



D. M. JONES CO. IS BURNED OUT

\$30,000 Stock of Hardware Completely Destroyed Last Saturday

WILL RESUME BUSINESS

MR. OVERMAN WILL REBUILD THE BUILDING AT ONCE.

The store building on the corner of Poindexter and Mathews streets occupied by the D. M. Jones Hardware Company was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday morning.

The flames were discovered at 2:00 o'clock A. M. and the alarm was turned in. When the fire department arrived on the scene the flames had gained such headway that the building and its entire contents was doomed to the flames.

There was stored in the D. M. Jones Company's store a large quantity of loaded shells and other explosives, and when the fire reached these the sound of the exploding shells resembled a charge of infantry.

Flames invaded the front of the Eagle Grocery Company just across the street and wrecked the front of the store.

The flames were finally brought under subjection after a fight of about three hours.

The entire stock of Hardware of the D. M. Jones Co., was destroyed. The stock was valued at about \$30,000, and the company carried insurance of \$17,000.

The Eagle Grocery was badly damaged by fire and water, and Lavenstein's Department store was also damaged.

The D. M. Jones Co., has announced that the company will resume business at once on Poindexter street.

Mr. Overman who owned the building carried insurance on it to the amount of \$5,500. He announces that he will rebuild the store at once, and will make it three stories high.

W. W. GRIFFIN GOES TO NEWBERN

TO OCCUPY THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CASHIER IN THE NATIONAL BANK OF NEWBERN.

A YOUNG MAN WITH A BRILLIANT FUTURE.

Mr. William W. Griffin will leave this city on the 26th, inst., to fill the position of assistant cashier of the National Bank of Newbern, N. C.

His career as a banker has so far been greatly successful. He entered the First National Bank in this city eight years ago as a runner, and by superior business ability, prompt attention to business and pleasing manners and courteous attention to all clients, he steadily rose in banking circles until he became assistant cashier of the First National Bank, a position that he has filled with great ability and with perfect acceptability to the officials of the bank and their clients.

Mr. Griffin is not quite 26 years old. He was educated at the Atlantic Collegiate Institution of this city, and has resided in this city all his life.

His correct and decorous young life has kept and nurtured the priceless heirloom of a noble character inherited from a noble parentage. His father was W. J. Griffin one of the most brilliant attorneys that this city has ever had and whose tragic and untimely death was universally lamented.

Young Mr. Griffin career in the Banking world so far has been so successful that his great host of friends are proud of him and his record and they predict for him a brilliant future as a banker.

The very best wishes of a large circle of friends, and a great host of former patrons will go with him in his new field of labor.

WAS A GREAT RALLY FOR THE Y. M. C. A.

A MAMMOUTH MEETING AT THE COURT HOUSE LAST MONDAY NIGHT. GREAT SPEECHES BY THE CITY'S GREATEST ORATORS STIRRED THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE.

STIRRED.

The friends of the Y. M. C. A. held a mammoth rally in the Court House last Monday night.

A large audience of representative citizens were present and participated in the discussion. The greatest enthusiasm was created, and much was accomplished toward the successful launching of a movement to complete the building.

Addresses were delivered by secretary McKee of Baltimore and C. E. G. Huntington of Charlotte. These addresses were followed by Rev. W. R. Haight, Hon. J. B. Leigh, Hon. R. W. Turner, Rev. Mr. McKee, attorney J. Kenyon Wilson and others. The addresses were strong and greatly stirred the audience to a determination to renew their efforts to complete the building.

After the addresses an executive committee of Prof. Sheep, E. M. Stevens, J. W. Kight, W. J. Woodley, J. B. Leigh and R. W. Turner was appointed to take charge of the matter of perfecting plans for the launching of the movement. These gentlemen are now fashioning out the plans and as soon as they are perfected active operation will begin.

BELVIDERE NOTES

Belvidere, May 19.—Misses Emma White and Sybil Nicholson will leave Friday for Guilford College to attend the commencement exercises.

Mr. S. R. Ward went to Murfreesboro last week to attend the commencement exercises at the Chowan Baptist Female Institute.

We are very sorry to report Mr. A. F. Riddick very sick.

Miss Gertude Wooten left Sunday for a few weeks stay with her brother in Norfolk.

