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Introduction

This fourth 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 1900 and 1910 and originally appeared in the newspapers Morning Post and News & 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, 1900 and December 31, 1910. The articles represent a range of fire department topics typical to the time period. Common themes includes fires, fireman's tournaments, fire equipment improvements, and water system improvements.

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The Raleigh Fire Department's 1905 American LaFrance Metropolitan steamer is pictured at a 1940 transportation parade. Courtesy North Carolina State Archives.

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WATER COMPANY AT FAULT

Failed to Furnish Water to Fight the Fire on Wilmington Street Yesterday.

THE LOSS AMOUNTS TO ABOUT $25,000

The Amount of Insurance Carried on the Burnt Property so Far as is Now Known Aggregates About $20,000. The Burned Warehouse is the Building in Which the Populist Party of North Carolina Was Born.

Raleigh yesterday morning had its first big fire in several years.

It was a big fire simply and solely for the reason that the firemen could not get water to put it out.

By the failure of the Water company to comply with its contract to furnish water, two residences and a stable were destroyed. These losses aggregate not less than $2,500.

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Mr. Fleming does not yet know, he says, precisely what his losses are, or the exact amount of his insurance. Some of his books and papers were burned.

Much of the tobacco burned had been sold by him, but not delivered to the purchaser.

THE LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

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Even as it was a number of the hogsheads were there smouldering last night, burned only on the outer edges.

NO WATER TO FIGHT THE FIRE

Half an Hour Before the Pressure was Sufficient.

Shortly before 10 o'clock yesterday morning it was discovered that the warehouse, on the corner of Wilmington and Cabarrus streets, was on fire. Smoke was bursting from the roof and the windows of the third story at the northern end of the building.

An alarm was turned in and the firemen responded promptly. Six lines of hose were quickly laid, but when the water was turned on the pressure was not sufficient to throw the stream so much as to the second story. Even when all the streams except one were cut off there was no improvement in the force and volume of the water.

At this time the fire was spreading—jumping from rafter to rafter along the roof of the big building and dropping into the tobacco hanging below. The building being of old heart pine and the tobacco dry and inflammable, the flames spread with great rapidity.

Direct pressure was called for, but this made little improvement in the state of his books and papers were burned.

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J. J. Taylor & Co., tobacco... 8,000
Julius Lewis & Co., warehouse... 5,000
Joseph E. Pogue, residence... 1,500
O. J. Carroll, residence... 500
Dr. J. A. Sexton, stable... 200
Lost and damaged furniture... 100

Total loss, estimated... $25,300
The insurance on the property burned, so far as could be ascertained, is as follows:

E. I. Fleming & Co., tobacco:
Commercial Union, $500, W. W. Smith, agent.
Queen Fire Insurance Co., $1,000, W. W. Smith, agent.
Western Assurance Co., $1,000, W. W. Smith, agent.
German-American Insurance Company, New York, $1,000, W. S. Primrose & Son.
Insurance Company of North America, $1,000, W. S. Primrose & Son.
Lion Insurance Co., Hartford, $1,000,
W. S. Primrose & Son.
Julius Lewis & Co., total insurance of building:
Springfield Fire Marine, $1,000, W. S. Primrose & Son.
Western Assurance Co., $1,000, W. W. Smith.
Mrs. Williams' residence (owned by Joseph E. Pogue) total insurance:
Western Assurance Co., $1,000, W. W. Smith agent.
North Carolina State Canal Trust.
1900-02-29 - News & Observer (continued)

In the fire the residence of O. J. Carroll, the residence, badly damaged, is insured in one of B. J. Cooper’s companies.

In this warehouse the Populist Party was born.

It was built in 1885 by Julius Lewis & Co. At that time it was believed that Raleigh would be a great tobacco market and this warehouse was erected for the use to which it has ever since been put.

It was first occupied by Tappan & Evans, the late Col. Paul Faison being a member of the firm. Then for several years it was used by Mr. Joseph E. Peque. After he moved out, having created warehouses of his own, it lacked a tenant for sometime. Then it was occupied by E. L. Fleming & Co., who were burned out yesterday.

In this building the Fifth Maryland regiment was quartered when it visited Raleigh during the Exposition here. It was also in this warehouse that Butler held his secret meeting in 1891, when the Populist party in this State was formed.

The other buildings burned were old ones.

The site of the warehouse will, its owners say, now be offered for sale as a suitable location for an auditorium.

The warehouse originally cost $6,000, but it could have been bought for much less. The insurance on it was recently reduced from $8,000 to $2,000.


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The loss was a complete surprise, and the badly damaged, is insured in one of B. J. Cooper’s companies.

The area of the fire was about 100 feet by 50 feet. The flames were so intense that they could be seen from a distance of a mile.

The firemen worked heroically, and some of them were injured. One fireman was carried to the hospital with burns on his hands and face.

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WATER COMPANY AT FAULT.

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yesterday. Heat and danger did not stop them.

They rushed into burning buildings and rolled out great hoseheads of tobacco or staggered beneath heavy burdens of household goods; when the water in the hydrants failed they seized buckets and climbed to the roofs of threatened buildings, and there, half roasted by the heat, fought back the fire fiend.

Noble fellows, these firemen. No alarm sounds but that they are ready to respond with ready hand and willing heart. And just here, too, much credit cannot be given to the colored firemen and other colored men of the city.

They fought the flames most valiantly and were especially helpful in the work of saving the contents of the burning buildings. But for their assistance the losses must have been much greater.

Prominent among those fighting the fire were the students of Shaw University. They formed themselves into a bucket brigade and saved from destruction the house on Wilmington street, just south of the warehouse and very near it. This was occupied by a family of negroes, among them a mother with her six-day old baby.

EXCUSES FOR THE PRESSURE.

But None of Them Seem to be Very Good Ones.

There was much criticism of the Water Company yesterday for its failure to furnish the water necessary to subdue the flames, as it contracted to do in consideration of the franchise given it, and the rental paid it, by the city.

The Water Company, on the other hand, made a number of explanations and excuses. One was that the pressure was turned on as quick as asked. Mr. Ernest Rain who was in charge at the water tower said his official record showed that the pressure was 47 to start with, was increased when the alarm was turned in to 35 and before the fire was over it was 105.

Mr. Julius Lewis, president of the Water Company, explained the lack of pressure by saying that the pump man was not at the water works at the time, but was in the city attending court.

Still another stockholder gave an excuse the cold weather, saying that people, fearing their water pipes would freeze had been leaving them running over night and this had lowered the pressure.

And it is possible that there were other excuses and explanations.

THE WATER COMPANY LIABLE.

What the Supreme Court Says About Such Cases.

Under a decision (Garrett vs. Greensboro Water Supply Company, N. C., 124, 323) delivered just a year ago the Supreme Court of North Carolina held that a party undertakes to furnish water in such mode and quantity that it may be used to extinguish fires in the city, in which it is to be supplied, damage sustained by a citizen and taxpayer by the destruction of buildings, by failure to so furnish such water, is a natural and proximate consequence of such breach of the undertaking, and entitles him to sue.

The Water Company did not covenant to prevent occurrence of fires, nor that the quantity of water agreed to be furnished would be a certain and effectual protection against fire, and consequently does not in any sense occupy the attitude of an insurer; but it did undertake to perform the plain and simple duty of keeping water up to a designated height in the stand-pipe, and if it failed or refused to comply with that undertaking, and such breach was the proximate cause of destruction of the plaintiff's property, which involves issues of fact for deter-
keeping water up to a designated height. In the stand-pipe, and if it failed or refused to comply with that undertaking, and such breach was the proximate cause of destruction of the plaintiff's property, which involves issues of fact for determination by a jury, there exists no reason for its escape from answering in damages that would not equally avail in any other breach of contract."

Now in Raleigh as in Greensboro the Water Company has contracted with the city to furnish it with pure and wholesome “water for public and private uses.” And in consideration of this the city grants the company use of its streets, sidewalks and public grounds for its mains, pipes and hydrants.

It is further stipulated in the contract that the city shall rent 120 fire hydrants from the Water Company—such hydrants “to be used only for the extinguishment of fires.” and the company, for this purpose, “shall constantly furnish effective fire streams without the aid of portable engines.” For the Water Company agrees to “constantly keep all fire hydrants rented of it by the city supplied with water for fire service, and shall maintain them in effective working order,” and it “shall not suffer a suspension of the supply of water, either for fire or domestic purposes, unless the same shall be caused by accident or causes beyond their control.”

The test prescribed for the water works is that “shall throw from separate hydrants in the business portion of the city six simultaneous fire-streams through a fifty feet section of two and one-half-inch rubber hose and a one-inch nozzle, to a height of one hundred (100) feet, or maintain an equivalent pressure at the mouth of said hydrants; and they shall throw, at another time, from separate hydrants in other portions of said city, four simultaneous fire-streams, and shall have 500,000 gallons of water in stand-pipe and the one hundred and twenty fire-hydrants connected to said waterworks.”

Until this test was fulfilled the city declined to accept the Water-works and under the contract the company pledges itself to “constantly furnish effective fire-streams.”
FIRE THIS MORNING
AT A. & M. COLLEGE

Engine House Burned After Midnight.

THE LOSS MAY BE HEAVY

BUT IF MACHINERY IS UNINJURED
IT IS SMALL.

AND IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT $1,500

The Watchman Discovered it After Half of the Building Was on Fire. The Flames Were Fought by the College Students.

The engine house at the A. and M. College was burned this morning.

It is impossible to say at this time what the loss is, the amount being dependent on the condition of the walls left standing and damage done to the engine, boilers and other machinery by the heat.

Other than this the loss is confined to the destruction of the roof and woodwork of the building which can be replaced for from $1,000 to $1,200, and to the burning of a large quantity of coal and other fuel, amounting to some $300 or $400.

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The fire was first discovered by Watchman Swindell shortly after midnight. The flames had already gained such headway that at least half the building was burning. The alarm, however, was given throughout the college and Chief Mahler telephoned to. He went out with the Capital company's wagon, taking a long line of hose; but there was no water in the reservoir on the building and the hose could not be used. So the building was allowed to burn down, efforts being made only to prevent spread of the fire to the other buildings. In this effort the college students did noble work.

By 1:30 the flames had about consumed the wood work of the building and were dying down.

It is not known how the fire originated, but it is supposed that a spark from the engine must have caught in some trash or fuel and gradually burned until the whole interior of the building was one fire, as when discovered by the watchman. The same watchman, by the way, as was on duty the night President Holladay's house was burned, and came near burning everybody in it before it was discovered.

The building burned last night is situated exactly in the rear of the main college building. Part of it was erected when the college was established. About six years ago an addition was built to it and two years ago some further improvements were made and a smoke stack built.
On Sunday afternoon a short while after the fire company's team returned from the fire at the old ice factory, Blue, one of the best horses in the fire company's stable, dropped dead. It is supposed that his death was caused by the rupture of a blood vessel during the race to the fire.
THE FIRE LADDIES IN WILMINGTON.

Are Going to Have a Big Time and Enjoy Themselves While They May.

Firemen from a number of the largest cities in the State passed through here yesterday on their way to attend the Firemen's Tournament now in session at that place. One or two of the teams were uniformed, and they all seemed to anticipate lots of fun at the tournament.

Delegates from Raleigh, representing the W. R. Womble Hook and Ladder Company and the Rescue Fire Company, are in attendance. Among those who went from Raleigh are Mr. Frank Mabry and Mr. W. W. Partin.

Among those who passed through yesterday were Mr. Frank Maddry, Chief of the Durham Fire Department, with L. L. Walker, Fred. Markham, J. W. Walker, and John Perkins, and fifteen others.

The Durham firemen expect to return by Sunday.

The Winston firemen are also in attendance with fine horses, and engine, a hook and ladder truck and a reel.

Only the Greensboro companies will be represented this year. John Lewis and Dave Sergeant, of the Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 5, J. R. McElmroch and Harry Polzolt, of the Eagle Hose Company, and J. Henry Phipps and Flavins Kreth, of the Southside Hose Company, are the delegates.

Those in charge of the tournament say that a very large number of running teams will participate in the races. Fire "laddies" will be there galore, and it will be a big week and a huge time.
HOLMAN MILL BURNED.

Two Colored Firemen Slightly Hurt by a Piece of Falling Tin.

At 11 o'clock last night the Holman mill, on the Fayetteville road, south of the city, was burned.

Loss about $2,000, with only $300 or $300 insurance.

The property belonged to Mr. W. C. Holman and the estate of his brother, S. W. Holman.

It consisted of two buildings on Rocky Branch—one a carding mill and grist mill, and the other a cotton gin. The first was partially built of brick and the second was entirely brick as to the walls.

The fire originated in the mill, just how is not known. It began near the engine and spread rapidly over the building. From that it was communicated to the gin, which stood only five or six feet away.

There had been no fire in the engine for several days and Mr. Holman is at a loss to know how the flames originated.

All the contents of the mill were burned, but seven bales of cotton were saved from the gin. Otherwise the loss is total.

Though an alarm was turned in as soon as the fire was discovered, and the firemen responded promptly, they were unable to do anything for the reason that the burning buildings were outside the city limits and several hundred yards from a fire hydrant.

The firemen, however, went to the scene and did all they could in saving the property in and around the burning buildings. The colored firemen were especially daring and efficient in this work.

Among these Chas. Cardwell, Wm. Whitaker and Charlie Mitchell are deserving of special mention. By Cardwell's work four bales of cotton were taken from the gin when others had given them up. Wm. Whitaker and Chas. Mitchell were caught under a piece of falling tin, while working to save some cotton near the mill. Fortunately their injuries were not serious. Whitaker had his hip slightly hurt and Mitchell's face was burned badly.

This is the fourth time this mill has been burned. The last time was about two years ago.
PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Mahler Leaves Soon to Investigate Northern Systems.

It is said that Raleigh is soon to have a paid fire department, and that the volunteer system now in vogue is to be abandoned.

This project has interested the members of the fire committee for some time, and the chief of the fire department recommended the move at a recent meeting of the board of aldermen. The fire committee is composed of Messrs. Correll, Gorman and Crocketer. Mr. Mahler, the chief of the department will leave for the North very shortly to investigate the paid systems of the larger cities—especially that of Richmond.

The plan which has been suggested for Raleigh is that each of the three companies, the Capital Hose, the Rescue and the Victor, be retained practically as they are, but that the city have the foreman and ten paid men in each company, these men to receive a salary of about $100 a year. At least three of the ten taking it turn about, will be required to sleep at the house of their respective fire company. A gong will be placed in the home of each of the ten. The foreman of each company will probably be paid more.

The advantages resulting from the paid system have proved more satisfactory everywhere it has been tried. No city has voluntarily abandoned the plan.

The members of the companies are selected on merit and the companies are regularly drilled and taught.

The firemen are under absolute control of the fire department and friction among members of the company can be avoided.
VOLUNTEER SYSTEM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Was Continued by the Fire Committee.

A VERY WARM SESSION

Aldermen Jones and Correll Engaged in Various Amusing Spats.

THE WATER COMPANY NOT RAISING RATES

Messrs Mahler and Woolcott, of the Fire Department Are Scored For Leaving the City Without Notifying the Committee.

The Board of Aldermen met last night. In the absence of Mayor Powell, Acting Mayor Wynne, was in the chair.

The meeting didn't flag for want of interest. The proceedings were breezy, and one or two of the members lost their temper, but for the good humor with which the rest of the board looked on the affair, a difficulty might have been precipitated.

Aldermen Jones and Correll were the two that kept the proceedings lively. The first spout occurred when Alderman Jones in the report of the Finance Committee, stated that Mr. Rivers had made a proposition to rent the hall, at a rental of $300. Mr. Correll then introduced the following: 

"Mr. flat rate systems is 80 cents for the three highest months.

The report of the Street Committee showed that considerable amount of paving and other street work was being done.

Alderman Crocker stated that the building committee had been somewhat engaged in politics during the past week and that they desired more time for the investigation of the feasibility of illuminating the clock face.

The report of the Finance Committee showed collections for the past month of $1,194.14, and disbursements of $10,859.77.

Alderman Redford announced that Dr. McKee desired a sewer placed on Jones street between Bloodworth and Person, where a house is to be built. Alderman Cooke moved that the sewer be placed after the house was built.

The report of the Finance Committee is as follows:

"At a meeting of the Fire Committee held September 6, 1900, the Chairman of the Fire Committee recommended and the same was unanimously adopted, that the appropriation for the current fiscal year to each of the several fire companies be one hundred dollars per annum per company, and that the thanks of the committee be extended to each company for their valued services for the past year, and that we hope for a continuation of the volunteer service, believing we are as well protected by the same as we would be by paid service.

JOSEPH CORREL, Chairman.
H. H. CROCKETT.
M. J. GORMAN."

The banana peel ordinance was re-enacted on motion of Alderman McDaid.
Chairman, that is just a scheme to shut the hall up in the interest of the Academy of Music. The hall has made as much as $1,400 for the town. I am opposed to any such thing.

Mr. Jones jumped up. "Mr. Correll seems to know so much about running the hall," said he, "that I think we ought to let him run it. He seems to know more about it than anybody else. I should like to know how he got his information." And after much wrangling the matter was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

The Fire Committee, of which Mr. Correll is chairman, reported in favor of continuing the volunteer fire system, and recommended that each company be allowed $100. This brought on another discussion. The question raised was whether a committee could direct its appropriation without the sanction of the board. Mr. Jones took the position that any disposition of funds by a committee had to be sanctioned by the board. Mr. Correll said: "We are not going to ask the board anything about it. We don't want the board to give it. It has been appropriated and we can do as we please." "Sit down, and stay sit down," said Mr. Jones. "You wouldn't let me interrupt you a while ago, and I am not going to yield to you now."

Mr. Jones went on to say that he thought the report ought to lie over until the next meeting, when Mr. Mahler, the chief of the department, can be here.

Mr. Correll said: "Mr. Mahler has got nothing to do with it. This is a matter the committee has already decided. Mr. Mahler has treated the committee with discourtesy. He has gone off somewhere, without notifying the committee. Mr. Mahler is a New York man. Mr. Woolcott is out of town. This leaves no one in charge of the department. Neither of them had permission to go outside the city limits."

Mr. Jones: "You keep quiet, will you. I have the floor, and I am going to have my say."

Mr. Correll: "Well, I guess you won't jaw more than thirty days. I can last that long."

And after much making of motions and offering of substitutes and amendments, the motion to adopt was carried.

When the report of the Water Committee was read Mr. Bain, the superintendent of the water company, was given the privilege of the floor. He said: This inspection and reappor- tionment will continue. Whenever an irregularity is found it will be corrected. I would also be glad if any one has any complaint to make he would make it to the company. If they will do so, any mistake will be gladly corrected."

The report of the city physician shows a total number of patients of
THE COLORED FIREFMEN BACK.

The Victor Company Was Truly the Victor at Salisbury.

Raleigh's colored firemen have returned in high feather from the State association and tournament at Salisbury.

They won the highest prizes offered, carrying off both the Hose Reel and Grab races. In fact the Victor company showed itself in every way the crack colored firemen's organization in the State.

Of course from other towns represented in these contests there'll go up the cry of unfairness—it wouldn't be a fireman's tournament, otherwise. In fact such complaints are already being made. The Charlotte company registers the following kick with the News of that city:

John Cosby, the captain of the Neptune Fire Company was in today to tell of the company's hard luck at Salisbury where on Wednesday, the company went to enter for the races of yesterday. John says the Salisbury negroes did not treat the Charlotte firemen exactly square. In the first place he says the Charlotte firemen had, after some trouble, secured a place to sleep and before midnight some Salisbury negroes came to the house and told them they would have to get out. The excuse given was that the house had been engaged for firemen from other towns. Cosby says he and his men got out and were walking the streets when a white man came along and gave them permission to sleep in the court house. When they reached that point, the gentleman who had so kindly offered the use of the court house, found that he had left his key at home, so the Charlotte firemen had to content themselves with a snooze on the rock steps. When the races were pulled off, Cosby says a Raleigh "nigger" was at every turn both at the start and finish. Charlotte could not get anything like fair play from the Raleigh "niggers" which, Cosby explains as the reason why the Charlotte company did not bring back the prizes. By some slip, Charlotte did manage to "cabbage" a $15 prize but not because the Raleigh "nigger" judges wished it, but because they could not help themselves. Cosby and his men are not at all satisfied with their Salisbury trip and they make no "bones" about telling it.

The Victor won the highest prize last year at the negro firemen's tournament, and this year repeats the victory.

This company was organized in 1868, by James H. Jones, who was a servant of President Jefferson Davis. Jones was for many years its foreman. He is now an employee of the United States Senate.
FIRE THIS MORNING

The Raleigh Knitting Mills Destroyed.

Loss is Nearly $25,000 With $17,000 Covered by Insurance. Car Filled With Goods Burned.

Early this morning the Raleigh Knitting Mills, near the Seaboard Air Line track, in the western part of the city, were destroyed by fire. Also a box car loaded with goods from the mills and a lot of lumber and wood belonging to Allen & Cram were burned.

The loss is fully $25,000, of which $17,000 is covered by insurance.

It is supposed by the owners of the mills that the flames originated from a passing locomotive, as there had been no fire in the building for several days. Also the fire began in the end of the building next to the Seaboard track.

The mills employed from 110 to 125 hands, who will now be thrown out of employment. Two years ago last November, the mills were moved here from Willardville and have been in successful operation ever since, under the management of the sons of Capt. S. A. Ashe. Recently it was decided to move the mill to a building more suited to its purposes. Such a building was erected on a vacant lot just in front of the penitentiary and this week the removal of the machinery of the mill was commenced. Only the hangings, shafting and engine, however, had been moved.

All the other machinery and most of the goods were in the building burned this morning.

In the box car that was burned there were seven cases of yarn consigned to a merchant in St. Paul, Minn.

The building belonged to Mr. Ben Moore and it could not be learned whether or not there was any insurance on it.

Mr. Sam Ashe, who is now the active manager of the mill said last night of his probable loss:

"We carried $17,000 or $18,000 insurance. Then we had $5,000 worth of yarn that was uninsured; of this, $3,000 was saved. All the machinery except the engine and some fixtures that had been moved to the new mill was destroyed. Our loss over and above insurance is $3,000 or $4,000.

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for the heroic work of Raleigh's firemen, with but little water pressure to work with.

Cram shops and other property in the vicinity would have been burned. Even as it was the roof of the foundry caught several times and once it was in a light blaze.

The fire was first discovered at 12:30 and an attempt was made to turn in the alarm, but for some reason the alarm failed to work and notice was given of the conflagration by the blowing of whistles of locomotives on the line around Union depot. The building, being but a hull and very dry, burned rapidly and fanned by a strong wind, was soon consumed. In half an hour after the alarm was given the walls had fallen in.

It was the largest fire Raleigh has had since the burning of the tobacco warehouse on Wilmington street a year ago.
SMALL BOYS SETTLE FIRE

"Playing Train" Sunday They Endanger the
S. A. L. Cotton Platform.

Nine bales of cotton were on fire Sunday between half past twelve and one o'clock on the Seaboard Air Line cotton platform, corner of Halifax and Jones streets, near the cotton compress. The fire companies responded quickly to the alarm and the burning bales were soon in the street, though the fire smouldered in them for a long while.

The pranks of two little white boys, seven or eight years of age, caused the trouble. These boys, Delmar Osborne and Tommy Williams, were "playing train" on top of the cotton and struck a match to ignite the coal in the engine, which in this case was the cotton. Seeing the fire that they had started the boys ran away, but were later on found and the case left with their parents.

The cotton was the property of Johnson & Co., and the damage will amount to about $60.
TOURNAMENT OF THE FIRE FIGHTERS

Sad Accident Mars the Pleasure of the Day.

HENRY COFFEE MAY DIE

He Falls From the Horse Hose Wagon in the Race.

