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## SILER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA.

The Most Important Shipping Point Between Greensboro and Sanford.

Grows Daily in Popularity as a Source of Supply, a Selling Market and an Industrial Location.

Sketches of Some of the Representative Establishments of the Community, of Their Owners, Their Methods, and Their Resources Generally.

Siler City, the principal trade center of Chatham county, a thriving town and growing industrial center, located on the Atlantic & Yadkin Division of the Southern Railway, about thirty-three miles distant from Greensboro and twenty-five miles



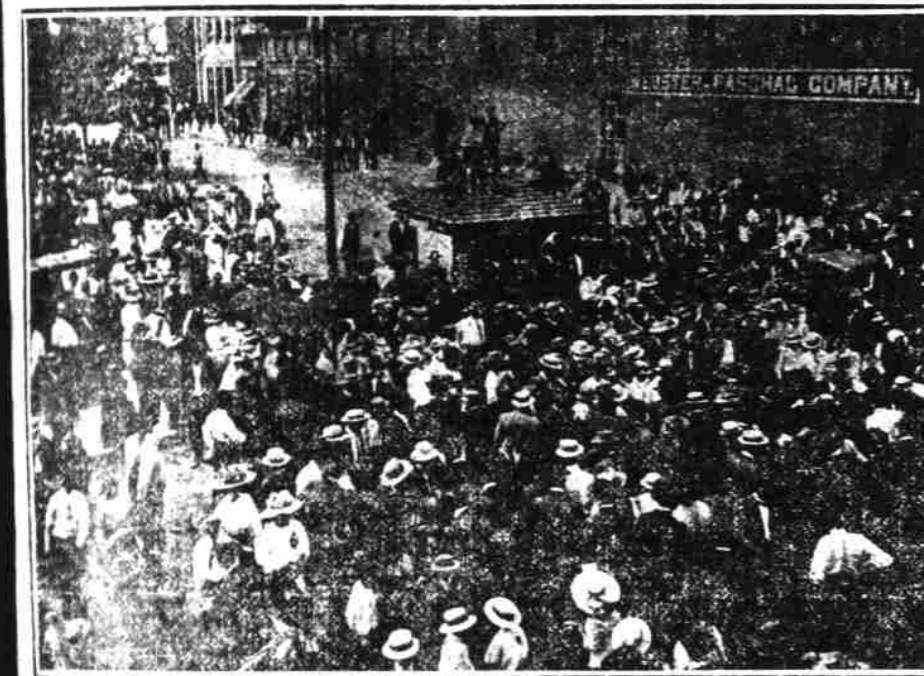
E. M. HADLEY, Pioneer Builder of the Town.



C. N. BRAY, Mayor of Siler City.

from Sanford and has a population of about twelve hundred.

**EARLY HISTORY.** As early as the year 1883 what is now known as Siler City was designated to the inhabitants of the sur-

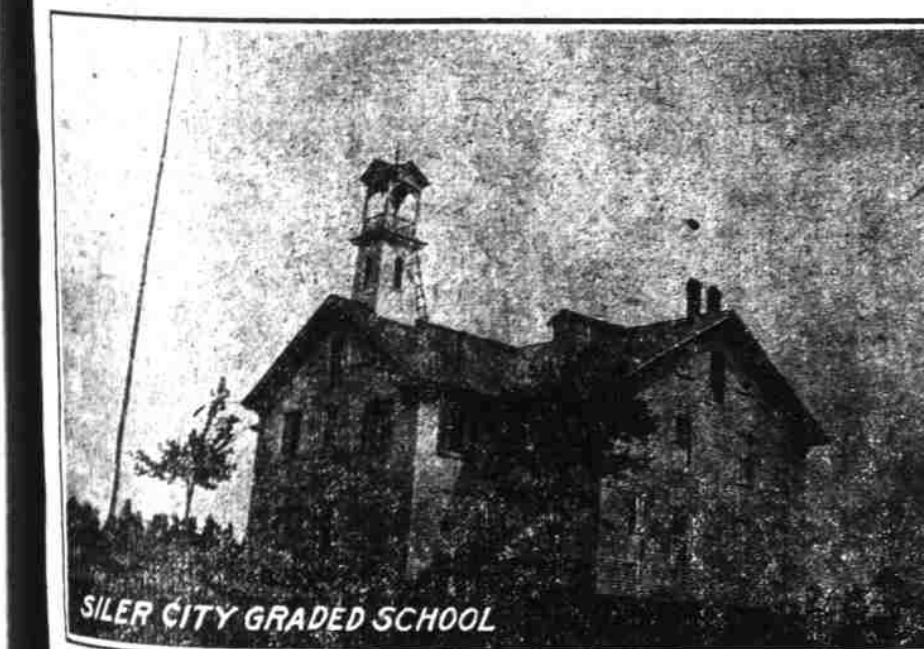


STREET SCENE IN SILER CITY JULY 4TH, 4,000 PEOPLE PRESENT.

rounding country as a market for the products of the soil, and the only residence at this point in those days was that of Capt. W. W. Matthews. This old home still stands overlooking the many new brick store buildings erected in recent years, thus establishing the contrast of progress made between the old farm

stead and the thriving town whose churches, schools, store buildings and manufacturing plants surround it on every hand.

