# MASS OF RUINS REPRESENTS \$26,000

# Largest Warehouse in Raleigh and Three Dwellings, Besides 100,000 Pounds of Tobacco Destroyed

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FIRE A MYSTERY

Pogue Warehouse, Mrs. Geo. H. Williams' Residence, Dr. Sexton's Stables, Dwelling Occupied by Ida Hood, Geo. Smith's Shoe Shop--Carrollton Hotel, Mr. Renolds' and Mr. Pogue's Residences Caught --- No Water Available for Twenty Minutes---Sick Wcman and Baby Rescued.

At 9:53 o'clock this morning, an alarm of fire was sent in from box 27, ten minutes later the call for direct pressure was made from the Carrollton Hotel by telephone, all electric currents on wires in the neighborhood of the conflagation were cut off, nine streams of water were in use, and at 10:24 three strokes of the alarm announced that the fire was out. The Pogue Tobacco Warehouse corner of Wilmington and Cabarrus Streets, the residence of Mrs. George H. Williams, the stables of Dr. J. A. Sexton and a dwelling and kitchen just south of the stables having been completely destroyed. The less is estimated at \$26,000, partially covered by insurance to the amount of \$23,500. In the warehouse were thousands of pounds of leaf tobacco, about one half in seventy hogsheads.

The fire originated in the northeast corner of the building, near the flue, on the third floor and when it was seen it had already made good headway and was spreading along the gables on oreak its way through the metallic root. Twice during the fire was the Corroll-There was a strong wind blowing from the east and farming the fire into the interior of the building toward the main time two and off or the efforts of the entrance and the Wilmer of the main time were necessarile discount. entrance and the Wilmington street

The large doors on the west front and to the north were prized open after the fire had fought its way through the entire third floor of the building and was flames were attacting the racks of dry spitting through the elevator similar, With the fire making rapid work a namber of men entered the bolding and began rolling out the immense hogshends

of tobacco, FIRST AT THE SCENE. The first response to the alarm rived exactly two minutes after the first was the bese wagon from the Capitol Hose Company and supplied only enough hese for one stream from the hydrant at Blonnt and Ca-

This one stream was put to work on the east side of the building and would reach only the top of the second floor windows, twenty fee; below the flames, This was caused by a lack of force from the weter tower, the engines at the runt house having worked for the days at their greatest force to keep the tower filled so many patrons of the company having kept water running night and day to prevent pipes freezing that the drain on the tower has been most mensual.

CALL FOR DIRECT PRESSURE. Seven minutes later the call for di-rect pressure had gone in. In the meantime all of the hose wagons had arrived and the Capital Hese wagon had come back, bringing its second supply of hose

which was put to work at once.

The men ar work rolling the hogsheads saved twenty from the west door and sixteen from the north before the flames began rushing through the lower floor The wind seemed to blow the brisker as the flames came into the lower floors and the draught was so fast that the red flapping flames lapped out into Wilmington Street and across, setting afire the telephone and electric light poles first and then the residence of Mrs. George H. Williams.

A MAN CAUGHT FIRE. Two streams of water buffled with the flames on the residence until the heat from the burning warehouse was intense that no one could remain within less than a hundred and fifty feet of the building. The faces of the firemen and of those who valiantly voluntered service to assist in the work of restraining the flames were badly blistered and the clothing of one of the men standing nearest the west front of the building took fire. The sparks were falling hundreds of yards from the scene and at one time pieces of burning wood were carried through the air two blocks away Salisbury street. One of the pieces tell on a hat worn by a young wontau who was watcoing the fire from Fayetteville Street and ruined the hat.

RENDERING ASSISTANCE A number of gentlemen volunteered to remove the furniture and belongings from Mrs. Williams residence, and al-most everything was saved from the first floor and carried to the residence

of Mr. Joseph E. Pogue. The household goods on the sectord floor were only partially saved. The fire attacked the building so rapidly and made such head-way with the aid of the flames from the warehouse that there were only a to wanted. for winingtes in which to move the articles. The Williams residence was ticles. The Williams residence was completely destroyed, only the chinney being left standing upheld by the one side of the weather boarding and the front portico.