WINSTON WINS IN THE ENGINE CONTEST

The Goldsboro Companies Take the Prize Offered For the Horse Hose Wagon Race.
The Hook and Ladder Race Won by Winston.

(Special to the News and Observer, Charlotte, N. C., July 24.—The first real day of the North Carolina Firemen’s Tournament was a decided success. The parade at 10:30 o’clock this morning was lengthy and in every respect a credit to the fire fighters of this State.

The only incident to mar the pleasure of the occasion transpired this afternoon. In the horse hose wagon contest that took place at 2 o’clock, Henry Coffee, one of the members of the Asheville company, fell from the wagon, just before the plug was reached and received injuries from which it is feared death will result. The young man was taken to a private hospital and is receiving every attention. His injuries are of an internal nature. This incident cast a gloom over the afternoon’s races, and showed the worst came, Asheville will withdraw from all further contests.

The first contest was an engine contest for quick steaming and distance. There were only two entries, Winston and Charlotte. Winston won both. Time in quick steaming, 12 minutes, 5 seconds; distance throwing water, 211 feet, prize, $50.

Second race, horse hose wagon race, first prize, $100; second, $50. Goldsboro No. 1 won first prize and Eclipse, of Goldsboro, second. Wilson’s horse balked and the accident to a member of Asheville team kept both these companies from making any time. Durham’s time was 44-4.

The races tomorrow will be the best of the lot. A large crowd is in attendance, and Charlotte is royally entertaining the visitors.
THE RESCUE BARBECUE.

A Happy Occasion at the Fair Ground Yesterday.

The members of Rescue Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 1, handsomely entertained their many friends yesterday at the Fair Grounds. The event was a barbecue and Brunswick stew, with other trimmings, finished up with a feast of luscious watermelons, these being a contribution from Mr. T. F. Sale. There were present city officials, members of the Capital Hose Company, of the Hook and Ladder Company, and others.

The delightful affair was in charge of a committee consisting of Messrs. R. E. Lumsden and Edwin McKee with Mr. J. N. McLaury as general supervisor.

During the feast there was a call to listen to an important announcement. This was that Foreman William Andrews, on behalf of the Capital Hose Company, invited the Rescue Company and their guests to attend the afternoon ball game between Raleigh and Wilmington as the guests of Capital Hose Company.

The barbecue yesterday was the third annual barbecue of the Rescue Company, which was organized January 11, 1870. A feature of the organization is that it has a burial fund for its members.

The present officers of the company are R. E. Lumsden, foreman; W. C. White, assistant foreman; W. A. Faucette, secretary; T. W. Blake, treasurer; W. Z. Blake, engineer, and Charles B. Park, assistant engineer. Mr. Lumsden has been foreman for the past fifteen years. The company now has on its roll twenty-six names.
The flames, after being discovered by a woman, burned very rapidly that little chance was had of saving Russell. The tents near at hand were pulled down and there was a great deal of confusion. During this general scramble, D. W. White, proprietor of the "Alligator Boy" show claims that there was stolen from him a sack having in it $350, which was in his booth.

The flames mounted very high and in a few moments everyone about the Midway was on the scene. The booths near at hand caught fire, as did the restaurant of Mr. W. D. Brown, just below the restaurant burned, but this was saved, though badly charred.

It is stated by many that screams were heard from within the burning building, and a struggle as of some one trying to get out. Efforts were made to open the door, but this failed. After the fire was over the charred body of Russell was found. The arms and legs were burned entirely off as was the flesh on the head and trunk.

The county coroner, Dr. J. L. Moore, reached the city yesterday afternoon and a jury was summoned to hold an inquest. This jury consisted of Messrs. R. H. Bradley, W. W. Parish, D. J. Fort, Will M. Nowell, James Bullock and J. B. Jordan, the last named being from Cary. The jury was sworn in by Magistrate E. A. Womble, who assisted the coroner.

Several witnesses were examined yesterday afternoon and the inquest was adjourned till 12 o'clock today. Among those examined were D. W. White, showman, Mrs. G. E. Messenger and Signor Elton, these being the occupants of the tent in the rear of the burned building.

Their testimony was that they were aroused by cries in the burning building at 3:30 a.m., and that they rushed to the house and tried to effect an entrance, but could not. The door, so they stated was locked on the outside with a lock and clasp. Some one within was making a desperate effort to get out, while those on the outside were trying to get in.

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J. A. Jones, the negro who ran the restaurant, was then examined, but he knew nothing as he left the place at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon. After hearing this from him the inquest was adjourned till today, leaving the following witnesses to be heard: Eldridge Smith, A. H. Yearby in charge of night police at the Fair grounds, and Francis O'Neal, a cook.

The coroner and jury have examined the body, or the charred remains of it. There has been some talk of the negro's head having been broken, but Dr. Moore says this is not his opinion.

John Russell is said to be seventeen years old. For some time he has been driving a dray for parties here, and last winter he carried mail for Andrew Haywood. He lived with his aunt, Eliza Austin. He was not working at the restaurant, which was owned by Eldridge Smith, but was staying there for Henry Jones, who had gone down the street.

There were many tales of the terrible affair yesterday. By some it was reported that the boy's head had been broken, and that murder had been committed to hide the crime. Some said that no outcry had been made and that no one knew of Russell being in the place, while others state that when Henry Jones left he pulled down the booth front, locked it and left Russell inside.

The proprietor of the "Alligator Boy" show, who claims to have lost $350, is said to have asked the Fair authorities to make good his loss, or a damage suit may be brought. In this several other fakirs join because of articles lost during the fire.

While the Midway folks are claiming damages, there are other complaints. There were hundreds of Midway people at the fire, and Mr. W. D. Brown, one of the restaurant men, says they stole everything they could lay their hands on. He claims that he had fifty dollars worth of cakes, meats and fruit stolen from him. They even stole the shoes he had been wearing, so he says, and one of them took his watch, but gave it back to him after the excitement was over.
FLAMES WIPE OUT A BUILDING AT A & M. COLLEGE

The Loss $10,000 and Fifty Students Forced to Return Home.

THE INSURANCE IS $6,000

Watanga Hall, Which Contained Dining Room, Kitchen and Dormitory Destroyed.

MANY STUDENTS LOST EVERYTHING

Fearless and Brave Work of Students and a Fine Water System Alone Saved the Main Building and Hospital.

A ten-thousand-dollar configuration visited the A. and M. College last night.

The Watanga building, in which was located the dining hall and kitchen and dormitory room for fifty students caught fire at 11 p.m. and was entirely destroyed.

The fifty students, who were asleep in the building, were aroused, and while every one escaped safely they lost nearly everything they had.

These fifty students will be compelled to return to their homes because there is no accommodation for them. They began to leave on the morning trains.

The college will be seriously interfered with, but the work of the institution will go on. The building was erected in 1894 at a cost of $9,000 and was insured for $6,000. The loss of property by students and furnishings belonging to the college was fully $1,000 if not twice that amount.

Both President Winston and Mr. W. S. Primrose, a member of the Board of Trustees, announced this morning that the building would be rebuilt at once.

Speaking of the effect of the fire on the college, President G. T. Winston said to a representative of the News and Observer:

"Of course the college will be seriously inconvenienced, as practically the entire student body boarded in the building that was burned. Arrangements will be made in the city for boarding students. The fifty young men who had quarters in the burned building will have to return home. We have no place for them, the other buildings being crowded to their utmost. It is a severe loss, especially to those students who lost everything."

But for the heroic and valiant work of the students the main building and the hospital building would have both gone up in smoke. It was only by the most skilful and courageous efforts of the college boys that the hospital building was saved. The wind was blowing from the direction of the burning structure to that building and the tongues of flames almost lapped the intervening space.

The fire was discovered by Frank Bailey, the janman and night watchman, about 11 o'clock. The blaze was on the floor of the kitchen when the discovery was made and according to Bailey it was a fairly good sized blaze. From all descriptions it began near the range in the kitchen and spread with remarkable rapidity. Mr. Bailey's thoughts were first of the slumbering students inside the college and he proceeded to arouse them. He was assisted by Cadet Weeks, who was early on the scene. The students were gotten up in quick time but the flames were devouring the building at a rapid rate and before they had hardly begun the work of saving their effects they were forced to retreat. The flames shot upwards from the kitchen, which was only one-story in height and advanced to the second story of the front part of the building, where the sleeping quarters of the students were located.

The alarm was sent to Raleigh by phone and urgent requests were made for the fire department to respond. The hook and ladder truck and the hose wagons were soon on the scene. The college is half a mile from the city limits and of course the fire department was of little assistance. The brilliancy of the flames was visible for miles and the smoke soon reached the city, the wind blowing in that direction. Hundreds of people were awakened and a great crowd went to the college, many of whom were indians and viewed the consuming flames.

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The college has a water supply of its own that is admirable. Three streams of water were turned on the adjacent buildings by the valiant students, who organized themselves in brigades, and but for this water supply and the efforts of the students the loss would be twice as great as it is. The water supply equalled that of the city so far as force is concerned. It was under the direction of Prof. Chas. Parks, of this city, who was among the first on the scene, and who deserves great credit for his services. The water supply is pumped from wells by a steam pump of 1000 gallons capacity per minute. There is a reservoir of 75,000 gallons capacity filled to the top and during the progress of the fire water was pumped into this reservoir.

The fire was a most spectacular one. The flames began their work about 11 p.m., and for a distance of one hundred yards the heat was intense. At 1 p.m., two hours later, the fire had lost little of its force and was still blazing away. It was confined inside the walls of the structure, which were still standing. At frequent intervals there were loud reports like the discharge of a rapid fire gun. Some thought this was the explosion of guns left in the building, but it was said to be the explosion of sections of the steam radiators.

To the students the greatest praise is due for their fearless and indefatigable efforts to save the buildings. They had to be restrained from entering the burning building to save property, when it looked as though the roof would fall in. Over on the Hospital building a little man braved the flames and with one stream of water, which they played on the structure to keep it wet, undoubtedly saved it from destruction. They subjected themselves to scorching heat and protected their persons with wet blankets. Prof. Burkehead, of the A. and M., and Chief Lumsden, of the fire department, were foremost in this effort. The students who stood faithfully by them were Messrs. Cannady, Ferree, Sandford and Snowden.

Mr. W. S. Primrose thought originally that the building cost $7,000, but after refreshing his memory he was certain that it cost $9,000. President Winston thinks the loss will be nearer $12,000 than $10,000. The insurance is $6,000.
FIRE HORSE BALKED.

Wagon Got Out of Engine House Ten Minutes After Alarm.

There were two alarms of fire yesterday, one from box 16 in the morning, and the other from box 37 last night. Neither amounted to anything. The one last night proved to be a fence near the Hillsboro street bridge.

The Rescue Company had trouble in getting away from the engine house, and it was fully ten minutes after the first alarm sounded before the driver was able to get the team out of the house. A balking horse that never had been worked before refused to move, despite the lashes that were applied to his back. Finally in desperation the firemen got out and pushed the wagon on him and he decided to go.
THE RECTORY ON FIRE

Property of Church of Good Shepherd in Danger.

Fire and Water Did Damage Amounting to About Seven Hundred Dollars.

But for energetic work by the Raleigh Fire Department yesterday shortly before noon there would have been a great loss to the Church of the Good Shepherd, and to Dr. I. McK. Pittinger.

It was nearly twelve o'clock when flames were seen issuing from the roof on the west end of the rectory, situated at the corner of McDowell and Morgan streets, adjoining the church. When first seen the flames were fast bursting through the shingles.

The building is of good and is two and a half stories high. The flames grew fiercer and were in full force when the fire companies arrived. Immediately ladders were thrown up and a hose was dragged in through a dormer window.

The firemen with axes made an opening inside, and water was shot into the flames. On the outside similar work was done and the flames gotten under control.

In doing this an immense amount of water was poured in under the shingles. This gathered in a perfect pond in the upper room and then began pouring through to the rooms below. The walls and ceiling were badly damaged and carpets soaked, while all the furniture was transferred to the east side of the house.

The rectory was insured in the Rochester German Company for $1,250 and the furniture was insured in the Helvetia Swiss Company for $1,250. The loss is estimated at from $500 to $900 by the insurance men present and Dr. Pittinger judged their estimate to be about correct. Seven hundred dollars is a fair valuation of the loss.

The fire started in the roof above an attic, and its origin is unknown. A defective fuse, matches and rats, and the electric light wire have all been suggested, but what caused it is unknown.

Dr. Pittinger was the only member of the family at home when the fire broke out. Mrs. Pittinger being out shopping and Miss Louise Pittinger being with her class at St. Mary's. The fire was discovered by parties on the outside.

Friends in the neighborhood offered the quarter of their home to Dr. Pittinger and family, and much sympathy was expressed because of the loss and the complications caused by the fire.
RESCUE FIRE COMPANY BANQUET.

Annual Oyster Supper Last Night Was an Elegant Occasion.

It was a highly delightful and appetizing oyster banquet, with trimmings that the Rescue Fire Company sat down to last night with a number of invited guests, at Dughi's Cafe, especially arranged for the occasion.

Earlier in the evening the company had held a business session in its hall, and adjournment was had to the banquet room, where the feast of good things was followed by a flood of oratory, in which the good work of the company, their elegant supper and their warm-hearted welcome were all properly eulogized.

The menu was in Dughi's fine style, an appetizing one. An oyster stew was followed by fried oysters, with celery and the necessary adjuncts. Then came assorted fruits and a "smoker" was begun as calls for speeches were made.

There were many responses, among them brief and well put talks being made by Messrs. Andrews, Womble, Correll, Britton, Crocker, L. H. Lumsden, R. E. Lumsden, Baker and others.

The Rescue Company was organized forty-two years ago, and the present foreman is R. E. Lumsden, assistant foreman W. C. White, Secretary W. A. Faustette. Among the members present last night besides these were J. S. Correll, J. N. McRary, J. F. Straughan, P. N. Pennington, S. P. Pennington, W. F. McDowell, W. W. Flow, E. A. Lassiter, Frank Brenig, W. P. Terry, C. J. Betts and Edwin McKee.

Fire and Narrow Escape.

Fire broke out last night about 8 o'clock in a small frame building, next to the Love warehouse on Davie street and did much damage to it.

The building is the property of Abraham Young, a butcher, and was occupied by Sallie Milliken, a washerwoman, who lost all her property and clothing.

The loss to the building, by both fire and water, is estimated at less than $50. The fire is supposed to have originated from the fire used to cook supper, though there is nothing definite.

An accident, by which there was a narrow escape from death occurred when the Hook and Ladder truck came dashing around Bloodworth street. As it turned into Davie there was a horse and buggy in the road and into this the truck dashed, smashing it to pieces. As one of the horses pulling the hook and ladder wagon rose straight up the horse attached to the buggy was pulled away. In the buggy was Mr. Buck Hudgins and a friend who, wonderful to say, escaped without injury.
Fixing for Firemen

Committees, Races Schedules and the Prizes Offered

Everything moving forward in a splendid meeting in Raleigh when the State Firemen Gather Here.

Yesterday the governing committee having in charge the arrangements for the Firemen’s Tournament and the annual meeting of the State Firemen’s Association here on July 22, 23 and 24 announced the full list of committees having in charge the great meeting here.

Several of the committees are already at work. The advertising committee has arranged for the thorough and elaborate posting of all sections of the State and as soon as the posters arrive will send a man out on the road to whoop up things in this line.

The soliciting committee made a start yesterday and today will continue its work. It is absolutely necessary to have money if the tournament is to be a success, and the business people who will be benefited should contribute freely and liberally. A full list of all contributions will be published today.

For the Association meetings it has been arranged that Rev. Dr. J. McK Pittinger will be chaplain, Mr. Joseph G. Brown will be treasurer of the event and Mr. Joseph E. Fugue chief marshal at the tournament. The sessions of the Firemen’s Association will be held each night in Metropolitan Hall. The races will be held on either lower Fayetteville or Hillsboro streets. This will be determined later.

The following are the complete lists of committees announced yesterday:

General Committee—Chief, L. H. Lumaden; assistant chief, E. H. Baker; foreman, R. E. Lumaden; assistant foreman, W. C. White; foreman, W. J. Andrews; assistant foreman, C. H. Betts; foreman, W. W. Parish; assistant foreman, John Pugh.


Track Committee—W. Z. Blake, E. B. Isley and C. R. Barbee.

Reception Committee—Mayor Powell, M. T. Leach and W. B. Snow.

Transportation Committee—C. G. Latta, C. H. Gattis and T. E. Green.

Apparatus and Hose Committee—T. P. Sale, W. Z. Blake and Fred Habel.


Auditing Committee—John Forrall, F. H. Briggs and H. W. Jackson.

The Prizes Offered:

Engine Contest—Quick steam: First prize, $50; second prize, $35.

Engine Contest—Long distance: First prize, $50; second prize, $30; third prize $20.

Hose Wagon Race—First prize, $55; second prize, $50; third prize, $15.

Hand Reel Race—First prize, $75; second prize, $50; third prize, $25.

Crab Reel Race—First prize, $40; second prize, $50; third prize, $15.

Hook and Ladder Contest—First prize, $100; second prize, $50; third prize, $25.

Individual Foot Race—Gold medal.

Special Feature Races—Egg, $2.50; wheelbarrow, $2.50; sack, $2.50; burdell, $2.50.
OUR FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

What the Fireman's Herald, of New York, Says of It and Capt. McNell.

The Fireman's Herald, of New York, in its issue of June 6, has the following complimentary notice of the Firemen's Association of North Carolina, and of its president, Capt. James D. McNell:

"One of the state Firemen's Associations that has accomplished something for the benefit of its own members and the people and property owners of the entire State as well as that of North Carolina, which is one of the best organized and conducted of the many State organizations that exist.

It was organized in 1868 and no firemen's organization has accomplished more since then than this one.

Its president now and during the past seven years has been James D. McNell, of Fayetteville, who represents that district in the State Senate, and the association through his efforts has had a law enacted compelling all incorporated villages and towns to have a fire department and all to have a "Chief of Fire Department," as the law reads, to be appointed by city councils or boards of commissioners. The chief under this law has the full charge of the department and the extinguishing of fires and is something more than a figurehead. He is chief de facto.

President McNell and the association are not satisfied with the mere enactment of these excellent laws, but they want them enforced, and he is constantly going about the State from place to place looking after their interests. He goes to villages and towns having no protection whatever, meets the people, talks the matter over with them, advises them what apparatus is best suited to their requirements and assists them in procuring it and organizing a department. To his efforts is due a number of well-organized and equipped departments and the reorganization and improvement of others.

They have also had enacted a law compelling the investigation of fires by chiefs and other officers under the direction of the Insurance Commissioner, and this President McNell also looks after and instructs in its operation.

The services he has rendered in getting such good laws enacted and then continuing the work in having them carried into operation by his personal efforts is deserving of more than a passing notice. He has established a custom which might be followed in other States of all sections with benefit alike to firemen and the public.

By their fruits ye shall know them.

If the position of the North Carolina Firemen's Association is to be determined by what it has accomplished, it stands well toward the head, and is still advancing. It is not heard of as frequently as some of our Northern organizations, but when it is heard from, as in this instance, it is something worth hearing.

The result of these laws and President McNell's efforts will be that in due time that will be one of the best fire protected States in the Union and fires reduced to a minimum."
APPRECIATES FIREFRNMEN'S WORK.

Mrs. Florence P. Tucker Donates $50 and Says Kind Words.

Mrs. Florence P. Tucker has made a liberal donation to the Raleigh Fire Department. Recognizing its good work, and especially that shown in the recent Hobby-O'Kelly livery stable fire she has sent $50 to the department as a slight token of her appreciation, the funds to be used as may be deemed best. In her letter of transmittal she says:

"The vigilence, energy and self-sacrifice of its members, especially as they receive no compensation for their services, is worthy of the commendation and good will of all our people."

A reply was made by Chief L. H. Lumsden, who returned thanks for the department, both for the gift and the words of commendation, the letter closing with these words:

"The fifty dollars will be used for the advancement and improvement of the Department, while your approving words will ever be cherished by each member thereof, serving as an incentive to greater deeds of daring, and better service as firemen, ever keeping in view the maxim, 'Where duty calls, 'tis ours to obey.'"
A GREAT FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

Twenty-Eight Companies and Perhaps More Will Come to Raleigh.

President Jas. D. McNeall, of the State Fireman's Association, is delighted with the selection of Mr. Joseph E. Pogue as chief marshal of the tournament and says that it is an admirable selection.

He writes that the firemen will give Raleigh a brilliant show. In his letter he says: "All indications point to a full attendance at this meeting. I am unable to specify the number of companies yet but twenty-eight have already reported to me that they will attend, and I want fifty if possible."

A great crowd is sure to be here on July 22, 23, 24, and the news that 28 companies are coming means that twice as many as have been at other tournaments will be here.

The Advertising committee of the Firemen's Tournament met yesterday and arranged to have Mr. J. Sherwood Upchurch to bill the towns of the State with large handsome illustrated posters.
EXHIBITION RACES

A Big Crowd Saw the Fireman Run Yesterday.

A big crowd gathered yesterday evening to witness the exhibition races of the fire companies, and they were well worth seeing. Everything was carried through with the greatest possible dispatch after the races were once started. There was a delay, owing to the fact of the baseball game not starting until 5 o'clock, and it had been decided not to have the exhibition until after the ball game.

The races were exciting. It made one's blood run quicker to see the boys drop off from the hose wagons as the horses galloped past at full speed, attach the hose to the hydrant and have a stream at the nozzle a hundred yards away long before you can get through reading these words. It was great. And then the hand reel race, so light and airy looking after the two horse wagons. But the hook and ladder exhibition is perhaps the small boy, and the large boy, too, for that matter, likes best to see, with its spectacular ladder climbing and ladder-running-down, (how can I express it better?)

From all appearances, excellent time was made, but for obvious reasons it cannot be published.

The start of the hose wagon was in front of Mr. Charley Johnson's house on Hillsboro street. The run was two hundred yards to the hydrant at Dawson street and one hundred yards further, laying six sections of hose. The Rescue and Capital City hose wagons took part.

First the Rescue wagon made its run, and it was a pretty one. Mr. Bob Little jumped with the butt at the hydrant, and Mr. Horton with the coupling breaker at the end of the run. Mr. Frank Simpson, who generally jumps with the butt, was hurt in practice a few days ago, but he will probably be in shape for the tournament.

The Capital Company had bad luck on their first run, as the butt blew off just after they got it to the hydrant. They tried it again, however, and a prettier run has perhaps never been seen. Mr. John Mangum jumped with the butt, and Mr. T. Pool with the coupling breaker. Mr. Jim Jordan pulled slick yesterday for both wagons.

The Capital Company received its new rubber-tired wheels yesterday, but they did not come in time to use at the exhibition.
THREE DAYS WITH THE STATE FIREMEN

Splendid Prospects For the Meeting of the North Carolina State Fireman's Association.

THE GALLANT AND HEROIC FIGHTERS OF FIRE

Gather In Raleigh This Week For the Tournament.

Exciting Races and Big Prizes.

Thousands Are Coming to Raleigh On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to See the Spectacular Parade and the Strenuous Racing Contests to Be Participated In By Firemen From Over Thirty-two Cities and Towns.

All things are ready for a week of excitement and fun.

Tuesday all who take part in the contest will have their necessary equipment here, ready to do their best to take back to their homes the trophies which are to be won.

The meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday, this beginning the events of the week of the Fourteenth Annual Convention and Tournament. The meeting will be held in Metropolitan Hall, and the order of exercises will be as follows:


The tournament features of the meeting take place on Wednesday and Thurs-
Over Thirty-two Cities and Towns.

All things are ready for a week of rare interest and pleasure in Raleigh.