The young men of Belvidere gave

a social at the home of Mr. C. H. White last Wednesday evening. There were lots of games played, after which refreshments were served on the lawn and enjoyed by all. The decorations were beautiful and showed good taste on the part of the boys.

Belvidere Academy school closed Friday the 21st. In the afternoon the exercises will begin at 2:30 close at 4:30. In the evening 7:30 to 10:30 refreshments will be served on the lawn. All are cordially invited. We are glad to say this school has done good work this year.

HERTFORD NEWS

Hertford May 20.—S. A. Chancellor the baseball pitcher who did the "twirling stunt" for the locals last season arrived Monday from Leesburg, Va. Mr. Chancellor is in excellent shape and will be on the firing line again this season.

A play entitled "Sunset and Surprises" was presented Friday evening at the Graded school auditorium by the young ladies of the St. Katherine's Guild. The play was well received and all present enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

Mr. G. B. C. Lewis of Portsmouth, Va., spent Sunday in this city.

Miss Little who has been visiting Miss Bessie McMullan on Church street has returned to her home at Bethel, N. C.

Miss Nancy Cox who is teaching in one of the Norfolk public schools, spent Sunday with her mother on King street.

Mrs. Carr of Kinston, N. C., is visiting her brother, H. G. Miller on King Street.

Rev. J. N. Cole Supt. of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh was in our town Sunday in the interest of the Orphanage. He preached two excellent sermons in the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith spent Sunday in Edenton.

Mr. W. H. Jenkins Supt. of the Eastern Cotton Oil Mills is in Venezuela South America, superintending the construction of an oil mill.

Mr. W. B. Hudson who was recently called to the bedside of his mother at Belford, N. J., returned home Tues-

GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

ED NEXT WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. ANNUAL ADDRESS ON THE 26. GRADUATING EXERCISES 27TH., INST.

Commencement exercises of the City Graded Schools will take place on next Wednesday and Thursday in the new school building.

A public exhibit of the students' work will be open to the public from three to six o'clock on Wednesday, and from nine to twelve and from three to six on Thursday.

This exhibit will be made up of the class work and examination papers of the student and will give the visitors an idea of the nature of the work that the school is doing.

All parents and friends of the school are cordially invited to come out and to spend time in making a careful examination of the papers. It will encourage your children for you to manifest at least this much interest in their studies and it will help to stimulate the teachers to do their best in the coming years.

Very few of our people visit the schools and it is as little as you can do to encourage your boy or girl by going out to this exhibit, to inspect the work and compare what your child is doing with that of his classmates; it will help you to decide whether your child is keeping up in the race with his fellow students. You should inquire into the cause, possibly he has not been applying himself as he should or he may be spending too much of his time on the streets at night when he should be preparing his lessons. Investigate at least to the extent of inquiring of his teacher what in her estimation has been the cause.

Prof. E. C. Brooks of Trinity College will deliver the annual address on the night of the 26th and on the night of the 27th the graduating exercises will take place.

The following class will graduate: Full 11th Grade graduate are Miss Annie Nelson, Miss Minnie Nash, J. Bartlett Fearing, David Milton Love, Frank McMullan Grice.

Tenth Grade graduate, Miss Ira Mae Lawden.

TYRRELL COUNTY IS INTERESTED

In the Elizabeth City and Albemarle Railway

SUBSCRIBE STOCK

WILL MEET WITH RAILROAD PEOPLE IN THIS CITY NEXT MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE PLANS OF THE ROAD.

Sound Side, Tyrrell Co., May 20.—A meeting of the citizens of this section was held at this place on the evening of the 17th inst. for the purpose of having Mr. D. G. Wilson of Pasquotank County place the proposition of the Elizabeth City and Albemarle Railway before the people.

A large crowd of representatives citizens was in attendance upon the meeting.

Mr. J. G. Brickhouse was elected Chairman and Mr. Jerry Brickhouse was elected secretary.

After a few remarks by the chairman stating the object of the meeting, Mr. D. G. Wilson, the promoter of the railway addressed the assembly on the new railroad proposition. He set forth in a clear and concise manner the practicability of the plan to build the road, and the great advantages to be derived from this road. The citizens were greatly interested in the proposition.

The following committee was appointed to go to Elizabeth City next Monday to meet with the citizens of that town next Monday night: J. E. Brickhouse, J. W. Wordard, H. F. Rhodes, J. G. Brickhouse, C. H. Brickhouse.

