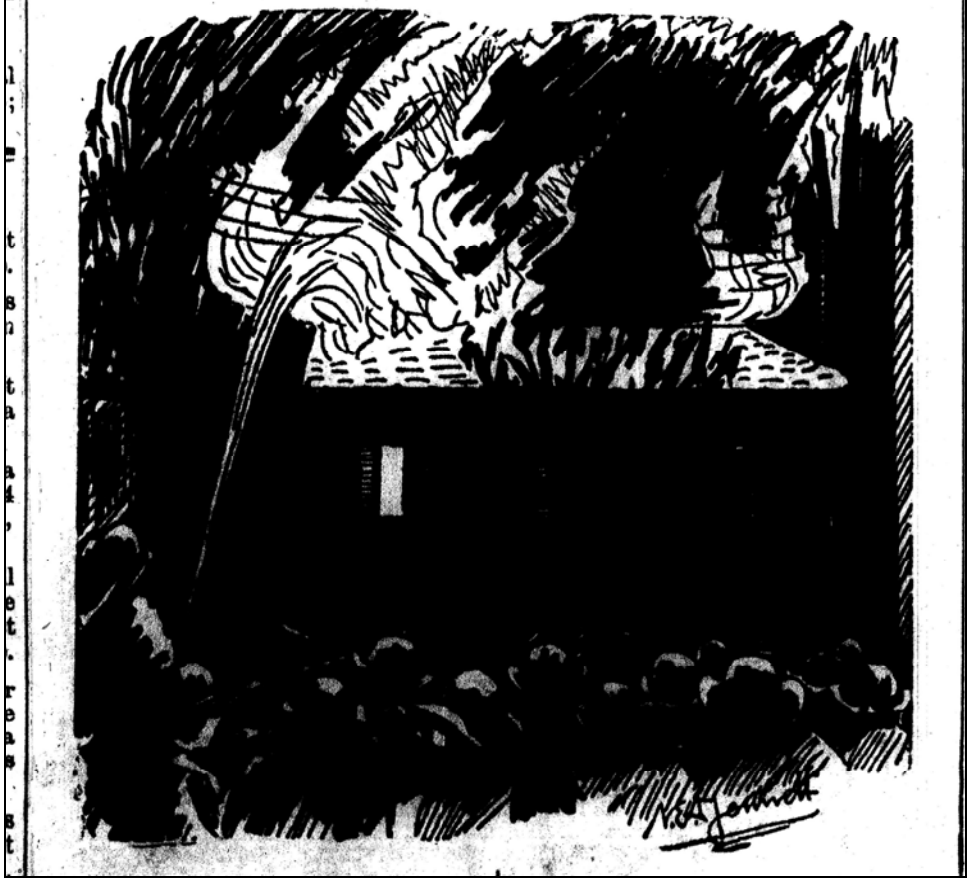
A prominent young fireman, who has just returned from his bridal tour, rushed up in his cut-away and patent leathers, and was promptly given the cheerful duty of holding the hose. And he didn't get wet—I don't think.

One man heroically lugged a line of hose up to the roof and, when he reached the curb, had the pleasure of having his face washed with 120 gallons of Walnut Creek spouted from a hose on the other side.

After about an hour of hard work, the firemen turned in "three bells" and went home.

It was discovered that, after all, about $200 would cover all the damage done. The family that had been living in the house moved out a week ago, and Mr. Holloway had just moved in.

"But I saved everything," said Mr. Holloway; "that is, everything but a six dollar Bible."



1895-11-12 - News & Observer (continued)

And then they thanked the Lord that there was a big brick building with a blind wall to leeward of the house where the new type-setting machines were at work.

And, lucky for us, the fire was in the old wooden building nearer the corner of Davie street.

The Rescue hose wagon got to the plug in thirty seconds after the bell struck. And it wasn't long before the rest of the department was there.

People had been roused from their Sunday reveries and stood in the mud in herds, all under umbrellas.

The fire was in the garret, between the last story and the roof. It was a mean fire to get to. The house was built before 1820, and, in the fashion of the time, the partitions did not end at the ceiling of the last floor, but went clear through to the roof. Before the hose could play directly on the flame, each one of these partitions had to be cut through.

The house belonged to the estate of the late John Blake, Esq.

Maj McPheeters says it is one of the oldest houses in Raleigh, and was built prior to 1820. Between 1835 and 1840 it was occupied by an old man named John Hinton, of whom many queer stories are told. Footmen were in fashion then, and Hinton had a carriage, but no footman. And he had only one man-slave. But there was a likely looking negro serving-maid on the place named Mollie. And so Mollie was dressed in pants and top-boots and coat of livery; and while the carriage was going, rode on the box-seat and when it stopped, opened the door and let down the steps, as a footman should. But the newspapers of the time "caught on to his curves" and Hinton and his Mollie were a target for all the wits of the time.

The picture at "top of column, next to reading matter," is Mr. Jennett's view of the fire.

1895-12-17 - News & Observer

MOVING THE FIRE-ALARM WIRES.

The wires of the city system of fire alarm telegraph are being moved from Wilmington street to Morgan street, so as to connect with the new fire department headquarters. This work will be completed within two or three weeks. Mr. J. W. Mangum is superintending the work.

Within a month the new department headquarters will probably be ready for occupancy. About all the exterior work is completed, and only the interior remains to be finished.

1895-11-17 - News & Observer

New Reel Houses at Insane Asylum.

At the North Carolina Insane Asylum two new houses are being built for the hose reels that belong to the Asylum fire department. One is in rear of each wing of the building, for immediate use in case of fire. The buildings are ten feet by fifteen feet, two stories high. Some of the employes of the institution will sleep in these houses at night, so that they may be ready for service as soon as the alarm is given.

The Fire at the Penitentiary.

Last night the building used by the stone-dressing department of the State Penitentiary caught fire from a forge and was burned to the ground. The building was outside the stone enclosure, and the loss will be very small as all the contents were saved. The fire created a good deal of excitement and a large crowd gathered. While the building was burning two festive kids sat on the wood shed not far away, and passed away the time by shooting craps.

1896-02-21 - News & Observer

QUICK WORK AT A FIRE.

The Raleigh fire deparmentt did some fast work yesterday morning. At 1:18 the alarm was turned in, at 1.20 the fire companies were on the spot, at 1.28 the fire was under control. If any other department in the country can come up to that record, let her walk up to the rack.

The house was occupied by Betsy Tucker, and was only slightly damaged.

1896-03-24 - News & Observer

NEW APPARATUS TESTED

A DIRECT PRESSURE OF A HUNDRED POUNDS DEVELOPED.

Raleigh's Fire Department and Handsome New Fire Headquarters--Chief Bradsher and Aldermen Taylor and Yearby, of Durham, Here.

The sky was clear yesterday, but Fayetteville street was drenched by a steady shower. The water didn't come from heaven, but blew out of the nozzles of several lines of fire hose.

An alarm was turned in from box 212 at 5 o'clock, and the entire department promptly responded. The hose was attached to the hydrants and the stream turned on.

The department was testing the new apparatus of the city water works.

THE NEW APPARATUS.

The Water Works Company, after its pond was drained, had to put in new pumps, many times the capacity of the old affairs. Last week the new pumping apparatus was all put in place. The pump is one of the finest of the kind, and is the only one of its build in the South; all the new machinery is of the latest pattern.

The gravity pressure in the standpipe, which remains the same, was found yesterday to be fifty pounds; This is sufficient for ordinary work in putting out fires.

When the "direct pressure" signal was given, the reservoir was cut out, and the great pumps began to pump the water direct into the pipe. The streams shot high into the air and the water fell in a perfect deluge. Several times a pressure of a hundred pounds was developed. This pressure is strong enough to cope with any emergency the department is called upon to meet.

THE PUMPS TESTED.

A large crowd gathered to watch the test. Two of the streams were turned against each other, and there was a lively water-battle in which the participants on both sides were thoroughly drenched. The new "ball nozzle" was tested, and worked to perfection; this diffuses the stream, so that it covers a wide surface, and is useful in driving away the clouds of smoke as well as in putting out the blaze.

The streams were turned on the street cars as they plied up and down Fayetteville street, and they were almost swamped in the shower.

"The test was successful in every way," said Chief Mahler last night.

The department makes a fine showing whenever it turns out, whether on parade or "for business only."

RALEIGH'S FIRE DEPARTMENT.

There is not a more efficient volunteer department or one better equipped anywhere in the United States. No city in the country has so few serious fires as Raleigh; and that is due to the department.

The new fire headquarters on West Morgan street, half-a-block from the capitol, is the finest in the State. The building is not so large as the headquarters in the great cities, but for convenience in its arrangement and its general interior appointments it has no superior anywhere. The new building was built on the most modern plans, and is just now completed.

Mr. L. A. Mahler is chief of the department, and Mr. Walter Woolcott, assistant chief. There are three hose companies, and one hook and ladder company. Mr. W. A. Linehan is foreman of Capital No. 3, Mr. R. E. Lumsden is foreman of the Rescue company, and T. B. Burgess is foreman of the colored hose company, the Victor. Mr. W. W. Parrish is foreman of the W. R. Womble Hook and Ladder Co.

In the department there are over a hundred persons, including volunteers and paid employes.

In the department there are over a hundred persons, including volunteers and paid employes.

DURHAM CITIZENS HERE.

Mr. Walter Bradsher, chief of the Durham fire department; Mr. William M. Yearby, chairman of the fire committee of the Board of Aldermen; and Mr. C. C. Taylor, chairman of the Water committee of the Board of Aldermen, were here yesterday to see the test.

They are very much pleased with the Raleigh fire department and the city water-works, as well as with the cordial reception they received here.

They are here on a business mission, and came more especially to inspect our system of water-works. Durham has to have its water brought through pipes some five miles. The city has had a contract with the water-works company requiring ten streams of water and a pressure sufficient to throw a stream a hundred feet high. A test made a short time ago showed that the company failed to comply with the terms of the contract. Chief Bradsher says the main-pipe there is too small, and a large amount of the water is used for domestic purposes.

The city is contemplating a change in the contract, and they are here to look over the situation.

DEATH OF A RALEIGH MAN IN

1896-04-16 - News & Observer

MUCH ALARM—LITTLE FIRE.

At three o'clock yesterday afternoon there came an alarm of fire from box No. 12, corner of Polk and Person streets. People paused for a moment to watch the fire trucks rattle by, and then started about their business. They knew the ability of the home department and didn't worry.

But then came in a second alarm. Someone looked over in the northeast section of the city and saw hovering there a cloud of black smoke.

Then the rush comenced. Fire engines and hose reels went pelle melle through the streets. People rushed pantingly along the sidewalks; hackmen hit their galloping horses viciously in their haste. Everybody went to the fire on foot, on horseback, in carriages, street cars and on bicycles.

Another alarm came in; excitement naturally increased. But the alarms was about all there was to the fire.

At the house of Mr. W. S. Barnes, on East street, a chicken house was utterly consumed.

A lady hen received a severe shock to her nervous system, and had her unhatched brood prematurely fried.

1896-04-23 - News & Observer

FIRE, FIRE, FIRE.

The Flame Swept Shops of the Seaboard Air Line.

$65,000 ESTIMATED LOSS

The Insurance Approximates Fifty Thousand Dollars.

HEROIC WORK OF OUR FIREMEN

One Hundred and Fifty Employes Idle, But is is Thought Shops Will be Immedialety Rebuilt--Mr. St. John Thanks the Firemen.

At 4:45 o'clock yesterday morning fire, which was the cause of 150 men to-day being out of employment and the loss of property worth $65,000 or $70,000 broke out in the Seaboard Air-Line machine shops on Johnston street.

The fire was discovered first by the night watchman who did his best to subdue the flames, but it had caught on the inside and the timbers began burning like kindling wood and the flames swept over the building with ferocious rapidity, and it was after super-human efforts on the part of many employes, some of them with their wives and children to see their means of subsistence crumble. Some of the younger and unmarried ones cracked grim jokes about what they would now do, while the older men looked on in silence,some of them with tears in their eyes. There were men there who had been brought up in these shops, and to them it was like burning [redacted] were others, among them the foreman of the shops, who had only within the past few days come from St. Paul, Minn., to work here.

The night watchman, Nat Jones, was the first to discover the fire. He saw the light at 4:45. He aroused Capt. Horton, the night yard master, and other employes then on duty. At first they tried to get at the hose and pump kept in the shop for such emergencies, but having no key, and finding it impossble to break down the door, they turned on the city fire alarm, and engineer Duke, of the night shifting engine, began to blow the alarm whistle of the night shifting engine. Within three minutes after the alarm was turned in the fire companies were on the scene, but it was too late to save the building.