This transformation had its beginning with the completion of the old Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Rail-



SILER CITY GRADED SCHOOL.

road from Wilmington to Mt. Airy in 1844, when a station was established at this point, originally called Siler from property interests owned by the Siler family in the immediate neighborhood and later given the name of Siler City. Soon after the railroad was completed E. R. McLean & Co. and Fox, Wrenn & Co. opened up general merchandise stores and from these enterprises dates the beginning of Siler City as a prosperous and progressive trade center. Other stores located at this point during the past years until the town has become the source of supply for as far as twenty miles east and west and is today the trade center of

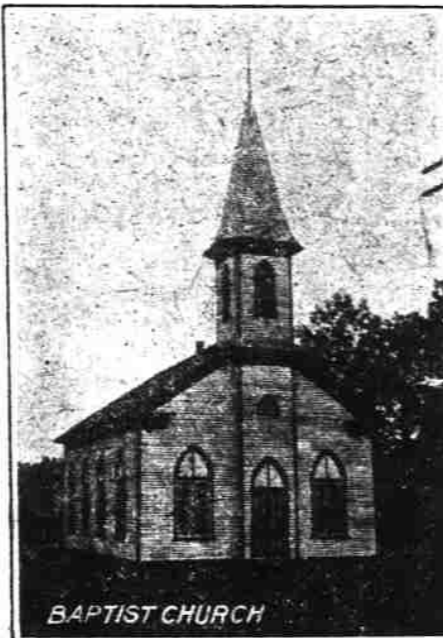
produce are shipped to the markets, both North and South. Then there are two banks which supply promptly the financial needs of the people of the community, both of which institutions possess enviable reputations for fidelity in responding to the requirements of the patrons and the public, and for affording the most approved modern banking accommodations.

**AS A RETAIL TRADE CENTER.** As a retail trade center, Siler City grows more and more in popularity and importance every year. This distinction is due to the fact that the stocks found in the stores comprise a wide range of all the ordinary needs

of life, that standard goods abound in all the establishments of the town, and this fact alone guarantees to the people of Chatham and Randolph counties, who make the town their source of supply, the same prices and qualities as prevail in any of the larger cities of the country, truly a protection to consumers, and bespeaks enterprise and alertness on the part of the business men of the community.

Again, the town is noted for the reliability of its business men, many of whom have been in business for years, and have thoroughly established reputations for honesty, fidelity and fair dealing that merit and receive the confidence of the public.

**FUTURE OF THE TOWN.** Within the past seven years the old wooden buildings that marked the beginning of the town have been supplanted by brick structures, and every store in the town with but two exceptions are of modern brick construction, twelve of these having been erected within the past six years, as have also been a large auditorium, a



BAPTIST CHURCH.

modern brick hotel and a number of handsome residences. The Hotel Hadley, a handsome brick structure erected within the past few years, gave the town modern hotel accom-



M. P. CHURCH.

modations, furnishing all the advantages of modern plumbing, lavatories, bath and gas plant for lighting. The Hotel Hadley is also a comfortably arranged and convenient hotel, being located just opposite the railway station. The post office and drug store buildings are recent improvements, all of which make the town one modern in appearance and convenience.

The town has improved streets and concrete side walks, and plans are now on foot to have electric lights installed, while water works and other improvements are in contemplation.

**RESIDENT FEATURES.**

The town has three churches representing the three leading denominations for white people, also a col-



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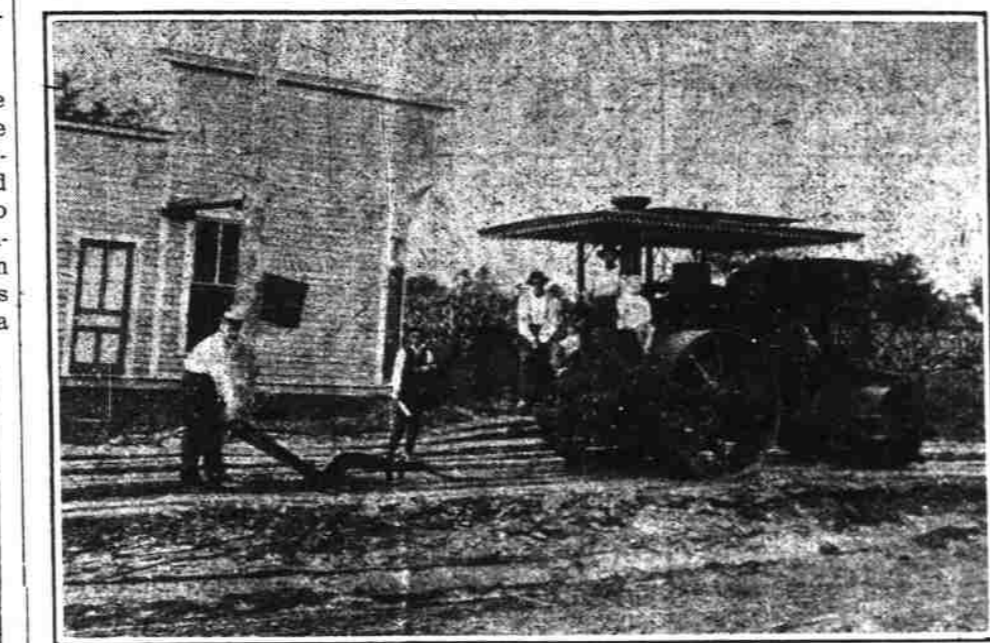
ored church, which is a credit to that race. The people are justly proud of their graded school, and of the efficient superintendent and his capable corps of teachers, who are engaged in training the two hundred and fifty children who attend the various classes. Five fraternal orders have lodges here: the Masons, the Odd

Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Daughters of Rebecca and the Eastern Star, and these orders keep alive the "spirit of good fellowship," which is characteristic of the inhabitants of the community.

