

FIRE!

TWO BRICK BUILDINGS ENTIRELY DESTROYED.

THE BUSINESS PORTION OF HILLSBORO MAKES A NARROW ESCAPE.

Tuesday morning, about 3:12 o'clock the brick building occupied and owned by Postmaster Harry L. Parish caught on fire. The fire is supposed to have originated in a room next to Mr. Parish's bed room and adjoining the room occupied by the Recorder printing office, Mr. C. K. Parish editor and publisher. Mr. Harry Parish and two other young men who were sleeping on the second floor, made their escape by jumping from a window to the sidewalk. The Recorder office, press, type, advertising and subscription books, &c., was entirely consumed. On the first floor was the post office and dry goods and grocery store of Mr. H. L. Parish. Most all of the mail matter was saved. The building was insured for \$600. No insurance on goods. Loss on building and goods about \$4,000. About one-third of his goods were saved.

The flames then spread to the Berry building, a large, three-story brick house, the eaves of which almost hung over the Parish building, and that was completely destroyed. The colored Old Fellow occupied the third floor. They saved all of their property. Mr. Robert Fewcette's shoe shop and Mr. Joe Turner's harness shop were on the first floor. These gentlemen saved all of their goods. The basement was occupied by Julius Smith, who kept an eating house. His loss was small, but it was all he had. The building was valued at \$5,000. No insurance.

The building occupied and owned by Dr. C. H. Hooker was saved, but is almost a total wreck. His goods were badly damaged by moving. Building and goods fully insured.

The dry goods and confectionery stores of Messrs. D. M. Laws and E. A. Rosemond, two frame buildings, one on the east and the other adjoining the Parish building on the west, were saved by the hardest work ever done at any fire. Laws' building was insured for \$500. No insurance on his goods which were seriously damaged. His soda fountain, which was insured for \$500, was not moved. Rosemond & Bro's goods were insured for \$1,000, and the building for another \$1,000. The insurance will probably cover their loss.

The goods of all the other merchants of the town were moved, except Mr. C. M. Parks'. Messrs. Jas. Welch, Jr. & Bro., were insured for \$12,000 on stock of goods. Their stock was badly damaged, and it is hard to tell their loss.

Mr. J. E. Jones was not insured. His loss was in handling and moving his stock.

Messrs. Hedgpath & McCollum also lost by moving. No insurance.

Messrs. J. A. Check and Samuel T. Smith moved some of their goods and their loss is not known.

Mrs. Taylor's millinery goods and Mr. Chas. Cooley's furniture were moved with small loss.

The most wonderful thing about the fire was the saving of the two-story frame building of Mr. D. M. Laws. This house was next to the two brick buildings burned. The Berry building not only burned over it, but fell upon it, and then it was saved! This same building stood the severe heat of last winter's fire in which apples were baked in a show window.

No other people fight fire like the white and colored of our old town. Our colored people deserve the very highest praise. We are proud of them. To one and all we return thanks in behalf of our merchants and others, for the good work done at the fire.

We sincerely sympathize with all who lost by the fire, and feel that all of us ought to be very thankful that the whole business portion of the town was not burned.

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