This was Jones' second night as watchman, having succeeded James M. Petross in that capacity on Monday, Petross having been given a place in the shops. Jones was at the head of the labor gang until one week ago. It was then decided, on account of the continued stealing of lumber, iron and brass about the shops to put on a day watchman, and Jones was given the

to the fire department of your city for the very valuable aid rendered this morning in connection with the fire at our shops in your city, and to assure you of our full appreciation thereof.

(Signed) E. ST. JOHN,
Vice-President S. A. L.

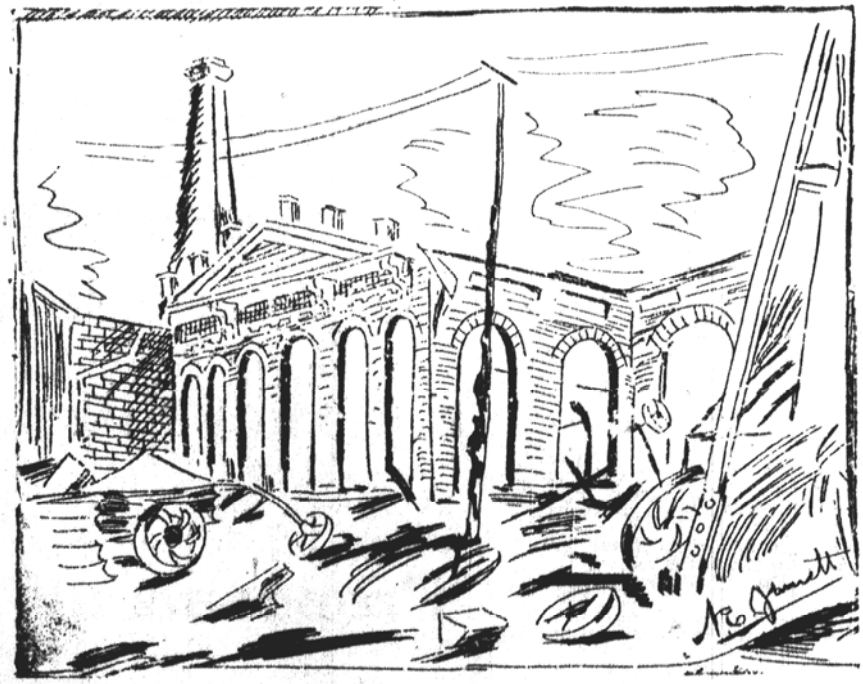
This morning at 9 o'clock all the married men who have been employed at the Raleigh & Gaston shops will go to work when the whistle blows. The company will give them employment moving the debris. The younger men will be given work, it is said, at the shops in Portsmouth and Abbeville until the shops here are rebuilt.

One hundred and fifty-two men were employed at the shops. The skilled men got from $2.00 to $2.85 per day, and unskilled from 85 cents to $1.25. The average amount paid out monthly in wages is about $7,000.

The loss of the tools belonging to the individual mechanics will be heavy. One mechanic had tools that cost $100, and the average value of the kit of tools is $45, and these loses will fall very heavy on the mechanics who have no insurance.

ferocious rapidity, and it was after super-human efforts on the part of

brass about the shops to put on a day watchman, and Jones was given the



RUINS AFTER THE FIRE.

every man who responded to the shrill call of distress that the fire was confined to the buildings destroyed. In a few moments from the time the fire was discovered the whole building from the round house to the south end of the shops was engulfed in a mass of flames, and the entire surroundings seemed threatened with total destruction, but as the flames shot up through the room they were met by a half dozen streams of water from so many nozzles in the hands of brave firemen who fought the mad flames until they had been conquered.

It was soon evident that the blaze would destroy the building in which it had started and every attention

place. On Monday he was again promoted to night watchman.

Everybody asked everybody else yesterday if the shops would be rebuilt, but nobody, of course, could give a definite reply.

The former employes were of course most directly interested and in almost bated breath they asked each other when the whistle would again summon them to work. Everybody in Raleigh of almost every calling were seemingly anxious to obtain even the slightest intimation that the shops would soon be rebuilt. The Raleigh and Gaston Railroad shops has been for so many years, one of Raleigh's leading industries. So many of her young men have gone into them as ap-

had been conquered.

It was soon evident that the blaze would destroy the building in which it had started and every attention was given to saving the cars and structures near the shop. One set of firemen was pouring a steady stream of water upon the round house, which is the northern end of the shops, but containing very little wood-work; others were protecting an oil tank, cars and buildings on the west side of the fire. But the most heroic fight, and one that saved hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property, was being made at the northwest corner of the burning building. Here was a small house, adjoining the shops, containing from 40 to 50 barrels of oil, and upon this two and three engines were playing all the time. And had the fire but once got a hold upon the structure, to extinguish it would have been impossible, and the exploding oil would have set on fire everything in the vicinity. Everybody realized this and here it was that the firemen stood heroically, in spite of the intense heat, and fought back the roaring billows of flame that the winds steadily fanned toward them. Meanwhile others were working with great effect upon the other buildings and the cars near the doomed building, several of which were already smoking.

By this means the flames were confined to the machine shops and the further spread of the fire prevented, though sparks and burning fragments of timber were carried nearly a mile away by the wind. At 7:30 the devouring element had completed its work and black, smoking beams, bare walls and huge machines standing about in the building above

and Gaston Railroad shops has been for so many years, one of Raleigh's leading industries. So many of her young men have gone into them as apprentice boys and are now filling important and responsible positions, both here and elsewhere. For so many years these shops have turned into the channels of trade in Raleigh such sums of money with the close of each month, that it was but natural that

SAVING THE OIL HOUSE

our people should feel anxious about the shops rebuilding, and re-equipment. Raleigh has always felt especial pride in the shops and in the great Railway system that owned them and the town will look with horror upon the naked walls the flames left, but not for long we hope, for we have reason to believe that the shops will be immediately rebuilt and re-equipped and that every man who listened heretofore for the old familiar whistle at early dawn will within a few days be again responding to its call. It was stated yesterday by gentlemen who are in position to draw accurate conclusions that every man employed in the shops would be back again in a few

7:30 the devouring element had completed its work and black, smoking beams, bare walls and huge machines standing about in the building above

WHERE THE FIRE ORIGINATED.

the debris was all that was left of one of the best equipped railroad shops, for iron work, in the South.

The scene was a grand but a pitiful one. In the dim first streaks of dawn great billows of fire rolled heavenward, capped with motley crests of smoke and escaping steam. And as the wind swept through the tall arched windows and doors of the building the flames sent out long, hungry tongues of light and roared like angry breakers on the beach. In the tool and engine rooms, where the fire is supposed to have originated, it raged with greatest fury, the floors being saturated with oil, and much inflammable material being in this part of the building. It was a sublime spectacle, but about it were clustered, among the great crowd who had gathered there through curiosity or to render what assistance they could, early dawn will within a few days be again responding to its call. It was stated yesterday by gentlemen who are in position to draw accurate conclusions that every man employed in the shops would be back again in a few days. It was even said that some machinery to replace the burned machinery would be on its way to Raleigh in less than 24 hours, and it was said that if the old whistle could have been saved from the flames it would have blown this morning as usual. We surely hope that these rumors are well founded and that within a few days or weeks at most this great local industry will be fully rebuilt better and bigger than ever.

The News and Observer wired Vice-President St. John yesterday afternoon as to amount of insurance on the burned building and as to the rebuilding of the shops.

The following is his reply:

Portsmouth, Va., April 22.

Replying to your message, our insurance approximates fifty thousand dollars. What the policy of the company will be in the matter referred to cannot yet be fully determined.

E. ST. JOHN.

Mr. W. T. Read, superintendent of motive power of the Seaboard Air-Line, came in yesterday, and remained about the burned shops for several hours.

The Raleigh firemen and citizens worked heroically against the spread of the flames and their kindness was duly appreciated, as is evidenced by the following telegram received by Mayor Russ from Vice-President St. John yesterday afternoon:

Portsmouth, Va., April 22.

To the Mayor of Raleigh:

I beg leave to tender the thanks of the officers of the Seaboard Air-Line

1896-08-12 - News & Observer

COLORED FIREMEN MEET.

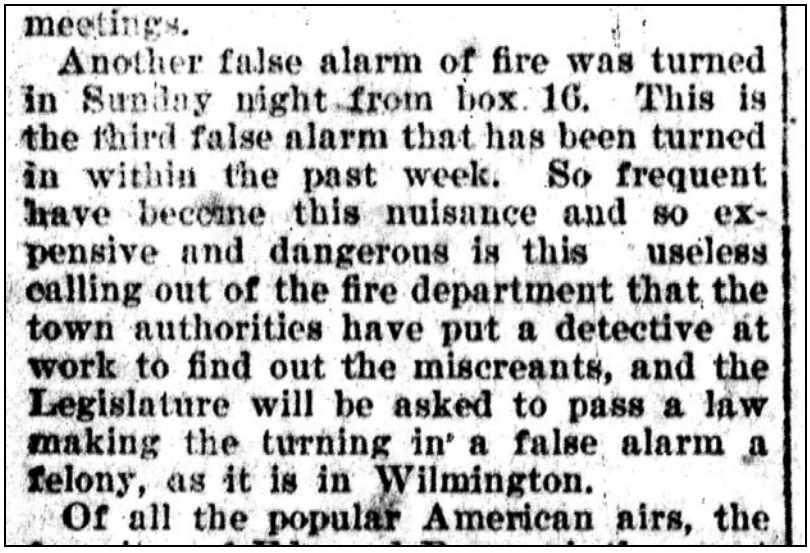
Seventh Annual Tournament Will Take Place at Wilson To-Day.

Wilson, N. C., August 11.—(Special)—The State Colored Firemens' Association began its seventh annual tournament this morning. At noon the association assembled in the court house and after welcome addresses in behalf of the people of Wilson from Radolph, Uzzell and Henry Blount, the regular business before the association was taken up. The official report shows that there are present companies from Greensboro, Henderson, Rocky Mount, Warrenton, Monroe, Washington, Newbern, Wilson, Concord, Raleigh, Salisbury, Charlotte, Durham and Winston. The tournament proper takes place to-morrow; contests will be held in all the feats of a fireman's life.

Fusion is all the street talk now. The action of the State Populist convention will decide whether Democrats and Populists will come together in Wilson county.

The first bale of cotton was brought in yesterday by Mr. William Graves, of Stantonburg. It was graded strict middling and sold for 8¼ cents.

1897-01-12 - News & Observer

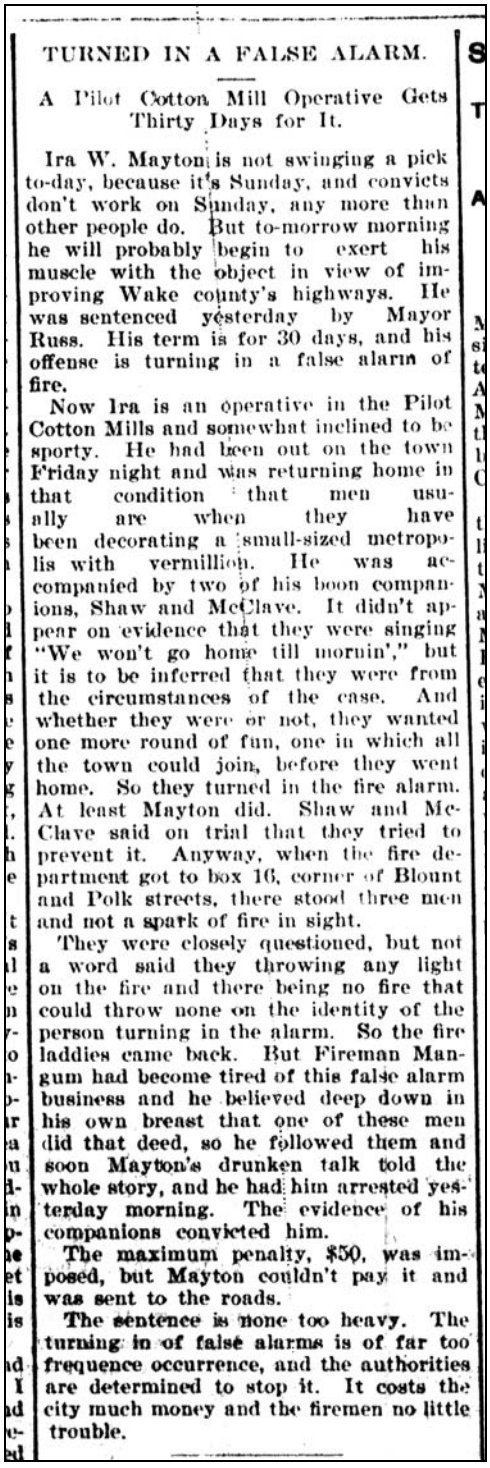


meetings.