At the same time that the residence of Mrs. Williams took fire, the stables just south of the residence and owned Dr. James A. Sexton went up in a blaze and were completely destroyed together with a small out house and the kitchen to the corner residence. The horses had been taken from the stables as soon as it was discovered that the fire was in the warehouse and the equippages and harness had also been re-moved. The only loss was the building. valued at about \$400, and the feed that

Just south of the stables a small frame or room dwelling, occupied by W. M. Bishop and wife was almost completely destroyed. This dwelling first caught from the terrific heat from the ward-house but was spared for destruction by the flames from the stables.

At one time the residence of Mr. O. J. Carroll was in great danger of going up in the flames. The rear part of the house was smoking from the heat and a small outhouse completely filled with rich kindling wood came near sharing the fate of the warehouse and residences and causing destruction of Mr. Carroll's residence. The firemen made a special effect to save that small out house it had caught there was not enough wher in Wainut cook to check the

On the northwest corner of Cabacrus and Wilmington streets, was a small one reem building, occupied by a colored boot and shoemaker, George Smith. frame work was ruined and the little

building. Flames broke out from the weatherboardies of the large witchen, but were almost immediately put out.
The brick residence on Fayettevillestreet, occupied by Mr. T. B. Reynolds, of the Co-operative Grocery enight fire several times, but was saved by means of a small lawn hose from

Itr. Sexton's small hydrant, THE WAREHOUSE INSURANCE, The warehouse building and grounds were purchased from Mr. Joseph E. Pogue several years ago by Juilus Lewis and Captuain N. W. West. The sid was 88,225; It was insured \$2,000 in the following companies The Commercial Union—W. W. Smith, Agent, \$1,000.

The Springfield Fire Insurance Conpany - W. S. Primrose, Agent, \$1,000, Captain West owned a small dwelling just east of the warehouse to which about \$100 damage was done. No insutdies

MR. FLEMMING'S LOSS. West of the tobacco in the warehouse was owned by E. L. Fleming, Jr., and About sixty of seventy horse Contains. cently been sold but had not been defrom the northern exit and twenty on the western. Besides the tobacco in hogeheads, there are said to have been many thousands of pounds hanging on the racks.

Much of the tolaceo was the property of others ad was being held for better prices and on this mency had been ad-

vanced. It is thought probable that Mr. Flem ing had \$11,000 in tobacco in the wareand en this insurance is known to have been held as follows:

Connecreial Union-W. W. Smith. Agent, \$500. American Fire Insurance oCupany, of Philadelphia - W. W. Smith, Agent.

Western Assurance ofmpany-W. W. Swith, Agent, \$1,000. Queen Fire Insurance Company-W.

W. Smith, Agent, \$1,000, II offord Fire Lesurance Company-V. W. Smith, Agent, \$2,000, German American of New York-W. S. Primrove & Sons, Agents. Two poli-

eirs, \$1,000 cach. you Fire Insurance Company-W. S. Primrose & Son. Agents, \$1,000.
Total insurance held by Mr. Flemming

amounted to \$9,500.

J. P. TAYLOR AND COMPANY'S LOSS. J. P. Taylor and Company owned a large part of the tobacco stored in the warehouse. A portion of their tobacco was saved from the western exit. They

held insurance to the amount of \$8,500 in the following companies: Commercial Union-W. Agent, \$1,000, American of Philadel-phia—W. W. Smith, Agent, \$1,000, North Carolina Home Insurance Comrany of this city, \$1,000. British American Fire Insurance Company—W. M., Smith, Agent, \$1,000, Queen Fire In-surance Company—W. W. Smith, Agent, \$2,250. This it is thought will amply

cover the loss sustained. THE WILLIAMS RESIDENCE.

The residence occupied by Mrs. George H. Williams was owned by Mr. Joseph Pogue and was valued at about

It was insured with the Western Assurance Company-W. W. Smith, agent, to the amount of \$1,500, Mr, will probably build a handsome cottage in the site in the place of the destroyed building.