For three days the city will belong to the firemen of the State and in great number they will be gathered in Raleigh.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 22, 23 and 24 are the days, and each of these will be filled to overflowing with events full of interest, and of such attractiveness as to draw thousands of visitors to the city.

It is not alone a meeting of an organization of firemen that will be held, but trained men, fleet of foot, with unfaltering nerve, with flashing eyes seeking place for skilled hands, will give exhibitions of the best work of which men who fight fire are capable.

The association, organized with fifty members in 1898, has steadily grown, and now it numbers in its ranks almost every fire department in the State. It has grown because it has been a thing needed. It has grown because it deserved to grow and because people recognized that its mission was one of humanity and that in its noblest form.

The events of this week are of state wide importance and from every section of our borders there will come people. Some of these will be the firemen themselves, but they will meet here a host of people who are in sympathy with them, and who will come because of the great attractiveness of the programme and of the stirring events which will go to fill up the days of the meeting and of the splendid tournament which is to follow.

The officers of the State organization are typical of the men who form the great body of the association. They are not hired officials, they are not in their position for the money they are to get out of them, but they are there to be of service to the State, and they are to be complimented on the sterling service which they are rendering.

The men who make up the official head of the North Carolina State Fire-

business.

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crowds are expected in Raleigh. The programme of the events of these two days is as follows:

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The men who make up the official head of the North Carolina State Firemen’s Association are James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, president; H. L. Higgins, of Winston, First Vice-President; and T. A. Green, of New Bern, Second Vice-President. The Secretary is W. G. Williamson, and the Treasurer, T. A. Green. The Statistician is L. J. Taylor.

Over thirty-two cities and towns are to be represented on this occasion. From some of them will come delegates to the State Association meeting which is to be held on Tuesday, while others will send trained corps of men who will take part in the various exciting contests which will go to make up the spectacular event of the great tournament.

The apparatus of a number of companies has already arrived, and before the crowds are expected in Raleigh. The programme of the events of these two days is as follows:

Wednesday, July 22, 9 a.m.—Street parade; 11 a.m., engine contest; 2 p.m., horse and wagon races; 3:30 p.m., baseball; 5:30 p.m., championship reel races; 8:30 p.m., band concert.

Thursday, July 23, 9 a.m.—Hook and ladder contest; 11 a.m., hand reel contests; 3:30 p.m., special feature races; 4:30 p.m., baseball.

In addition the regular programme laid out will be the lawn parties and vaudeville given under the auspices of the Ice Mission Band, the Baseball Association, and the Firemen’s Association. The lawn parties will take place at Nash Square and the vaudeville will be a feature at the Academy of Music on the night of Wednesday, July 22, when a splendid programme will be presented.

The scope of the work, and the extensive preparation made for the reception and entertainment of the firemen will be seen in the list of prizes offered in the different contests, the variety of these, and the many committees having in hand the arrangements and conduct of the reception and the tournament.

In the contests the governing rules will be those of the North Carolina State Firemen’s Association and prizes are offered as follows:

Engine contest, long distance, first prize, $50.00; second prize, $30.00; third prize, $20.00.

Engine contest, quick steam, first prize, $50.00; second prize, $35.00.

Hook and ladder contest, first prize, $100.00; second prize, $50.00; third prize, $25.00.

Hand reel race, first prize, $75.00; second prize, $50.00; third prize, $25.00.

Grab race, first prize, $40.00; second prize, $25.00; third prize, $15.00.

Hose wagon race, first prize, $50.00; second prize, $30.00; third prize, $25.00.

Egg race, $2.50; hurdle race, $2.50; sack race, $2.50; wheelbarrow race, $2.50.

Individual foot race, gold medal.

Track nearly level, slightly down grade at finish. Hydrant on right-hand side of track. Water pressure at hydrant forty-five pounds.

The contest in the various reel and
running races take place on Hillsboro
street, where a splendid grand stand,
which will accommodate thousands, has
been erected. The hook and ladder con-
tests take place on New Bern avenue
and the steamer contests on Fayetteville
street, corner of Davie.

The various committees having in
charge the details of the meeting and
tournament are properly led by the
Chief Marshal of the Parade, Joseph E.
Pogue. Under his wise management this
parade will be made a splendid event.

There will be fifty marshals on
horseback, and the fire companies
and contestants from the various
towns will take part. There will
be music, and plenty of it, and the
parade will be made a spectacular event. It is
probable that there will be many floats and that the
firemen in addition to those in
uniform, will appear in many
unique forms.

Among the assistant marshals
who have already given notice of
acceptance are Messrs: B. W.
Baker, J. R. Ferris, William Boy-
kan, John Harden, F. A. Habel, W.
B. Mann, Lynn Wilder, J. J. Toler,
H. J. Brown, C. L. Davis, J. W.
Cross, Jos. Correll, Rawley Gallo-
way, J. B. Stronach, J. D. Whitaker,
Jr.; George Harden, J. U. Smith,
W. J. Crews, W. C. Stronach, T. H.
Murray, W. H. King, E. E. Brought-
ton, Baxter Durham, O. B. Penny,
C. F. Lamsden, F. T. Ward, C. A.
Separk, C. D. Tucker, F. B. Philips,
J. P. Whitley, Frank Stronach, W.
H. Dunn, S. M. Young, John H.
Andrews, Brown Pegram, A. P.
Bauman, F. P. Haywood, I. T.
Jones, Ike Sellars, E. V. Denton,
Frank Allen, J. F. Litchford, M.
Grausman, Allan Higgs, J. A. Turner,
E. B. McKee, Wm. Green, T. J. Ponce,
F. H. Hunnicutt, C. H. Gattis, W. N.
H. Smith, S. J. Hindsdale, H. P. Dortch,
J. W. Halford, N. J. Carroll, W. M.
Allen, Coburn Harris, J. Y. McPherson
and W. E. Kennedy.

The other committees are as follows:

Greensboro Hook and Ladder Company
—O. D. Boycott, foreman.

Winston Steam Fire Engine Company
No. 2—W. B. Little, foreman.

Winston Hook and Ladder Company
No. 1—R. C. Taylor, foreman.

Concord Hose and Reel Company No.
1—F. L. Miller, foreman.

New Bern Steam Fire Engine Company
—A. E. Hibbard, foreman.

New Bern Atlantic Steam Fire Engine
Company—W. F. Richardson, foreman.

W. C. VON CLAHRN.

Wilmington, N.C., Secretary State Fire-
men's Association.

Wilson Fire Company—T. J. Hadley,
Jr., foreman.

Tarboro Hook and Ladder Company—
John A. Waddill, Jr., foreman.

Durham Hose Company No. 1—J. J.
Phelps, foreman.

Durham Hose Company No. 2—L. L.
Clark, foreman.
The other committees are as follows:

- Tarboro Hook and Ladder Company—John A. Waddill, Jr., foreman.
- Durham Hose Company No. 1—J. J. Phipps, foreman.
- Durham Hose Company No. 2—L. L. Clark, foreman.
- Fayetteville Fire Company—C. L. Jones, foreman.
- Goldsboro Fire Company No. 1—H. L. McCull, foreman.
- Goldsboro Eclipse Fire Engine Company—Max Cohn, foreman.
- Salisbury Hook and Ladder Company—M. V. B. Carps, foreman.
- Salisbury Hose Company No. 1—C. N. Swink, foreman.
- Elizabeth City Fire Company—A. C. Stokes, foreman.
- Spencer Fire Company No. 1—J. M. Morgan, foreman.
- Burlington Fire Company—B. T. Tengue, foreman.
- Monroe Fire Company—S. J. Welsh, foreman.
- Rocky Mount Fire Company—J. J. Battle, foreman.
- High Point Hose Company—A. B. Horne, foreman.
- Raleigh Hook and Ladder Company—W. W. Parish, foreman.

Besides these thirty-two companies there is expected representation and probable company attendance from a number of other organizations, and delegates from nearly every town in the State. Every mayor and fire official has been especially invited and the courtesy of a seat in the convention extended to them.

With all these interesting events as magnets of attraction and so large a part of the State deeply interested in the firemen the outlook for a great and glorious meeting here this week is a rosy one. That a splendid crowd will be here is certain, and the city is put-
Firemen’s Association.

Governing Committee—Chief L. H. Lumsden; Assistant Chief, E. H. Baker; Foreman, R. E. Lumsden; Assistant Foreman, W. C. White; Foreman W. J. Andrews; Assistant Foreman, W. W. Parish; Assistant Foreman, John Pugh. Music Committee—A. J. Thomas, R. E. Lumsden and W. C. White.

Reception Committee—Mayor Powell, M. T. Leach and W. B. Snow.


Track Committee—W. Z. Blake, E. B. Rain and C. B. Barbee.


Apparatus and Horse Committee—T. P. Sale, W. Z. Blake and Fred Habel.

Transportation Committee—C. G. Latta, C. H. Gatts and T. E. Green.


The teams from the various cities which are to be represented have been actively at practice work and the contests promises to be most splendid.

Among the thirty-two and more companies which are to participate in the tournament are the following:

Charlotte Fire Company No. 1—W. S. Orr, foreman.
Charlotte Reel Team No. 1—B. J. Swinson, foreman.
Salem Eagle Hose Company No. 4—C. E. Tesh, foreman.
Greensboro Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1—John Lewis, foreman.
Greensboro Eagle Hose Company No. 4—H. J. Elam, foreman.

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W. S. ORR. CHARLOTTE, N. C.
Second Vice-President State Firemen’s Association.

We All Make Them.

(Youth’s Companion.)

A Massachusetts business firm prints this paragraph at the top of its letter head—Errors—we make them; so does every one. We will cheerfully correct them if you will write to us. Try to write good naturally if you can, but write to us anyway. Do not complain to some one else first or let the matter pass. We want first opportunity to make a
IT WAS RALEIGH'S TIME YESTERDAY

Our Boys Smashed Two World's Records.

THE TOURNAMENT IS OVER

Raleigh Won the Hook and Ladder and Hand Reel Contests.

SPENCER TOOK THE GRAB REEL RACE

Individual Foot Race Was Won by Spencer, Bass of Tarboro, J. H. Sides, of Spencer, Captures the Special Feature Races.

If Wednesday was Goldsboro day in the great Firemen's Tournament, yesterday was surely Raleigh day. Our brave boys broke two world's records, one in the Hook and Ladder contest and one in the Hand Reel race.

An enormous crowd was out again yesterday morning to see the known run, and that crowd went wild when Raleigh's time in the Hook and Ladder contest was announced. A splendid bouquet of flowers, offered to the winning company by Messrs. L. O'Quinn & Co., was presented to the Raleigh team on the spot by President McNeill, with a brief congratulatory speech. Upon this the band was played.

The reel team of the Capital Hose Company, No. 3, also covered itself with glory by establishing a new world's record, 27.55 seconds, for the Hand Reel race of 180 yards. It was a pretty run, and the boys deserve all the applause and the nice words that they got.

The Spencer team made a fine showing in this race, being just one second behind the champions. Charlotte was about another second behind Spencer, and won third prize, in a splendid attempt.


INDIVIDUAL FOOT RACE

The individual foot race was won by Spencer Bass, of Tarboro. Time 10.45 seconds.

The judges in the above races were: Horace King, Gaston Madison, W. L. Linton, Q. E. Smith, J. F. Maddry and Capt. J. D. McNeill.

SPECIAL FEATURE RACES

The wheel-barrow race, egg and sack races were won by J. H. Sides, of Spencer team, the prize being $2.50 to each race.

The following is the list of the teams represented in the great tournament here and the firemen composing the teams they sent:

DURHAM.


HOSE COMPANY No. 2


HOSE COMPANY No. 1


GOLDBORO FIRE COMPANY No. 1


ELIZABETH CITY.

A. C. Stokes, chief; Charles Reid, assistant chief; George Martin, George Turtles, Luther Mann, Guy Brackett, Fred Sanders, Will Steger, J. C. Matthews, Charlie Perry, Jim Richardson, Osler Commander, Cliff Wood, Jim Hill, Zeb Parker, Monroe Bright, John Col.
about another second behind Spencer, and won third prize, in a splendid attempt.

Spencer has something to be proud of in the fact that her team took first place in the grab reel races, with the fastest time of 20 seconds. The Raleigh team was second in this race, and Concord third. There was only a difference of 1-5th of a second between Raleigh and Concord. It was pretty work.

The management is to be congratulated upon the promptness and dispatch with which yesterday's events were pulled off, according to the original program the grab reel, special feature and individual foot race were to have been run in the afternoon, but the morning contests were run off so promptly that there was time left before dinner for those races, and they were called without delay, and all were finished by about two o'clock. This enabled a large number of the women and children to get off by the afternoon trains, and saved a whole day in some cases.

Among those who left in the afternoon were President James D. McKell, of Fayetteville, and Secretary W. C. Van Glahn, of Wilmington. President McKell left a parting message for the people of Raleigh, thanking them heartily both for himself and in the name of the entire association for their splendid treatment in the capital city.

Every one agrees, the chiefs, firemen and visitors who are not firemen, that the tournament was a tremendous success, and perhaps the greatest one ever held in the history of the association. In regard to the performance of the teams, the number of spectators and the general interest and enthusiasm.

The great success of the tournament is due in large measure to the unceasing work, long experience and ever-present courtesy of President McKell and Secretary Van Glahn.

The first contest yesterday morning was for Hook and Ladder Companies, and it came off before 9 o'clock. There were only two entries, The W. H. Womble Hook and Ladder Company, of this city, and the Greensboro Hook and Ladder Company. The home team was the winner and broke the world's record. The time made was 44 2-5 seconds. The previous world's record was 44 4-5. The Greensboro team made the trip in 53 seconds, winning the second prize of $55. The first prize was $110.

The members of the winning team are John Push, captain; W. C. Parrish, Edgar Peebles, Henry Olive, Charlie Otter, Lonnie Hugwell, John Wynne and Archie Reddiltte. The driver of the truck was Mr. Bud Pool, and he did the work to perfection. The ladder was scaled by Mr. Charlie Otter. Mr. W. C. Parthis is foreman of the company.

The judges in the contest were R. D. Inschlag, John Davis and M. J. Macmadd. The time-keepers were George Hardin, W. S. Orr and H. T. Day.

TURRILY. Luther Mann, Clay Brooklett, Fred Sanders, Will Stiger, J. C. Macmillan, Charlie Berry, Jim Richardson, Osler Commander, Cliff Wood, Jim Hill, Zeb Parker, Monroe Bright, John Cupper, Leonie Davis and T. C. Hamb.

TARBOHO.


CONCORD.


MONROE.

Dr. S. J. Weiss, chief, Dr. W. B. Houston, foreman; J. T. Coretll, assistant foreman.

Reel Team: D. C. Austin, Tom Cram, L. J. W. Glover, captain; Claude West, wrenchman, Will Malone, butler, Chas Sides, brakeman; Burt Howard, nozleman; D. L. Sides, assistant brakeman, Rob Sawyer, driver.

NEW BERN.


GREENSBORO.


HAYWOOD.

W. W. Irvine, chief.

Reel Team: R. Swift Davis, president; Henry Roodger, captain; R. J. Swanson, foreman; Lloyd Petros, pluggman; Jim Porter, nozleman; John Davidson, wrenchman. The rope: Frank Dor, Charlie Wills, McReady, Charlie Nicholls, Wade Poi.

Steamer: Chief Irvine, W. L. Dower.
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The judges in the contest were R. D. Douglas, W. B. Bailey and J. F. Maddry. The time-keepers were George Hurdin, J. W. Orr and H. T. Day.

The hand reel races were held on Hillsboro street and began at 11 o’clock. The Capital Hose Company of Raleigh, made the run in 25 3-5 seconds, which broke the world’s record and took first prize, $75.

Spencer made the run in 26 3-5 seconds, and won second prize, $50; Charlotte took third prize, $25. Time 27 1/2 seconds.

The other contestants were: Monroe, 30 1-5; Salem, 29; Rescue, ruled out; Concord, 29 3-5; Tarboro, ruled out.

The work of the Capital Hose Company’s team was especially remarkable from the fact that it was only organized five weeks ago, and consequently has had only that length of time to practice. The team is as follows: Henry Carver, John Watson, nozzleman; Earl Hughes, butman; Ed. Parish, wrenchman; Tobe Poole, coupler; Stonewall J. Adams, Robert Wynne, Mason; Jeff Coke, Alf. Thompson, Jr., Woodruff Phillips, Chauncey Woodall, E. W. Gaither, Hubert Horton, Harry Lee, John Evans, Claude Freeman and Ed. Ennis.

THE GRAB RACES.

The Spencer team came out first in the grab reel contests. Their time was 20 seconds, prize, $40. Capital Hose, Raleigh, came second, in 22 1-5, prize, $25; Concord won third prize, time 22 2-5; Salem, ruled out; Rescue, Raleigh, ruled out; Charlotte, ruled out; Tarboro, ruled out.

The Spencer team was composed of the:

GREENSBORO.


CHARLOTTE.

W. W. Irvine, Chief.


Steamer—Chief Irvine, W. L. Deveroeux, Will Walker, engineer, and Dick Canaday.

ROCKY MOUNT.


SPENCER.

J. T. Morgan, Chief. Reel team given above.

SALEM.


For County Commissioner.

S. W. TERRILL, of Wake Forest Township.

Mr. S. W. Terrell is a prominent farmer and merchant at Rolesville, also senior member of the firm of S. W. Terrell & Son, of Raleigh, are well known and a successful business man.

At Newport, R. I., today Miss Lillie Oelrichs will be married to Peter Martin, of San Francisco, and on Saturday Miss Sarah Van Allen will wed Robert J. Collier.
COLORED FIREMEN

State Meeting And Tournament In Raleigh.

The Association Meets Tuesday and the Tournament Contains Promises to Be Very Interesting.

The colored firemen of the State will be in force in Raleigh this week, for it is here that their annual meeting and tournament are to take place.

The business meeting of the association takes place on Tuesday and the sessions will be held in Metropolitan Hall. It is expected that there will be a large attendance and the entries for the tournament indicate that this will be a great feature.

The officers of this association are: President, J. S. Plummer; First Vice-Pres. J. G. Latta; Second Vice-Pres. F. F. Chambers; Treasurer, J. H. Edwell; Financial Secretary, L. C. L. A. Taylor; Recording Secretary, Peter Collins; Statistician, P. W. Steel; Marshal, Sylvester Dibble.

The programme for the Thirteenth Annual Convention and Tournament of the North Carolina State Firemen’s Association, colored, to be held here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 24, 25 and 26th, is as follows:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.
9:00 a.m.—Street parade; 11 a.m. Hand Engine Contest: 2 p.m., Hook and Ladder Contest; 3:30 p.m., Championship Hand Reel Contest; 5 p.m., Chemical Contest; 8:30 p.m., the Oriental Dramatic Company will present a drama in three acts, entitled “Saved from the Wreck,” for the benefit of the Firemen’s Tournament.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26.
10 a.m., Hose Wagon Race; 11 a.m., Hand Reel Contest; 2 p.m., Grab Reel Contest; 3:30 p.m., Special Feature Races.

PRIZES.

All contests to be governed by the rules of the North Carolina State Firemen’s Association. Engine contest, first prize, $10.00; engine contest, second prize, $5.00; chemical contest, first prize, $5.00; chemical contest, second prize, $3.00; hook and ladder contest, first prize, $2.50; hook and ladder contest, second prize, $1.50. State Championship Hand Reel Contest—Hand reel race, State Belt, hand reel race, first prize, $10; hand reel race, second prize, $7; hand reel race, third prize, $5; grab race, first prize, $2.00; grab race, second prize, $1.50; grab race, third prize, $1.00; hose wagon race, first prize, $10; hose wagon race, second prize, $5; whole hose wagon race, $2.00; whole hose wagon race, $1.00; whole hose wagon race, $0.50; track nearly dead, slightly down grade at finish. Hydrant off right hand side of track. Water pressure at hydrant 40 pounds.

THE COMMITTEES.


Music Committee—R. W. Watson, Julius Kelly, Willis Haywood.

Soliciting Committee—Wm. H. Palmer, C. W. Hoover, Jas. K. Hamlin.

The Executive Committee is request to meet at Victor Hall, Firemen’s headquarters.


Among the contributions made for the tournament are:

TOURNAMENT OVER

Raleigh Colored Boys Did Good Work Yesterday.


The colored Firemen’s Tournament is over.

The final races yesterday again drew tremendous crowds.

Raleigh did a large part of the winning this time.

The first number on the programme yesterday morning was the Hose Wagon contest. There was only one entry in this event, the Victor Hose Wagon of Raleigh.

The run was 300 yards, and the prize was $30.

The Raleigh wagon made a splendid run, and the butaman and coupler jumped in perfect style and made the attachment of the hose without a hitch. The horses were expertly handled by the driver. The good time of 45 2-5 seconds was made.

Raleigh won first prize in the Hand Reel races, too. Her time was 30 seconds. The course was 150 yards, and 150 yards of hose were laid.

Charlotte took second prize, with 33 1-5 seconds, and Salisbury was third, with 33 seconds.

There was great interest in these races, and the excitement ran high.

The prizes in this race were $25, $15 and $10.

The last thing was the Grab Reel Races, at about 4:30 in the afternoon.

Winston won in 23 2-5 seconds. The Red Hots of Wilson, were second, with 24 1-5, and Henderson got third prize with time just 1-5 of a second longer. The prizes were the same as in the hand reel races.
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
INFIRMARY BURNED

Completely Destroyed in Thirty Minutes.

GIRLS ALL SAFE AND WELL

Eight Sick Girls Were in Infirmary—Heroic Effort of A. and M. Students Saved Main Building—Estimated Loss $1,500

Fire companies worked heroically on the buildings immediately adjacent and by wonderful work succeeded in confining the flames to the infirmary. Six of the great oaks, which surrounded the infirmary, burned furiously and scattered sparks over the surrounding building.

School girls carried buckets of water and the intensity of their efforts made a pretty sight. Night came on and the light of the flames gave the color picture of cadets and school girls joining their efforts to control the flames.

Most of the furniture and personal effects were saved through the efforts of the A. and M. boys and Mrs. Quinley, the housekeeper, and Mrs. Walton, the matron, were the greatest losers. All their personal effects were in the building at the time. Only a few articles of clothing were lost by the girls.

The building was a frame one, recently built, and contained about seven rooms.

Dr. Bratton, when seen by a News and Observer reporter, said the loss would probably amount to fifteen hundred dollars. The building was partly insured—how much he did not know, this matter being left to a committee of the trustees.

Dr. Bratton said, "through the News and Observer, I wish to thank the A. and M. boys for their heroic, unselfish efforts—the fire department, who responded so nobly to my request for aid, and the citizens generally who aided materially in saving the personal effects."

All of the young ladies are well cared for, and the girls assembled at tea as if nothing had occurred. There is absolutely no reason for any anxiety on the part of friends or relatives of students, as Dr. Bratton has seen to it that the best was done for each one.
A ROAR OF FLAMES AFTER LIGHTNING

Cameron Residence Occupied by Dr. Hay Destroyed.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNINGING

Outside of the City Limits the House Burns

While People Get 1, and Only a Portion of the Household Effects are Saved.

Lightning did destructive work in Raleigh early yesterday morning, setting fire to the residence in West Raleigh, occupied by Dr. T. T. Hay, this being totally destroyed.

During Monday night a violent wind, rain, thunder and lightning storm raged in Raleigh. From eleven to 11:30 o'clock, the downpour was terrific.

This ended then, but later the rain began again and there were vivid flashes of lightning, the intensity of these showing that the storm was far from over.

At exactly 3:10 yesterday morning the fire alarm bell sounded. During the night it had been heard a number of times, caused by the lightning, but soon the regularity of the strokes told that the flames were at work.