Telephone and telegraph lines connect the town with country at large, and four passenger trains daily afford means of transportation and afford excellent mail facilities.

The town is surrounded by one of the best back counties in the State. The lands surrounding it for miles in all directions are fertile and productive and in no section of the country are there more progressive and enterprising farmers than those who occupy the lands surrounding the town of Siler City.

The people of the town feel as yet, the village of Siler City had only begun to grow, and that everything



MACHINERY IN PROCESS OF MACADAMIZING STREETS OF SILER CITY.

points to a greater growth, for the watchword of the people will be in the future, as in the past, not "Watch Siler City Grow," but "Help Siler City Grow."

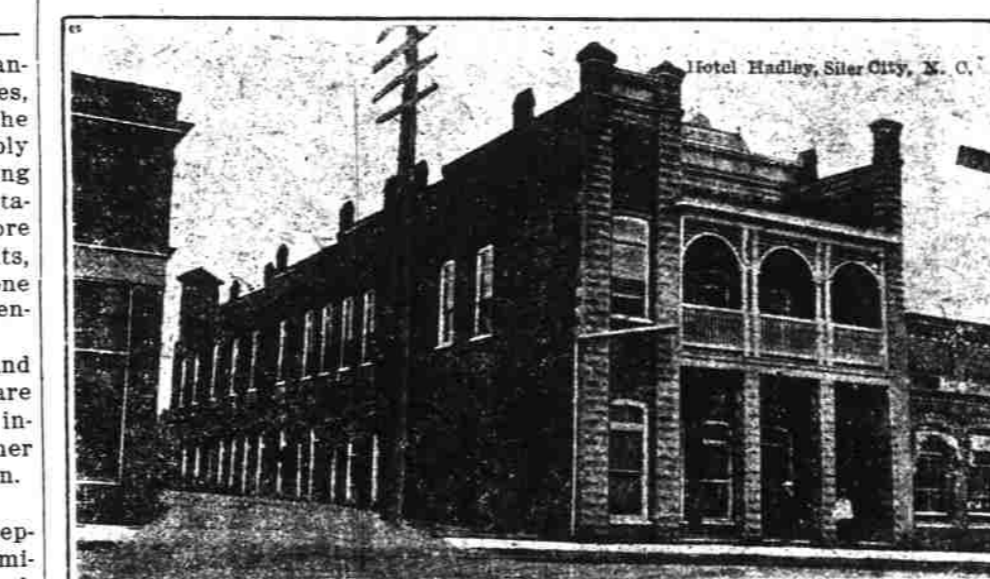
**MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.**

The town of Siler City was incorporated by the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1887, but since that time the corporate limits have been enlarged and other amendments made to the original charter by subsequent acts of the General Assembly.

The first officers of the town were: Mayor: J. B. Guthrie. Commissioners: D. G. Fox, A. R. Siler, A. A. Lambe, E. R. McLean and R. C. Siler.

Marshall: J. J. Crutchfield. Since its incorporation, the following gentlemen have served as mayor of the town: J. B. Guthrie, D. G. Fox, W. L. Hutson, J. D. Mann, W. S. Durham, Walter D. Siler, C. E. McManus, C. E. Johnson and C. M. Bray, the last named gentleman being the present incumbent.

The present officers of the town are: Mayor, N. Bray; Board of Aldermen: J. C. Gregson, Dr. J. D. Edwards, J. M. Stout, A. A. Lambe, J. M. Marley; Town Attorney, J. Geo. Hammet, Jr.; Chief of Police, V. S. Blair.



HOTEL HADLEY, SILER CITY, N. C.

**PROFESSIONAL MEN.**

The town of Siler City has its full quota of well equipped and efficient professional men. There are four lawyers, three physicians, one dentist and one veterinary surgeon all in active practice. The resident attorneys at law are Walter D. Siler and J. F. Milliken, who are associated together under the firm name of Siler & Milliken, R. H. Dixon and J. Geo. Hannah, Jr. The physicians are Drs. J. D. Edwards, T. A. Kirkman and R. J. Lovill. Dr. W. H. Edwards is engaged in the practice of dentistry, and J. M. Smith is a veterinary surgeon. All these gentlemen are skilled and learned in their profession and are all enjoying a satisfactory and growing practice.

**SILER CITY'S SCHOOL FACILITIES**

From its infancy as a town, Siler City and its people has realized the need of good school facilities. Realizing that a good school system does more to develop the town, its surrounding country and its people than

any other industry, or establishment, the diligence of its people in school work is seen from the fact that even before, or about the time the town was first incorporated, that is about the year 1887, Thompson's School and Military Academy was organized here. For a number of years in the early history of the town this school was known far and wide and enjoyed the patronage of students from not only Chatham county and the State of N. C., but from a large number of distant States. After Thompson's School was moved to Sanford, under the principalship of Hon. James L. Griffin, an ideal boarding and day school was maintained in the same building. In the year 1902 Mr. Griffin, being elected to the office of Clerk of the Superior Court, the school was changed into a State High School and Graded School, and continued as such until the year 1909, when the Legislature of N. C. made it a graded school,

and the high school department being still retained. The same Legislature passed an act allowing the town to issue bonds in the sum of four thousand dollars for the purpose of purchasing, equipping and improving the school property—up to this time the school being owned by private individuals. Pursuant to this act the bonds were issued, and today the town of Siler City owns one of the best graded schools in the State. The building, which is a handsome, and commodious one, has been thoroughly repaired, fitted with steam heat and equipped with modern school furniture. The school grounds are well located and large, affording plenty of play grounds, and athletic fields. In every way the school is the pride of the town.