LOSS TO STATE GUARD. When Mr. J. W. Harden was quarter-General of the State Guard a completely new camping outfit for use it encampments was turned over to the State. The east of the equipment was \$2,200 and it was stered on the third foor of the warehouse which was destroyed today. Mr. Hardin wisely in-sured the equipment. The insurance amounted to \$2,000 as fellows;

German American of New York— W. S. Primrose and Son. Agents, \$1,000.

Niagara Fire Insurance Company, of New York W. 8. Primrose and Sor. Agents, \$1,000.

At the time of the fire this morning all of the equipment with the exception of eighteen tents was in the building. The less amounts to the difference be-tween the value of eighteen tats and 8200. Cd. V. S. Royster, of Oxford, is new Quarter Master General and will Sompany. Adjutant General J. C. L.

Harris will som direct the purchase of new outfit to replace that destroyed. YONG BABY IN FIRE. In the building just south of the ware-house on Wilmington Street was the wife of a colored farm named Cardwell. a teacher in the State institution for the Deaf and Dumb of the colored race, The woman was sick in hed and when that dwelling caught on five she was removed with her six day old baby to a house near le

WATER PRESSURE POOR. There was a great deal of criticism of the supply of water. The streams at the early jett of the fire had only sufficient strength to reach the top of the second floor of the warehouse and would not go to the top of the residence of Mrs. Williams.

Direct pressure was called for by telephone and within three minutes the tipes from the rump house on Walnut creek were supplying the water direct to the scene of the fire. An official of the Water Company stated that the direet pressure was on in three minutes after the call. A gentleman interested in the Water Company stated that the lack of pressure from the law of was one to the fact that many patrens of the patrons of the company have have keeping ail spigors running during to cold weather and that this has forced the pump house to do a greater amount of putting ing than ever before, even in the

This morning the pressure was not what should be required. It was proto-ably poorer than the Company would desire to furnish. However that may by it was one of the postest and vimes attempts to supply water that has ever wen trade. There may be good excitbut it is difficult to understand why the tower is not always kept in readiness The officers of the company were all : he court house where a suit pagin-t

OFFERED FOR AUDITORIUM. Captain N. W. West stated this after oon that there will not be a new warhouse built on the scene of today's lagation. He says he will offer the place as a site for the Auditorium. There is no doubt but that this would be an excellent location. It is not known whether today's fire will prevent the scheme for using that site for the Melrose Knitting Mill, which was soon to

liave begin work. FIREMEN WORKED VALIANTLY. The Raleigh Five eDuartment is the equal of any in the South. There was no hope of saving the building this mora ing and the best was done to save the buildings in the path of the fire, wes a strong wind to be fought against and heavy odds on account of the head way gained by the time the alarm was

The firemen worked valiantly. They did their duty like men and faced rae terrific heat from the burning building as if it was a pleasure instead of being painful. The work of those who volum teered assistance was of great service and the combined efforts of members was the strength that fought the hire. Up to the hour that the Times Visitor gors to press there has been no expra untion as to the cause of the fire. origin is a complete mystery. Mr. Fieuring had left the building to go out of town. Two men had been discharged and it is not known if anyone was in the building or if there was any fire in the office that could have reached the third

# THREE CONVICT SISTERS

#### Discharged From the Penitentiary Today-One Has a Young Baby

Three white women, one with a mu in her arms, were seated in the waiting room at the Union sta-Tate sisters, of Caswell county, have just served a year in the Stafe pointentiary. Their mother is now in the Durham county work house. The oldest of the sisters is scaregly 32, but written upon their faces is every trace of neglect, ignorance, misery and sinknown to fallen humanity. Three months after their reception into the prison the youngest sister became the mother of a mulatto child. They were sent back to Caswell today.

New York, Feb. 28.-Cotton.-March, 9.06; April, 9.05; May, 9.05; June, 9.04; lie Smith secured marriage licenses to August, 9.01. August, 9.01.