The alarm was from box 212, corner of Fayetteville and Hurghett streets, turned in by some one who had seen the reflection of the flames out in the western part of the city. The fire companies responded promptly and went on the run on Hillsboro street.

The fire was finally located and at first it was thought St. Mary's was in flames, and then the residence of Rev. T. D. Bratton. But it was just beyond this, the Cameron place, occupied by the family of Dr. T. T. Hay, being on fire with no hopes of saving it.

The residence, a two story frame one, is out of the city limits and the house company could make no connection by which they could reach the flames. The crowd that collected could only stand and see the house burn to the ground, without having the power to do anything.

Before three o'clock the members of the family were aroused by a crash of thunder, following a vivid and sharp flash of lightning. The noise was so near that it was thought the house, or something near at hand, had been struck. The walls about the fire place told the story of a house on fire.

There were in the house Dr. T. T. Hay, Mr. Walter Hay, Mr. Oscar Hay, the Misses Hay and Miss Peoples. At once an alarm was given and the family went to work to remove the household effects. A few neighbors, among these Mr. W. J. Crews and Mr. Will Hughes were early on the scene and rendered valuable assistance.

The piano was gotten out, as well as much furniture and many pictures, besides some trunks and other household articles, though a very large amount of goods was destroyed.

The flames seem to have caught along the entire side of the second story frame house along the chimney in the course of the lightning rod. A tree blasted by lightning is close at hand, and it is thought the lightning first struck the tree and then jumped to the house, tearing its course along the lightning rod and setting fire to the house.

The flames spread very rapidly and in twenty minutes past three o'clock were raging fiercely. Even though the rain had poured in torrents on the building it burned like dry tinder. Trees in the yard caught on fire and burned. The heat was so intense that the crowd had to back away from it and in this crowd there were a number of ladies.

By four o'clock, though the flames were still burning the house was practically gone. It stands in a grove to itself and no other place was in danger. The family were cared for at Dr. Bratton's during the night and yesterday the Presbyterian parsonage was rented for use till further arrangements could be made.

Every effort was made to reach people in Raleigh and the fire department by telephone, but every telephone in the neighborhood seemed to be burned out and it was not possible to get a message through to the city. Even when the fire companies did arrive they could be of no service for lack of water.

The residence burned is part of the Cameron estate, in which is the home of Mrs. Seaton Gales, Sr., of New York, the house having been built by Major Gales. The loss is estimated at the value of the house, from $1,500 to $1,800. The furniture and personal effects destroyed in the house are put at about $1,000, the heaviest loss being that of Mr. Walter Hay. A portion of this loss is covered by insurance.

During the night the lightning also struck the cupola at the residence of Mr. A. S. B. Lindsey, tearing a portion of it down. In the house at the time were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Taylor. In speaking of the lightning, Mr. Taylor says it shot across the bed and knocked his watch from the chair.

A number of trees were struck and the terrific force of the wind tore off the branches of many, while the rain ran torrents in the streets. Many telephones were burnt out and many electric lights met the same fate, the electric suspension lights being also extinguished.
HOSE WAGON TURNED OVER.

Three Firemen Hurt in Practice Yesterday on New Bern Avenue.

What might have been a very serious accident occurred yesterday evening during the practice of the fire companies on New Bern Avenue.

While being driven at top speed the new racing wagon of the ac'pital Hose Company overturned, cutting and bruising severely three members of the company.

The three men hurt were: Richard Pool, the driver, Ira Kimball and Harry Lee. None is badly injured. Pool's chief hurt is a deep cut on the knee; Kimball is bruised about the head, and Lee's right arm is badly cut.

The accident occurred at Broughton's corner, Person Street and New Bern Avenue, at nearly 7 o'clock. The horse driven to the light wagon is a bloooded animal, and somewhat shy of the large crowds that usually line the streets at the practice hour.

While at his utmost speed yesterday evening he shied toward the sidewalk, throwing the front wheel of the wagon against a pole on the sidewalk, turning the wagon completely over. The horse was thrown down with great violence and considerably scratched up. The front portion of the wagon was damaged considerably.

Dr. A. T. Cotton and A. W. Goodwin attended the injured firemen at once.

Mr. Fred Woolcott had a narrow escape. He was directly in the path of the wagon, but did not see that anything was wrong until the flying horse was within a few feet of him. He ducked down low, and as the wagon turned over, the upturned side passed over him as he crouched down.

Driver Pool said last night he would be on his seat this afternoon, and the other injured men also say they will be on hand for practice today.
RALEIGH BEATS ITS OWN TIME IN THE REEL RACE.

Goldsboro Teams Break Records in Horse Hose Wagon Contests.

RALEIGH NEXT IN LINE

Thousands of People Saw the Great Parade of the Firemen Which Was Over Three-Quarters of a Mile in Length.

(Special to News and Observer.
Durham, N. C., August 13.—The contests on the race course this afternoon consisted in the championship reel race and contest between the steamers. The championship race was run by the Capital hose team, of Raleigh, alone, this team making a race against the record of last year. No other team contested. Last year the Capital team made the three-hundred yards and showed water in 47 2-5 seconds. This record was lowered today, the time being 46 4-5 seconds. Under the rules of the association the prize now goes to Raleigh, having won it three consecutive times.

There were six engines entered in the steamer contest. Only four of these contests were pulled off and the remaining two, New Bern No. 1 and Rocky Mount, will be pulled off early tomorrow, the time made by the four steamers this afternoon were as follows; Elizabeth City, quick steam in three minutes and eight and two-fifths seconds, long distance 245 feet and two inches. Charlotte not entered in quick steam, long distance 238. Atlantic team, New Bern, ruled out quick steam. Did not enter long distance. Greensboro long distance 214 feet end four inches.

Tomorrow the reel and grab races will take place, these after the two engines in the early morning.

World's records were lowered in the horse hose wagon contests this morning. Goldsboro had two teams entered and both broke all records of the past and won first and second prizes.

It was between 11 and 12 o'clock when the first race was pulled off. There were six teams entered, as follows: Salisbury, Eclipse, of Goldsboro; Goldsboro No. 1; Fayetteville, Rescue, of Raleigh; Capital Hose Company, of Raleigh.

The time made by the various teams was as follows:
Salisbury, 36 4-5.
Eclipse, of Goldsboro, 31.
Goldsboro No. 1, 30 4-5.
Fayetteville, 36 2-5.
Rescue, of Raleigh, 36.
Capital, of Raleigh, 37 2-5.

The races this morning were pulled off without a single disturbance of any kind.

Thousands of people saw the parade this morning, and it was the unanimous verdict of all that it was the longest and best managed parade seen in the State in a long time. The procession was over three-quarters of a mile in length. It has been years since there have been so many people on the streets here. The race course was a perfect jam before the races began, but when the races were on there was absolutely no interference on the part of the spectators.
BURIED A MAN ALIVE

Hypnotic Feat in Behalf of
Raleigh Volunteer Fire
Department.

The Raleigh volunteer fire department, under whose auspices and for whose benefit the hypnotic feat of burying a man alive was rendered yesterday are to be congratulated on its success.

Prof. Corby has done this successfully and now the man is on exhibition in his grave, located between the express office and the Haywood building on Fayetteville street. The admission is 10 cents and through the tubes the face and feet of the subject are seen. He will be awakened Thursday afternoon at six o'clock at the Academy of Music, after a death sleep of 23 hours.

About six o'clock yesterday evening in front of the capitol the beginning of the sleep began. Prof. Corby after making a selection from three subjects succeeded in overcoming or placing in a comatose condition Mr. R. W. Williams, of Wilson, N.C., whose age is 24 years. There was a standing invitation for a subject, but until 5 o'clock there was no acceptance. While standing in the express office conversing with Mr. J. J. Bowen, the agent, a man about 5 feet 6 inches walked in, and asked one of the clerks for Prof. Corby. He was immediately pointed out and the man introduced himself and offered to allow himself to be buried provided he could be hypnotized. Prof. Corby and Mr. Bowen thought at first the man was joking, but after he became more serious and had been experimented upon before a number of spectators he was found to be a subject to hypnosis, and after the exhibition was over he consented to being hypnotized for the burial and is now in the grave.

Before being hypnotized Dr. A. O. Jones examined the man. He gives his temperature at 98½, pulse standing is 80, respiration 28, brain action normal. After Mr. Williams was in the grave and the coffin case covered with earth many people viewed him, and among these a large crowd of ladies, the visitors keeping this up till after midnight.

This exhibition is for the benefit of the fire fighters of Raleigh and young ladies are selling tickets to the Academy, where the man will be revived, at 25 cents. The view at the grave is ten cents, and it is evident that crowds of curious people will flock into the grave.
MENACE TO LIFE
ACADEMY CLOSED

Condemned by Chief of
Fire Department.

THE LEASE CANCELLED

The Auditorium Company to Meet
Monday to Take Steps to Improve it And to Render it a
Safe and Improved
Play House.

The Academy of Music, Raleigh's largest theatrical house, has been closed.
This has followed its condemnation as a menace to the lives of the people who attend theatrical performances there, and the order directing its closing was issued yesterday by Chief Walter Woolcott, of the Fire Department.

This action followed on one by which a change was made as to the lease of the house. The Academy has been leased for some time to Mr. E. H. Baker, but yesterday morning the lease to him was cancelled under an agreement made with him by order of the Board of Directors of the Auditorium Company, which now owns the Academy. This lease having been cancelled the building was in the hands of the Auditorium Company and on the president of this company, Mr. Carey J. Hunter, a notice that the Academy was condemned was served by Chief Woolcott who wrote as follows:

"Mr. Carey J. Hunter, President Auditorium Company, Raleigh, N. C.

"Dear Sir:—As chief of the Fire Department of the city of Raleigh, and acting in the capacity of the chief of police of the city, I have the honor to inform you that the Academy of Music has been condemned as a menace to the lives of the people who attend theatrical performances there. The Auditorium Company has been notified of this and has cancelled its lease of the building."

The Academy has been used for theatrical performances for many years and has been a center of social life in Raleigh. Its closure is a serious blow to the city and its inhabitants. The Auditorium Company has been planning to remodel and improve the Academy, but this will now be impossible. It was bought for $15,000, which $3,000 was paid and mortgages notes given for the balance. The company has $3,000 cash on hand which will be used as a further payment in improving the Academy. Besides, there are subscriptions of from $1,500 to $2,000 which will be paid in just a few weeks, as work begins on improving the Academy.

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Without the least delay,

Mr. George J. Hines, President, Auditorium Company, Raleigh, N. C.

"Dear Sir: — As chief of the Fire Department of the city of Raleigh, and acting under its charter and ordinances, I hereby notify you that from and after the date I shall issue upon a strict compliance by your company with the provisions of Chapter IV, Section 10 of the ordinances of the city regarding the erection of fire escapes at the Academy of Music.

"In the interest of what I deem the protection to the lives of our citizens, I hereby direct that the Academy of Music be closed until the above mentioned ordinance is complied with, as regards it now as a menace to the citizens who attend performances there.

"Very truly yours,

WALTER WOOLLSCOTT,
Chief of Fire Department, City of Raleigh."

The Academy has been regarded as being a very dangerous place in case of a fire and there are many citizens who would never attend a performance there on account of the danger. Only yesterday afternoon the great danger in the place was illustrated.

Fire broke out in the Breazeale bakery, next to the Academy at seven o'clock in the evening. This fire was quickly overcome, three fire companies responding promptly and three hose lines being laid. These were not needed as the blaze was conquered without their use. There was a mattress in progress at half past four at the Academy and at night there was a performance also. Two hours earlier or an hour later the blaze of fire would have burst past the windows on the south side of the Academy, there would have been a cry of "fire" from within and in the stampede that would have followed there would have been many lives lost yesterday afternoon or last night.

The danger of the place has really not been recognized in Raleigh. People have grown accustomed to it. The exit from the gallery is narrow and crooked, while from the lower floor there is but a ten foot wide stairway. Back of the stage there is a perfect labyrinth through which exit it had down a narrow stair case. The windows are small and narrow, with no fire escapes and impossible to reach from the first floor. Add to this the fact that under both stairways in the basement below there is kerosene oil tanks, kerosene oil barrels, and meat stored, that is beneath the theatre a printing office in which gasoline is used and a plumbing establishment in which there is fire frequently and the danger of the place can be seen without any further details.

Manager Baker, of the Academy of Music, has secured for immediate use the Metropolitan Opera House which will be improved and arranged with fire escapes. He will use this for the remainder of this season and all the bookings of the splendid companies which were to have been put on at the Academy will be seen at the Metropolitan.

The stage at this place is deeper and higher than the one at the Academy and the acoustics properties are said to be better. Everything will be done to make it comfortable for its patrons and Mr. Baker will take with him to the Metropolitan Opera House the entire force of assistants at the Academy of Music.

The directors of the Auditorium Company are to meet Monday and it is expected that steps will be taken at once
Electric Wire at Yarborough House. and a Chase for the Fire Wagon.

A smoking window on the second floor of the front of the Yarborough House above the Seaboard Air Line ticket office attracted the attention of Dr. Von Herrmann of the Weather Bureau, about two o'clock yesterday afternoon. A large crowd gathered.

The upper part of the window was burning and the electric light wire extending from the street pole to the window was red hot. This had set the woodwork at the top of the window casing on fire and smoke was pouring from it.

Dr. Von Herrmann at once rushed to The Rescue Fire House, next to the courthouse, but found only a negro man there. He started for the Capital Club building to turn in the alarm from that box. At the same time Keeper of the Market McRary saw the fire, and ran into the Rescue House to aid in hitching up.

By this time workmen inside of the Yarborough House, which is being renovated and repaired, had discovered the fire and had extinguished it. This fact was communicated to Dr. Von Herrmann and Mr. McRary, so no alarm was turned in and no fire wagon came out.

There was but little damage done. It is supposed that some wires were crossed, the insulation burned off and the woodwork set afire where the wires enter the building.
Outhouse Burned at A. & M.

Last night about nine o'clock an outhouse at the A. and M. College caught fire and burned down, causing damage to the extent of forty or fifty dollars. The outhouse was only about one hundred feet from the old dormitory building, and for a time, on account of the high wind, it was feared the dormitory was in danger, but good work and quick work by the boys averted all danger. It is believed the fire was caused by the dropping of a match on some papers, of which there was a quantity lying about. The structure burned was a small wooden building, about seventy-five by fifteen feet. If there had been any water works or pressure of some kind, it is thought the fire could have been extinguished at once.
NEW FIRE WAGON.

Rescue Hose Company Elect Charles Hinnant Captain.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Rescue Hose Company Mr. Chas. Hinnant was elected captain of the wagon team to be sent to the tournament at Salisbury, and Jos. S. Correll and L. H. Lumsden were elected delegates to the convention.

The wagon team has already commenced practicing; and with such jumpers as Brockwell, Harris, Simpson and Gulley to pick from, and one of the fastest horses in the State, Raleigh can certainly count on coming out among the first in the tournament.

The company is having Mr. J. W. Evans of this city make one of the finest racing wagons in the State. Every part is made to order and is to cost $325. Of course there was not this much money on hand to purchase the wagon, but the company knowing the citizens of Raleigh would back them up, went ahead and ordered the wagon.

Answers have not been received from all the circular letters sent out soliciting aid and it is hoped they may be heard from at an early date. All donations will be received by Mr. Chas. T. Hinnant.

The team that will very likely go to the tournament is as follows: Jumpers, Harris and Brockwell; assistants, Gulley and Simpson; hydrantman, P. N. Pennington; slack-puller, S. W. Doolittle; nozzleman, C. T. Hinnant (capt.); driver, J. A. Hinnant.
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HE SNIFFED SMOKE

How a Reporter Sought a Fire and Got the "Haw! Haw!"

The reporter who writes thus smells smoke on Fayetteville street Sunday afternoon, and the latter end of the story furnished the ungodly who were thereabouts a chance to give him the "brow-how" in great shape.

The man of the pencil had dined, and had just lighted his after-dinner cigar. Crossing the street from Hoblett & Wyone's drug store so as to get out of the sun, with umbrella on arm, he sought the shady side, and as he reached the front of John H. Ferg & Co.'s grocery he smelled smoke. He sniffed it again, and again. "Certainly it was smoke!"

"Aha!" thought he, "where there's smoke there's fire. As Sherlock Holmes would remark, if somebody had not said it before Sherlock. Here's a chance for me to discover the fire and have a great big newspaper scoop to investigate.

But first he sniffed again, and as he did so Mr. John H. Fergall joined him. Mr. Fergall sniffed, and he agreed that something was burning. Hence he joined in the investigation, and the reporter peering around, looked at the window and disporting themselves as became men in reach of something.

This sight attracted Mr. James Pollard, and as he joined in he also sniffed the smoke. "There's fire here," said he, and with the other searchers he searched, and looked and the three now united in one cause sniffed at frequent intervals, and sniffed smoke.

Three men looking and peering and sniffing naturally attracted a fourth man, and Mr. John Croce came along. He too sniffed. Four were now sniffing. All said it was smoke and felt certain there was fire. Mr. Fergall hurried into his store, but found no fire. The trio of sniffers outside looked into Briggs' hardware store but no fire. They sniffed smoke, and creating their necks they looked up at the windows of the armory, at the windows of John C. Drury's office, at the windows of the after shop, but no fire could they see.

"Call Assistant Fire Chief Crocker," one said, and the cry was passed along to Mr. Crocker. But ere he appeared there was a loud laugh from Mr. Pollard.

"Here's the fire," he exclaimed, reaching down and grasping the reporter's umbrella, from which smoke was issuing in good fashion. The reporter was dazed, so Mr. Pollard put out the fire.

And the sniffers? Well, the sniffers quit sniffing and laughed. They chuckled, and they laughed out loud and strong. They gave the reporter the horse laugh after this fashion:

"Ha! Ha! He and Hœl! Hœl! He! He! He! He! He! He! He! He! He! and Hœl! Hœl! Hœl! Hœl! Hœl! Aha! Aha! and Hœl! and Hœl! and Hœl! and Hœl! Aha!

The reporter was quiet, very quiet. He had a far-away look in his eye, and he was searching for a knot hole. The next time he lights a cigar he will keep on the sunny side of the street and hold his umbrella. Not the one with a hole so big as a hot crown in it, however. He's hidden that one.
THEY WILL REMAIN

Fire Chiefs Woollcott and Crocker Withdraw Their Resignation

The vacancies about to occur in the office of Fire Chiefs of Raleigh are last year's bird nests now and there are no vacancies, present or prospective, under the present regime.

The resignations of Mr. Walter Woollcott, Chief of the Fire Department, and of Mr. Marcus Crocker, the Assistant Chief, which out of a clear sky came as a thunderbolt to the City, Papas at their last regular gathering, have been withdrawn, and all is now serene.

There have been frequent consultations between the aldermen and the Fire Chiefs, and in these the wishes of the Fire Underwriters and of the citizens generally that Messrs. Woollcott and Crocker should continue to hold their positions has been the basis of the settlement of the matter.

The statement in the resignation of Chief Woollcott was that the salary was not sufficient for the work. Mr. Crocker gave no reason, but it is understood that his was a similar feeling. Being faithful officers neither the citizens nor the insurance people desired to see them quit, and this expression of confidence is the main cause of the withdrawal of the resignations.

The matter of salary is left in abeyance and the two vigilant and active officers agree to continue in their positions till next May, when there will be a new arrangement. There is some talk of creating the position of Inspector of buildings and combining this with the Fire Chief's duties, thus enabling an increase of salary to be made.
FIRST PRIZE FOR
THE CAPITAL LADS

Splendid Record for Our
Hose Team

NEW BERN IS A VICTOR

She Wins First Money in the Engine
Long Distance Contest--In the
Hose Wagon Races the
Rescue of Raleigh
Does Well

(Special to News and Observer.)
Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 3.---A magnificent parade at 9 a.m. today was the introductory feature of the State Firemen's tournament now being held in this city.

All of the steamers, hose wagons, hook and ladders, hose rolls and other equipment of the State in attendance upon the convention with all of the attending firemen, together with thousands of citizens, participated in the parade, which was more than one mile in length, being pronounced the grandest display in the history of the State.

The following was the quick steam contest on the public square. The companies entering, time and prizes were as follows:

Engine Contest, Long Distance.

New Bern No. 1, 2:23 1-2, first prize, $50.
Elizabeth City, 3:16 1-2, second prize, $30.
Rocky Mount, 3:17, third prize, $20.

The result of the long distance steamer contests were as follows:
Elizabeth City, 244 feet 18 inches, winning first prize, $50.
Rocky Mount, 212 feet six inches, second prize, $30.
Greensboro, 189 feet, third prize, $20.

The interest centered in the hose wagon races this afternoon. The distance raced was 100 yards, and the teams entering were as follows:

Capital, of Raleigh, time 33-4-5, winning first prize, $109.
Eclipse, of Goldsboro. Time, 33 4-5, second prize, $50.
Durham No. 2. Time 34 4-5, third prize, $25.
Plymouth, time 37 1-2, Rescue, of
Raleigh, time 37 2-5, and Elizabeth

grounds of the State's Fair August 22

Chief Day, of Tarboro, asked that the
annual gathering of the association
be held at or near the middle of the
month as a matter of convenience to
the firemen, which matter was left
with the executive committee.

This matter of asking the Legislature of North Carolina to assist in the adoption of a standard thread for hose in use in the State was discussed by
members of the convention and it was
agreed that the matter shall also be
taken up at the International Convention in St. Loui,

The auditing committee reported
that the books of the State officials
have been found correct and well kept
and the report was ordered filed.

Stand and Construction.

Mr. H. H. Douglas, of Greensboro,
presented a resolution looking to the
passage of laws in North Carolina re-
quiring the standard construction of
buildings in cities and towns, the re-
solution being endorsed by State Insur-
ance Commissioner J. H. Young, as
well as many leading insurance men
and property owners. The measure
was passed and a committee of five, of
which President J. E. McNeill, of
Pittsboro, is chairman, to see that
the same is properly presented at the
next session of the Legislature. It is
believed that the resolution will mean
much in the way of preventing fire
and losses in the State.

Big Majority for Dispensary.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Fayetteville, N. C., Aug. 3. In the set
of dry election here Monday the dis-
ensary won by 44 majority. Only
fifteen votes were cast against it.
Eclipse, of Goldsboro. Time, 32 4-5 seconds, price, $15.
Durham No. 2. Time 34 4-5, third prize, $25.
Fayetteville, time 37 1-5; Rescue of Raleigh, time 37 2-5, and Elizabeth City, time 39 1-5.

The greatest excitement prevailed during all of the contests, which were witnessed by about 10,000 people.
Raleigh's victory over Goldsboro and other teams was fair and well earned and the boys received hearty congratulations.
The Union, South Carolina, and Salisbury ball teams crossed bats here this afternoon, the score resulting 5 to 3 for the home team. The sham battle between Statesville, Concord and Lexington and Salisbury military companies this afternoon was a novel and interesting feature of the tournament and attracted thousands of visitors.
President McNeill and other State officials are highly pleased with the success of the convention.

Program for the Last Day.
The program for tomorrow follows:
5 a. m.—Hook and ladder contest.
10 a. m.—Hand-heel contest.
11 a. m.—Grab-heel contest.
2 p. m.—Inter-State wagon contest.
4 p. m.—Baseball.
8 p. m.—Opera Loos.

Election of Officers.
The election of officers at a late hour last night resulted as follows:
President—James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville.
First Vice-President—A. H. Loyd, of Salisbury.
Second Vice-President—E. B. Douglass, of Greensboro.
Secretary—W. C. Von Glahn, of Wilmington.
Statistician—Lonnie Lamiden, of Raleigh.
Treasurer—T. A. Green, of New Bern.