With Professor C. C. Small, who for some years has been allied with the educational work of the State, and a most able and diligent teacher, as principal, and an able corps of efficient assistants, viz.: Mrs. C. C. Small, in charge of the seventh and eighth grades, Miss Jennie Morrow, in charge of the fifth and sixth grades, Miss Lucile Kirkman in charge of the third and fourth grades, Mrs. D. L. Webster in charge of the first and sec-

ond grades, and Miss Myrtle Teague in charge of the music department, the school is doing the most efficient work, and each of the two hundred and fifty pupils enrolled receive the best of personal attention.

The following gentlemen compose the school board: M. J. Boling, chairman; W. S. Durham, secretary and treasurer; L. L. Wrenn, W. S. Edwards, S. J. Marley, J. T. Ferguson, and H. C. Robbins, all of whom take a deep interest in the school and its work, and use every effort in its behalf.

With all its advantages, both natural and acquired, its glorious back country, religious environment, and purity of its people, there is doubtless no greater asset of the town of Siler City than its graded school. Here it is that character is made, and with that idea, the people of Siler City will ever be, as they have ever been, ardent supporters of its school.

## CHATHAM COUNTY.

Date of formation, origin of name--Population and products--Capital--Revolutionary history--Regulators--The character, exploits and death of David Fannen.

The Following Interesting Sketch of the Early History of Our Good County Chatham is Taken From the History of North Carolina, Published in 1851 by John H. Wheeler, One Time Treasurer of the State--It Will Doubtless Prove Interesting to Many of Our Readers Who Have No Means of Access to the Works of This Very Rare History:

"Chatham County was formed in 1770, and called in compliment of that distinguished English statesman and orator William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, whose talents and eloquence were displayed in the British Parliament in defence of the rights of America. He was a son of Robert Pitt, born in 1708, elevated at the early age of twenty-one to be Premier of England. His last

resorted to the plan of dividing this region, so that the people would not so often congregate at one point.

"Its early history is connected with these troubles, and a full record of which the chapters on Alamance and Orange present, and renders any further illusion here unnecessary.

"In the Revolutionary struggle of our country Chatham did his part.

"To the meeting of the delegates at Hillsboro, on 21st August, 1775, there appeared as members from Chatham, Elisha Cain, Richard Kennon, Matthew Jones, Jeduthan Harper, John Birdsong, Ambrose Ramsay, Joseph Rosser, Robert Rutherford, John Thompson and William Clark.

"This body appointed as Field Officers for Chatham, Ambrose Ram-



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forensic display was in the defense of America, when he was carried in the House of Lords on a couch, and there, in all the resistless power of his mighty intellect, in the music and majesty of his eloquent voice, he portrayed the deep and burning injustice of England, and the crying wrongs of suffering America. He died in 1778, not until he told our oppressors to their teeth that he rejoiced that America had resisted, and predicted the brilliant career

say, Colonel; Jeduthan Harper, Lieutenant-Colonel; Mial Sourlock, Major; Elisha Cain, 2d Major.

"At the Congress held at Halifax on the 12th November, 1776, which formed our State Constitution, the members from Chatham county were: Ambrose Ramsay, John Birdsong, Mial Sourlock, Isiah Hogan, and Jeduthan Harper.

"These men are all gone—their names are here recorded; but their lives, services, and death beyond



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that awaited her, and the destiny which she has since fulfilled. His speeches are among the best specimens of oratory in our language. Worthily is his name preserved in this intelligent portion of our State.

"Chatham County, situated near the center of the State, is bounded on the north by Alamance and Orange; on the east by Wake and a small portion of Cumberland; on the south by Moore; and west by Randolph.

"Its capital is Pittsboro, 34 miles west of Raleigh.

"Its population is 12,164 whites; 5,985 slaves; 300 free negroes; 16,055 representative population.

"Its products are 94,342 bushels wheat; 93,368 bushels oats; 446,708

this record are unknown. It is hoped that some friend of Chatham will collect some memento worthy of their fame. Men are like the summer cloud; that the breath of evening wafts away. A grateful country delights to cherish the recollection and record their deeds, and inscribe their names on her monuments.

"There lived in Chatham a man notorious for his marauding disposition, his fearless and active temper, his dark and dangerous services against the cause of liberty.

"While we preserve the names of the philanthropist and patriot, duty compels us to describe others whose conduct has marked them with ignominy, and whose names



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bushels corn; 536,886 pounds of tobacco; 399,728 pounds of cotton; 1000 pounds of iron; 500 dollars worth of lumber.