Another false alarm of fire was turned in Sunday night from box 16. This is the third false alarm that has been turned in within the past week. So frequent have become this nuisance and so expensive and dangerous is this useless calling out of the fire department that the town authorities have put a detective at work to find out the miscreants, and the Legislature will be asked to pass a law making the turning in a false alarm a felony, as it is in Wilmington.

Of all the popular American airs, the

1897-02-14 - News & Observer



TURNED IN A FALSE ALARM.

A Pilot Cotton Mill Operative Gets Thirty Days for It.

Ira W. Mayton is not swinging a pick to-day, because it's Sunday, and convicts don't work on Sunday, any more than other people do. But to-morrow morning he will probably begin to exert his muscle with the object in view of improving Wake county's highways. He was sentenced yesterday by Mayor Russ. His term is for 30 days, and his offense is turning in a false alarm of fire.

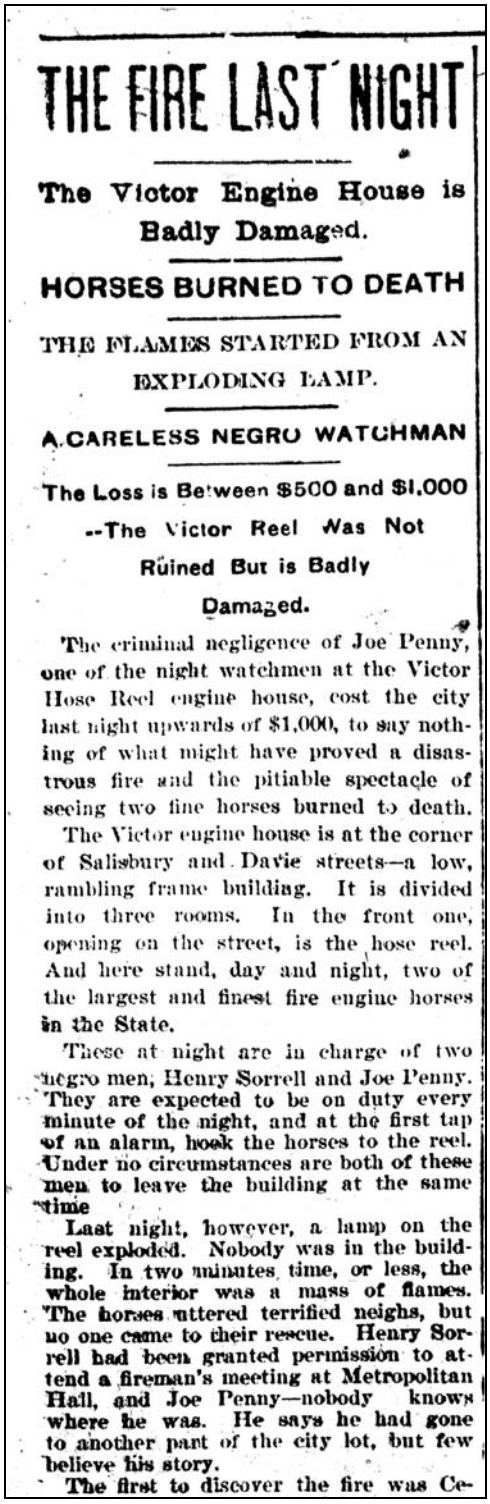
Now Ira is an operative in the Pilot Cotton Mills and somewhat inclined to be sporty. He had been out on the town Friday night and was returning home in that condition that men usually are when they have been decorating a small-sized metropolis with vermillion. He was accompanied by two of his boon companions, Shaw and McClave. It didn't appear on evidence that they were singing "We won't go home till mornin'," but it is to be inferred that they were from the circumstances of the case. And whether they were or not, they wanted one more round of fun, one in which all the town could join, before they went home. So they turned in the fire alarm. At least Mayton did. Shaw and McClave said on trial that they tried to prevent it. Anyway, when the fire department got to box 16, corner of Blount and Polk streets, there stood three men and not a spark of fire in sight.

They were closely questioned, but not a word said they throwing any light on the fire and there being no fire that could throw none on the identity of the person turning in the alarm. So the fire laddies came back. But Fireman Mangum had become tired of this false alarm business and he believed deep down in his own breast that one of these men did that deed, so he followed them and soon Mayton's drunken talk told the whole story, and he had him arrested yesterday morning. The evidence of his companions convicted him.

The maximum penalty, $50, was imposed, but Mayton couldn't pay it and was sent to the roads.

The sentence is none too heavy. The turning in of false alarms is of far too frequence occurrence, and the authorities are determined to stop it. It costs the city much money and the firemen no little trouble.

1897-04-08 - News & Observer



THE FIRE LAST NIGHT

The Victor Engine House is Badly Damaged.

HORSES BURNED TO DEATH

THE FLAMES STARTED FROM AN EXPLODING LAMP.

A CARELESS NEGRO WATCHMAN

The Loss is Between $500 and $1,000 --The Victor Reel Was Not Ruined But is Badly Damaged.

The criminal negligence of Joe Penny, one of the night watchmen at the Victor Hose Reel engine house, cost the city last night upwards of $1,000, to say nothing of what might have proved a disastrous fire and the pitiable spectacle of seeing two fine horses burned to death.

The Victor engine house is at the corner of Salisbury and Davie streets—a low, rambling frame building. It is divided into three rooms. In the front one, opening on the street, is the hose reel. And here stand, day and night, two of the largest and finest fire engine horses in the State.

These at night are in charge of two negro men, Henry Sorrell and Joe Penny. They are expected to be on duty every minute of the night, and at the first tap of an alarm, hook the horses to the reel. Under no circumstances are both of these men to leave the building at the same time

Last night, however, a lamp on the reel exploded. Nobody was in the building. In two minutes time, or less, the whole interior was a mass of flames. The horses uttered terrified neighs, but no one came to their rescue. Henry Sorrell had been granted permission to attend a fireman's meeting at Metropolitan Hall, and Joe Penny—nobody knows where he was. He says he had gone to another part of the city lot, but few believe his story.

The first to discover the fire was Ce-

Hall, and Joe Penny—nobody knows where he was. He says he had gone to another part of the city lot, but few believe his story.

The first to discover the fire was Ceburn Tate, an old negro living near by. He heard the frantic kicks and terrified yells of the horses, and tried to open the door, but failed. He kept all the while yelling fire at the top of his voice. The firemen at the Rescue Hose building heard him, and at once came to the rescue. The engine was already on the street before the alarm was turned in by Mr. Joe Correll, who saw the flames from Fayetteville street. This brought out the other fire companies, and the flames were quickly extinguished.

Before help could reach the place, however, and the doors be broken open, the noble horses confined within had fallen and perished in the flames.

They fell in such a position as to indicate that to the last they were faithful to their duty, and just ready to spring whenever the door, in response to the clanging alarm, should fly open. After the fire the odor of burning flesh could be easily detected at some distance from the scene of the fire.

The loss is between $500 and $1,000. The horses were valued at $350. The damage to the reel, including 200 feet of injured hose, is about $150. The harness and other articles burned were worth about $100, exclusive of damage to building.

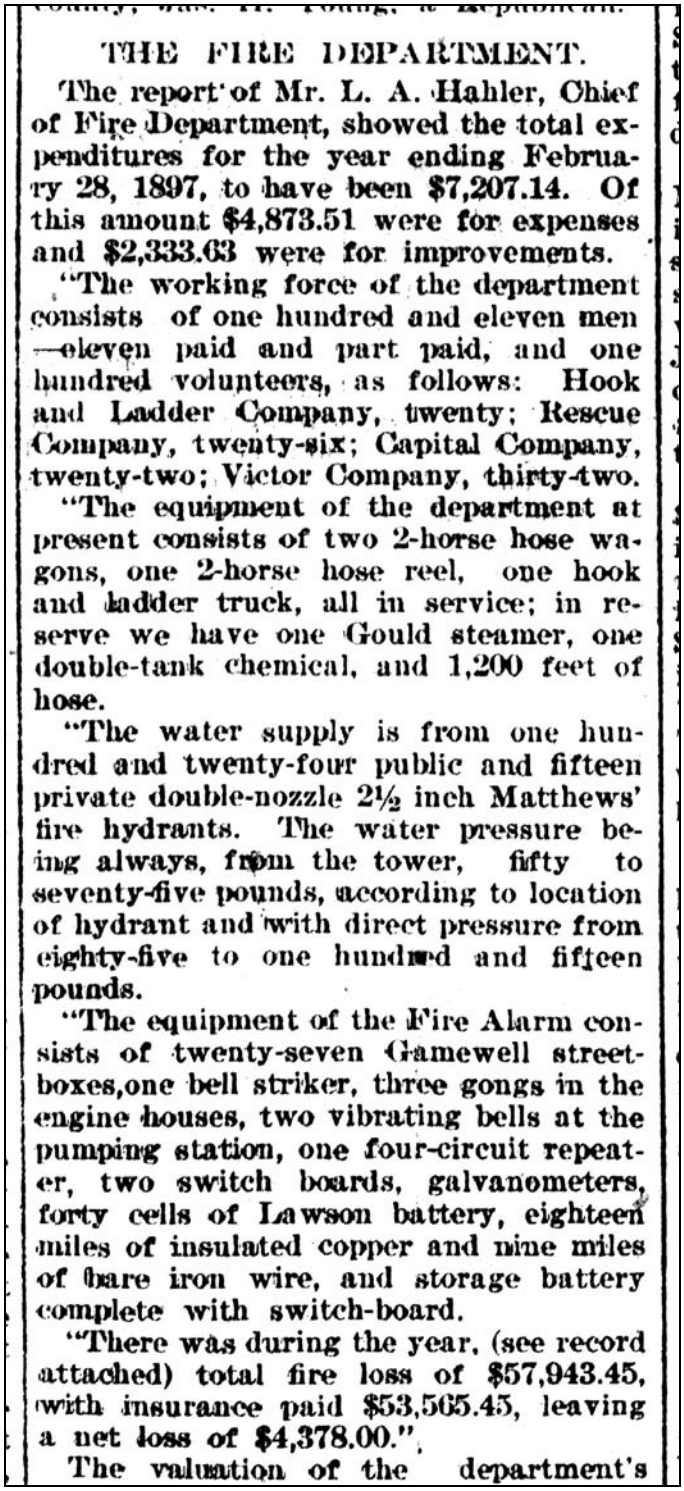
The injury to the building, which is hardly worth $100 at best, is difficult to estimate, as it is probable that it would soon have been torn down or the use of it discontinued, as the Fire committee is now preparing to buy a lot and put up a handsome new home for the Victor company.

1897-04-09 - News & Observer

JOE PENNY NOT TO BLAME.

The Fire committee of the Board of Aldermen met in the Mayor's office yesterday afternoon and after fully investigating the burning of the Victor engine house, completely exhonorated Joe Penny from any neglect of duty. It was found that his absence from the place at that time was unavoidable. Joe is one of the best and most reliable negroes in the city. He does not drink and has never before been charged with neglect of duty in any respect. The burned reel will be repaired and again equipped at once. The Victor fire company is composed of colored men and has always done most faithful and valiant work in fighting the fire fiend. They ought to have a lot and handsome building of their own for their engine.

1897-04-10 - News & Observer



THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The report of Mr. L. A. Hahler, Chief of Fire Department, showed the total expenditures for the year ending February 28, 1897, to have been $7,207.14. Of this amount $4,873.51 were for expenses and $2,333.63 were for improvements.

"The working force of the department consists of one hundred and eleven men —eleven paid and part paid, and one hundred volunteers, as follows: Hook and Ladder Company, twenty; Rescue Company, twenty-six; Capital Company, twenty-two; Victor Company, thirty-two.

"The equipment of the department at present consists of two 2-horse hose wagons, one 2-horse hose reel, one hook and ladder truck, all in service; in reserve we have one Gould steamer, one double-tank chemical, and 1,200 feet of hose.

"The water supply is from one hundred and twenty-four public and fifteen private double-nozzle 2½ inch Matthews' fire hydrants. The water pressure being always, from the tower, fifty to seventy-five pounds, according to location of hydrant and with direct pressure from eighty-five to one hundred and fifteen pounds.

"The equipment of the Fire Alarm consists of twenty-seven Gamewell street-boxes,one bell striker, three gongs in the engine houses, two vibrating bells at the pumping station, one four-circuit repeater, two switch boards, galvanometers, forty cells of Lawson battery, eighteen miles of insulated copper and nine miles of bare iron wire, and storage battery complete with switch-board.

"There was during the year, (see record attached) total fire loss of $57,943.45, with insurance paid $53,565.45, leaving a net loss of $4,378.00.".

The valuation of the department's

a net loss of $4,378.00."