Winson was chosen as the next place of meeting.
From the annual report of the State statistician, Mr. Chas. Schubel, which was submitted in the firemen's convention here last evening, it being the first ever compiled, the following summary is made with reference to the companies belonging to the State Association:

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All the cities and towns represented in the State Association have water works except Kinston, where a plant is now being erected. The water pressure in the State ranges from 25 to 150 pounds to the square foot.

Staymates' Farewell Address.
At last night's session of the convention Hon. B. F. Staymates, of St. Louis, who has been an honored guest of the association in Salisbury, made a farewell address to the firemen in the county court house, encouraging them in their great work and urging them to attend the National Convention of Firemen to be held on the
A DAY OF PRIZES

Raleigh's Colored Firemen Won the Reel Race at Wilson

(Special to News and Observer.)
Wilson, N. C., Aug. 11.—The third day of the colored Firemen's Association opened with hook and ladder race. Rocky Mount and Tarboro were the only ones entering. The race was a hundred yards, taking a two hundred-foot ladder from the wagon, then running it up a telephone pole, a man going to the top and back and placing it back on the wagon. This was won by Rocky Mount, together with the prize of twenty dollars. Tarboro took the second prize of fifteen dollars.

Tarboro, Salisbury, Winston, Rocky Mount, Henderson and Wilson were all represented in the foot race of a hundred yards. J. J. Thorp won first money, five dollars; Stevenson, of Salisbury, won second money, two and a half dollars. This race was very close.

This afternoon the reel race was held, Raleigh, Henderson, Salisbury, Winston and Wilson entering. The distance was one hundred yards, tap a hydrant and show water at the end of the muzzles. This was won by Raleigh in thirty-one and a half seconds, Henderson next in thirty-two and one-fifth seconds; Wilson, thirty-two and one-third seconds; Winston in thirty-two seconds, but failed to get nozzle. Salisbury thirty-three and one-fifth seconds. The prizes were twenty, fifteen and ten dollars.
FIRE ALARM FIENDS.

Mayor Powell Warns False Alarm Fiends—Extreme Penalty Will be Imposed.

There is apparently abroad in the city some deluded species of a "joker" affected with a "mania" of turning in false fire alarms, usually in the early hours of the morning. The devilish prank is practiced and the occurrence has become to be a nuisance to the department of late, three such alarms having been turned in in as many weeks.

The police department are now on the lookout and the first one caught in "the game" will be made an example of by Mayor Powell.

The penalty for this sneaking practice is a fine of $50, or thirty days in jail or on the road, and Mayor Powell emphatically says that he will hear no prayer for mercy from anyone found guilty of turning in false fire alarms.
"PLEASE, SIR, I WANT MORE"

Dispensary Officers For Increased Salaries.

FIREMEN LIKewise

Dispensary Commissioner Jones Resigns--F. F. Brown Elected Policeman--Dispensary Profits Last Quarter $24,528.56--

For Athletic Park.

Oliver Twist it was, that cried out "Please, Sir, I want more." He got it but not what he wanted.

The Board of Aldermen last night had some calls for money. The Dispensary officers names were sent in by the Dispensary Commissioners with increased pay hailed to the list. There is likely to be hard sledding for this.

This was done by the Dispensary Commissioners in transmitting their report for the last quarter of 1904, sending a check for $20,000, one-half for city and one-half for the county the recommendation being that the salaries of the Dispensary officers be increased as follows:

W. F. Batchelor, Manager, $1,200 to $1,500 per year.

H. J. Heilige, Assistant Manager, $1,000 to $1,100 per year.

W. A. Baker, Clerk, $50 to $50 per month.

W. N. Neffings, Commissioner, $40 to $50 a month.

This was referred to the Finance Committee who will report back to the next meeting.

There was also a call for more money from another quarter. A request from members of the Raleigh Fire Department for an increase in pay was received. An increase of from $7.50 to $10.00 a month was asked for by E. B. Parrish, Ed. Ends, Lamar Perry, of the Hook and Ladder Company, Ernest Hill and P. Mangum, Capital Hose Company, Gordon Harris, W. W. Foy, M. Pennington, Rescue Company. This was endorsed by Fred W. Mahler, Assistant Chief. A similar request came from Holt, Watson, John Haywood and William Haywood, of the Victor Hose Company. The request states that the men "are required to be at headquarters from 9 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. During the winter months of course our duties are harder and more severe."

A request was received from merchants in business on Wilmington street for a swinging arc-light across Wilmington street at the east end of the city hall. Refer to Light and Finance Committee.

A request for the use of Metropolitian Hall for the State Cotton Growers' Convention on the 11th of
NEED FIRE ENGINE?

Aldermen Consider Purchase of New Steamer, and Disposal of Old.

The Board of Aldermen held a special session yesterday afternoon for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Hugh Robinson of Atlanta, who represents the American La France Engine Company of Elmira, New York, as to a proposition to sell to the city a new steamer fire engine and to take the old and antiquated engine now owned by the city in part payment of the purchase price.

The proposition made by Mr. Robinson was to sell the city the new engine, which is what is called the "third class Metropolitan engine" with a capacity of 600 gallons per minute and weighing 6,800 pounds, for the price of $5,000, and to accept in part payment therefor the old engine at the price of $1,000. The terms of sale proposed were that the city should pay $2,000 cash upon receipt of the engine and $2,000 balance within six months after the first payment.

The matter was referred to a joint meeting of the Finance and Fire Committees of the board, their report to be made to the next regular meeting of the Aldermen.

Chief Woolcott, who was present at the meeting, said afterwards that the visit of Mr. Robinson had been brought about by a letter which he had written to the American La France Company with reference to the sale of the old engine now owned by the city, which is never used. He stated that in his opinion a reliable steamer is necessary to the protection of the city from fire. While the pressure from the water mains is as good as could be hoped from such a system, it is not adequate for the protection of high buildings, and Raleigh's immunity from fire loss has been to that extent a matter of fortune, although the department can with the present equipment readily deal with the class of fires in dwellings and low buildings which have been the rule in the city for some time. It is impossible, said Mr. Woolcott, for the requisite pressure for the needs of a city like Raleigh to be obtained from the distance that the pumping house is from the town and along so long a line of pipe and hose as is necessary in the ordinary Raleigh fire. With the pressure which may be obtained from a modern steamer a stream of water may be thrown at least for half again the distance possible under the system now in vogue locally.
LOUISBURG LIT BY
A RUINOUS FIRE

Seventy Thousand Dollars
the Probable Loss

SAVED BY THE WIND

Had it Not Been for its Timely Veering
the Conflagration Beginning in
Cheatham's Warehouse Might
Not Have Been Checked.

Dynamite Was Used.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Louisburg, N. C., March 29.—Seventy
thousand dollars worth of property
in heaps of smoking ruins.

Such is the desolate spectacle pre-
sented in Louisburg tonight. Yet
withal there is in the hearts of the
people a feeling of profound gratitude:
for it was at first by a wind rushing
up from the river, had the flames
continued the advance at their initial
velocity, the conflagration might yet be
raging, defying all efforts at control.

The fire broke out about 2 o'clock
in the large prize house of C. H. Chea-
tham and spread with breathless ra-
pidity. In desperate haste, however,
the fire-fighters responded to the call,
and rushing on the scene, flung them-
selves into the work of battling with the
flames with the energy of Titans. The
struggle that followed was long and
stubborn. Before it ended it was ne-
necessary to use dynamite, the thunder
of its explosion mingling with the roar
of the flames. Finally, however, the
grim contest was over. Intelligent and
heroic effort, aided by a change in the
wind, checked the conflagration and
saved from destruction many build-
ings it was at first thought must
crumble into ashes in the embrace of
the devouring flames.

Much of the contents of the Chea-
thurm warehouse were borne beyond
the reach of the fire, though the loss
was nevertheless very heavy. It is es-

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Louisburg tobacco warehouse, $7,-
000.

W. T. Hughes' warehouse, $4,000.

W. W. Devlin' tobacco storage, $1,-
000.

W. H. Pleasant's warehouse, $1,-
000.

R. T. Carlyle's house, $1,000.

T. N. Egerton's dwelling and out
houses, $10,000. The loss was total.

T. A. Ragsdale, $500.

Mrs. R. G. Hart's tobacco prize
house, $2,500.

One two-story building of G. W.
Fort, $1,500.

Four or five small houses, $2,500.

One two-story house occupied by
Mrs. Aycock, $1,250.

Ten bales of cotton belonging to
Mr. W. H. Pleasant.

The tobacco and business houses
were covered by insurance. All of the
houses were a total loss except that of
Mr. F. N. Egerton, which was insured.

The residence of Mr. E. S. Foster,
between Thomas' warehouse and Mr.
Egerton's residence, was saved from
destruction by a miracle.

An outhouse on the premises of Mr.
J. S. Harrow, one quarter of a mile
away caught fire from the flying
sparks.

Raleigh Was Asked for Aid.

Chief of the Raleigh Fire Depart-
ment Walter Woolcott, received dur-
ing the fire a telephone message from
Louisburg asking him to bring the
Raleigh fire department to the assist-
ance of that place. Immediately upon
receipt of this message, Mr. Woolcott
got the Capital Hose Company in readi-
ness, arrangements being made with
the railroad. The services of the
company was not needed, however,

and it did not go.
NEW FIRE ENGINE

"The Metropolitan" of
500 Gallons Capacity,
Purchased.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, held for several hours yesterday afternoon, a new fire engine was purchased for the City Fire Department, making its equipment equal in that respect and superior in others to the departments of other cities in this State. A bargain was made by the committee, the steamer being purchased for a considerably less amount, by thousands of dollars, than was at first proposed.

The price paid for the engine was $4,600, of which $1,600 was cash and the rest to be paid in nine months, payments being made every three months, without interest. The engine purchased is "The Metropolitan," third size, its capacity being six hundred gallons per minute, and it throws three streams of water. It is a big steamer, as large and probably larger than any in the State.

That a good trade was made by those having the matter in charge, is evidenced by the fact that one year ago the city of Durham bought an engine from the same company, The American La-France Fire Engine Company, and paid the same price, $4,600, for a very much smaller engine, having one hundred gallons less capacity. Mr. Hugh Robertson, of Atlanta, representing the company, negotiated the deal.

Chief Walter Woolcott, of the Fire Department, was delighted by the purchase, as he has for years wanted Raleigh to be thoroughly and adequately equipped with a modern, up-to-date fire department, and in the steamer only was the city lacking. When he saw that Raleigh's finances were such that he could consistently ask the city for the engine, he was urgent and persistent for it, and has won out, after a year's effort, and the Board of Aldermen is now unanimous with him.

The old engine, which the city owns, will probably be disposed of as it is valueless to the city, owing to the fact that its capacity is only 360 gallons per minute, and would be useless in case of the emergency of an accident to the waterworks, or even if one of the city's latest buildings should catch fire. It is in perfect condition, except that it needs a new boiler, and it is thought that a splendid price can be easily obtained for it.
A FOUL MURDER, ARSON, BURGLARY

Deeds of Devils in the Night Time in Robbery and Destruction of the Standard Oil Warehouse in Raleigh.

SKULL CRUSHED IN

W. H. Strickland the One Armed White Night Watchman Murdered in the Stables and Following the Breaking Open of the Safe and Robbery of Less Than $25, the Buildings Are Fired and Totally Destroyed With Loss Estimated at $30,000, Five Mules Being Buried to Death With Charred Fragments of Strickland Found Under One of Them, His Watchman’s Clock Still at Work.

The roaring flames which early yesterday morning destroyed the Standard Oil warehouse in this city named there a tragedy and a robbery, a murder most foul.

A blow in the dark, a one-armed white watchman done to death, a safe broken open and a pitiful sum of money secured, a fire started to conceal the murder and robbery which swept all before it, is the brief synopsis of a terrible deed as has ever occurred in Raleigh.

The fire swept away the Standard Oil warehouse between West and Harveying streets in the northwest part of the city, between two and five o’clock yesterday morning. In the charred debris of the stable, partially under one of the mules, burned to death, there was found shortly after three of the oil poured out slowly and was consumed. Two of the big tanks, holding four or five thousand gallons of kerosene oil each stood the fire and yet held their oil. But for the open tanks there might have been terrific explosions, carrying destruction to all that portion of the city.

The stables were last to catch, and from the open door one of the mules rushed out. It was found loose in the yard, but was so badly burned that yesterday it had to be shot. In the stable were hay and corn and four mules beside the one that escaped, and lying at the door the dead body of young Strickland. The mules were burned to a crisp, part of the flesh being eaten up. One of these fell near the door, its head and fore legs partially covering the dead body of Mr. Strickland. The finding of the place caught and this was probably burned away. In the yard a chicken was found, this cooked brown as if it had been in an oven. Shortly after the flames died down, and then an investigation of the disaster was begun.

The night watchman had been missed during the fire, and his absence caused much uneasiness. As early as possible messengers were sent to his home and to his relatives, but those reported that he had not been seen. When the discovery was made that the man had been burned into and robbed it was feared that there had been foul play. A search was begun for his body, first in the debris of the office, then in the warehouse and finally in the stables. Here about half past twelve o’clock yesterday his body was found and mutilated.

The surroundings of the terrible find were horrible. The charred timbers, the burnt grain and the charred bodies of four mules were the sad sight. Dipping up the debris were what once were the doors.
Oil warehouses between West and Harrington streets in the northwest edge of the city, between two and five o'clock yesterday morning. In the burned-up section of the stable, particular-ly under one of the mules, burned to death there was found shortly after.

Witnesses said that on the charred mule were the remnants of what had once been a man. After the fire, a man on a watch on the roof of the warehouse noticed smoke coming from the ground. He called the watchman on the roof, who went down to investigate.

This was the culmination of the dreadful affair and after a full investi-gation of the various pieces of evidence which had come to light, it was determined that the cause of the fire was�

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A Foul Murder, Arson, Burglary.

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and black smoke. At 9:30 o'clock Police Captain Mort Thompson was on his beat in that section of the city and as he approached the oil house he perceived flames shooting from the office of the building.

He turned on the fire alarm directly. The fire department was on the scene in five minutes, outside the office, and like a veritable hell of lightning flashed throughout the entire building, and caught the large gasoline tank at the far extremity on West street. This explosion, without wreaking damage, just as the department arrived. Four lines of hose were at once laid, and turned on the burning structure, but to no avail, as the building contained several hundred of barrels of gasoline, linseed oil, lubricating oil, etc.

Firesman Shocked by Wire.

The heat was so intense that several surrounding buildings and telephone boxes were on fire, too, and the water was turned on them to prevent their ignition on energized telephone-wires buried in two, and in falling fell across these, electrifying street car light wire, carrying 1,440 volts, and a fireman coming in contact with this was knocked down. Several persons were overcome by the terrific heat.

There were five immense oil tanks, with capacity of from 2,000 to 4,000 gallons each, four containing common oil, and the fifth gasoline. There was said to be an oil well two miles west of the oil tank. Of one of the tanks, but this was not ascertained.

The tank was on fire, however, as the tanks had open air outlets in the top, and hoses were soon turned through them which permitted the oil to run out on the ground, where it was consumed. A reserve truck, Victor No. 2, was sent after two extra, hose of hose, and these were laid, and the streams poured on nearby buildings, which were threatened.

Five Males Burned.

Five men were burned to death, and one which was blindfolded and fell out backwards, was so burned that he died within minutes later. The iron safe, which was about $200, and valuable papers, could not be taken out of the building. It was stated that the building carried no insurance, and it was impossible to estimate accurately the loss, as the entire structure and all the works were burned to the ground.

The Watchman Missing.

There was some misconception as to the whereabouts of the night-watchman, a one-armed white man, whose name is Rud. Strickland. He had been working at the oil house only a few weeks. Some think that in an endeavor to save the property, he was overcome by the heat and was burned to death. He was a young man, about twenty-five years of age. He was not on duty, although several searching parties looked for him, making rounds at every half hour. His salary was raised from 75 cents to $1.25 per week.

The origin of the fire is not known. There was said to have been no fire in the office and no one permitted to smoke in there, and it was suggested by some that the origin was incendiary. Detectives will be here tomorrow.

The building is now but a mass of charred and smoking ruin.

Mr. W. N. Whitsett is Superintendent of this division for the Standard Oil Company.

It was stated, on examination of the offices that the safe had been broken into and all the money taken, save $15. The safe was badly mutilated.
DID BRAVE WORK

Experts Praise Fire Fighting of Raleigh Fire Department.

Several experts visited the ruins of the Standard Oil Company's warehouse yesterday, and after half an hour's inspection of the huge oil tanks, expressed themselves as being amazed that these did not explode, and said that the successful prevention of this was almost a miracle. Learning that the Raleigh fire department was composed of volunteers, and that nearly the entire department, with hardly an exception, fought the fire, they said that such faithfulness is seldom seen anywhere. If the firemen had not kept two constant, heavy streams of water on the tanks during the entire configuration, the tanks, they said, despite the air holes in the top, would have exploded; and to keep this water on the tanks the men were compelled to stand within twenty feet of the terrible flames from the oil and gasoline tanks, where the heat was hardly endurable, and which was intensely hot enough to set affine buildings situated at three times the distance. From the standpoint of personal risk, this was the most dangerous fire ever in Raleigh.

It is the consensus of opinion that Raleigh is not surpassed in its fire department by any city in the South, and it has on many occasions demonstrated its efficiency.

The department consists of one hook and ladder truck and three hose wagons. It will soon receive a new, up-to-date steamer, which will add very materially to the efficiency of the department. The firemen are all volunteers except the drivers and the night men. The work done by the department for years past has been praiseworthy. The department is in charge of Mr. Walter Woolcott, chief of the department, and Mr. F. W. Mahler, assistant chief. They are men of experience in fighting fires and have the confidence of the whole department.

The officers of the department are: H. E. Lumsden, foreman of the old Rescue Company; J. F. Jordan, foreman of the Capital Hose Company; J. W. Mangum, foreman of the Hook and Ladder Company; and Wm. J. Palmer, foreman of the Victor Company. One feature of this department is the fast time the drivers make in hitching and going to fires.
THE FIREFIEMEN'S CONVENTION.

Extensive Preparations for This Event are Being Made at Winston.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., May 27.—Extensive preparations are being made for the State Firemen's Convention and Tournament, to be held here July 18, 19 and 20. The committees are zealously at work in their effort to make the event a notable one in every respect. Handsome invitations and programs have been issued, and these furnish evidence that the convention and tournament will be one of the best, if not the best, ever held.

Out-of-town marshals appointed are as follows: Alexander Hanes, chief, Winston-Salem; Wilmington, B. H. Bridges, C. B. Ross; Salisbury, Harry Thompson, Haden Clement; Charlotte, Walter Talalferro, John Craig; Fayetteville, Bartholomew Huske, Chas. G. Rose; Raleigh, Graham Andrews, O. S. Thompson; Asheville, O. Nicholson, C. G. Gudger; Greensboro, Thomas Beall, P. W. Richardson; High Point, Alvis Miles, Chalmers Glehn; Walkertown, Sullivan Boone, Thos. Minor; Mocksville, T. B. Byerly, Rufus Sanford.
ENGINE SATISFACTORY

Test by Experts Meets All Requirements

The new fire engine for the Raleigh Fire Department which arrived last week was officially tested last afternoon at the corner of Fayetteville and Davis streets, the result being satisfactory in every particular.

It is an American LaFrance made in Buffalo, N. Y., being the No. 2 4:00, the same as delivered to the New York city department, which has five in use and also never leaking. Six a day smaller has been delivered to Durham recently and another is said to Wingate shortly. Norfolk has also just purchased one, the same make of the one Raleigh is now receiving.

For the tests yesterday there was a special committee of experts who served as judges. On this committee were Chief J. W. Mangum of the Raleigh fire department, a special agent, E. R. Purnsley, chairman; Mr. W. W. Robinson, Jr., W. C. Crum and Mr. Joe Higgin.

This committee worked until a late hour last night calculating the results of the various tests, but did not suppose their work. Their report will show that the engine made a head of steam from cold water in 6 minutes and 30 seconds, the gauge showing 60 pounds pressure. They say the engine did much better than this as the water used in starting up the fire proved to be defective. The engine worked smoothly in all its parts and gave general satisfaction. The guarantee to throw 600 gallons of water per minute was fully met. The tests were made through standard couplings and nozzles of different dimensions, the readings being taken at the nozzle and at the engine. There were seven of these tests, showing that the engine met all the requirements in the purchase contract. In connection with the statement made by the committee as indicated above they explained that their report in detail until all the data can be calculated and put in form and submitted to the fire committee of the board of aldermen.

While the tests were being made Mr. C. E. Versall of Seneca Falls, N. Y., operated the engine, as expert engineer, and he was assisted by Mr. W. H. Brewer, who has been elected engineer for the new engine.

Mayor Johnson, all the members of the board of aldermen and other city officials, along with many members of the Raleigh fire department, were interested spectators.

The new engine was sold to the city by Mr. Hugh Robinson of Atlanta, sales agent for the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company. Mr. Robinson appeared before the former board of aldermen twice before he closed the contract. Mr. Walter Woodruff, former chief of the fire department, was very active in efforts to secure the board to buy the new engine and to him is due much of the credit for the purchase of the machine. The board figured for some time on a proposition to rebuild the old engine, but finally abandoned the idea, giving the order for the new and most improved engine.

Mr. Robinson was born to witness the tests.
FIREMEN'S PRIDE

New Engine and the Eastman Nozzle.


The demonstration made by the Raleigh Fire Department yesterday afternoon while testing the new American La France fire engine and the Eastman nozzle, was witnessed by hundreds of people, and inspired them with pride and enthusiasm. It gave Mr. Walter Woolcott, ex-Chief of the Fire Department, infinite pleasure, as he was the main cause of the two machines being purchased, and Chief Mangum was perfectly delighted. All the members of the department were charmed.

The demonstration was a complete success. Never in Raleigh, and the experts said that never in North Carolina, has any city Fire Department exhibited at the same time better equipment and superior ability of its men. The report of the committee on the part of the city is satisfactory so far as rendered thus far. The tests at the corner of Fayetteville and Davie streets.

But to the machines. The Eastman nozzle, with the required pressure was guaranteed to throw water perpendicular one hundred and twenty-five feet, but exceeding almost its supposed possibilities the power of the engine cast the water even against the wind. One hundred and seventy feet straight upward, the stream not breaking until it reached the very top of its ascent, when it seemed to segment into drops and mist, and caused a gentle rain hundreds of yards away, at times.

The solid stream would have gone far above and even almost over any building in the city. When the nozzle was made to incline the stream was shot 270 feet away, and went almost this distance in the face of the breeze. At one time two nozzles were operated, and the water went the same distance, as far as the single stream.

FIREMEN KNAPPED DOWN.

Once, before the office of The News and Observer, the hose, at the very connection with the nozzle, broke, and the water was turned on the crowd, and five men were knocked down almost simultaneously. Mr. Will Jones, an employee at the Cooper Marble Works, was rolled on the pavement, and bruised from head to feet, blood coming from his face and hands.

Others were hurt, but none seriously. The unmanned end of the hose, until the water was cut off, whirled around like a monster of the deep, on land, throwing out a current of water strong enough to knock a man senseless. Street gamins were constantly getting drenched, and frequently ladies were doused in the shower and a few darkies took such shower baths as luxurious things. People on a passing street car were wet by the spray from the stream, and by the stream itself.

And later:

The hose was afterwards taken up Fayetteville street and a stream turned loose. The result showed plenty of force behind the water. People were wet from the heavy spray and a young lady, in front of the post office, was completely drenched.

In the meantime:

The engine worked perfectly, and the observers, crowding round, unconscious of the fact, had holes burnt through their clothes and hats and umbrellas. Occasionally some one would hopper: an extra large spark had gone to his scalp or skin.

The Committee Was Pleased.