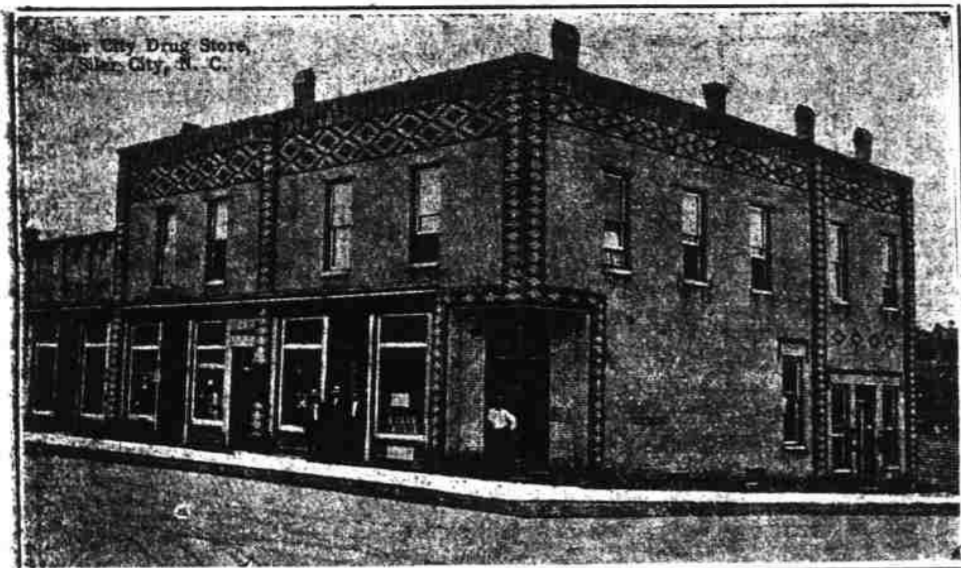
"The immediate cause of the division of Orange at the time 1770 into Chatham, Wake and Guilford, was the troubles of the regulation in this section. The feeling of resistance to the crown officers from their extortionary and oppressive conduct, is already recorded in the chapter on Alamance, to which the reader is referred; Governor Tryon

deserve execration. This is but just. Indiscriminate eulogy is as illy applied to a nation as to individuals.

"History informs us that when Cromwell was about to sit for his portrait to Sir Peter Lely, the painter of the age, he peremptorily told him, "Paint me as I am." So commands North Carolina to any one who attempts to describe her history or that of her sons.

"David Fannen was born about 1754 in Wake County. He was ap-

prenticed to a carpenter or a loom maker. In 1778 he moved to Chatham. The occupation of Wilmington by the British under Colonel Craig offered other prospects to his ambitious views. He was distinguished for his marauding exploits, and one of the earliest sufferers from his violence and rapacity was Charles Sheering, on Deep River, to whose house he went in the night, and shot him as he ran from his house. His energy of character was appreciated by the British authorities. He was appointed a Colonel of the Loyal Militia. An old Tory, by the name of Lindsay, gave him a mare called Red Doe, whose blood even to this day is highly prized. Major Craig at Wilmington presented him with a uniform, and a pair of pistols and holsters. An interesting event is recorded, by which he lost "the Red Doe" and his pistols. An active and zealous Whig named Hunter, afterwards of South Carolina, was taken by this ferocious bandit and his myrmidons. He was sentenced to be hanged. The rope was around his neck. Fanned



SILER CITY DRUG STORE, POST OFFICE AND BUSINESS OFFICES.

rode up and dismounted to witness his execution, leaving his mare standing near. In an instant, the prisoner threw off the rope, and leaped on the back of the noble steed. The guard seized their arms, and Fannen orders them to "fire high" to save his mare. Hunter escaped with a shot in his shoulder, but the "Red Doe" and the holsters were his booty.

"When Cornwallis raised the royal standard at Hillsboro (Feb. 1781), Fannen was a terror to the whole country. The daring of his enterprises, the cruelty of his conduct, and his success, excite our admiration for this bold, bad man, much braver than and equally base as his more polished namesake of Orange County. His forces, with Col. Hector McNeill and Ray, were between 600 and 1,000 men.

"Among his earliest successes was the capture of Col. Philip Alston at his home in Chatham with a few followers.

"On 18th July, 1871, he made a descent upon a court-martial at Hillsboro and took the officers prisoners, and carried them to Wilmington.

"On 14th August, 1871, he entered Campbellton (now Fayetteville), and carried off Col. Ennett, Captain Winslow and others.

"On 1st September following, a battle was fought at McFall's mill, on the Raft Swamp, between him and the Friends of liberty. On the 13th he and McNeill entered Hillsboro, then the seat of the government, seized the governor of the State (Thomas Burke) and other prominent Whigs, and proceeded with utmost rapidity to Wilmington. General Butler endeavored to intercept them with superior force, and did so at Lindley's Mills on Cane Creek, where an engagement took place the following day. Fannen was severely wounded, but retreated with his prisoners, whom he delivered to Major Craig at Wilmington.

"In 1782 Fannen made his way to Charleston, and from thence retreated to Nova Scotia, where he died in 1825."

**T. F. OVERMAN.**

**Watchmaker and Jeweler.**

Since T. F. Overman concluded to give his entire time to the watch repairing and jewelry business, three months ago, when he embarked in business in these lines, he has had all he could possibly do—a sure indication that his efforts as a mechanic are appreciated and that he possesses the required skill and experience to render a satisfactory service. T. F. Overman makes a specialty of watch repairing, all of which he does himself thereby holding himself personally responsible for every detail of workmanship, for which reasonable prices are charged.