The valuation of the department's property is given in this report as follows:

Womble Hook and Ladder Co.	$4,000.00
Rescue Company	2,000.00
Capital Company	2,000.00
Victor Company	2,000.00
1 second-class Gould steamer	4,000.00
1 double-tank chemical	400.00
Building and lot on Morgan St.	5,000.00
1,600 feet extra hose	800.00
	20,700,00
Value of Fire alarm system	6,900.00
	$27,600.00

"During the past year the Gravity battery has been replaced by an entire new plant of storage batteries at a cost of $490.00 per year against $175.00 per year for maintenance of Gravity battery.

"In compliance with suggestion in my last report that permanent quarters be provided for the Victor Company, it is with pleasude I note that the purchase of a lot for such purpose has been authorized."

The officers of the Fire Department are: L. A. Mahler, chief; Walter Woollcott, assistant chief.

Company officers: Hook and Ladder company, No. 1.—W. W. Parish, foreman; L. C. Weathers, assistant; A. M. Smith, secretary. Rescue Company, No. 1.—R. E. Lumsden, foreman; W. H. Miller, assistant; W. A. Faucett, secretary. Capital Company, No. 3—W. A. Linehan, foreman; Fred Woollcott, as-

1897-05-08 - News & Observer

THE VICTOR'S NEW WAGON.

The chief of the Fire department, Mr. L. A. Mahler, yesterday gave the order for a new wagon for the Victor Hose Company. It will be equipped up to date in every respect, painted royal blue and gold, and be the prettiest and one of the best fire wagons in the State. It will cost $450.

A lot for the home for the Victor company has also just been purchased, corner of Blount and Hargett streets. A brick building will be erected on it, the work to begin as soon as plans can be obtained.

1897-07-23 - News & Observer

A SHIFTING ENGINE BURNED.

The Fire is Supposed to Have Originated From the Watchman's Torch.

The Southern Railway's shifting engine, No. 607, the one that some months ago ran over Will Manley and killed him, was early yesterday morning burned. At least all the wood-work on it was so badly burned and charred that it will have to be replaced by new material.

It was just 4:45 o'clock when Night Operator Jones discovered the fire. He jumped on engine 440 and blew a shrill alarm. This aroused all the men about the yard and a general alarm was at once turned in from a fire-box near by. Before the firemen could arrive and turn on a stream the cab was practically destroyed.

Fortunately no cars were standing nearby and no other damage, other than that sustained by the engine, was done.

Mr. J. W. Kendall, foreman of the engineers, was at once telegraphed for. He arrived yesterday evening and examined the engine and will, this morning, have it sent to the shops at Spencer for repairs. He says the damage amounts to only about $250, fully covered by insurance. The damage can be repaired in about ten days.

It is not known exactly how the fire originated, though Mr. Kendall is of the opinion that the night-hostler, Jim Ivey, the colored man who looks after the engines at night, accidentally let some "waste" in the cab catch from his torch on his round at 4 o'clock. Jim says he made his round at that time, went into the engine, found everything all right and noticed that here was 80 pounds of steam on. A little over half an hour after this the fire was discovered. It could hardly have originated from the furnace, as the engine was put away at 8 o'clock and fire banked. Also when the burning cab was extinguished it was found that the door to the furnace was still closed. It was at first thought that the fire was started by tramps, but that is hardly probable, though several were found sleeping in cars in the yard.

It will be remembered that about two years ago an engine was burned at Wilkesboro under similar circumstances

1897-08-04 - News & Observer

FIRE FIGHTERS RACE

The Winners Are All From Different Towns.

NEWBERN NO 1 ON TOP

A DEAD HEAT IN THE HAND REEL CONTEST.

CHARLOTTE, GREENSBORO, DURHAM TIE

Newbern, Fayetteville, Durham and Winston Get First Places--The Grand Officers Elected as Predicted Yesterday -Tournament Next Year at Goldsboro.

Fayetteville, N. C., ug. 4.—(Special)—Never in the history of the North State's Firemen's Association has there been a parade equal to the one of to-day in this city. Handsome men, beautiful women, magnificent horses, with superb machines flashing and scintillating in the sunlight. It was one grand immaculate pageant, the like of which Fayetteville has never seen, and the North Carolina firemen have never known before. The following was the order of the line of march, moving from the Atlantic Coast Line Railway at 9 o'clock, under the direction of Chief Marshal Maj. E. L. Pemberton, and staff of assistants, and headed by the Remsburg band of 20 pieces: Carriages containing their Honors Mayor W. S. Cook, of Fayetteville; Ellis and Manly, ex-mayors of Newbern; Nelson, of Greensboro; Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs and other officials; Atlantics, of Newbern, white uniforms; Newbern, No. 1, white and blue; Newbern's engines, and other apparatus; Greensboro hose wagon, Protector; the Eagle Company's hose wagon, the Dixie hose wagon, uniforms of blue and white, Southside Company in gray, Juniors, red and white, Sumter, S. C.; the Delgars in white. This company took the prize for handsomest appearance; Monogons, blue Prince Albert coats, white trousers, Florence, S. C.; Monogon's Company, Salem, N. C., hose reel team in black; Winston, N. C., steam fire engine Company and hose wagon, blue suits; Newbern fire engine, Silsby; Adrian's of Wilmington, uniformed in blue; Adrian engine and Howard relief hose wagon.

The Salisbury hose reel company, calico mother hubbard suits; the Greensboro hose reel company, white suits; the Wil-

hose wagon.

The Salisbury hose reel company, calico mother hubbard suits; the Greensboro hose reel company, white suits; the Wilmington Howard relief company, blue suits; the Wilmington hook and ladder company, white suits; Winston steam fire engine company, blue suits; Durham Independent hose company, blue coats and white trousers of velvet, and was the handsomest dressed company in the parade; Durham steam fire engine company, green coats, white trousers; Wilson hose reel company, blue coats and white trousers; Salem house reel team, black suits; Chicora-Fayetteville float containing seventeen beautiful young ladies (the Chicora mascots), attired in white and the Fayetteville colors; this was the most beautiful feature of the parade. Fayetteville hose reel team, in white, and Fayetteville engine ended the parade.

The prize contest today of the quickest run, start to finish 200 yards, steam and throw water for engines, was won by Newbern engine No. 1; time, 3:41½ seconds; Winston second, 3:49½; Atlantics of Newbern third, 4:03¼. Prizes, $60, $30 and $20, respectively. Hand reel contest, 150 yards, won by Chicoras of Fayetteville; time, 31 seconds; Newbern No. 1 second, 32 seconds; Charlotte, Durham No. 1 and Greensboro south Sides were tied for third place, time 35 seconds, and will be run over again tomorrow to see who wins third money. Prizes in this contest, $60, $40 and $20, respectively. Grab-reel races, distance 50 yards, was won by Durham No. 1; time, 22¼ seconds; Charlotte, second, 23 seconds. Engine distance contest for throwing water the furthest, was won by Winston fire engine company, throwing 239 feet 5 inches, and the Adrian engine of Wilmington second place, throwing 218 feet 5 inches.

This ended the races for the day.

At the firemen's convention last night the following officers for the ensuing year were lected: President, James D. McNeill; First Vice President, W. M. Parmelee; Second Vice President, J. W. Griffith; Secretary, I. C. Michie; Treasurer, T. A. Green; Statistician, M. V. B. Capps.

The next convention and tournament will be held at Goldsboro. A reception tendered visiting firemen at the residence of President McNeill was attended by 500 firemen. Tomorrow the interstate contest between North and South Carolina reel teams and hook and ladder contests will take place.

1897-08-04 - News & Observer

Raleigh is represented at the Fireman's Tournament in Fayetteville by Messrs. J. N. McRary, Alf. Thompson, Jr., Stanley Faison, W. S. Moye and T. P. Lumsden. They went down yesterday.

The Boy's Brigade of the Tabernacle Sunday school will go down in a body, uniformed, to Red Springs to attend the Sunday School Chatauqua there. They will carry tents and camp in regular soldier fashion.

The expenses of the last term of court here were heavier than they have been in many years—$1,660.70. It had been a long while since two whole weeks were consumed in a court for the trial of criminal cases here.

A large delegation of firemen from Durham passed here yesterday on their way to Fayetteville to attend the tournament. Those from Greensboro and Winston went down the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley road.

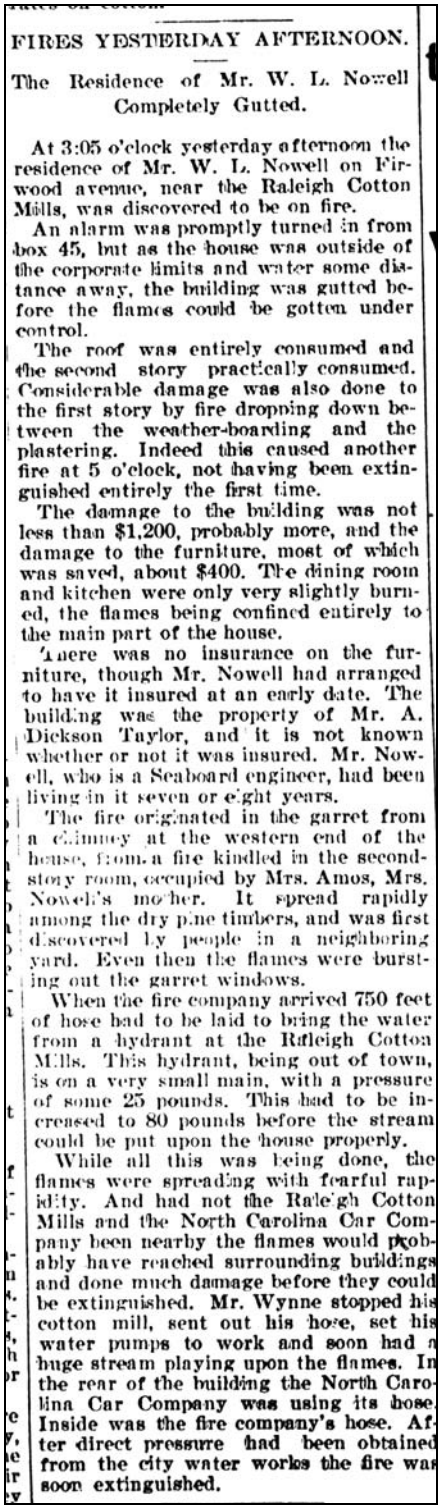
1897-08-13 - News & Observer

THE COLORED FIREMEN.

The Tournament Closes—Next Meeting at Charlotte—Contests and Prizes.

Winston, N. C., Aug. 12.—(Special)—The Colored State Firemen's convention and Tournament closed to-night with a big reception tendered by the Winston company. The next session of the association will be held at Charlotte. Officers elected to-day are as follows: President, V. Howe, Wilmington; Vice-President, J. S. Plummer, Warrenton; Secretary, L. A. Taylor, Charlotte, and S. H. Hargrave, Winston, Treasurer; J. H. Edwill, Greensboro, Chaplain; Rev. R. H. W. Leak, Raleigh; Statistician, D. E. Lovett, Greensboro. Only Winston and Cape Fear company of Wilmington entered the long distance contest with engines. Winston won, throwing water 244 feet and 8 inches. Wilmington's record was 189 feet and 5 inches. Henderson won hose reel race, time 35 seconds. Prizes champoinship, belt and $15. Winston second prize $10; Raleigh won grab race in 25 seconds; prize $10. Salisbury second $5. Winston won hook and ladder contest in 34 seconds, Henderson second 45 seconds. Prizes first $15 and silver horn, second $6. Individual foot race 100 yards, first prize won by Jim Bailey, of Winston, in 10½ seconds.

1897-09-22 - News & Observer



FIRES YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The Residence of Mr. W. L. Nowell Completely Gutted.

At 3:05 o'clock yesterday afternoon the residence of Mr. W. L. Nowell on Firwood avenue, near the Raleigh Cotton Mills, was discovered to be on fire.

An alarm was promptly turned in from box 45, but as the house was outside of the corporate limits and water some distance away, the building was gutted before the flames could be gotten under control.

The roof was entirely consumed and the second story practically consumed. Considerable damage was also done to the first story by fire dropping down between the weather-boarding and the plastering. Indeed this caused another fire at 5 o'clock, not having been extinguished entirely the first time.

The damage to the building was not less than $1,200, probably more, and the damage to the furniture, most of which was saved, about $400. The dining room and kitchen were only very slightly burned, the flames being confined entirely to the main part of the house.

There was no insurance on the furniture, though Mr. Nowell had arranged to have it insured at an early date. The building was the property of Mr. A. Dickson Taylor, and it is not known whether or not it was insured. Mr. Nowell, who is a Seaboard engineer, had been living in it seven or eight years.