When the meeting adjourned meet again next Wednesday night, May 25th.

RAILROAD RALLY MEETING, MONDAY NIGHT, MAY 24TH, AT THE COURT HOUSE, ELIZABETH CITY.

LEARNING AND ABILITY DEVOTED TO LOYAL PUBLIC SERVICE

F. M. Simmons, senior senator from North Carolina, was born on the farm in Jones county where he now lives, January 20, 1854. He was graduated from Trinity College, this State, in 1878; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1875. He located at Newbern and soon thereafter formed a partnership with Clement Manly, under the firm name of Simmons and Manly. This firm soon acquired a large and lucrative practice, probably the largest in that section of the State; Mr. Simmons being recognized as one of the ablest members of the bar in a state noted for the ability and learning of its legal profession.

In 1886 Mr. Simmons was nominated for congress by the Democrats of the second district, and, on account of a split in the republican party of the district, was elected to the fortieth congress. His district had a large negro, and consequently republican, majority; in fact, the Democratic legislators conceded the district to the republicans and put as many negro counties into it as possible when the congressional district were arranged. It was the famous

"Black District" of North Carolina. The Republicans united in the presidential year of 1888 and Mr. Simmons was defeated for re-election. During his one term in the house he was very successful in securing appropriations for his district, among them large appropriations for river and harbor improvements and for the erection of a handsome federal building in Newbern, which is occupied by the custom service, the federal courts and the postoffice.

After his retirement from congress Mr. Simmons resumed the practice of the law. In 1892 he was elected chairman of the democratic state executive committee, and, notwithstanding a populist defection of 45,000 votes from the democracy, led his party to victory by a plurality of over 30,000. President Cleveland appointed him collector of internal revenue for the district comprising the eastern half of North Carolina, and he served as such during the last democratic administration. Upon his appointment as collector he resigned as chairman of the democratic state committee. The republicans and populists effected a fusion in the state and con-

gressional election of 1894 and the coalition carried the state, electing all state officers voted for, all the congressmen from the state, save one and three-fourths of each branch of the legislature. This victory was repeated and accentuated in 1896, when the republicans and populists elected all of the state officers by majorities of over 40,000. It seemed that fusion control of the state was to be permanent, and evil days fell upon her. Hordes of negroes were either elected or appointed to office; property rights were disregarded; capital became frightened and industrial development ceased; murder and worse crimes and lawlessness became rampant throughout the state. Conditions were intolerable and the white men of North Carolina, although the way looked dark and almost hopeless when the 40,000 fusion majority of 1893 was considered, resolved they must cease.

In this dark hour the democratic state committee met to prepare for the campaign of 1898. Mr. Simmons was elected chairman and his plan of campaign was adopted. The white manhood of the state, almost irrespective of former political affilia-

tions, was brought into harmony with the policy of the committee, and after a most brilliant campaign, the democratic candidates were elected by nearly 20,000 majority and the legislature was almost three-fourth democratic in each house.

Immediately after the election, Mr. Simmons began the agitation for an amendment to the constitution of the state by which most of the ignorant negroes could be disfranchised and negro race rule forever there. After made impossible in any of the counties of his state. Under his leadership the legislature submitted such an amendment to the people for ratification, and it was ratified in August 1900, by over 50,000 majority. In the campaign for its ratification and in the campaigns of 1900, 1902, 1904 and 1906 Mr. Simmons continued at the head of the democratic state committee, resigning the position in 1907. He is North Carolina's ablest political general. With him in command, the North Carolina democracy has never known defeat.

Senator Simmons will always be remembered as the champion of the white manhood of the state, almost irrespective of former political affilia-

TO CELEBRATE DECORATION DAY

The Hollywood and the Episcopal Cemetery Associations will celebrate Decoration Day tomorrow afternoon, beginning at three o'clock.

A large crowd of citizens will gather at the Court House, where appropriate exercises will be held. At the court house a parade will be formed. This parade will consist of citizens on horse back, Zeigler's Band, Naval Reservers school children, Ministers in carriages and citizens in carriages. Dr. J. H. White will be chief Marshal of the parade.

This parade will start from the Court House and will visit the Episcopal and the Hollywood Cemetery, where a short service will be held.

The owners of lots on the cemeteries have been asked to decorate the graves in flowers for this occasion.

Mr. S. M. Jackson, of New York City passed through this city yesterday.