The committee of experts worked until a late hour last night calculating the results of the various tests, but did not complete its work. Its report will show that the engine made a head of steam from cold water in 6 minutes and 30 seconds, the gauge showing 45 pounds pressure. It says the engine will do much better than this as the wood used in starting up the fire proved defective. The engine worked smoothly in all its parts, and gave general satisfaction.

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The engine was operated here by an expert from the manufacturing firm, Mr. C. Wussell. The committee from Raleigh, before whom the test was made, consisted of Prof. John Parks, Messrs. W. W. Robbins, W. C. Crum and J. H. Helbig.
HOOK AND LADDER GOES TO RALEIGH

Asheville Her Only Competitor in the Race.

SALEM IS A HUSTLER

Takes First Money in Hand Reel Race.

Makes the Winning Run in the Grab Reel Contest and Establishes a New State Record.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., June 29. - Today's program of the State Firemen's Association was one of the most interesting of the entire week. The first event was the hook and ladder race. There were only two entries - Asheville and Raleigh.

As the Asheville company made a pretty run, but the driver ran several yards further than necessary and placed the truck in the wrong position. The men were quick and active, however, and their time was 4-6 seconds. Raleigh's harnes are fast and they were well handled. The men did not appear to be as quick as the Asheville boys, nevertheless they won the contest, the time being 4-3-5 seconds. Raleigh won the first prize of $125, and Asheville took the second, $75.

There were six entries in the hand reel race, although only five ran. Raleigh windreeling on account of one of her men being hurt. Thomas was the first contestant but lost the coupling. Concord met the same fate at the hydrant. Salem made a pretty run, and when the official time was marked up it was generally conceded that she had won. The time for Salem was 1-3-5. New Bern got a false start and was eliminated. 29-2-5 and Greensboro 29-4-2.

The prizes were awarded as follows:
- First prize, $125; New Bern, second prize, $15; Greensboro, third prize, $10.

Salem took first money in $75. She ran the hand reel race, her time being the grab reel race, her time being 4-2-5. Connetand made the pretty run in both events, and the company landed $100 in a short while today.

Asheville again lost at the hydrant, and was ruled out. Concord did better than she did in the hand reel contest, getting water in 2 seconds. Raleighs then came down the stretch at a breakneck speed. New Bern was ruled out by a Mishap at the start, and Greensboro made the run in 3.

Raleigh did not enter. The prizes were awarded as follows: First prize, $15; Greensboro, second, $10; Concord, third, $5. Salem established a new State record in the grab reel race. There were only two entries in this contest - Greensboro and New Bern. Greensboro won her time being 50 seconds, and New Bern 50-5-5.

The tournament, which closed with today's events, is considered to have been one of the first and most successful ever held in the State.
FIREMEN OF OLD

Raleigh Department in Days of Pump Machines.

Major A. B. Stronach Writes Entertainingly of Ten Years When Simulants During the Fire Were the Proper Thing.

The recent tournament of firemen at Winston and the visit of Raleigh firemen there, together with the great change in fire fighting methods, has induced Major A. B. Stronach to write something of the olden day fire fighters. It is entertaining, and one will read with pleasure what he says of the Raleigh fire department from 1865 to 1875.

I do not know who ran with the machine before or during the Civil War, but in 1866 some of the younger men who had served in the Confederate Army found that end of the war was not the end of all things and that possibly a little practice fighting fire in the world would furnish some experience for things that might come after. Organized two companies to man the hand pump machines owned by the city of Raleigh. No. 1 elected local fireman, Jas. McKee, at that time a medical student, assistant fireman, W. C. Stronach. I do not recall the name of the fireman of No. 2. There was of course great rivalry between the two companies. No. 1 was the larger and we who were members of the company thought the most efficient machine.

With these old out of date hand pump engines we never failed to save the adjoining buildings, and to this end our efforts if fire was under much headway were always turned. It was considered highly important that the firemen should be furnished with a stimulus to stimulate them during the fire and as a reviver after the fire.

When the Buttermilk Tavern, as it was called, burned down the fireman of No. 1, being quite a large fire, decided it necessary to order four gallons of the best at six dollars per gallon. The Buttermilk Tavern occupied the space on East Morgan Street between what was then the Catholic church, now the First Baptist (relocated), and the Carolina Wood Mrs. M. A. Hardee's sign, an awning frame, this frame falling on the engine, the company was yelled and the engine carefully examined to see if any dents or any paint knocked off, and for the time at least, no thought was given to the damages to Mrs. Hardee, nor our thought was for any ought else.

In 1871 we were invited by the Hornets Nest Fire company of Charlotte to the 20th of May celebration. We were royally entertained and given the freedom of the city and beyond the fact that the night of our arrival a party of us including Gov. Vance, Thos. Davie and others, Charlotte, with one horn and a bass drum went串联ing the freedom of the city is about all the writer can recall.

The following year the Rescue Co. invited the Hornets Nest Fire Company to visit Raleigh, as our guests. A Petersburg, Va., company came also. Thus on our own invitation, but the freedom of the city was given to both, the list taken off the town and all bills paid by the Rescue Fire Company. The second night of their visit wound up with a big dinner at the Exchange Hotel, located where the Agricultural Building now is.

The recollections of this dinner is not much clearer than my recollections of the Charlotte trip, but this I know that the next time out of the company there was hardly a spanner to fit the hose and the uniforms were a mixture from the three companies.

The writer found himself in the possession of a mighty emulator, Charlotte shirt, Rescue cap, and Petersburg belt.

The officers of the Rescue when first organized were: C. C. Breezer, foreman; W. C. Stronach, assistant foreman; M. W. Churchill, corresponding secretary; D. H. Bell, secy., John C. Hyde, tres., Samuel Merritt, hose director; Jas. H. Green, engineer. A copy of the original roll hangs in Rescue Hall and a few days ago for the first time in many years I read over the names. The list of the living is sadly small.

These fragmentary reminiscences were brought to my memory by the purchase of a new engine for the city of Raleigh and when the new streamer throws a stream of water clear over the dome of the Capitol to the ground on the other side of the building, as the old Rescue did, then I who were old Recosmen will believe that the new engine is the equal of the old Rescue.
Workers at the new Harp building were busy constructing the new two-story structure. Many of the workers lost their lives in the fire, fortunately they could be rescued in time. The community went into mourning.

"Mr. W. C. Stroud, assistant manager of the News & Observer, went in to look over the damage to the morning edition. In going down Washington Street, he saw the small body of the fire that damaged the old Turrentine Tavern. When he arrived, he was coming up the street. Local news bureaus were kept informed of the damage and the extent of the damage.

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THE COLORED FIREMEN.

John S. Plummer President—Rocky Mount Wins Honors—Conduct Above Reproach.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, N. C., Aug. 10.—The colored firemen's association closed its sixteenth annual session last night when the officers were elected as follows: President, Jno. S. Plummer, of Warrenton; First Vice-President, F. F. Chambers, Statesville; Second Vice-President, Dr. S. R. Wright, Salisbury; Financial Secretary, Col. C. S. L. A. Taylor, Charlotte; Recording Secretary, Peter Collins, Warrenton; Treasurer, J. G. Latta, Winston; Statistical Secretary, A. J. Brown, Washington; Chaplain, Rev. Myintyre, Rocky Mt.; Chief Marshal, Sylvester Dibble, Washington. Prof. L. R. Randolph, superintendent of the colored public schools, was elected national delegate. In the hook and ladder contest the company from Rocky Mount wrested first honors from their opponents, the companies from Tarboro and Winston. The time was 35 seconds, the Winston team winning second money.

The session was attended by probably 1,000 visitors, whose behavior was above reproach. Not a single arrest has been made by the local authorities of any of the visitors, and only a few among the town negroes. These hard working fire fighters were well treated here and express much delight at the hospitality accorded them by all classes of citizens. Winston-Salem was selected for the next place of meeting.
BLOCKED CROSSING

Fire Chief Complains of Ordinance Not Enforced.

At 8:30 o'clock Sunday night the fire alarm announced a conflagration in the extreme northern section of the city, and it was discovered to be at the Raleigh Cotton Mills, across the several railroad tracks on Firwood street. The damages did not exceed a few dollars, and the flames were quickly extinguished. One of the machines, a mule, had caught fire, and the cotton burning slowly had filled the entire building with a smothering smoke.

The fire department put out the fire with the sprinklers in the mill and two extinguishers from the hook and ladder truck.

Chief Mangum said yesterday that something should be done to prevent the railroad crossings from being blocked. The wagons were delayed at the crossing several minutes, he said, and the men had extinguished the fire almost as soon as the apparatus had been carried across the tracks. There is an ordinance prohibiting the blocking of crossings, but it is not enforced, the chief said.

The alarm signaled "out" at nine o'clock.
THE WOOLCOTT STORE DAMAGED

Fire and Water Wreck the Mammoth Stock

LOSS HARD TO ESTIMATE

1905-10-29 - Morning Post

Fire was discovered in Walter Woolcott's store on 12:30 o'clock this morning, and before it was extinguished the building was damaged to the extent of about six hundred dollars, and the stock, by fire and water, possibly $30,000. The stock on the third floor, where the fire originated, is a total loss, and the first and second floors were flooded with water. The stock was valued at $40,000, and Mr. Woolcott carried $35,000 insurance on the stock and $1,000 on the fixtures.

ORPHANS JUMP FOR THEIR LIVES

Leaped from Roof of Four Story Building

CATH. ORPHANAGE FIRE

Looking for Orphans Like Raleigh

Was In For a Regular Conflagration—Yarborough Guests Panic

Stricken—Woolcott's Stock Valued at $40,000, Insurance $34,000

The "priest's house" in ashes and two orphans very seriously and possibly fatally burned, are the most dire results of a fire that occurred early this morning at the Catholic orphanage at Nazareth, near Raleigh.

Started at 2 O'clock This Morning

Gutted the "Priest's House"—Ellen Buffalo and John Glavish Seriously Hurt—Narrow Escapes Loss $25,000

The fire began in the second story of the "priest's house," and the orphans were immediately notified. The fire was extinguished by the firemen, but the damage was extensive.

There were twelve persons sleeping in the building and all except the two mentioned as injured were gotten out safely. However, Father O'Brien, chaplain of the institution, who was sleeping on the third floor, had quite a narrow escape. He was not at all well, and when the alarm was given he found that the fire was in the building he occupied. He ran to the window only to find that the rope fire escape was not fastened and he leaped out of the window to the ground. He sustained no serious injury, however, being only shaken up to a considerable extent.

The fire was discovered about two o'clock and was already well advanced. It is thought to have started near the library on the third floor. A squad of cadets from the A. & M. College went over to assist in fighting the fire. Also a number of the Raleigh firemen, members of the Rescue and the Hook and Ladder Companies. However all that could be done was in the way of preventing the spread of the fire to other buildings. The "priests
all across the sidewalk in front of the building. Ladders could not be raised and the greatest difficulty was experienced in putting the firemen in position to get off the fire on that account. The condition emphasized the necessity of some system in the distribution of water.

While the firemen were working at the front of the building to get at the fire, the flames burst out of the third floor windows in the rear and two streams of water were very soon gotten to work on these. It was a comparatively short time after the alarm came in when the signal "fire out" was given. So that, altogether, the department did some very good work.

It looked several times like the flames would spread to the adjacent buildings, especially the Yarborough Hotel, and the building in the Merchants and Farmers Bank, but these were protected and the flames confined to the Woolcott building.

Mr. Woolcott said last night that there had never been any fire on the third floor where the fire started, there being a small fire in a room on the second floor, and he is at a loss to account for the origin of the fire.

The building is owned by Job P. Wyatt & Bro. They carry $4,000 insurance on the building. Mr. Wyatt said last night that he could form no estimate of the loss yet, but he thinks it will not be less than $600.

The alarm was turned in from box 23 by Mr. Capers White. He and a number of friends were standing at the corner of Market and Fayetteville streets, when they smelled the smoke and discovered that it was pouring out of the windows on the third floor of the Woolcott building. Mr. Arthur Cobb, in the Yarborough House, about the same time discovered the fire in the rear of the building next to the Yarborough, and gave the alarm.

Mr. Woolcott was at home, and had retired, when the alarm rang. In fact, the first sound waked him up. He expected to have left this morning for a business trip to several towns in this state. He is to vacate the building February 1st, Job P. Wyatt & Bro. having purchased it for their own use, and he has not yet secured a suitable store in which to move.

A number of the members of the Rescue and the Hook and Ladder Companies. However all that could be done was in the way of preventing the spread of the fire to the adjacent buildings. The "priests house," in which the fire started, was completely gutted, nothing being left standing except the bare brick walls.

The fire was discovered by Joseph Crane, who reported it to Father Price, and he hastened to get the children out and direct what could be done in the way of fighting the fire.

Dr. Goodwin and Dr. Rogers responded to calls to attend the injured, and everything possible was done for their relief.

The loss by the burning of the building was about $5,000, there being only a small amount of insurance.

There were two oil stoves in use in the building, but both had been extinguished for some time when the fire occurred. The fixtures were being installed for steam heat.

The examination of the injured youths by the physicians developed the fact that they were not as seriously injured as was at first thought. Buffalo was found to have his shoulder and several ribs broken. It is thought that he will recover.

Young Timothy Wallace of New York did quite a heroic act. He had gotten down out of the burning building and, seeing Buffalo and Glavish on the roof, he dashed back up through the building to the roof to save them. No one knows how he ever forced his way through the smoke and flames, but he did it. Then all three were on the roof with no way to get down except to jump. Mattresses were spread on the ground for them. Wallace was successfully caught on a mattress, but both Buffalo and Glavish landed on the ground, hence their more serious injuries.

Later examinations of the injured by the physicians this morning developed the fact that Glavish is the most seriously hurt. His face, neck and arms are badly burned. He has a bad fracture of the left rib, and both ankles are either broken or sprained. Timothy Wallace has his back badly hurt.

The examination of Wallace showed that the bones in his right foot are broken, his back and left ankle badly sprained.

The four injured were carried to Rex Hospital this morning about 6 o'clock.
This image depicts the Catholic Orphanage building that burned on October 29, 1905.
A FIRE ON WHEELS

Blazing Cotton Car Flies Along Track.

Found Ablaze in Southern Freight Near Method and After Rushing into Raleigh is Finally Exinguished at Union Depot.

There was a running fire around Raleigh this morning about one o'clock when a box car on the Southern Railway was found on fire, the cotton in it burning steadily, the timber of the car making a big blaze.

Freight train No. 74 in the third section was coming this way from Greensboro when near Method it was seen that a car taken on at Spencer loaded with compressed cotton was on fire. Orders were given and the engineer drove his engine along at a rapid rate to make Raleigh and save the car. He set his whistle going and as the blazing car came flying down the road the whistle kept up its shrill screams for help.

A pause was made at the water tank and the hose there was tried, but it accomplished little. Again went the engine and the train was carried to the Southern yard, while the city fire alarm began to boom and the fire department hustled out. The drivers chased about after the fire, but the fire began to roll around on its wheels and was hard to locate.

At the Southern yard the burning car, now blazing briskly, was cut out of the train and the engine of No. 11 took it in charge and hurried it to the rear of the Union depot so the Raleigh fire department could get a front at it. Here a stream was put on and the blaze was finally conquered, the car doors being broken open while in a blaze. Both sides of the car about the doors and the top of the car are badly burned, and of the fifty or more bales of cotton some twenty-five or more seem to be badly burned, all being scorched and damaged. The cotton was bound to Pinder's Point via Selma, but is now held up in Raleigh, that is all that is left.
BIG BLAZE OF FIRE

Seaboard Cotton Warehouse Half Destroyed.

No Cotton and Only Obsolete Car Material in Building Burned

Last Night With $4,000

Loss Fully Insured.

Flames roaring skyward, smoke rolling up in huge rolls, the neighborhood lighted up almost as day, the sky above crimsoned from the fire below. About half of the Seaboard Air Line's cotton warehouse in the north of Raleigh was destroyed last night.

It was known that much cotton was stored there, and there were reports of at least five hundred bales of cotton being destroyed. Nearly two thousand people were attracted to the huge fire and the report spread rapidly that the loss in cotton would reach nearly $50,000. That the cotton was owned by Col. Charles E. Johnson, Capt. J. D. Thomas and Mr. S. W. Brewer. Many were the expressions of regret at the loss of so much cotton.

But this proved to have been an error. For though there was in the building 277 bales of cotton, none of this was destroyed or damaged, all being in sections of the warehouse not burned. Of the cotton 286 bales belonged to Col. Chas. E. Johnson and 77 bales had been stored by the People's Warehouse Company. Messrs. Thomas and Brewer. The flames were cut off by a brick fire wall from the portion of the long building holding the cotton, while in the portion concerned there was only some obsolete car material.

The warehouse was about 600 feet long and the portion destroyed had a tar and gravel roof, the sides being protected with corrugated iron. In it there was only some old railroad material, and there is only surplus as to the cause of the fire. Some think it started in the building and spread to the outside, and that the fire began from a spark from a small engine used by contractors working for the Seaboard. But others say it is only guesswork. The big fire attracted thousands, and from about half past eight, when the fire began, till after ten o'clock great crowds watched the flames.

The fire was beyond the north yards of the Seaboard and the Raleigh Cotton Mills, the distance from the city making it impossible for the Raleigh fire companies to get to the scene of action. The various wagons went as far as possible and stopped, but a number of the firemen hurried in to the fire and fought it vigorously connected with the plugs on the platform. Direct pressure below was used. Among the men fighting the fire was Col. Johnson, who stood it at the fire-wall there from the Raleigh Fire Department. Messrs. Capers, White, Brockwell, Thomas, Brice, Johnson, John Watson, and Charles B. Park. In going to the fire the springs of the front axle of the Rescue fire wagon were broken.

The warehouse was about 460 feet long and of this the section burned was 316 feet long. The building was valued at about $8,000, and the loss is put at $4,000, this fully covered by insurance.
DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Conflagration in Lee
and Broughton's
Store.

A fire in the men's clothing store of
Lee & Broughton last night caused
serious damage to the stock, which
was fully covered by insurance.
At 9:25 o'clock an alarm was sent
in from box 29, and the response of
the fire apparatus was immediate.
Mr. Winston Davis, a clerk in Sher-
wood Higgs & Co.'s dry goods store,
was leaving the Oak City Guards' ar-
mory, and saw the reflection of a
light flickering on the windows of
Briggs & Sons Hardware Store. He
cast his eyes in the windows of
Lee & Broughton's store, and detected
flames in the rear of the room. He
then went in the alarm.
Upon the arrival of the fire wagons
no fire could be seen from the front
windows, the door being closed, and
the room was full of dense smoke.
The firemen went to the rear of the
building in the alley between the store
and Royster's candy factory, and
broke open the back door to the store.
Water was turned on, and the flames
were soon extinguished.
Chief Mangum stated last night that
he could not estimate the probable
amount of damage by fire and water,
but it is believed the insurance,
amounting to $9,000, will fully cover
the loss.
FIRE DESTROYED LIVE STOCK.

St. Augustine School Suffered Loss Last Night—Barn and Contents in Ashes.

Fire destroyed the large and commodious barn at St. Augustine's School (colored) at an early hour this morning, entailing a loss between $2,200 and $2,500, in part covered by insurance. The exact figures could not be learned. In addition to the destruction of the building there was also burned 14 cows, one mule and a quantity of feed. Two cows and several mules were rescued, and escaped without injury.

The barn was a frame structure, about 80 by 60 feet and two stories in height, and being filled with inflammable material yielded quickly to the flames. There was little or no wind blowing and the main buildings of the college were not immediately endangered, the space being about seventy-five yards. The origin of the fire is not known, when first discovered the flames were bursting through the roof.

No alarm was given in the city, but the glow in the clouds occasioned great alarm, seeming to indicate the buildings about the Confederate Soldiers' Home. Owing to the fact that the school is not equipped with an extended fire apparatus the attendants about the place were helpless to check the flames.
SEABOARD TRAIN BURNED EARLY IN MORNING

Horrible Wreck at Pamlico Junction Near Raleigh.

DEAD BODY BURNT

Yesterday Morning the Sky in Northern Raleigh was reddened by Awful Wreck and Burning, but No One Was Killed.

Loss $100,000.

Another horrible wreck occurred on the Seaboard Air Line at the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Junction yesterday morning at 3:45 o'clock, two miles north of Raleigh. The gasoline pipe was broken and in a few minutes the magnificent Florida Pullman train of seven cars was on fire. The burning reddened the whole northern sky. It was a sight never to be forgotten by those who hastened to the scene of the wreck and the conflagration. The News and Observer, in editions issued immediately after the disaster yester-while Joe White, his fireman, was caught raising out the fire and was slightly hurt. The engineer thinks an obstruction had been placed on the track to wreck the train. The engine and tender for a second kept to the Seaboard track and were then thrown to the right between the Seaboard and Raleigh and Pamlico Sound track, but are standing. The rest of the train jumped the switch and took the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound track, butting into freight cars there. At once the gasoline lights in the front of the train broke and the gasoline set fire to the coaches, the baggage car, the dining car and two coaches catching on fire, as well as three freight cars on the Raleigh and Pamlico track. Not one passenger were seriously hurt.

Baggagemaster Saves Mail.

The baggage master was T. J. Jones, of Jacksonville, Fla., and his right arm was bruised. He says that the first thing he knew he was thrown to the floor with many pieces of baggage on top of him. He scrambled up, got out the mail in the baggage car and one piece of baggage, but with his hurt he could not handle the other baggage.

The Dead Body Cremated.

In this baggage car was the box and casket containing the dead body of John C. Durbin, of Harrisburg, Pa., who had died on Monday at Palm Beach from pneumonia. It was impossible to get the casket out and the dead body was cremated. On the train was his widow, his brother, John W. Durbin and wife, of Williamsport, Pa. It was not thought wise to inform them of the burning.

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The fireman jumped off and was hurt, but his injuries were not supposed to be serious.

The gasoline pipe was broken by the accident and soon the whole train was a mass of flame. It is understood that the noise of the explosion was caused by the gasoline.

**Switch Tampered With.**

It is the opinion of Engineer Moore, who passed over the road just fifteen minutes before the accident, that the switch had been tampered with. "I passed over at 2:30," he said, "and everything was all right. It must have been tampered with. See—the lock is gone."

**Not Going Fast.**

The Florida Limited No. 81 had left St. Augustine, Fla., at 11:30 on Tuesday morning and had reached Raleigh on time at 2:35 a. m. yesterday, with Engineer W. A. Steele, of Portsmouth in charge of the engine, his fireman being Joe White, a negro of Raleigh, who lives at 221 West North street. The train had not reached its usual speed, but was going at twenty-five miles an hour when the wreck occurred at Pigeon House Branch crossing, where the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound road joins the Seaboard, two miles to the north of Raleigh.

**Perhaps the Wreckers.**

Engineer Steele says that while the train was going along the top of the embankment, 40 feet high, near the crossing, that his search light showed him three or four men down at the foot of the embankment. Then of a sudden the pilot in front of the engine bumped into and went under something, throwing dirt in his face. He jumped to one side of the cab and was thrown out, but not hurt.
those who hastened to the scene of the wreck and the conflagration. The News and Observer, in editions issued immediately after the disaster yesterday morning gave the following account of the wreck, two of the staff of the paper having gone at once to the scene.

Policemen Pope and Alderson on their beats heard the explosion of the engine and almost immediately saw the bursting flames. Men on duty at Johnston street station also heard the explosion and knew it was the engine of the northbound Florida Limited, No. 84. News was sent to Mr. C. H. Gattis, Assistant Passenger Agent of the Seaboard, and he with other railroad officials were early on the scene. But before anybody from the city had arrived the passengers had all leaped from the burning train, no person being killed and no passenger injured. The only person badly hurt was Train Conductor Haddock. He had a bad gash over his left cheek and it was feared was internally injured. Two porters were less injured. The ambulance and carriages were early on hand to bring the injured to Rex Hospital. The dining car employees jumped through the window. Mr. A. W. Hewitt, dining car conductor, says that one was hurt slightly on the shoulder.