TO BENEFIT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXCLUSIVELY

#### Supt. Mebane Declares that County Commissioners Get no Per Cent. for Handling the \$100,000.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Melano today sent out the following important circular in regard to the disribution of the \$100,000 for the public

To the County Superintendents: This is to say to you that I have de-eled that the special appropriation of stro,000 is to go to the benefit of the lablren direct, without any shaving

ers or other officials Lam onite sure the Legislature intend for this special appropriation to go di on to the children, and urge you and our County Board of Directors to see

cat this is done. If the Legislature and the people are illing to give this special fund for the ounty Treasurers can surely handle his special money without a commis-

This letter is written in response ounty Superintendents, who are make efforts to have the special fund hanwithout any cost to the children, I: may be that some County Treas ers are not demanding a commission or the cases referred to are from coun where the demand has been made

Yours truly, C. H. MEBANE, Superintendent Public Instructions,

#### FISHERMAN'S LUCK PRE-

SENTED AT HENDERSON

# Audience Pleased With the Play and

the Club Charmed with Henderson The Home Dramatic Club, which, an the Home Driman's the Ministering Cir-e of King's Daughters, presented the ay "Fisherman's Luck" here last hersday and Friday nights to very rge andiences, left yesterday morning the 11:18 S. A. L. train for Hender n, where they presented the same play so night to a very appresente and

The good people of Hereberson scenario thoroughly enjoy the play, which any pronounced the best auction per-

charge they had ever scent. Headerson extended them a most conolid welcome. Mr. Massenburg, of the Massenburg Hetel, entertained the party assenting Hotel, entertain of the party in his usual cordial and elever manner. The Messes, Cooper and Parham were also more than kind and attentive. The club returned on the Atlanta spe-

cial late last night, of course tired and weary, but load in their praises of the nice little city of Henderson, of the cot dial reception, and the hospitality of the

The whole club enjoyed the outing imin usely, and would doubtless beof an opportunity to visit Henderson

#### ROOSTER SWALLOWED A WATCH CHARM

#### Gapt. Hood Then Bought the Chicken But the Charm was Ground up.

Friday afternoon Capt. W. H. Hoos was standing mar a coop of chickens in front of a store looking at the fowlwhen a big rossier, in the coop, craned forth his neck and seized the charu daugling to the Captain's watch chain The rouster gave it a quick jerk and off it came. He then completed his work by quickly swallowing the charm and gave the jouzzled captain a wink out o

Captain Hand scratched his home though(fully and looked wistfully at the guilty bird. "I don't want to lose that charm a ba, I don't," said Captair

"Well suppose you buy the chicken, suid the merchant, "for you cannot sume for the charm because the roester i no duly authorized agent of mine. I am

not responsible for his nets."

Captain Hood thought this the bes solution, so he paid 35 cents for the cock and reprehed home with him undehis arm. He waited awhile before b worked the guilletin on him, but when the rooster was a corpse he proceeded to mak a post mortem examination o his craw, when he found to his disma that the grits had ground the charm a meet to nothing. chicken for dinner, but he is still minua wasteli charm,

# LOCAL NOTES.

Mr. W. A. Faison is confined to his

reme by sickness.
The rester of the North Carolina vol. uniteers in the American Spanish war will appear during March. The work is about complete.

Mr. M. J. Tighe, one of the most pop that engineers on the first division the S. A. L., Vis sick at his home on North Halifax street.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Simus left last evening for Mogganton, where they will spend a few days with their daughter, Miss Mattie Simms, before leaving for Bryan, Texas, their new home, best wishes of the people of Raleigh accompany them.

Sheriff Monroe, of Rowan county brought one prisoner to the State peni tentiary today, a negro sentenced for two years for housebreaking. Sheriff Monroe is a great friend of Mr. B. R. Lacy, of this city, and expressed interes in his cambidacy for State Treasurer. Mr. J. W. Bailey, editor of the Biblieal Recorder, will becure Toursday even

ing, March 1st, at 8 p. m., at the Baptist Female University. His subject will be "Mrs. Browning." The friends and patrons of the college are invited.

Mr. Charles F. Lee and Miss Alice Prince and Mr. Si Contes and Miss Nel-

# CEN. BULLER TAKES PIETER'S KOP

#### CHICAGO SNOW STORM.

Chicago, Feb. 28.- The worst snow storm of the season is still raging here. The street railroads are blockaded and trains from other towns are hours be-bind.