The fire originated in the garret from a chimney at the western end of the house, from a fire kindled in the second-story room, occupied by Mrs. Amos, Mrs. Nowell's mother. It spread rapidly among the dry pine timbers, and was first discovered by people in a neighboring yard. Even then the flames were bursting out the garret windows.

When the fire company arrived 750 feet of hose had to be laid to bring the water from a hydrant at the Rifleigh Cotton Mills. This hydrant, being out of town, is on a very small main, with a pressure of some 25 pounds. This had to be increased to 80 pounds before the stream could be put upon the house properly.

While all this was being done, the flames were spreading with fearful rapidity. And had not the Raleigh Cotton Mills and the North Carolina Car Company been nearby the flames would probably have reached surrounding buildings and done much damage before they could be extinguished. Mr. Wynne stopped his cotton mill, sent out his hose, set his water pumps to work and soon had a huge stream playing upon the flames. In the rear of the building the North Carolina Car Company was using its hose. Inside was the fire company's hose. After direct pressure had been obtained from the city water works the fire was soon extinguished.

1897-10-01 - News & Observer

FIRE IN WEST RALEIGH.

Wednesday night about 10 o'clock the grocery and general merchandise store of Mr. A. D. Taylor, near Ellis' store, in West Raleigh, was destroyed by fire.

The store, together with a large supply of groceries, which belonged to Mr. A. D. Taylor, were entirely consumed. The building was the property of Mr. W. H. Castlebury. Fortunately Mr. Taylor's stock of goods was insured and his loss will not be great. Total loss on goods and building is estimated at $2,500.

Mr. A. J. Ellis desires to express his gratitude to the faculty and students of the A. and M. College, as well as the citizens around, both white and colored, whose heroic efforts resulted in saving his house from being destroyed by the fire. The house belonging to Mr. Ellis is now occupied by Mrs. Perry, and nothing but prompt and unselfish action prevented the house and contents from total destruction. The A. and M. students worked heroically.

1897-10-15 - News & Observer

QUARTER MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

Durham Visited by the Most Disastrous Conflagration in Its History.

FIFTEEN BUILDINGS WERE CONSUMED

SEVEN BIG PRIZE HOUSES AND EIGHT COTTAGES GO UP IN SMOKE.

OVER THREE MILLION POUNDS OF TOBACCO NOW SMOULDERING

Assistance Was Sent From Raleigh But it Reached Durham Too Late--The Raleeigh Fire Laddies Were Royally Entertained by Chief Bradsher and His Men.

Durham was yesterday visited by the most destructive fire in its history.

Seven large leaf factories, filled with tobacco, and eight dwelling houses went up in smoke in the space of two hours, and at one time the Duke cigarette factory was in great danger.

The total loss is nearly $250,000 with not quite $200,000 insurance. To be exact, the loss is $241,600 and the insur-

tobacco, insured for $95,000; valued at $125,000.

George W. Watts, two prize houses, insured for $6,000; valued at $7,500.

B. L. Duke, two prize houses and two dwelling houses, insured for $9,940; valued at $12,000.

H. J. Bass & Co., office furniture and stables, insured for $400; valued at $600.

Manning & Morgan, one prize house, insured for $3,500; valued at $5,000.

W. Duke, one dwelling house, insured for $1,000; valued at $1,500.

Blackwell's Durham Tobacco Company, stock of tobacco, insured for $21,000; valued at $35,000.

Estate of W. D. Newton, one prize house, insured for $1,600; valued at $2,500.

John Newton, two dwelling houses, valued at $2,500; no insurance.

Total loss, $241,600.

Total insurance, $196,293.

Three and one-half million pounds of tobacco were burned.

The only fires that compare at all with this are those of 1885 and 1895. It was in the former year that Parrish's warehouse, the Bank of Durham, several prize-houses and much tobacco were burned—a $200,000 fire. Two years ago the Stokes block was burned—a $100,000 fire.

But from these all Durham, Phoenix-like, has risen stronger and more beautiful. Yesterday's fire will be a great blow to the tobacco business there, but I predict that it will cause the fire-scourged portion of the city to be rebuilt with handsome brick buildings, and in less than a half dozen years yesterday's conflagration will be referred to as a blessing to the city.

Durham is a strong, rich and prosperous city and her people are not easily discouraged.

SPECIAL TRAIN FROM HERE.

The feeling between Raleigh and Durham has always been most cordial; but this morning the two cities have a warmer regard, a closer and more intense heartbeat for one another than ever before.

Wrapped in flames that threatened to consume the whole town, Durham yesterday asked for help and Raleigh re-

Seven large leaf factories, filled with tobacco, and eight dwelling houses went up in smoke in the space of two hours, and at one time the Duke cigarette factory was in great danger.

The total loss is nearly $250,000 with not quite $200,000 insurance. To be exact, the loss is $241,600 and the insurance, $196,293.

It was 11:10 o'clock when the roof of one of the double prize houses on Morgan street, occupied by H. J. Bass was found to be on fire. An alarm was promptly turned in and in five minutes the Durham fire department—a most excellent organization—was on the scene. They found that the fire had already gained considerable headway and soon the whole building was a seething mass of flames. In the meantime the fire had, in spite of the streams of water playing on it, spread to another prize house—also owned by Mr. Bass—ten feet away.

The firemen worked manfully, no men could have done more. But the wind was against them, the adjoining houses were near by and dry as tinder and the flames now leaped through the intense heat from roof to roof.

TELEPHONE FOR HELP.

Seeing that the whole block was doomed, a telephone message was sent to this city for help to keep the conflagration from spreading to Duke's cigarette factory and the adjoining blocks of buildings.

The streets were thronged with people, white and black, and they worked hard to save all possible from the consuming element. All the household furniture was taken from the residences before they caught fire, and hogsheads of tobacco were rolled from the warehouses.

Everybody was anxious to lend a hand in the work of rescue, but the time was very short, so rapidly did the flames spread, and despite the efforts of firemen and the work of citizens about 3,500,000 pounds of tobacco were burned. Of this amount about two and a half million belonged to the American Tobacco Company and was valued at over $100,000.

The prize houses were, with one exception, four-story buildings, 60x80 and 60x120. For the most part they were filled with tobacco. This is not yet burned up; even now it lies there, a great smoking pile of ashes and burning tobacco. It will be there burning for a week yet. Had it not been for the scarcity of water, caused by the drought, it but this morning the two cities have a warmer regard, a closer and more intense heartbeat for one another than ever before.

Wrapped in flames that threatened to consume the whole town, Durham yesterday asked for help and Raleigh responded with a will and a promptness that has seldom been equalled under like circumstances.

The hands of the clock pointed to 12:10 when the telephone bell rang furiously in the office of the city clerk.

"Hello," answered City Clerk Smith.

"This," responded a far-away voice, "is Durham. I am Leo D. Heartt. The town is ablaze. The huge prize houses in the rear of Duke's cigarette factory are on fire. If we don't get assistance at once that whole section of the city will probably be burned. Can you help us?"

This was enough. The matter was reported to the Southern Railway and a special train was instantly placed at the service of the mayor. Firemen left their tores and shops and half a hundred citizens did all in their power to assist them in their efforts to quickly carry succor to the fire-scourged city. The Rescue fire wagon and engine and much extra hose were quickly placed upon two flat cars and some twenty-five firemen and as many citizens crowded into a passenger car—and the train was gone.

The following firemen were on it, under command of that best of North Carolina's gallant fire chiefs, Louis Mahler:

Capital Hose Company—Fred Woollcott, assistant foreman; Henry Bunch, Alex McPheeters, Henry Carver, Alex Kreth, Lonnie Lumsden, Tom Heartt, R. C. Poole and Charles Cardwell (col.).

Rescue Company—R. E. Lumsden, foreman; Sylvester Pennington; Will Moye, Frank Brenig, W. C. White, Robt. Little, Tom Lumsden, W. Z. Blake.

Hook and Ladder Company—Robert Upchurch, acting foreman; Henry Brown, John Harrell, Neil Spence, John Mangum.

Victor Hose Company (col.)—Frank Killibrew, acting foreman; Joseph Alston, Joseph Penny, Charles Hunter.

These were the fire laddies who went to help Durham in distress. A jolly crowd they were too—but well behaved—and a finer set of fellows one seldom meets. But they didn't go in dress uniform or to have fun. They went for work.

A VERITABLE FLYER

tobacco. It will be there burning for a week yet. Had it not been for the scarcity of water, caused by the drought, it would have been possible, even after the buildings were entirely consumed, to have saved from $5,000 to $10,000 worth of tobacco from these smoking piles. As it is, they will be carefully watched for several days and left to burn themselves out.

As for the eight dwelling houses, they were all cottages, occupied, for the most part, by the families of factory employes. Everything in them was taken out before the fire reached them.

RESIDENCES BURNED.

The residences burned cost on an average about $500 and were as follows:

One dwelling owned by Mr. W. Duke, occupied by Mr. Albert Armstrong.

Two dwellings owned by Mr. Newton, occupied by Mr. High and Mr. Maynard.

Two dwellings owned by Mr. B. L. Duke, occupied by Mr. Scalf and Mrs. Ramsey.

Three dwellings owned by Mr. L. W. Wise, occupied by Messrs. Charles Chandler, Whitt Taylor and Charles Copeland.

Injury to the electric light wires from the flames is estimated to be about $50.

Damage to the wires of the Bell Telephone Company and the Inter-State Telephone Company is estimated at $150 for each company.

Several of the firemen came near being overcome by the scorching flames. In fact, one or two were compelled to lie down and take some rest, one of them, Mr. W. F. Freeland, who was late yesterday afternoon reported to be quite ill. The heat could be felt a hundred yards away.

Much of the tobacco burned was very old and cannot be duplicated at any price. Most of it, however, very fortunately, was common tobacco. About one hundred hogsheads were saved.

The American Tobacco company had about two and a half million pounds of tobacco burned in its three houses. Mr. W. T. Carrington had about five hundred thousand pounds burned. The Blackwell Tobacco Company had 368,000 pounds burned, valued at $35,000.

THE INSURANCE.

The correct list of losses and insurance is as follows:

L. W. Wise, dwelling house, insured for $2,340; valued at $3,000.

W. Duke, one prize house, insured for $1,500; valued at $2,000.

H. J. Bass & Co., stock of tobacco, insured for $6,000; valued at $10,000.

W. T. Carrington, stock of tobacco, insured for $21,000; valued at $35,000.

American Tobacco Company, stock of

work.

A VERITABLE FLYER.

It was 1:05 o'clock when the train left the depot. Engineer A. F. Fowler was at the throttle. The track was clear, and though it was only a yard engine that was pulling the train all realized that a fast run would be made. The upgrade to Cary was made in nine minutes. Then the train increased its speed, the rails rang beneath the flying wheels. Already a great column of smoke could be seen in the distance—Morrisville, Nelson, Brassfield flitted by. At 1:40 the train stopped in Durham.

"The fire has just been gotten under control," said Agent White. "The whole block has been burned, but by hard work the flames have been prevented from spreading further."

Then the Raleigh fire-fighters said they were glad the fire was out, but they were sorry they had not arrived in time to take a hand in putting it out.

Having no fire to fight, the engines and apparatus were not unloaded and the firemen spent the day in going out to the scene of the fire and in visiting places of interest about the city. In this they were assisted by Mr. Walter Bradsher, the gallant chief of the Durham fire department, and his men. They entertained the Raleigh company at dinner at the Carolina Hotel and did all in their power to make theid stay in the "Bull City" a pleasant one.

"There's no finer fellow in the world than Walter Bradshaw," was the unanimous verdict as the special, at 5:30 left for Raleigh. It arrived here an hour later. The boys came back pleased with their trip, in love with Durham, but sorry they had not had a chance at that fire.