T. F. Overman has been more or less identified with the watchmaking and jewelry business for the past twenty-five years and his mechanical ability is therefore well established. He is among the well known and esteemed citizens of the community and in trade relations his only desire is to please and satisfy.

**MATTHEWS TELEPHONE CO.**

Throughout Chatham county there has during the very recent past been a pronounced awakening to the advantage of the telephone service, and the progress made during the last twelve months in pole construction and installation of "phones" has surpassed any of the former years in this respect. This fact alone, better than any other form of improvement that could be cited, shows the tendency of the farmer to secure, as part of his equipment, the time and labor saving, and therefore money making, advantages which the telephone procures for him, to say nothing whatever of its invaluable use in the event of sudden illness or any other unwelcome visitation to the home when assistance is so greatly desired.

From Siler City radiates the lines

of the Matthews Telephone Co., which connects with the Chatham Telephone Co., of Pittsboro, and with the Bonlee Telephone Co., the three companies having a total of two hundred miles of toll lines throughout the entire county. Connections are made with the long distance service at Liberty and at Pittsboro, N. C., thereby placing every subscriber at a moment's notice in direct communication with the world at large, and giving to him a service that is not excelled anywhere in the country in the advantage of promptness and reliability. The Matthews Telephone Co., whose headquarters and principal exchange is at Siler City, was organized in 1908 to take over the interests of the Siler City and Chatham County Telephone Co. and has for its officers C. N. Bray, president; Ed. T. Jordan, vice-president; J. Wade Siler, secretary and treasurer, and Henry Pike, manager. Under its present ownership and management this company has been both aggressive and progressive, liberally co-operating with farmers to encour-



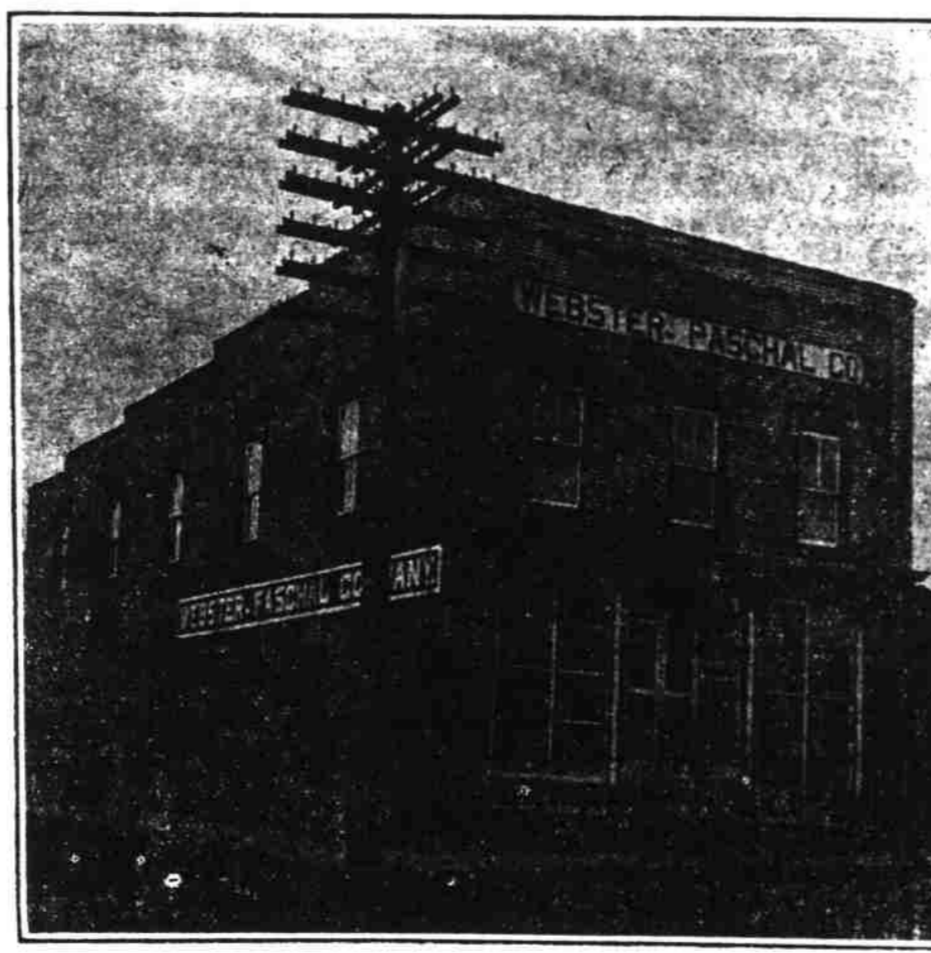
FOX & CO., A. G. FOX & SON MISS KATE VESTAL

known and popular and deserve generous recognition from the people of the community, for they maintain the very best facilities in their line to fill orders promptly, satisfactorily and at the lowest market prices.