#### ATTEMPTED ASSASINATION.

Caracas, Venezuela, Feb. 26, During the carnival yesterday a Venezuelan fired two shets without effect at Prest-dent Castro. The populate afterwards neclaimed the President.

#### SHEPIFF JONES LOST THE \$500. PENALTY

#### Decision in the Tax Case-Jones vs. Street Car Company This Afternoon.

The suit of the State of North Care lim, Jame R. Wilkes, Mecklenburg from Works, relator, vs. H. T. Jores, Sheriff, was today decided in the Su-perior Court, and Sheriff Jones lost the

1. Did defendant wrongly and negli leading Picter's Kep is thus described by the star pulgment in favor of relator Langane Plain. Plain.

3. Did defendant wrongfully make a latter return on execution 3766 by falsely stating that indigment deleter demanded his homestead and personal property ex-emptions? Aus.: No. 4, 10d, defendant wrongfully neak-

talse return on exclution 3766 by falsely staring that he demanded fees for laying off homestead exemptions? Ans.; Yes, 5. What amount is due and owing recategory of phalmtiff by reason of such wrongful and take return? Aus.; Pen tive hundred dollars,

6. Did defendant wrongfully make a talse return on evention 2797 by falsely stating that indement debtor demanded his homestead and personal property ex-curptices? Ans.: No. 7, Did defendent wrongfully make

ralse return on execution 3707 by falsely staring that he demanded fees for laying off homestead and exemptions? Ans.

8. What amount is due and own a relator of plaintiff by reason of such wrongful and tilly return? Aux: 8500, The case of Jus. Lockbeim vs. L. Wendlier was continued,

This afternoon the suit of Mr. Jones the oil man, against the street car com-pany is being heard. Messrs, R. T. & R. L. Gray represent the detendants and Mr. R. H. Battle the plaintiff.

# PORTO RICO TARIFF BILL

Wastructon, Feb. 28. The outlook for the passage today of the Porto Rico tariff till is one of the greatest unser There is defeat stars the Repudie as in the tace, while the Dene erats and a few R publicans are straining every herev lest the trionals of the bill should be sue eges-fel. The Misuds of the bill claim our mai rity.

# BARGE SUNK.

New York, Feb. 28. The barge Law on, londed with brick, sank suddenly this morning at her moorings at Go-wants Canal, Brocklyn Four men had to jump in the ley water to save them . has Two were said usly chilled,

# BELIEVES IN MATRIMONY

#### Widower With 10 Children Takes the Mother of 16 Children as His Bride

Register of Deeds Hand is often called quanto issue some queer marriage iccuses. But this morn's he issued a license upon the internation contained in the following note sent to him: "Feb. 27, 1900, to the state of north

aroline in courty of Wake I Charle Mantagine asked this state and early for fisons to married to Perkey Marawi." The note, of which the above is not in reduction, then preceds to give the it formation that Charles Meatague, the prospective groom, is the years old and father of ten children, seven living and three dead. His former wife rey ben dead 13 menths Fed. 2, 1899." The bride-clost "Poley Marowt" is 53 tead children, thirteen living and three

dead. Further details are thus given it epistic: "Portey Marowt Institut Wiwlam Marow) die july 1898, The information was deemed entirely satisfactory, and the lie, use to wed wa-

# RAIN AND WARMER.

The forecast of the weather bureas tor Raleigh and vicinity says: warmer tonight and early The rollowed by clearing, colder Thursday

Porceast for North Carolina for 3 hours, to S p. m. tomorrow: Rain and warmer tought; fair and cold Thursday high southeast to south winds.

The storm, vesterday central over Texas, has moved rapidly castward to the central Mississippii valley with in-creased force. Cloudy, threatening weather prevails throughout the central valley and east with rain at many points though not in large amounts. The weather has cleared in the extreme west and the temperature continues low.

# RECEIER TO BE APPOINTED.

New York, Feb. 28, Over three mil tion figure were filed against the Third Avenue Railroad today, making six mil-lions all told. It is probable that a reeciver will be appointed.