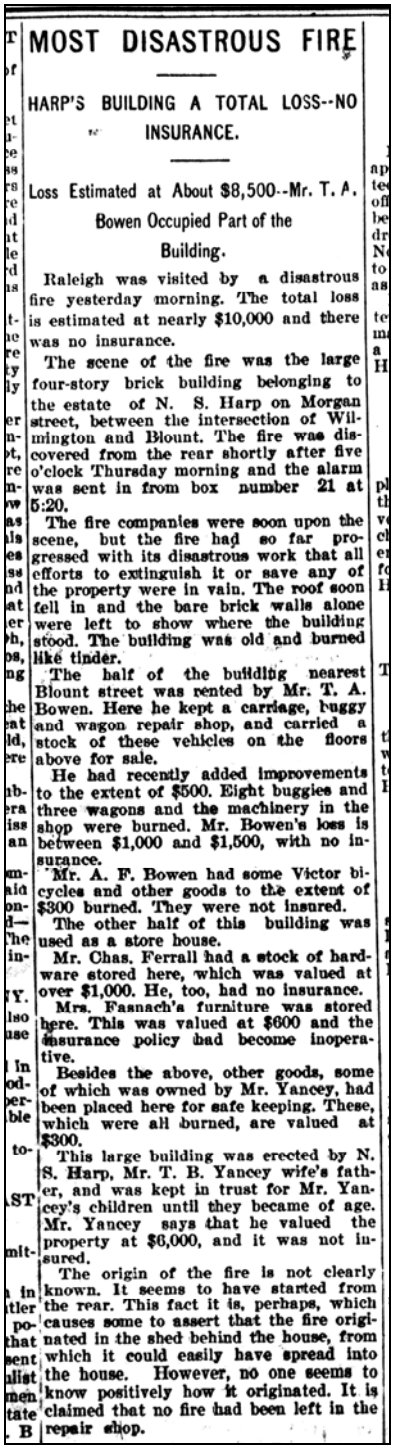
The quick trip to Durham was due, of course, to that excellent engineer, Mr. Fowler; but the greatest credit is due to Mr. R. L. Potts, the Southern's excellent agent here, for the promptness with which he got the special ready. He gave the matter his personal attention, and nobody could have worked harder and more effectively than did he in hustling that train to Durham.

On its run from here to Durham the train was in charge of Train Master Williams, of Greensboro, who happened to be in Raleigh.

CHEROOTS—NOT CIGARETTES.

Mr. Cole, the clever representative of the R. F. Horris & Son Manufacturing Company, reminds us of the fact that it is cheroots instead of cigarettes that this establishment will manufacture at the Fair, next week, and they are going to make this feature an interesting part of the their extensive exhibit.

1897-10-22 - News & Observer



MOST DISASTROUS FIRE

HARP'S BUILDING A TOTAL LOSS--NO INSURANCE.

Loss Estimated at About $8,500--Mr. T. A. Bowen Occupied Part of the Building.

Raleigh was visited by a disastrous fire yesterday morning. The total loss is estimated at nearly $10,000 and there was no insurance.

The scene of the fire was the large four-story brick building belonging to the estate of N. S. Harp on Morgan street, between the intersection of Wilmington and Blount. The fire was discovered from the rear shortly after five o'clock Thursday morning and the alarm was sent in from box number 21 at 5:20.

The fire companies were soon upon the scene, but the fire had so far progressed with its disastrous work that all efforts to extinguish it or save any of the property were in vain. The roof soon fell in and the bare brick walls alone were left to show where the building stood. The building was old and burned like tinder.

The half of the building nearest Blount street was rented by Mr. T. A. Bowen. Here he kept a carriage, buggy and wagon repair shop, and carried a stock of these vehicles on the floors above for sale.

He had recently added improvements to the extent of $500. Eight buggies and three wagons and the machinery in the shop were burned. Mr. Bowen's loss is between $1,000 and $1,500, with no insurance.

Mr. A. F. Bowen had some Victor bicycles and other goods to the extent of $300 burned. They were not insured.

The other half of this building was used as a store house.

Mr. Chas. Ferrall had a stock of hardware stored here, which was valued at over $1,000. He, too, had no insurance.

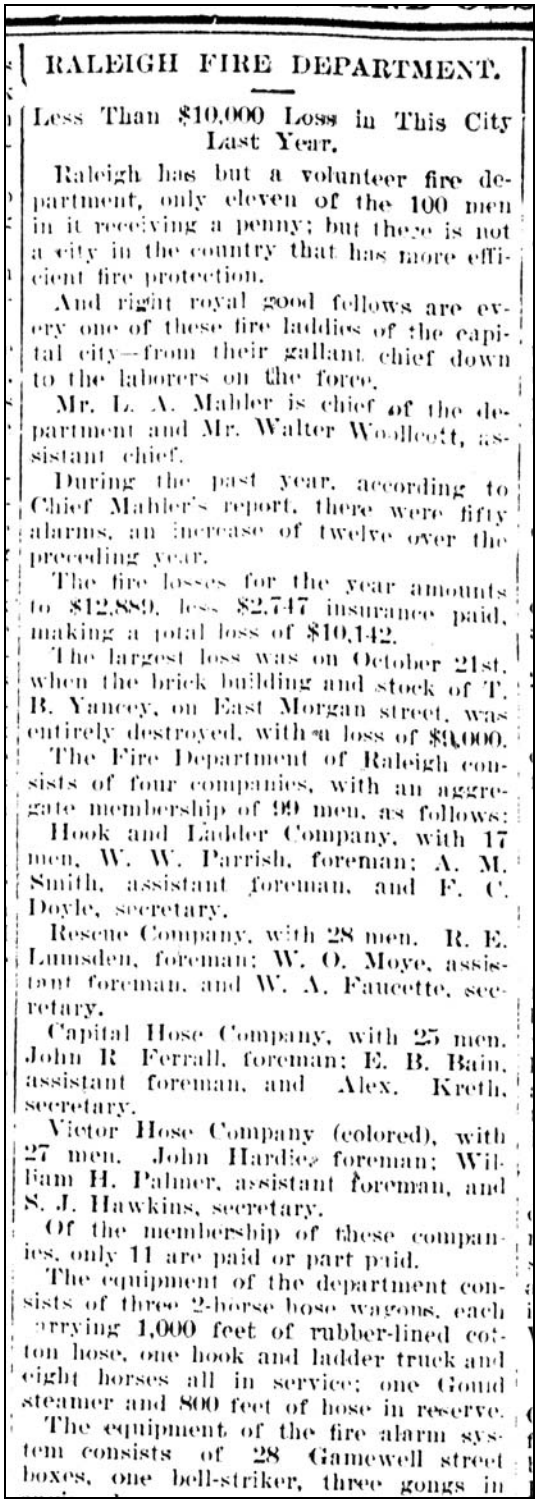
Mrs. Fasnach's furniture was stored here. This was valued at $600 and the insurance policy had become inoperative.

Besides the above, other goods, some of which was owned by Mr. Yancey, had been placed here for safe keeping. These, which were all burned, are valued at $300.

This large building was erected by N. S. Harp, Mr. T. B. Yancey wife's father, and was kept in trust for Mr. Yancey's children until they became of age. Mr. Yancey says that he valued the property at $6,000, and it was not insured.

The origin of the fire is not clearly known. It seems to have started from the rear. This fact it is, perhaps, which causes some to assert that the fire originated in the shed behind the house, from which it could easily have spread into the house. However, no one seems to know positively how it originated. It is claimed that no fire had been left in the repair shop.

1898-04-06 - News & Observer



RALEIGH FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Less Than $10,000 Loss in This City Last Year.

Raleigh has but a volunteer fire department, only eleven of the 100 men in it receiving a penny; but there is not a city in the country that has more efficient fire protection.

And right royal good fellows are every one of these fire laddies of the capital city—from their gallant chief down to the laborers on the force.

Mr. L. A. Mahler is chief of the department and Mr. Walter Woollcott, assistant chief.

During the past year, according to Chief Mahler's report, there were fifty alarms, an increase of twelve over the preceding year.

The fire losses for the year amounts to $12,889, less $2,747 insurance paid, making a total loss of $10,142.

The largest loss was on October 21st, when the brick building and stock of T. B. Yancey, on East Morgan street, was entirely destroyed, with a loss of $9,000.

The Fire Department of Raleigh consists of four companies, with an aggregate membership of 99 men, as follows:

Hook and Ladder Company, with 17 men, W. W. Parrish, foreman; A. M. Smith, assistant foreman, and F. C. Doyle, secretary.

Rescue Company, with 28 men. R. E. Lumsden, foreman; W. O. Moye, assistant foreman, and W. A. Faucette, secretary.

Capital Hose Company, with 25 men. John R Ferrall, foreman; E. B. Bain, assistant foreman, and Alex. Kreth, secretary.

Victor Hose Company (colored), with 27 men. John Hardie, foreman; William H. Palmer, assistant foreman, and S. J. Hawkins, secretary.

Of the membership of these companies, only 11 are paid or part paid.

The equipment of the department consists of three 2-horse hose wagons, each carrying 1,000 feet of rubber-lined cotton hose, one hook and ladder truck and eight horses all in service; one Gould steamer and 800 feet of hose in reserve.

The equipment of the fire alarm system consists of 28 Gamewell street boxes, one bell-striker, three gongs in

S. J. Hawkins, secretary.

Of the membership of these companies, only 11 are paid or part paid.

The equipment of the department consists of three 2-horse hose wagons, each carrying 1,000 feet of rubber-lined cotton hose, one hook and ladder truck and eight horses all in service; one Gould steamer and 800 feet of hose in reserve.

The equipment of the fire alarm system consists of 28 Gamewell street boxes, one bell-striker, three gongs in engine houses, one gong in pumping station put in during the past year; one four-circuit repeater, storage battery complete with switch board and galvanometers, twenty miles of insulated copper wire and nine miles of bare iron wire.

The entire valuation of the property of the department is $30,200, as follows: Hook and Ladder Company, $4,000; Rescue Company, $2,000; Capital Company, $2,000; Victor Company, $2,000; Gould steamer, $4,000; Chemical tank, $400; building and lot on Morgan street, $5,500; building and lot on Blount street, $2,900; extra hose, $400; fire alarm system, $7,000.

The expenditures for the department during the past year have been $7,543.54, as follows: Chief fire department, $350; assistant chief, $50; engineer Rescue steamer, $100; lineman, $455; drivers and helpers, $1,692.99; nightman, $200; linework and labor, $417.61; fire department expenses, $972.30; fire alarm expenses, $337; fire department permanent improvements, $2,935.26; fire alarm, permanent improvements, $287.01.

The water supply is from 124 public and 15 private double-nozzle two and one-half inch Matthews fire hydrants. The water pressure has always been ample, varying from fifty to seventy-five pounds tower pressure, according to location, and with direct pressure from 85 to 115 pounds.

During the past year the department suffered the loss by fire of a pair of horses and the reel of the Victor Company. A new and model building for the Victor Company has just been completed on Blount street. It is fully equipped, and was occupied for the first time by the company Saturday.

The building on Morgan street has just been thoroughly overhauled and repaired. Some repairs are also necessary on the Rescue Company building and will be made at an early date.

1898-07-29 - News & Observer

LAST DAY OF FIREMENS' TOURNAMENT

Exciting Races, Breaking Some Previous World Records.

THE CITY WAS THRONGED

SPLENDID WORK OF ECLIPSE HOSE REEL COMPANY.

GREENSBORO WON THE GRAB REEL RACE

Quick Steam Contest Won by Atlantic of New Bern, While Asheville Hook and Ladder Company Ran Against Time, Having no Competitor,

Goldsboro, N. C., July 28.—(Special.)—This is the hird and last day of the Firemen's Tournament, and the city has been thronged with visitors. The number has not been equalled on any occasion for years past, and perhaps never before. The Eclipse hose reel company, of this city, lowered all previous records of the world to-day, when it made the run of 200 yards, coupled to the hydrants, laid 300 feet of hose and threw water in 38 2-5 seconds. This was the most exciting and the prettiest feature of the whole tournament. The grab reel race was won by Greensboro, making a record of 21¼ seconds. The contest for horse hose reel was won by the Eclipse, of Goldsboro, 38 2-5 seconds; quick steam contest, won by the Atlantic, of Newbern, record 2 minutes and 34½ seconds, breaking all previous world records. The long distance contest was won by the Atlantic, of Newbern; record 18 9-12 feet. The Asheville Hook and Ladder Company having no competition, owing to the refusal of the South-

sion for years past, and perhaps never before. The Eclipse hose reel company, of this city, lowered all previous records of the world to-day, when it made the run of 200 yards, coupled to the hydrants, laid 300 feet of hose and threw water in 38 2-5 seconds. This was the most exciting and the prettiest feature of the whole tournament. The grab reel race was won by Greensboro, making a record of 21¼ seconds. The contest for horse hose reel was won by the Eclipse, of Goldsboro, 38 2-5 seconds; quick steam contest, won by the Atlantic, of Newbern, record 2 minutes and 34½ seconds, breaking all previous world records. The long distance contest was won by the Atlantic, of Newbern; record 18 9-12 feet. The Asheville Hook and Ladder Company having no competition, owing to the refusal of the Southern railway to transport the apparatus free, ran against time, making a record of 300 yards, putting 30-foot ladder to the top oof a pole, sending a man to the top of the pole, taking the ladder down and putting it back on the truck, all in 45 seconds, breaking all United States records.

MEETS NEXT YEAR AT GREENSBORO.

The firemen's tournament at Goldsboro this week passed resolutions thanking the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line for free transportation of apparatus and denouncing the Southern Railway for its action in refusing to give free transportation. Several members of the association were out-spoken in their denunciation of the action of the Southern railway.