Cause of the Accident.

"How did the accident happen?" I asked Engineer W. A. Steele, who was sitting in a Pullman car that was not burned, when I reached the wreck where six cars made a lurid conflagration.

"Somebody derailed the train," he said. "The first thing I knew was that I had been thrown to the right and fell on my head and shoulders. I was badly shaken off from the fall.
Seaboard Train Burned Early This Morning.

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The Track Was Blocked.

One of the Pullmans' and the observatory car that escaped were placed back to Johnston Street Station and made up into a train to go by way of Durham and Henderson north, as the Seaboard track is badly burned and torn up for some distance, the engine and tender also being the way. The baggage car with the light dynamite, and three Pullmans were burned and entirely destroyed.

It was late in the day before the track was cleared to move trains and those from the North and South used the Durham-Henderson route, using the Southern between Raleigh and Durham until the track was cleared.

Seven Cars on Train.

The train was composed of seven cars, and all except three were burned. All engines and tenders were burned, but the mail was saved.

Doctors on the Scene.

As soon as they could, Dr. J. R. Riggers and Dr. J. W. McGee went on board and examined the victims. They then restored the train, which the Seaboard hastily prepared to bring all the passengers and employees who had not been conveyed to Raleigh in the first carriage that was burned.

Escape Marvelous.

The first news that reached Raleigh was that many were killed and burned. As we hurried to the scene, it was expected that the number was large, but it turned out that the number of killed and burned was not, and that many were injured.

It is a Death Trap.

This is a typical accident that has occurred at the junction of the Raleigh and Pamlico railroad, near Raleigh. It is dangerous to persons traveling on the county road, as well as to those on the track, and the Corporation Commission and county authorities should act promptly to prevent other such accidents and injuries to that dangerous track, which has been dangerer feet above the county road at the place where the disaster occurred this morning.

Capital Hose Company.

The Capital Hose Company hastened to the scene, but the fire had made such headway that nothing could be done. The hook and ladder company went to the wreck also.

Passengers on Train.

A partial list of the passengers on the train is as follows:

- W. J. Duckman and wife, 360 W 22nd street, New York.
- R. L. Williams, Brunswick, Ga.
- Eugene Stevenson, 380 Park Avenue, Patterson, N. J.
- W. J. Durbin and wife, Williamsport.
- Mrs. J. C. Durbin, widow of John C. Durbin, whose body was burned.
- Mrs. F. P. Bohn, 1901 W. Mulberry street, Baltimore.
- F. J. Fuller, of Great Barringer, Maine.
- H. C. Grover, Ocala, Fla.
- M. D. Young, 1429 Main street, Columbus, R. C.

It was reported that there were eighteen to twenty passengers in all.

Looking for the Wreckers.

There is pending another sensation with regard to the disaster which early on Wednesday morning caused a property loss of about $2,000 to the Seaboard Air Line when No. 84, its Florida Limited train, was wrecked and four coaches out of seven burned at the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound crossing two miles north of Raleigh, where the embankment is forty feet high.

This is that the Seaboard officials, after conference and investigation are of the opinion that the disaster was caused by train wreckers, and that the train was tampered with and that it was mere good luck that there were no deaths.

Cause of the Trouble.

As it now appears to the officials the train had been tampered with, so the lock is gone, and the switch was found open, so as to cause No. 84 to take the Raleigh and Pamlico track and run into the box cars close at hand. The impetus of the engine on the straight track was so great that when it took the curve it went off between the two tracks, and the cars behind kept on the Raleigh and Pamlico track. It is believed that when Engineer Stone says there was an obstacle struck by the pilot, dirt being thrown in his face, that this was when the engine got between the tracks and struck a post car and as it plowed into the dirt went on the track, between the rails some of the dirt struck him. The Seaboard has special agents and detectives on the case. Yet the marks on the iron switch show force was used to remove the lock.

Traffic Is Resumed.

The baggage car and the three Pullmans were completely destroyed by the fire which came when the gasoline tank under the dining car exploded. About nine o'clock yesterday morning the tracks were in such condition that traffic over it was resumed and trains did not have to go by way of Durham and Henderson. The two Pullmans and the observation cars were sent North with the passengers by the next train. It seems that there were about thirty-five passengers in all but none were hurt.

Durbin's Remains Found.

A part of the remains of the body of Mr. J. C. Durbin, of Harrisburg, Pa., which were thought to be entirely destroyed by the fire, were found yesterday morning. His widow and his brother had not been informed of the burning when they left Raleigh, but were later on. Yesterday morning, after the fire had somewhat subsided, Mr. William Little of Raleigh, saw a portion of a body and with the help of Mr. Sylvester Pennington got it from under the burning car. Only the upper portion of the body and the head were found, the head being burned until only a portion of the skull was left. The remains were placed in charge of the John W. Brown Embalming Company and after being prepared and placed in a casket were last night shipped to Harrisburg by express.

Runners to a Death.

There were rumors yesterday that
a negro had been killed in the wreck. A report was that the foreman of a negro had been on the train at the time of the accident and that his body had been found with his clothing on. It was impossible to get a confirmation of this report. One or two dogs were in the baggage car and these are supposed to have been burned to death. They may have escaped but no one knows of this.

Picking Up Silver.

Great crowds went out to the place yesterday, hundreds of people viewing the remains of the wreck. Many negroes were busy picking up everything they could find, and in the wreckage of the dining car afterward, curiosity and curiosity excited was encountered everywhere.

A Costly Wreck.

The value of the wrecked and burnt part of the train is put at about $2,000, in the amount of the baggage car being valued at $2,000, the dining car and equipment at $3,000, the two Pullmans at $2,000 each. The damage to the engine is expected to be about $1,000. The entire train was a Pullman train, and was the best. The dining car is said to have been the finest of its kind in the United States. During the St. Louis Exposition it was exhibited by the company as a model of all that was elegant in the way of a dining car. It was very large, and when the Florida Limited of the Seaboard was lately inaugurated, this car was used as a special feature. The Seaboard has its engine fully insured.

Caring for the Passengers.

The passengers escaped practically without injury. The "Mildred" of the Pullman, was jammed in front and rear, the passengers leaving it by the windows. Some lost anes and clothing and when these were brought to Raleigh there was much damage. Major C. H. Gault, the traveling passenger agent, was seriously injured on the scene, later taken for further aid. The "Mildred" was handed over to the "Kiddie" and the "Monroe," much personal property of passengers being lost.

Scene of Previous and Past Wrecks.

The wreck yesterday morning at the junction of the Seaboard Air Line and Raleigh and Pamlico Sound railroads, two miles north of Raleigh, is the third one to occur at or near that point in about two years. All of which have been of a serious nature. Two of them resulted in fatalities.

The first of these three accidents, happening at or near Pigeon House Branch crossing, occurred about two years ago. A flat car, loaded with lumber, in some way was set in motion on the Johnson street yard and rolled out on the main line and ran down grade to Crabtree bridge, nearly a mile beyond the scene of yesterday's catastrophe and stopped, when it was run into by a fast train, the wreck resulting in the death of Engineer Watson.

Runaway Track Ends.

After this a runaway track was started at the northern end of the yard to switch off into the woods any cars that might get loose from the yard, and thus prevent a repetition of the Crabtree wreck. A switch station was also provided and a man placed there to attend it. It was his duty to keep the "runaway switch" open at all times except when trains were passing.

However, on last Christmas morning two cars got loose from the yard and ran away, passing the switch which for some reason was not closed. As it should have been, and going beyond the Raleigh and Southport junction, stopped on the main line, to be run into by a fast through passenger train, the wreck resulting in the death of an unknown man by the name of Weatherspoon.

Place of Danger.

The public road leading out from Raleigh as the continuation of Pernod street crosses both the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound and the Seaboard tracks, something like a hundred yards from their junction. The tracks are on considerable embankments and at the crossing and they increase in height from the county road to the Pigeon House branch bridge, this side the burgundy. The crossing has been a long time been dangerous, a number of casualties having occurred there, but recently the Seaboard Air Line Company has constructed a culvert bridge for the county road to pass through under the railroad track near the branch since yesterday morning's wreck, which blocked the county road, all traffic has been by the new crossing under the track. This new crossing will be used regularly as soon as the approaches to it on either side are put in good condition. They are possible at present, but not in good shape. Two of the three wrecks had their origin and cause on the Johnston street yard and one, this last, was caused by the condition of the switch or track.
THREE FIREMEN ARE HURLED OUT OF WAGON

Horses Were Going at Full Speed.

INJURIES ARE SEVERE

In Raleigh. Last Evening on False Alarm—A Heavy Dip in a Street and No Electric Light Responsible for Accident That Was a Narrow Escape.

A team of fire horses going at full speed in response to a false alarm, a deep and wide dip at a street crossing, a dark corner without an electric light, three firemen hurt from the wagon to the ground and injured was the scene last night a few minutes before seven at the corner of Jones and North East streets.

And the accident that came near to bringing death occurred in the response of the fire department of Raleigh to a false alarm of box 19, corner of Jones and Elm streets, in it the men injured being Cuss Pool, known as "Pood" Pool, John Snuggs and R. C. Pool, the latter being the driver of Capital Hose No. 1 team. These men were on the seat and were thrown out, while at the back of the wagon were Peter Welch and James P. Jordan, the team being finally stopped by Welch, who climbed up into the body of the wagon.

The horses were going at full speed on Jones street when the accident occurred at the corner of North East street. The crossing there is a deep dip in the street, this used as a gutter, the dip extending the entire length of the street, being about eighteen feet wide, and reaching a depth in the middle of possibly a foot and a half. The street there is very dark, no electric light being on the corner, and as the team went headlong in answer to the false alarm the wagon sagged down into and then up from the dip, the three men on the front seat being thrown violently to the ground.

Rich Pool, who was driving, went over to the left and his side was hurt, this being the third time he has been injured in the side and horse having kicked him once, and once being run over. Tood Pool and John Snuggs, the latter occupying the middle of the seat, were thrown to the right, and either in the fall, or by the wheel striking him, Tood Pool was hurt about the forehead, there being a gash over the left eye, which is probably injured. John Snuggs threw out his right arm as he fell and there is a bone fractured in the forearm. The men are all probably, and other injuries as they are terribly shaken up.

The fall rendered Tood Pool nearly unconscious, and he lay where he fell in the street while down on him bore the "Victor Hose Company team. Just in time to save him from being run over in the dark John Snuggs, though injured himself, grabbed Tood Pool and dragged him out of the way. Pool was taken to Rex Hospital for treatment and is doing well, while later John Snuggs, who suffered greatly, went into a nearby house and was taken to the office of Dr. J. B. Rogers, where his arm was cared for and put in splints. Rich Pool went to his home. The right hand horse of the Capital hose team was hurt on the back by the wagon running on him.

When the three men, who are paid men in the Fire Department, were thrown from the front seat the horses kept rushing ahead east on Jones street, with Peter Welch and James P. Jordan on the rear steps of the wagon. Welch, who is also a paid man, climbed up into the body of the wagon and kept shouting at the horses till he was able to reach the lines which were tied to the front, the team being finally stopped near Elm street after a fast run.

The accident resulting from the turning in of a false alarm has created great indignation among the firemen of the city, and the matter being called to the attention of Mayor Johnson, he became indignant also, and if he has the authority would be willing to offer a reward of $500 for the culprit who turned in the alarm, a matter which in itself is one deserving of the severest censure. This narrow escape from death of three firemen will doubtless cause steps to be taken to do away with the dangerous dip in the street at the crossing, and to give a needed light at the corner of Jones and North East streets.
RAGING FLAMES

Render Eleven Families Homeless in Short Time.

Ten Houses Destroyed at Pilot Cotton Mills Early Yesterday Morning—Started in a Closet—Loss $1,000, Covered by Insurance.

Eleven families are without homes and living in temporary places of residence as a result of a disastrous fire at the Pilot Cotton Mills, a mile north of this city, early yesterday morning. Ten houses belonging to the cotton mill company were destroyed absolutely, the loss amounting to about $1,000, covered by insurance. In several of the houses the furniture of the occupants was destroyed, but in those farthest from the point where the fire originated the furniture was saved. The families are being looked after by the mill authorities and the Associated Charities. The fire started in house No. 28, in the “North Row,” occupied by Mr. D. P. Pearson. There were sixteen houses in the row and ten of them were burned within an hour and a half.

The volunteer fire company at the mill was on the scene in a few minutes after the fire was discovered, and by their efforts the other six houses of the row were saved. Those destroyed were from three to six-room houses and were among the best in the village.

Mr. Pearson awoke to find smoke in his room. He got up, made investigation, and upon opening a closet door the flames burst out. He and his family escaped by the utmost effort, but lost all their belongings. In a few minutes the house was destroyed and several others near by were in flames.

The chief of the city fire department was called and asked to send a hose wagon, but it being beyond the city limits he declined to respond without orders from the mayor. Then Mayor Johnson was called and he in turn notified Chief Mangum to go ahead. By the time the hose wagon reached the scene the fire was under control.

It is understood that there was no insurance on the furniture destroyed.
FIRE'S DUAL ACT

Burned Stables, Rested and Took House.

Early This Morning Stables of Edgar Ellington Burned, Horse is Scorched and House Roof Flames Up.

His house roof burned in places, his stables and barn burned down, one horse scorched and burned badly, the flames early this morning did a double turn at the home of Mr. Edgar E. Ellington, manager of the Ellington Lumber Company, 102 north Saunders street, a half block to the north of Hillsboro street.

It was shortly after three o'clock yesterday morning that the stables and barn were burned. They were in the back of the yard, immediately on the edge of the cut through which the Seaboard Air Line track passes and then goes under the Hillsboro street bridge. Mr. Ellington says that a spark from a passing Seaboard engine must have started the fire as he has had trouble from that cause before.

When he and his family were aroused by friends after the alarm had been sent in by these, the stable and barn were half gone.

In the stable were two horses and two mules, these being shut in by the fence. On the face of the fire a side was ripped off, the horses and mules coming out at once. One of them, a fine horse, is badly scorched and burned on the left side, the flank being raw in large places. The animal was taken to McManusin's stables for treatment. There was much feed and harness destroyed in the barn.

The fire department had responded quickly and it appeared that all danger was over the crowd dispersed. Very shortly after this flames were seen on the roof of the residence. It was thought at first that this needed only a few minutes to extinguish, but the fire had taken hold under the roof, and burst out in a dozen places, it taking a stubborn fight to conquer it, the roof being badly damaged. Mr. Ellington with the aid of friends got out his furniture and piled it across the street to escape both fire and water damage. The loss in the stables, barns and contents will amount to possibly $300, while there will be over $200 damage to the house and the injury to the horses. The residence belonged to Mr. W. J. Ellington and is fully insured, as is also Mr. Edgar E. Ellington's furniture.
MANGUM GETS
POSITION BACK
And Mayor Johnson's
Dismissal Endorsed.
THE FIRE CHIEF CASE

Aldermen Poured Mangum Conducted
office With Many Irregularities.
Suspension Was Justified, But
That He Was Not Guilty
of Misappropriation or
Any Criminal Act.

By a unanimous vote of the Board of
Aldermen yesterday afternoon
John W. Mangum, Jr., was restored
to his office and as Chief of the Fire
Department to take effect the first of June
and at the same time the suspension
of Mayor Johnson in dismissing him
was also restored as fully justified, that
official being as a man who fearlessly
and conscientiously performed the
high duties of his office.

Following the evidence submitted
yesterday in behalf of Mangum, and the
arguments of Messrs. Walter L.
Watson and William B. Jones in
behavior of Mangum and City Attorney
Sneed for the prosecution, the Board of
Aldermen went into executive session
and then up again the board
adopted the following resolution:
Mayor Endorsed and Mangum Reins-
stated.

Resolved, by the Board of Alder-
men of the City of Raleigh
That we heartily endorse
the action of the Mayor of the City of Raleigh, John W.
Mangum, Jr., from the office of the
Chief of the Fire Department,
and congratulate the city upon having as
its chief executive a man
who fearlessly and conscientiously performed
the high duties of his office.

And that we find from the
evidence that John W. Mangum
was not guilty of any misappropriation
of funds, or any crime, act or neglect.
In the selection of Mangum as Chief of the Fire
Department has conducted the business
of his department with much vigor
and technical violations of
the City Charter.

The city, therefore,
that the Mayor was
justified in removing Mangum
from office on such grounds, that we
strongly favor this action and
that the result thereof will suffice to cor-
flect any criticism of the office
of Chief of the Fire Depart-
ment or any other office within the
city government.

This Board, John W. Mangum, Jr.,
and he is hereby restored
in the office of Chief of the Fire
Department of the City of Raleigh
on the first day of June and
that he was not guilty
of any crime or
of the Fire Department.

Signed, Ed. Hugh Lee, chairman
committee; W. H. Aylen, J. Sher-
wood Upchurch, L. G. Rogers, H. W.
Jackson, G. M. Harden, W. H.
Grimes, W. A. Cooper.

The Charges in the Case.

There were in session during
the morning and afternoon, the argu-
ment of attorneys closing the case
which occurred on an appeal by Mangum

THE MANGUM CASE

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FLAMES LEAPED FORTH AT 1 A.M.

In Plant of Standard Gas and Electric Co.

$2,000 THE DAMAGE

No Cause Found for Fire—May Have Been Spontaneous Combustion.

Plant Will Not Fail to Furnish

ish Gas

Fire broke out in the plant of the

Standard Gas and Electric Company

Friday morning about 12:30 o'clock, and in a few minutes the property was
damaged to an amount estimated at $2,000. The content of the shed was almost destroyed, and the main building
which is of brick, containing much of the machinery and the electrical part
of the plant was gutted, but the flames in this building were so quickly extinguished that it is not thought that much of the machinery is

damaged. The fire did not spread over the yard or reach the tank or office, which is a small wooden building on the corner of the lot occupied by the plant.

The alarm was turned in from box

No fireman was on duty and it was turned in to headquarters.

The fire was put out by the fire department, which was called at once.

It was fortunate that the fire was discovered at once, as the flames were burning from a small building on which the work was being done.

There was a great deal of speculation on the part of those who witnessed the fire as to whether the supply of gas would be cut off or diminished, and some who depend upon gas for all lights and fuel were rather alarmed. However, the report of the fire department was that there would be no interruption in the work of the plant except a few hours this morning in one of the departments, and Mr. Jackson expressed it. The water plant,
MEET OF FIREMEN

Wilmington Offers Big Attractions.

Three Days Will Be Devoted to Contests, the Last of Which Will Be an Interstate Competition for Prizes.

(Writings in News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., July 11.—Tentative programmes for the State Firemen's Convention and annual Interstate Tournament to be held here August 1st-3rd inclusive, were made public today. The convention will be called to order by President James D. McNeill of Fayetteville, and the welcome address will be given by Mayor William E. Foringer. The race track will be in the northern portion of the city on a ravine street, which is very wide and will admit of the building of large grandstands for the spectators. A representative of the Linen Stocking Machine Company has been appointed to have a permanent photographic stand for the entertainment of the race and parade, the exhibition purposes the North Carolina Tournament being held so far as there has been in the United States, several world's records having been lowered here. There will be no contests on the first day which will be devoted to business sessions of the convention and the opening of the trolley ride to Wrightsville Beach.

Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock the street parade will be given, followed at 11 a.m. by the engine contest at the end of Market Street. The entries for this, a steam and for long distance streams are $20 and $25 for each of the two events. At 2:30 p.m. Wednesday the horse, pony, and wagon races will be run, the prizes being $100. At 7:15 p.m. these events will follow, and 62 teams of four will be admitted to bowling contests at Wrightsville Beach for first, second, and third prizes of $25, $15, and $5. This contest will be followed by a dinner at Peck's Hall at 9 p.m.

Thursday's events will open with the hand rule races at 9 a.m. the prizes being $100, $50, and $25. At 2:30 p.m. the grand, and on Friday at 3:30 p.m. the hotel races will take place, with the prizes being $250, $150, and $75. At 3:30 p.m. the horse races will be run for $500, $200, and $100. At 7:15 p.m. these events will be followed by a dinner at Peck's Hall.

Friday will be Interstate day with hand rules races at 9 a.m. for prices of $250, $150, and $75. At 2:30 p.m. the grand races take place for prizes of $250, $150, and $75. At 3:30 p.m. the hotel races will follow, with the prizes being $500, $200, and $100. At 7:15 p.m. the dinner will be served, and at 8:30 p.m. the parade will begin.

A feature of the parade will be a moving picture of automobiles decorated. For this feature an aggregate of $50 in prizes is offered by a local dealer. A silver pitcher is offered by a local dealer for the best decorated vehicle in the parade.

Wilmington and its vicinity were visited by a very heavy downpour of rain and thunder last Wednesday, but the damage was not as severe at Wrightsville, and no damage was done which could not be repaired in less than an hour. Storms are expected to continue through the week.

A contract was awarded today to H. H. Bradsby for a large consolidated fire station for the hook and ladder and chemical engine companies. The price is $13,500. In the same building the telephone exchange will be provided for the city, which station will be equipped with the latest apparatus. Work will begin at once.
WAKED BY FLAMES

Fireman Dan Allen Sleeping in Loft of Burning Barn.

Dan Allen, a young white man, who is a night fireman on a Seaboard shifting engine at the Johnson street yard, came near losing his life yesterday in a burning barn in Glenwood. Fortunately, however, he escaped uninjured, though the barn which was valued at $100 was totally destroyed.

A fire alarm turned in from box 43 just after 12 o'clock gave the fire department a long run to the corner of Boyleman avenue and Johnson street, from which point 1,000 feet of hose had to be laid to reach the barn, which belonged to Mr. Joseph Tyson, who operates a small store in Glenwood. The barn, with a little rough feed stuffed which it contained, burned like tinder and the fire was beyond control when water was applied.

Young Allen, who is about eighteen years of age, went into the barn, as his habit is, yesterday morning about 7:15 o'clock after his night's work, crawled up into the loft and went to sleep. He enjoyed his usual quiet repose until twelve o'clock when, he said, he was aroused by a cracking noise and unusual heat. He said that when he waked he looked below and saw a great blaze in some rough feed, the flames leaping up toward him. He saw he could not put out, so he went about escaping with his life. He had, before going to sleep, pulled off his overalls and laid them near him. He grabbed them and tried to put them on before going out, but said he: "I found myself trying to put the pants on over my head like a shirt and trying to put my feet through the sleeves of the coat. I couldn't get the things on and so I jumped down and ran out, taken them in my hands."

"Go. wash your face, Dan, what's the matter with it?" said a bystander. after the excitement was over. His face was so smoozy and greasy that he could hardly be recognized as a white man.

"I did that," he said, "trying to put my smoozy overall pants on over my head for a shirt."

It was a narrow escape with his life and doubtless if he had been hard to wake he would have suffered serious, if not fatal injury.

The fire is thought to have originated from sparks blown under the barn from a fire around a wash pot just a few feet away.
RALEIGH THROWS WATER FARTHEST

First Prize Captured by Engine Company

OTHER PRIZES TAKEN

Goldsboro Gets Up Steam Quickest and Asheville Makes Best Time in Hose Wagon Race—Thirty Fire Companies Take Part in Parade.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Wilmington, N. C., August 7.—A magnificent parade, in which more than thirty fire companies of the State were represented, this morning; the engine contests in the forenoon and the horse hose wagon race, which continued until nightfall, this evening, made a busy day for the firemen of the State, opening their twentieth annual tournament today.

Goldsboro captured first money in quick steaming, time 2:37 3-6; Elizabeth City, second prize, time 3:54 1-5, and New Bern No. 1, came third, time 4:10.