**MISS K. VESTAL.**

**Millinery.**

Depending, of course, upon the stock equipment and ability to be found in the local millinery establishment the day has long since passed when the fashionably dressed ladies of the smaller towns are obliged to journey to the distant cities to secure the latest creations in the millinery art. This statement is especially true for the ladies of Siler City and the adjoining country, for the very presence of the millinery establishment of Miss K. Vestal, with its alert and experienced management and complete stocks of the latest shapings and most fashionable color schemes in ribbons, velvets and plumes, season after season, places the very best of metropolitan advantages within convenient and easy reach and at money saving figures as compared with the prices quoted in the more or less elaborate emporiums of the larger cities. Moreover, the creations of this establishment are pronounced as reaching a high standard of beauty and art, for it is admitted that Miss Vestal possesses the secret of success in millinery and which consists in a refined taste to secure harmony in color blending, together with an ability to adapt shape to feature and shading effects to the complexion. Miss Vestal visits the larger cities of the North twice every year to study the styles and become thoroughly familiar with



WEBSTER-PASCHAL CO., MERCHANTS.

the latest ideas generally in millinery. As a result of its splendid equipment this establishment possesses a large, select and constantly growing patronage, for it has long since become headquarters for the families of this section residing miles distant in all directions whose very preference is proof of the splendid service and facilities constantly maintained.

**D. G. FOX & SON.**

**Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes—Farm Implements and Fertilizers.**

Looking back over Siler City's past history, since the advent of the railroad, which was the direct cause of building a railroad station at the old cross-roads which intersected at this point, it would be as difficult as it would be unjust to

attempt to record the progress and development of the town from a mere settlement with its couple of stores to its present position as a thriving trade center were one not to mention the activities of D. G. Fox, the senior member of the present firm, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest of the merchants today doing business in the community, and who has practically been identified with every phase and feature of its development. Either as a dealer in merchandise or farm implements and fertilizers D. G. Fox has conducted business at this point since 1864 and his activities have been constant during all the intervening years, so that he is one of Siler City's pioneer merchants and citizens as well as one of its trade builders. As a dealer in fertilizers and farm implements D. G. Fox is thoroughly established throughout this entire section handling large quantities of these productions each year and doing a large business in this territory. As D. G. Fox & Son this business is continued with the addition of dry goods, notions, furn-



FOX & CO., D. G. FOX & SON, MISS KATE VESTAL.

ishing goods and shoes, the best collections on the market for the money. In fertilizers it has always been D. G. Fox's policy to handle the best food for plant life as required by the soil of this section and actually proved up by crop tests from year to year. In farm implements such field tested productions as the Deering line of harvesting machinery is handled, also the Johnston harrows, the South Bend plows, the Malta four foot cultivators and weedeaters and other justly popular implements. In the shoe line D. G. Fox & Son carry the De Witt Dixie Shoes for women and the American for men, also other established makes and this policy of handling only the best values for the money holds good in all the departments of the business—a policy thoroughly established among the people of Chatham county and for which this concern merits and enjoys popular confidence. D. G. Fox and M. M. Fox compose the firm. D. G. Fox is a native of the county about five miles from Siler City where he was raised on a farm and continued at this occupation until 1878 when he embarked in business in a country store not far distant from Siler City coming afterwards, as has already been stated, to Siler City. He has held the office of magistrate and discharged the duties of each position in a manner that increased popular confidence and esteem for his ability and integrity already thoroughly established. M. M. Fox is among Siler City's popular and enterprising young business men and citizens and renders efficient co-operation in the management of the business by his general manners and by his pronounced business and executive ability.

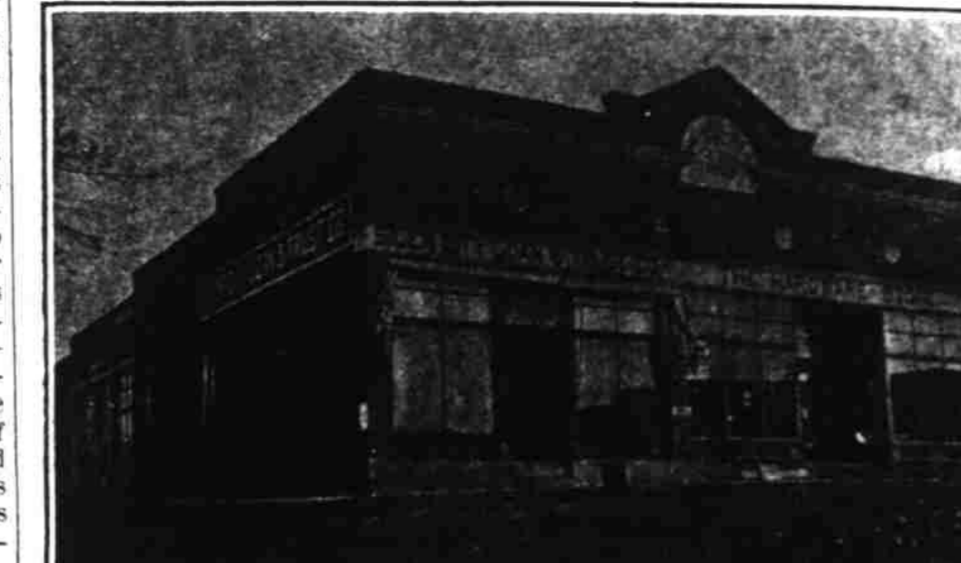


**FOX & CO.**

**Groceries, Fruits, Confections—Dealers in Ice, Fish and Oysters.**

By the exercise of pronounced alertness in management the establishment of Fox & Co. is an important and popular source of supply for the housekeepers of this section and as a result of its presence and operations market conditions in the food lines are exceptional in Siler City as compared with towns of its size throughout the country. Through the excellence of its stock equipment one can secure anything in fancy and staple groceries for the home or for complete and carefully selected. Fruits in season are received direct at regular intervals from the principal distributing points, also oysters and fish from the principal sources of supply, so that every ef-