Greensboro was selected as the place to hold the convention and tournament in 1899.

The following officers were elected:

President—John D. McNeill, Fayetteville.

Vice-President—J. R. Stone, Greensboro.

Second Vice-President—W. C. Badger, Goldsboro.

Secretary—Dr. Griffin, Greensboro.

Treasurer—J. A. Green, New Berne.

Statistician—W. L. Taylor, New Berne.

1899-03-10 - News & Observer

The hook and ladder company suffered an accident while going to the fire Wednesday night. The springs to the wagon broke and the two rear wheels gave way. The bad condition of the streets was responsible for the accident.

1899-04-07 - News & Observer

The Fire Committee report to be submitted to the board to-night is as follows:

REPORT OF FIRE COMMITTEE.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

In compliance with the city charter, we hereby submit the report of our department from February 28, 1898, to February 28, 1899:

Total fire alarm and fire department expenses	$4,449.41
Total fire alarm and fire department improvements ...	1,393.30
	$5,842.71

There were thirty-six alarms of fire in the city for the past year, and the net losses from fire amounted to only $47. The total losses from fire were $1,244.03. On the same insurance was paid to the amount of $1,197.03. Of the thirty-six alarms, five were false, and two were out of town. For a detailed statement we refer you to the report of our excellent chief, Mr. L. A. Mahler, which accompanies this report. Your committee thinks it only just to say that the record of our fire department shows that it could not be better, and that it is first class in every respect. We would recommend that the board who will succeed us be as liberal as our finances will admit of, in giving them all that may help them to keep up the department to its present high standard. Your committee also wishes to call attention of our Chamber of Commerce—of the fact that Raleigh is paying for insurance for other towns. We do not know what the premium receipts are, but that they are considerable, about $36,000 when the total loss for the year was only $1,197.03. Raleigh is protecting the property owners with one of the best equipped and best managed fire departments in the South. Why should not Raleigh's business men organize insurance companies for the protection of their property—like Charlotte, Greensboro, Newbern and other places? They are all doing well and making money, thus keeping their premiums at home. One thing is certain. If the proper effort is made, Raleigh could secure a new rating and have her rates lowered. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. C. M'DONALD, Chairman.
JOS. S. CORRELL.
G. M. SPENCE.

1899-05-24 - News & Observer

FIRE AT THE UNION STATION.

The Damage Was Small—No One Can Guess its Origin.

There came near being a very serious fire at the Union depot here yesterday morning. Had it broken out an hour or so earlier that handsome building would probably today be a ruin.

At 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning the employes about the building smelled smoke and instituting inquiry to find out where it came from they discovered that the woodwork over the colored waiting room, between the ceiling and roof, was afire and burning rapidly.

The alarm was not only turned in to the city fire department, but the employes about the building at once put into use the hose kept in the building for the purpose, and the flames were soon extinguished.

Discovered before it had made much headway and promptly extinguished, the fire did little damage beyond charring and blackening the timbers; but had it started an hour or so earlier when no one was around the consequences would more than likely have been very serious.

No one can guess the origin of the flames as there had been no fire in that part of the building.

The destruction of this building would be a great loss to Raleigh as well as a serious misfortune to the railroads owning it. It is one of the handsomest stations in the South.

1899-06-20 - News & Observer

11TH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT.

List of Prizes Offered for Contests at Greensboro.

The annual North Carolina State Fireman's Association will meet at Greensboro, August 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th and the following is the first of prizes offered for the several contests:

Engine Contest—Qick steaming, start to finish, $50.00; second prize, $25.00. Long distance, first prize, $25,00; second prize, $15.00.

Horse Hose Wagon Race—First prize, $125.00; second prize, $75.00.

Hand Hose Reel Contest—First prize, $125.00; second prize, $75.00.

Grab Race—First prize, $100.00; second prize, $60.00.

Horse Hook and Ladder Race—First prize, $125.00; second prize, $75.00.

Hand Hook and Ladder Race—First prize, $25.00; second price, special.

Junior Hand Reel Race—First prize, $25.00; second prize, $10.00.

Individual Foot Race—First prize, $5.00; second prize, special.

Other special prizes will be announced later.

1899-08-05 - News & Observer

WINSTON LOWERS WORLD'S RECORD

Got Water in the Low Time of 2.28

IN STEAMING CONTEST

NEWBERN AGAIN A VICTOR, IN HORSE HOSE RACE.

FINALS OF THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

T. A. Mann Made the Hundred Yards Dash in 10 1-4. The Dispensary has Done a Land Office Business

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 4.—(Special)—The Merchants and Manufactures Club gave another one of the charming receptions for which they are famous to the visitors last night.

The firemen's tournament was resumed again this morning. The event was one of the most interesting of the series, the horse hose race, prize $125 offered by the Southern Stock Mutual Insurance Company of Greensboro. There were only five entries. The Goldsboro Eclipse started the ball rolling, but their horse made a bad start losing several seconds, but made a beautiful run. Time 59 seconds.

Newbern came next. Time 43 4-5.

Greensboro steamer No. 1, made the

again this morning. The event was one of the most interesting of the series, the horse hose race, prize $125 offered by the Southern Stock Mutual Insurance Company of Greensboro. There were only five entries. The Goldsboro Eclipse started the ball rolling, but their horse made a bad start losing several seconds, but made a beautiful run. Time 59 seconds.

Newbern came next. Time 43 4-5.

Greensboro steamer No. 1, made the run in 46 4-5.

Goldsboro No. 1, was more fortunate than the other team, and made the two hundred yards in 44 4-5.

Greensboro Southside, made the trip in fine shape, but made a slow connection and their time was 51 1-5.

Winston No. 1, made the trip in 46 seconds.

Newbern was therefore the winner and Goldsboro No. 1 got second money.

The standing quick steaming contest came next, entries Newbern and Winston. Newbern lowered the world's record 6 second, getting water in 2.28 Winston, 4.49.

The event of the afternoon was the one hundred yards dash foot race, seven entries, won by T. A. Mann, of Newbern. Time 10¼.

The final in the tennis tournament was won by Messrs. Donnell and Miller over Wharton and Smith.

Dr. H. F. Bouer, a veterinary surgeon died in his rooms in the Central House here yesterday of alcoholism.

The dispensary has been during a land office business here during the tournament, but it is generally remarked that there has been remarkably little drinking done for so large a crowd.

THE REPUTED ALLIANCE

1899-08-06 - News & Observer

ECHOES FROM TOURNAMENT.

The East Charges the West With Having Played Unfairly.

"We Have Been Robbed," was the strange device a piece of white cloth, nailed to the side of a Southern Railway car from Greensboro, bore yesterday.

In the car were the Goldsboro and Newbern fire companies, returning from the State Firemen's Tournament at Greensboro.

And they were hot—these fire laddies. Not so much because of the weather, but from warmth generated by the fires of indignation burning within them.

"We were robbed, boldly robbed—" a Goldsboro man began.

"Oh, say touched," broke in another.

"Hoodooed, sandbagged," yelled a third.

"No," continued the first man. "Those words are not strong enough. Robbed is the only word that does justice to the occasion. And that's what it was—pure downright robbery."

"Oh, don't be too hard on 'em," said another, "that's all they got—what they took from us—those two reel races. If they'd played fair we'd simply have walked away with everything. As it was, we won five prizes."

"We mean that," they yelled, pointing to the piece of cloth flapping its "We've-been-robbed" device in the breeze. And it really looked as if they did, for just above it, at the window sat a big fellow with watchful eye. In the window were half a dozen large flint rocks and a rusty coupling pin.

"This," he said patting the largest rock, which surely must have weighed a dozen pounds or more, "is my thirteen-inch gun, and the son of a gun that lays hostile hand on this sign will catch it where my baby caught the bite. And we kills Winston folk on general principles, wherever we see 'em."

And this reminds me—which is a gentle way of saying that those Goldsboro firemen reminded me just forty-seven times in most picturesque language—that the News and Observer made a mistake in its headlines over its report of the tournament. These headlines said Winston won the quick-steaming contest, whereas Newbern won it.

Newbern's time was 2.28, lowering the world s record; Winston's time was 4.49.

In the hundred yard dash Mr. W. E. Kornegay, of Goldsboro, won, and not Mr. T. A. Mann, of Newbern as reported Kornegay's time was 10¼. Mann came second.

The News and Observer takes off its hat to the victors and makes profundest apology for its mistakes.

1899-08-11 - News & Observer

CAPITAL COMPANY'S BARBECUE.

One of Raleigh's Crack Fire Company's Annual Outings.

The Capital Hose Company, one of Raleigh's crack fire organizations, yesterday gave a barbecue and Brunswick stew to their friends.

The place chosen for the outing was the grove on the high bluff near the pump house of the Raleigh Water Company, just beyond Walnut creek. No better place could have been chosen, either for comfort or beauty of scenery.

The firemen and their friends were taken out to the picnic by the Capital Hose Company's excellent driver, Richard Pool. There they were met by Foreman Ferrall and Assistant Foreman Bain and Secretary Alex Kreth and made to feel at home.

Sampson Andrews, who is said to be the best maker of barbecue and compounder of Brunswick stew in the State was preparing the dinner, assisted by Charles Cardwell, who also has considerable reputation in this line. They had several colored men helping them.

And such barbecue and such stew as they did make! It couldn't have been better. And it was served in most elegant style.

Bill Russ was the first to get to the table. Jack Duncan was the last to leave. Health Officer Sale sat at the head of the table on a soap box and stayed there till the box broke down with the weight of the dinner consumed.

Capt. Ferrall, with the Capital's championship medal on his breast, looked after the comfort of everybody else except himself and ate nothing until he

stayed there till the box broke down with the weight of the dinner consumed.

Capt. Ferrall, with the Capital's championship medal on his breast, looked after the comfort of everybody else except himself and ate nothing until he saw that everybody else was waited on. And Alex Kreth and Charlie Betts, two as fine fellows as they are good firemen, fearing that somebody might be neglected, constituted themselves waiters and allowed no man to leave his seat until he could eat no more.

It was a royal good feast served in finest outdoor fashion with that happy, open-hearted hospitality that has made the South famous, and that always characterizes these annual outings of the Raleigh firemen.

There have been many barbecues and Brunswick stews in these diggin's this summer, but there have been none better than, if indeed there has been any so good as, that given yesterday by the Capital Hose Company.

The following were the members of the Capital Hose Company present: John R. Ferrall, foreman; E. B. Bain, assistant foreman; Alexander Kreth, secretary; Richard Pool, driver; L. A. Mahler, chief of fire department; Ham F. Smith, Charles F. Lumsden, Charles H. Betts, A. M. McPheeters, Jr., W. A. Linehan, A. C. Hinton, J. D. Turner, James Jordan, Henry McKee, Thos. B. Heartt, Henry Bunch, Lonnie Lumsden.

Then there was Charles Cardwell, the only colored member of the company. Charles contributed very largely to the success of the dinner and the enjoyment of the occasion. He is one of the best firemen in the city, white or colored, but was turned out of the Victor company, colored, on account of politics. Immediately he was elected a member of the Capital Hose Company.

Among the invited guests were: Mayor A. M. Powell, Chief of Police Mullen, Health Officer Sale, City Treasurer Brown, City Attorney Watson, Clerk of Court Russ, County Chairman Lewis, Aldermen Correll, Parish and Jones, J. A. Duncan, W. R. Crawford, Jr., Dr. C. L. Jenkins, John Mangum, Pearce Howell, John Pool and W. W. Robbins.

All weak places in your system effectually closed against disease by DeWitt's

1899-08-12 - News & Observer

THE COLORED FIREMEN.

They Won Over $100 in Prizes at the Tournament.

Raleigh's colored fire company—the Victor—yesterday returned from the State Association and tournament at Washington.

They came back not only Victors but also victors. They won "the" prize of the tournament—the reel race—and got half of first money in the grab race, which means that the company won about $100.

And that is why they came back with flying banners and a long cloth on the side of the car reading: "Raleigh Victorious." On their arrival here they were met with congratulations and hurrahs by their friends and taken in their fine new wagons to their fire house, corner Blount and Hargett streets.

Raleigh is proud of her colored firemen and their record.

The men are warm in their praise of the people of Washington and the open-handed hospitality with which they were entertained while there. That this sentiment was fully reciprocated by the good people of Washington is shown by the following clipped from Thursday's Washington (N. C.) Evening Messenger:

"We must commend the gentlemanly deportment of the colored firemen since their stay in the city. During the three days they have been here, we have yet to see a single fireman intoxicated or acting in a way unbecoming."

1899-08-24 - News & Observer

DEEDS, NOT WORDS

That the Motto of Our Fire Department. The Best in North Carolina.

A Fine Body of Tried and True Men. A Large and Superb Equipment.