#### DUBLIN FUSILIEERS MAGNIFICENT CHARGE

#### Ascend a Percipitons Cliff 500 Feet and Dislodge Boers-Queen Cables Buller -Cronje Will be a Prisoner at Cape-

Landau Feb 28. The war office has eccived a disputch from General Bullet, immemeing that Picter's Hill, the eneaptured vesterday and sixty prisoners

OUTEEN'S ADORATION FOR IRISH London, Feb. 28, Queen Victoria has

abled Gen. Buller as follows: "I have heard wit title deepest concern of the heavy losses sustained by my-brave trish soldiers and I desire to express my sympathy, also my admira-tion for that splicable lighting qualities which the have exhibited throughout these trying operations."

A what damag's has relator sustain serson cannon commanded by reason of such wrong and injury? and found another Eugela passage below the cataract. he caturner. Monday I began approaching it, find-

ing the approach practicable I crossed with guns and baggage back to the south ide of Tugota river on Pontien bridge y night to the New Drift. All this time the troops were scattered, crouching under hastily constructed small stone believe, exposed to a galling shell and

Tuesday General Baton entire two buttailous of the Sixth brigade and the Royal Dublin insiliers, crept about a mile and a built on the river banks, exceraling an almost precipitous eliff of two hundred feet and assaulted and earried the top of Paster's Hill, which, to a certain extent torned the enemy's left,

The Freigh division of the Eleventh rigide under General Warren assault ed the enemy's main position, which was unguiteently carried by the Lanshires to about smeet. We took sixty

There seems to be still a considerable umber of the event left on and under Rulwana mountain. Our lesses were not

# CRONJE SENT TO CAPETOWN

London, Feb. 28. The number of the goods surrendered by Cronje was not known natil 4:30 in the afternoon, whea Land-downe announced in the House of Lords that the passners numbered about three thousand, Communicant Creation will be sent to Canetown

SIX HUNDRED PRISONERS. Cape Town, Fels 28, Six hundred Modeler River.

Saturday. They are kept under a guard of Syline Jeffers-O'DONNELL ELECTED. I radon, Pelo 28, John O'Domedl detrated Major McRitides now serving against the Boer arms, as the successor of Michael Davit, from South Mayo. At the last Joetian Davit was returned

DOMINATES BOER ARTHLERY London, Feb. 28, Project's Hill, which was explained by Buller, is six miles from Near it was the main position of the Book's left flank. General Buller

Bulana Hill, which is distant from Pie ter's Hill of five miles 5000 BOER PRISONERS. London, Feb. 28, With the six bundered Borr prisoners which have just reported at Kimberley, this makes the number of prisoners captured by Gen-

year demonstry the beavy artillery at

RAPHO MARCHES Pautdeberg, Feb. 28. In the pursuit of Creub some of General R devis' reginear neithed twenty ten meescenty-four hours. They got ahead of he transferts and lived on quarter ra-BOERS SPHEE NOT BROKEN.

View a, Feb. 28. Herr Bloch, the mil-dary writer, says an article published to as that the resistance of the Boers is not broken and that England will do veli to make peace. AFRIKANDER CONGRESS POST PONED

Cape Town, Feb. 28. The proposed engless of the Afrikander Bond has

# ANOTHER COTTON MILL

#### Troy in Montgomery County Takes Her Place in the Procession Trey, in Montgomery county, will have

eation milk.
Articles of incorporation were today aded with the Secretary of State by M. E. Shamberger, D. D. Betan, J. G. Toulinson, T. A. Graham and A. W. Capel, all of Montgomery county, and D. A. Parsons & Co., of Richmond county, for the incorporation of the Cupolsic Corron Mills, with a capital took of not less than \$28,000 or not

#### mere than \$150,000, MARRIAGE THIS EVENING.

This evening at nine o'clock in the First Baytist Church Miss Anna Gertrude Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Johnson, of this city, will be married to Mr. James W. McNeill, of Wilkeshoro. Rev. Dr. J. W. Carter will perform the ceremony.

After the marriage from 9:30 to 12 cleck a reception to the friends of the family will be held at the bride's home, 513 Hillsboro street. No cards issued,