Goldsboro and New Bern could not take part in the long distance contest as Goldsboro burned out her boilers and the New Bern engine had a mishap of a similar character in the quick steaming. In the long distance contest Raleigh Engine Company No. 2 carried off first honors, distance 245 feet 8 inches. Elizabeth City took second money with 226 feet 8 inches.

Elizabeth City has filed a protest against the award of first prize to Goldsboro for quick steaming, for alleged irregularities, but this will be determined later.

There were 16 entries for the horse hose wagon races, Asheville winning in 29 4-6 seconds; Rocky Mount, second, time 30 1-5 seconds. Goldsboro Eclipse and Asheville No. 1 tied for third place, time 22. The race will probably be run over between the two last named teams on Friday. Tonight the firemen are being given a ball at Lumina, on the seashore, and a large crowd is in attendance.
RALEIGH VICTORS
TAKE THE SPOILS

City Proud of Her Color-
ed Firemen

THREE FIRST PRIZES

Remarkable Success Scored by the
Victor Fire Company Against a
Large Field of Competitors
Captured Everything
They Went After.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Durham, N. C., August 16.—Re-
markable indeed was the success of
the Victor Fire Company, of Raleigh,
in the tournament of negro firemen
today. Teams representing the com-
pany in two events and an individual
member in another, and they simply
captured first money in all.
The events and the time made by
the Victors follow:
100 yards reel race 29 1-5 seconds.
50 yards grab reel race, 22 1-6 sec-
onds.
100 yards dash, John Haywood,
10 1-4 seconds.
The Victors made a fine impression
and their success in the tournament
was well deserved.

The news of the victory of the team
from the Victor Fire Company in the
contests at Durham was received with
great pleasure here by all of the peo-
ple, for the colored fire fighters of
Raleigh are always on the alert to do
their duty when there is a fire to be
conquered.

Quite a crowd gathered at the Union
depot this afternoon when the vic-
torious team returned and their col-
ored friends cheered them heartily.
They have made a splendid record of
the colored tournament, and not to
be outdone by the triumphs of the
white companies of Raleigh they have
taken first prizes in every contest in
which they entered and bring back the
trophies of three victories to Raleigh
which is proud of them.
CARY’S LARGEST BUILDING LOST

Fire Destroys $11,000 Worth of Property

ORIGIN IS UNKNOWN

Raleigh Fire Department Sends Assistance on Special Train.

By EDWARD L. CONN.

Cary, N. C., Feb. 25.—Cary was thrown into great excitement this afternoon by the largest fire it has experienced since the conflagration of 1902, when the immense plant of the Cary Lumber Company was consumed in flames. Fire was discovered this afternoon at 3:30 o’clock in the roof of the grist mill and office building owned by F. R. Gray and Bro., and the entire building, with the exception of the engine room and cotton gin, were completely destroyed, the total loss being estimated at $11,475, the Messrs. Gray losing $10,000, not more than $4,000 being covered by insurance. For hours the heart of the business section of the town was threatened and in imminent danger of being fire-devastated, only the efficient and heroic efforts of the townspeople and a favorable wind saving an entire block from utter ruin.

The building that was destroyed was constructed of brick, the interior work being of heart of pine, and the roof of tin. It was constructed 33 years ago, having been first used first by the Page brothers as a tobacco factory, and before it was purchased from the a spark from the smoke stack of the mill, as it was equipped with a spark arrester that was not found to be defective; the roof of the building was of tin, and the flames, when first seen, were shooting a foot high alternately with belches of smoke, indicating that the fire had been of interior origin.

A fire is a rare occurrence in Cary, and as in the case of small towns when inhabitants were not prepared for it, and so, instead of sounding the alarm the first startled denizen who discovered the tongue of fire speaking destruction looked in open-mouthed amazement, lost to presence of mind. Others who quickly detected the flame and smoke forgot to ring the church bells, and even the grist mill men neglected or forgot in their great surprise to blow the shrill mill whistle.

One of the first persons to observe the flame was Mrs. J. R. Walker, proprietress of the hotel, who called loud and long until she had awakened to energetic action the people on her side of the town, across the railway tracks from the fire. Mr. Wilkinson was in another part of Cary, and he called out help from that section, his first warning being a sight of the smoke.

The fire was never under control. It was fought bravely foot by foot from floor to floor, but with the lack of fire-fighting equipment it could not be saved.

When the danger to the near-by buildings was appreciated a call for the Raleigh Fire Department to send assistance was sent, and it required fatiguing exertions to keep the hot, steaming and smoking houses in the proximity of the fire from being lost.

Soon after the Raleigh Fire Department received information of the fire it was impossible to get into communication with any by either telephone or telegraph, and the rumor rapidly spread that all of Cary was a mass of flames. This was occasioned by the fact that the agent had left the depot, the flames making it intolerable to stay in the office, and it was thought once to remove the papers, and fixtures from the Seaboard depot.

An incident that was typical of many others was the excitement of Mr. F. R. Gray during one stage of the fire. He was rushing around calling for his fire extinguisher, looking everywhere for it, and having about given up the hope of finding it he discovered that he had been carry-
It was constructed 28 years ago having been first built by the Page brothers as a tobacco factory, and before it was purchased from the Gray Brothers Lumber Company last May by the Mesers. Gray. It had been used by a big printing plant. It was the largest and most pretentious building in Cary, being three stories high, and its ground dimensions 80x40 feet.

In the building were the plant of the Gray Brothers grist mill, and two flour mills and one corn mill, a cotton gin, private offices, the post office, two store rooms, a coffee establishment, three lodge halls, and the Episcopal Chapel.

The losses were as follows:
- F. R. Gray and Bro., $10,000, insured for $6,000, or $4,000, the owners not knowing as the policy is looked in the Commercial and Farmers Bank vault at Raleigh, and they purchased it with the building, not knowing the exact amount of insurance.
- Odd Fellows Hall, $500.
- Woodmen of the World, $100.
- Episcopal Church, $75.
- Mayor's office, $15.

The mail in the post office was saved by the work of the postmistress, Miss Mary Brown, and scores of persons expecting letters, especially the young people at the Cary High School.

The stores and the coffee house saved their goods by removing them from the burning building.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have originated in the north-east corner of the third story between the ceiling and the roof, the theory being that matches and ashes plus rate having kindled the easily inflammable rich pine timbers. There is no thought that the fire was incendiary.

The Raleigh Fire Department was requested to send immediate assistance to the scene during the early stages of the fire, and Chief Frank Simpson responded by carrying on a special train the steamer and hose from Raleigh, with a company of experienced firemen. It was thought at the time that the business block was destined to destruction without extraordinary help, and the request was authorized by Mr. T. F. Wilkinson, one of the leading citizens of Cary, of the Wilkinson Lumber Company. It was impossible to save the Gray building, but as the local fire fighters had already successfully wrought in preventing other buildings from being caught in the flames that enveloped the Gray building, the apparatus was not removed from the car, and after an inspection of the fire by the Raleigh firemen they returned to the fire.

The seaward air line agent, Mr. N. C. Hiles, went to the Raleigh yard master for an engine to remove cars that were in jeopardy on the side tracks near the burning building, and a shifter was dispatched here in charge of Yardmaster Stewart, of Raleigh.

There is no evidence given to the report that the fire was caused by anything. Before report that the fire was caused by calling for his fire extinguisher, looking everywhere for it, and having given up the hope of finding it he discovered that he had been carrying around with him all the time.

No one was injured during the fire, one young man becoming overheated was taken home and looked in a room.

A brave young dog, mixing in the curious crowd that watched, willing but unable to assist, was dancing excitedly among a group of men, when they were warned to get out of the way of a cracking wall. They leaped from harm's way, but the dog, rising on its hind legs, was caught in the fall of the heavy brick wall, and he gave a plaintive yelp in departing.

The last thing I saw and heard tonight, as I returned to Raleigh, was his mate sitting on her haunches in the spectral glare of the dying flames, howling its direful lamentations to a starless sky to the accompaniment of the cracking embers.

The whole town sympathizes with the Mesers. Gray in their loss. They are among the most prominent and respected citizens of this part of the county, and their loss is also a great loss to Cary.
WATER SUPPLY WAS NO GOOD

And Flames Eat Up Two Houses.

NEED FIRE HYDRANTS

The Residences in a Section of City
With Inadequate Number of Fire Hydrants Could Have Been Saved If Water Had Been Properly Furnished to Firemen Who Worked Hard.

With chafed remonstrance as a monument to the need of an adequate supply of water to douse the flames two residences on West Jones street, between Joyian avenue and St. Mary's street were destroyed Sunday about noon, the notice of the fire having been prompt enough to have saved the houses if the pressure had been sufficient to throw the water on the flames. The water never came with the force needed to reclaim the few hydrants it into the houses. It was only three hours of an hour after the fire started. The first house burning that the fire steamer got into action, and when it did so the fire was soon conquered. The steamer itself came to the fire without an engineer and it was a volunteer who was pressed into service who got the engine into action, and stopped the course of the flames which were threatening other houses.

The great trouble in the supply of water seems to have come from the long stretch of hose. It was necessary to use in reaching the fire. During the course of the fire there was about five minutes' trouble at the water company pump house, where a valve in the pump was used, which was thrown useless and the water was forced through this long stretch of hose it did not have sufficient impetus to lift the fire to the top of the single-story house. With this condition the house was destroyed and the two-story building next door caught fire and was destroyed.

The loss on the buildings destroyed stands at $2,800, and the contents at $7,000, making a total loss of $9,800. The insurance companies were called and they will adjust the losses. The two buildings were on the west side of Joyian avenue, near West Jones street.
was valued at $4,000, with $2,000 insurance with the Atlantic Fire Insurance Company of Raleigh.
As the flames spread the property from the houses was brought out and scattered about on the streets. Mr. Johnson's loss was heavy. Mr. Pelot's very little, as it was nearly all packed to be shipped to Atlanta, and Prof. John Michaels' was only scratched in moving to the street and to the vacant residence next door, which he rented at once.

The firemen worked as hard as possible to save the buildings, but they were handicapped by the small stream of water. When the steamer arrived the engineer was absent, and Prof. C. B. Park, who was called upon to aid, at once took charge and soon had a lively stream on the fire.

None of the people residing in the houses had any insurance on their household property and in the case of Mr. Johnson, who came to Raleigh from Loulsburg and who is now doing plumbing work at the A. & M. College, the loss is heaviest. The fire started in the ceiling of his house, No. 710, and is charged to a defective flue, though he states that there had been no fire in the stove for some time. The fine scenes of the fire were witnessed by large crowds who went to it as church services closed, and on all sides could be heard expressions of sympathy for Mrs. Johnson and her little baby girl, who had to be moved from place to place.
GALLANT RESCUE FROM THE FLAMES

Miss Belle Hayes Down Ladder From 3d Floor

A BIG DRUG STORE FIRE

Messrs Lonnie Lamsden and James Robinson Use Small Ladders to Rescue Young Lady From Fire Yesterday at W. H. King’s Wholesale Drug House.

With a woman’s life in danger from the mad rush of the flames and the choking grasp of dense smoke there was no time for delay of any kind past four o’clock and the alarm was turned in from the box corner of Martin and Wilmington streets, but there was some disarrangement of the wires and no alarm was given. Then there began a wait and suddenly during it the screams of a woman were heard and at a window on the third floor was seen her face, filled with marks of anxiety and distress, wonderfully controlled. Expecting each moment that the hook and ladder company would arrive men in the crowd below called out to her to keep her head outside the ground she was taken to the Commercial National Bank across the street, and to a reporter who sought an interview she pleaded “Don’t put it in the paper. I don’t want anything sensational printed” and declined to give her name. After some time she was taken to her home and is doing well despite the strain on her nervous system. The rescue of the young woman by Messrs. Lamsden and Robinson was a gallant and plucky one, and they deserve praise, while Miss Hayes is to be highly commended for her coolness and nerve. While at work on the third floor she was cut off from the stair case by the flames and smoke before she realized that there was a fire.

Doing good work in the rescue there were also among others Messrs. A. J. Hampton, John Mangum, W. Z. Blake Lynn Wilder and T. B. Crowder. Messrs. Hampton and Mangum were at the ladder and the other gentlemen kept the young woman encouraged by their shouts of advice. When Mr. Robinson had broken in the window with his bare fist, cutting it, Mr. Blake sent up a stick and gave advice as to how to get a hold on the window.

It is not known how the fire started, for it began in the cellar, where there was no fire, and where no one had been with fire. This, of course, causes talk of spontaneous combustion. In the delay of getting the fire department, which was finally notified by men in buggies, the flames swept up the elevator shaft to the first, second and third floors, and with the dense smoke did great damage, which was later made greater when the water was turned on the flames.

When the firemen arrived they did quick and hard work, and the fire was soon under control, but it and the water had done great damage. The stock in the store was valued at about $30,000, and it will be impossible for sometime to calculate the loss, as many drugs are smoke, fire and water damaged. The figures on this loss have been variously put at $5,000 to $15,000, but all this is guess work. The building is the property of Mrs. Mattle Myatt, and the damage to it will be from $500 to $1,000. It and the goods of the drug company are fully covered by insurance held in home companies.

At one time it looked as if the fire would spread to the adjoining building, used by the Raleigh Furniture Com.
no alarm was given. Then there began a wait and suddenly during it the screams of a woman were heard and at a window on the third floor was seen her face, filled with marks of anxiety and distress, wonderfully controlled. Expecting each moment that the hook and ladder company would arrive men in the crowd below called out to her to keep her head outside the window, so as to escape the dense smoke which by now had filled the building. It was recognized at once that the smoke and flames had so filled the one stair case that the young lady on the third floor could not descend these and that she must be rescued through the window.

The young lady was Miss Belle Hayes, daughter of Mr. Richard Hayes, and she was employed in the labelling department of the drug company, her work being on the third floor. She obeyed instructions, but the minutes passed, no fire alarm was heard and no firemen came with hook and ladder. It was seen that something must be done at once and a number of men sought for ladders in the neighborhood. A high step ladder was secured and another smaller ladder from Messrs. Crowder & Rand. Up the step ladder to the first window on the second floor went Mr. James Robinson, a Seaboard Air Line engineer, and with him Mr. Lonnie Lumaden, assistant chief of the Fire Department. Unhesitatingly Mr. Robinson broke the window glass with his bare hand and then he and Mr. Lumaden perched on the narrow window ledge, maintaining their position with hands in the broken window, lifted the smaller ladder to the third story window and braced it by main force close against the wall, thus affording a means for Miss Hayes to leave her dangerous position above, by the route of a most perilous one to safety.

And Miss Hayes did not hesitate, for she had not lost her head. Out of the window she came and carefully she went down the frail ladder, held tight against the wall by Messrs. Lumaden and Robinson, the latter with bruised and bloody hands, who had to exert all their strength to keep it in place. Soon she reached the line of the second floor window and the top of the step ladder, where she was grasped by ready hands and soon taken in safety to the street below.

There was smoke pouring from both windows and the building within was getting hotter, but these things had not dismayed Miss Hayes who showed much nerve. As soon as she reached the

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RALEIGH RESCUE TOOK FIRST MONEY

In Hose Wagon Races
Inter-State Tournament

SALEM ALSO A FIRST


(Special to News and Observer.)
Wilmington, N. C., June 19.—The final day of the twenty-first annual State Firemen's Tournament was crowded with Inter-State events, though no companies outside of North Carolina participated in the races.

In the hand-reel races this morning Salem won first money, time 25 3-5; Southside of Salisbury second, 25 4-5; and Monroe Independent third. Chapel Hill made the fastest run to the hydrant but was unable to show water and was ruled out.

In the hose wagon races this afternoon, Rescue of Raleigh took first money, time 30 seconds; Eclipse of Goldsboro, second, time 31 1-5; Atlantic of New Bern, third, time 32.

Other records were Durham No. 1, 34 3-5 seconds; Asheville No. 1, 35 4-5 seconds; New Bern No. 1, 33 4-5 seconds; Durham No. 1, 35 4-5 seconds; Asheville No. 2, 33 seconds.

On Wednesday Rocky Mount and Capital hose of Raleigh tied for second place with 32 seconds. This was run over this afternoon and Raleigh came second with 31 3-5 seconds and Rocky Mount third with 32 3-5 seconds. Goldsboro Eclipse won the first money in the original race Wednesday, time 31 4-5 seconds.

The tournament is declared by all visiting firemen to have been a great success.
RALEIGH'S NEW FIRE CHIEF

John W. Mangum Elected by the Board of Aldermen Last Night

At the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen last night Mr. John W. Mangum was elected chief of the Raleigh Fire Department to succeed Mr. Frank Simpson, resigned. Mr. Simpson has gone to New York City, being an architect and having an opening in the metropolis.

"Mr. Mangum," said a member of the Board of Aldermen last night, "was chief of the Fire Department in 1906-'07, and made as capable and efficient a chief as the city ever had. He put in motion the work for the betterment of the department, and to him is due much credit for the splendid protection the city possesses from fires. Mr. Mangum is an expert in fire fighting, and knowing the business perfectly himself, he knows how to direct his men in the time of fire. Besides being fire chief he is city electrician, and he will be able to save money to Raleigh. He is the man wanted by the members of the Department, and the aldermen believed that the people, having confidence in Mr. Mangum's ability as the head of the Department, would be pleased with his election."

The reports of the various departments of city government were received, and routine business transacted.
ASSISTANT CHIEF QITS

Lonnie H. Lumsden Relegates Himself to Position of High Private in His Old Company

Mr. Lonnie H. Lumsden has tendered his resignation as assistant chief of the Raleigh Fire Department, desirous of mingling again with the high privates of his old company. He is one of the most efficient and fearless firefighters ever known in Raleigh and has more than once exhibited rare ability, presence of mind and daring in combating flames.

His letter, stating the causes of his self-retirement, is as follows:

"To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen,

City of Raleigh, N. C.

"Gentlemen:

"I herewith tender you my resignation as Assistant Chief of the Raleigh Fire Department, to take effect at once.

"In taking this action I wish to state that having faithfully served one term as Chief of your Fire Department and after long service as Assistant Chief, with a record in both positions of which I am proud, yet having had two or more occasions when I felt I should have been promoted, but others were selected. And feeling that my most earnest, willing, faithful services are not appreciated and I am not popular with a majority of your honorable body, I deem it proper to relegate myself to the position of a high private in the ranks of my old company to continue my services in behalf of the good citizens and property owners who do appreciate its services.

"Very respectfully,

"L. H. LUMSDEN.

"Raleigh, N. C., November 5th, 1908."
ST. AGNES WAS ON FIRE

Colored Hospital In A Blaze

Yesterday

Fire Began From a Defective Drum
in Third Story and the Patients Are
Removed Without Any Serious Con-
sequences.

Twenty patients in St. Agnes Hos-
pital, the colored institution at St.
Agnes School were hastily but care-
fully transferred yesterday morning
to temporary quarters in another
building, while fire was raging on the
third story of the hospital. None
were too ill to be moved and there
is no serious results from the trans-
fer.

The fire was discovered about half
past eight o'clock yesterday morning,
the flames coming from the roof. The
alarm from box 19, corner of Jones
and Elm street carried the department
there, but on arrival it was found
that the fire was outside of the city
limits. Learning that there were no
fire plugs at St. Augustine, Chief
Mangum sent out the Rescue and the
Victor Companies.

The fire plugs were found to be
frozen and these had to be thawed
out before a stream of water could be
had. The fire, which had originated
from a defective drum burnt down-
ward and made slow progress. Fin-
ally four streams of water were turn-
ed on it and it was stopped. The
roof and side of the northeast corner
of the building were damaged, the
fire being confined to its starting point,
and the loss is said to be about $1,000
covered by insurance.

The damage was to the building
previously used as the hospital, and
not to the new hospital building,
which is not yet occupied. The fire-
men did fine work as did the students
of St. Augustine, male and female,
who moved the patients to temporary
quarters and got out all the furniture
and household effects.
Fire Destroys
St. Paul's Church

Paper Balloon Set Fire to Roof

BUILDING A TOTAL WRECK

The Handsomest Colored Church in the State and One of the Handsomest in the South a Total Wreck. Cost Over $65,000—Fire Caused by Paper Balloon.

At about eleven o'clock last night St. Paul's Methodist church, colored, was found to be on fire, the roof being ablaze.

There had been seen going in the direction of the church some ten or fifteen balloons, such as are used in Fourth of July celebrations, one of which lodged on top of the church, setting it on fire.

At first it was regarded as a small matter and was thought that the flames could be easily extinguished; but the fire spread rapidly and by 11:15 the entire city fire department had reached the scene and water was being poured onto the burning edifice.

It was found that to save the building would be impossible, and nothing was left standing but the brick walls.

This church was one of the handsomest colored churches in the South and was in the course of erection for some twenty-five years. It cost probably $65,000.
CAPITAL HOSE WON THE FIRST PRIZE
Raleigh Team Lowered the World's Record
PULLED OFF IN THE RAIN

New Bern Was Winner in the Steamer Contest, Lowering the Record—The Parade Was One of the Big Features of Tournament—Red Race Take Place Today.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Asheville, N. C., July 7.—The Capital Hose Company, of Raleigh, clipped four-fifths of a second off the record of 28 seconds held by the Rescue Hose Company, of Raleigh, on the Broughton Avenue course here this afternoon, and won first prize in a contest with other strong teams from towns and cities in the State. The reducing of the record by the Capital City was the signal for wild enthusiasm on the part of members of the company and their friends and bystanders who had been watching a heavy downpour of rain; regardless of personal comfort or discomfort, the news was received with excitement and joy.

The races were scheduled for 2:30, but there was delay in getting started, and just as New Bern, with her fast gray horse, came down the track the rain started. The jumper hit off the wagon in a pool of water, but made quick connection. The New Bern's time was clocked as 28 seconds, and the boys from that city gave vent to lusty cheers. The rain continued, but the spirits of the five thousand and more spectators were not dampened, regardless of a drenching that every man, woman and child on and near the track won.

Hickory was second in the racing order, and they came down the track with a rush. The jumper turned a somersault, when he came off the wagon, but picking himself up made safe connection. There was a blow-off at the nozzle and Hickory drew a big 0. Salisbury and Kinston followed with good runs, but failed to make proper connection at the plug or the nozzle and their rewards were aught. Durham Independent made the run and connection in 32 seconds. Then came the Capital City, of Raleigh, in 27 1/5, lowering the world's record. Following the Capital City came Statesville in good time, making the run and connections in 30 1/5 seconds. Sanford failed to enter because of an injury that befell their buttman this morning. Concord drew an aught, and also Atlantic of New Bern.

Raleigh Rescue Company, hose company, which held the record of 28 seconds, blew off and Asheville No. 2 followed suit. High Point failed to make proper connection at the plug and Asheville No. 1 made good time but failed to connect.

In this morning's steamer contest exhibition by New Bern the record was lowered. In the time contest New Bern made it in two minutes and three seconds against two minutes and six seconds, the old record. In distance contest water was thrown 178 feet and fourth and three-fourths inches.

The parade this morning, which was one of the features of the tournament, was pulled off amid bursts of sunshine and torrents of rain. The boys did not seem to mind the rain and a large crowd gathered along the streets, standing in the rain waiting for the parade. The parade, headed by former Chief S. H. Bernard, of the Asheville fire department, and the First Regiment band, started at the corner of Montford avenue, and went over the principal streets of the city.

Following the band came the reel

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CAPITAL HOSE WON FIRST PRIZE

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teams, with the racing squads in white ducks. Then came the horse hose wagons with New Bern's steamer in the rear. The horses were prancing and men gaily uniformed drew loud applause from the throng. The parade was brought up with the full Asheville fire department.

Tomorrow the Hand-hose and grab reel contests will be pulled off.
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