Four Companies, With a Membership of Ninety Men; Whose Constant Endeavor is to Save Life and Property from the Fire.

No city in the State can boast of a better fire department—this statement is not

and means to the accomplishment of that purpose. Mr. Mahler was married in 1898 to Miss Mary Simmons, a talented and accomplished lady of Raleigh. Mr. Mahler is not a politician in an sense of the word.

In concluding the sketch of this honorable and upright gentleman, it may be said that in his devotion to the duties of his position Mr. Mahler shows that true and noble spirit which is the basis of the success of all men.

WALTER WOOLLCOTT.

Assistant Chief Fire Department.

Walter Woollcott was born at Newbern, N. C., in 1865. He attended school at Raleigh, and 12 years ago joined the Fire Department. He was Foreman of the Capital Hose Company for three years, after which he was made assistant chief of the department, under Louis Mahler, the chief.

He is also junior member of the firm of Woollcott and Son, wholesale dealers in dry goods, notions, shoes, etc., at No. 14 East Martin street.

Mr. Woollcott is married and a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, is a Past Chancellor, and a member of Centre Lodge.

to Save Life and Property

from the Fire.

No city in the State can boast of a better fire department—this statement is not made as an idle boast, for deeds speak louder than words and deeds are what the Raleigh Fire Department perform.

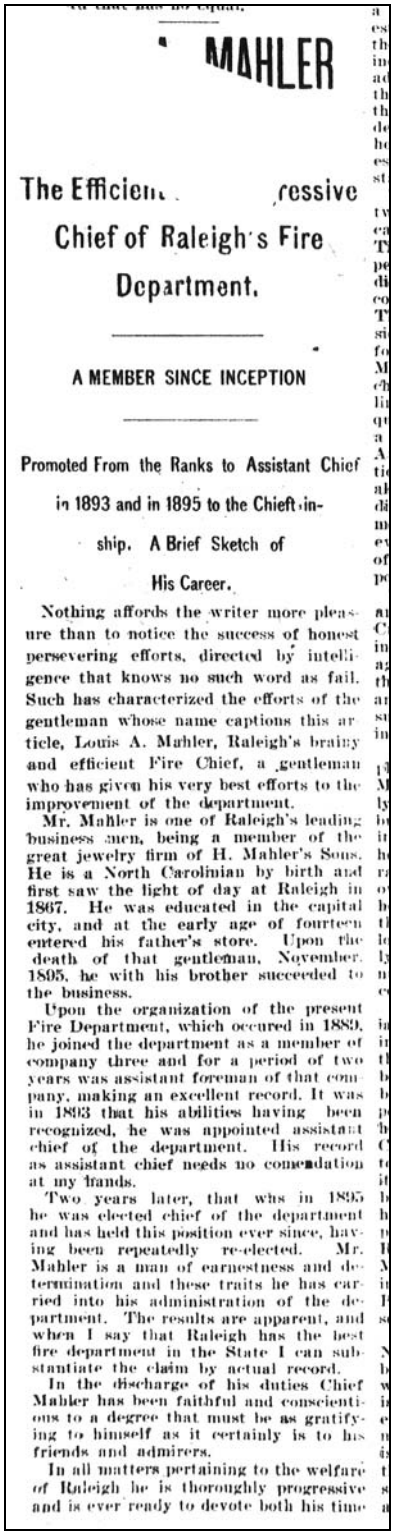
The city at large takes great pride in the department, it being composed of men who are ever ready to respond to the call of duty, whether it comes by day or night. That their work in the past has been efficient is amply evidenced by the record of the years gone by.

The department was organized in 1889, and as each year has become numbered with the past it has gradually perfected itself. They have a fine fire alarm system, namely the Gamewell system. The department is divided in to four companies.

Rescue, Number One.
Victor, Number Two.
Capital Hose Company, Number Three.
Hook and Ladder Company Number One.

The paraphernalia and equipment consits of three two horse hose wagons, one two Horse Hook and Ladder Truck and four thousand feet of hose.

The Raleigh Fire Department is superior to any other in the State as can readily be judged by the service they have rendered during the past eight or nine years. It is wholly volunteer, the only paid men are the drivers and night men and even these only receive nominal pay. The Department is running in a smooth manner and is working to perfection. This is due not alone to the efficiency of the department, but likewise to the brainy and progressive Chief, Mr. L. A. Mahler. The report of the losses: For 1898-'99 was $1,244.03. Insurance $1,197.03, making a net loss $47. ...ord that has no equal.



MAHLER

The Efficient, Progressive Chief of Raleigh's Fire Department.

A MEMBER SINCE INCEPTION

Promoted From the Ranks to Assistant Chief in 1893 and in 1895 to the Chiefts-in-ship. A Brief Sketch of His Career.

Nothing affords the writer more pleasure than to notice the success of honest persevering efforts, directed by intelligence that knows no such word as fail. Such has characterized the efforts of the gentleman whose name captions this article, Louis A. Mahler, Raleigh's brainy and efficient Fire Chief, a gentleman who has given his very best efforts to the improvement of the department.

Mr. Mahler is one of Raleigh's leading business men, being a member of the great jewelry firm of H. Mahler's Sons. He is a North Carolinian by birth and first saw the light of day at Raleigh in 1867. He was educated in the capital city, and at the early age of fourteen entered his father's store. Upon the death of that gentleman, November, 1895, he with his brother succeeded to the business.

Upon the organization of the present Fire Department, which occured in 1889, he joined the department as a member of company three and for a period of two years was assistant foreman of that company, making an excellent record. It was in 1893 that his abilities having been recognized, he was appointed assistant chief of the department. His record as assistant chief needs no commendation at my hands.

Two years later, that whs in 1895 he was elected chief of the department and has held this position ever since, having been repeatedly re-elected. Mr. Mahler is a man of earnestness and determination and these traits he has carried into his administration of the department. The results are apparent, and when I say that Raleigh has the best fire department in the State I can substantiate the claim by actual record.

In the discharge of his duties Chief Mahler has been faithful and conscientious to a degree that must be as gratifying to himself as it certainly is to his friends and admirers.

In all matters pertaining to the welfare of Raleigh he is thoroughly progressive and is ever ready to devote both his time

Article List

Available articles on the early history of the Raleigh Fire Department include:

News & Observer

- 1890-01-08
- 1890-01-09
- 1890-02-01
- 1890-02-13
- 1890-02-14
- 1890-02-25
- 1890-02-27
- 1890-03-08
- 1890-03-15
- 1890-03-21
- 1890-03-29
- 1890-04-09
- 1890-04-27
- 1890-05-08
- 1890-05-09
- 1890-05-11
- 1890-05-13
- 1890-05-15
- 1890-05-20
- 1890-05-22
- 1890-05-23
- 1890-05-30
- 1890-05-31
- 1890-06-24
- 1890-07-01
- 1890-07-05
- 1890-07-12
- 1890-09-06
- 1890-09-07
- 1890-10-12
- 1890-10-14
- 1890-10-30
- 1890-11-08
- 1890-12-13
- 1890-12-30
- 1890-12-31
- 1891-01-08
- 1891-01-20
- 1891-04-04
- 1891-04-09
- 1891-04-17
- 1891-05-06
- 1891-05-20
- 1891-06-04
- 1891-06-13
- 1891-07-04
- 1891-07-07
- 1891-07-11
- 1891-07-21
- 1891-08-08
- 1891-08-12
- 1891-08-20
- 1891-08-21
- 1891-08-22
- 1891-08-23
- 1891-08-27
- 1891-08-28
- 1891-08-30
- 1891-09-05
- 1891-09-18
- 1891-10-01
- 1891-10-02
- 1891-10-08
- 1891-11-07
- 1891-11-14
- 1891-11-20
- 1891-11-24
- 1891-11-25
- 1891-12-08
- 1891-12-15
- 1891-12-17
- 1892-04-06
- 1892-04-19
- 1892-05-20
- 1892-05-21
- 1892-06-17
- 1892-06-19
- 1892-06-20
- 1892-06-21
- 1892-07-03
- 1892-07-05
- 1892-07-14
- 1892-07-31
- 1892-08-02
- 1892-08-06
- 1892-08-10
- 1892-08-11
- 1892-08-19
- 1892-08-31
- 1892-10-01
- 1892-10-07
- 1892-10-08
- 1892-10-12
- 1892-10-16
- 1892-10-19
- 1892-11-05
- 1892-11-26
- 1892-12-03
- 1892-12-06
- 1892-12-29
- 1893-01-20
- 1893-02-10
- 1893-02-17
- 1893-03-11
- 1893-03-17
- 1893-03-19
- 1893-03-25
- 1893-03-30

- 1893-04-02
- 1893-05-09
- 1893-05-24
- 1893-07-06
- 1893-07-09
- 1893-07-22
- 1893-07-25
- 1893-07-28
- 1893-08-05
- 1893-10-07
- 1893-10-12
- 1893-10-13
- 1893-10-31
- 1893-12-15
- 1894-02-13
- 1894-05-06
- 1894-05-11
- 1894-06-03
- 1894-06-13
- 1894-07-26
- 1894-08-04
- 1894-08-15
- 1894-08-17
- 1894-08-30
- 1894-08-31
- 1894-09-01
- 1894-11-20
- 1894-11-29
- 1894-12-20
- 1895-01-19
- 1895-03-30
- 1895-04-28
- 1895-04-30
- 1895-05-01
- 1895-05-11
- 1895-05-19
- 1895-05-20
- 1895-06-29
- 1895-07-07
- 1895-07-11
- 1895-07-12
- 1895-08-02
- 1895-08-04
- 1895-08-06
- 1895-08-07
- 1895-08-08
- 1895-08-09
- 1895-08-10
- 1895-08-14
- 1895-08-20
- 1895-09-15
- 1895-11-12
- 1895-11-17
- 1895-12-15
- 1895-12-17
- 1896-02-21
- 1896-03-07
- 1896-03-14
- 1896-03-24
- 1896-04-04
- 1896-04-16
- 1896-04-23
- 1896-04-24
- 1896-05-10
- 1896-05-12
- 1896-07-15
- 1896-08-04
- 1896-08-12
- 1896-08-13
- 1896-09-30
- 1896-10-08
- 1897-01-01
- 1897-01-12
- 1897-01-17
- 1897-02-14
- 1897-03-27
- 1897-04-08
- 1897-04-09
- 1897-04-10
- 1897-05-08
- 1897-05-25
- 1897-06-19
- 1897-06-24
- 1897-07-02
- 1897-07-04
- 1897-07-15
- 1897-07-20
- 1897-07-23
- 1897-07-29
- 1897-08-03
- 1897-08-04
- 1897-08-06
- 1897-08-11
- 1897-08-12
- 1897-08-13
- 1897-08-14
- 1897-09-22
- 1897-10-01
- 1897-10-15
- 1897-10-16
- 1897-10-22
- 1897-10-29
- 1897-11-02
- 1897-11-16
- 1898-01-26
- 1898-01-29
- 1898-04-02
- 1898-04-06
- 1898-04-17
- 1898-07-02
- 1898-07-28
- 1898-07-29
- 1898-07-30
- 1899-01-06
- 1899-01-13
- 1899-01-14
- 1899-02-14
- 1899-02-25
- 1899-02-28
- 1899-03-04
- 1899-03-10
- 1899-03-11
- 1899-04-07
- 1899-05-24
- 1899-06-20
- 1899-07-20
- 1899-07-21
- 1899-08-04
- 1899-08-05

- 1899-08-06
- 1899-08-09
- 1899-08-10
- 1899-08-11
- 1899-08-12
- 1899-08-24
- 1899-08-25
- 1899-08-30
- 1899-09-01
- 1899-09-24
- 1899-12-06

Index

Alarm System...22, 25, 26, 28, 29, 39, 45, 78
Apparatus Accident.....63, 113
Apparatus Delivery.....18, 27, 97
Cisterns.....35
Event.....8, 12, 120, 121
False Alarms 90, 91
Fire.... 8, 9, 21, 22, 23, 24, 32, 33, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66, 69, 77, 78, 79, 80, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 98, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 115
Fire Stations.....68, 75, 76, 92, 93, 94
Fire Station Fire.....92, 93, 94
Fireman's Content.....15, 16, 17
Funeral.....34
Insane Asylum Fire Protection 79
Lightning Strike 27
Mutual Aid.....105, 106, 107
Parade 46, 47, 48
Profile.....123, 124, 125
Report 56, 95, 96, 114
State Fire Chief's Convention 20
State Fireman's Convention 10, 11, 13, 14, 29, 30, 31, 36, 39, 40, 57, 61, 62, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 89, 99, 100, 101, 102, 109, 110, 111, 112, 116, 117, 118, 119, 122
Water System 19, 66, 67, 81, 82, 83