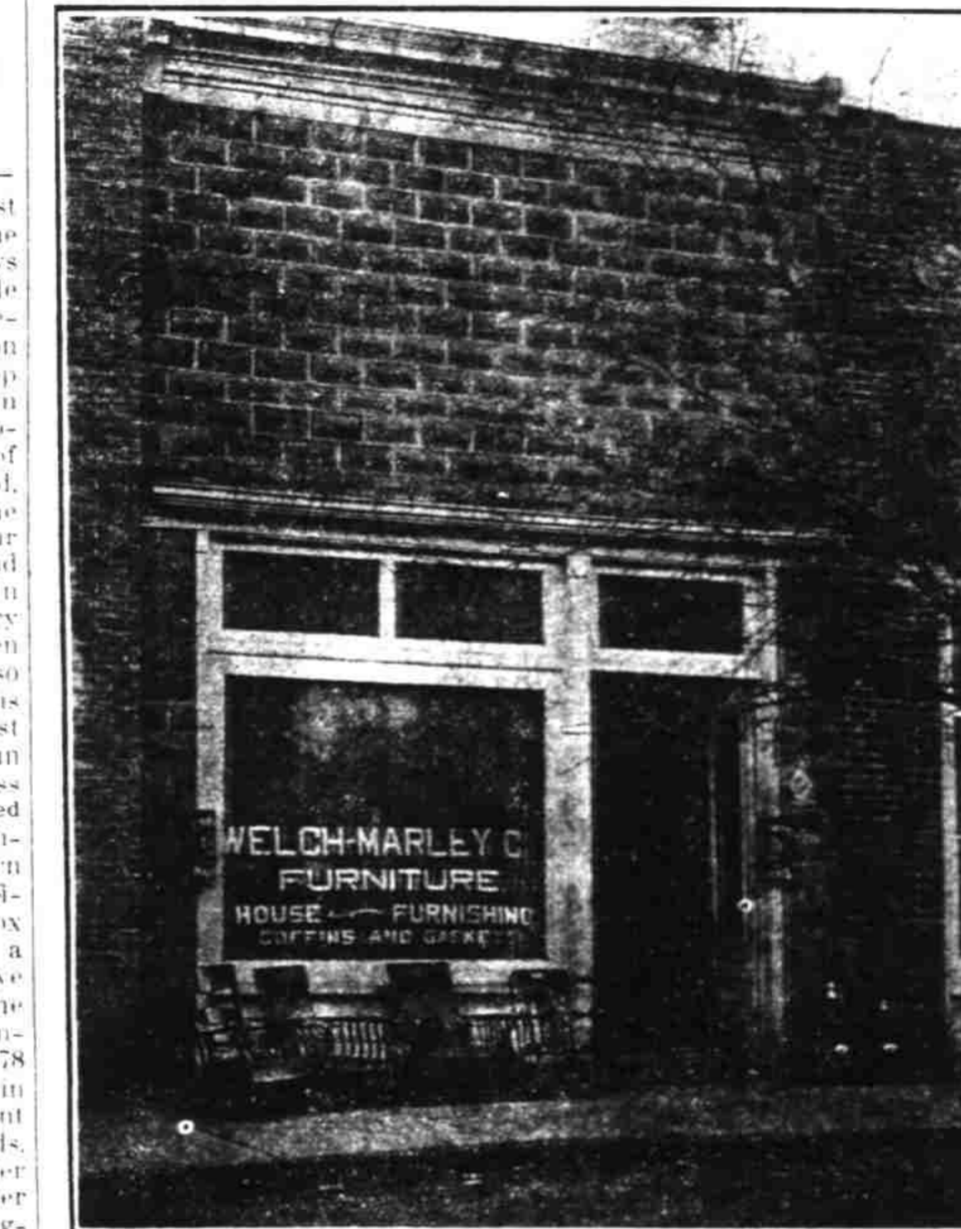
fort is made to secure for the inhabitants of the vicinity the best possible advantages in delicacies and even luxuries in foods. Fox & Co. are also dealers in ice and supply the local demand in this line throughout the summer months. The store-rooms are neatly arranged and a feature of their ap-



THE HARD WARE STORE.

pointments is a handsome marble enclosed fountain which dispenses soda water and refreshing drinks generally during the warmer periods of the year. As a result of the splendid facilities enjoyed, coupled with the aggressive policy of its management, this concern does a nice business and includes in its patronage many of the leading families of both town and county. J. H. and M. M. Fox compose the firm. Both are among the enterprising men of the community and are to be commended for their successful

facilities to turn them out in tailor-made style and with pleasing effect. Stocks of art squares and rugs are also presented and the housekeeper can always find the very latest creations in these lines of floor coverings. All the above lines cover a floor area 34x130 and are contained in store-rooms which offers the advantages of a well lighted interior and other convenient arrangements that consult and promote the interests of patrons. D. L. Webster and L. F. Paschal compose the co-partnership which was formed five years



WELCH-MARLEY FURNITURE CO.

efforts in conducting an establishment which maintains for the inhabitants of this vicinity a service and buying opportunities and advantages that are in many respects metropolitan in their character.

**WEBSTER-PASCHAL CO.**

**Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing.**

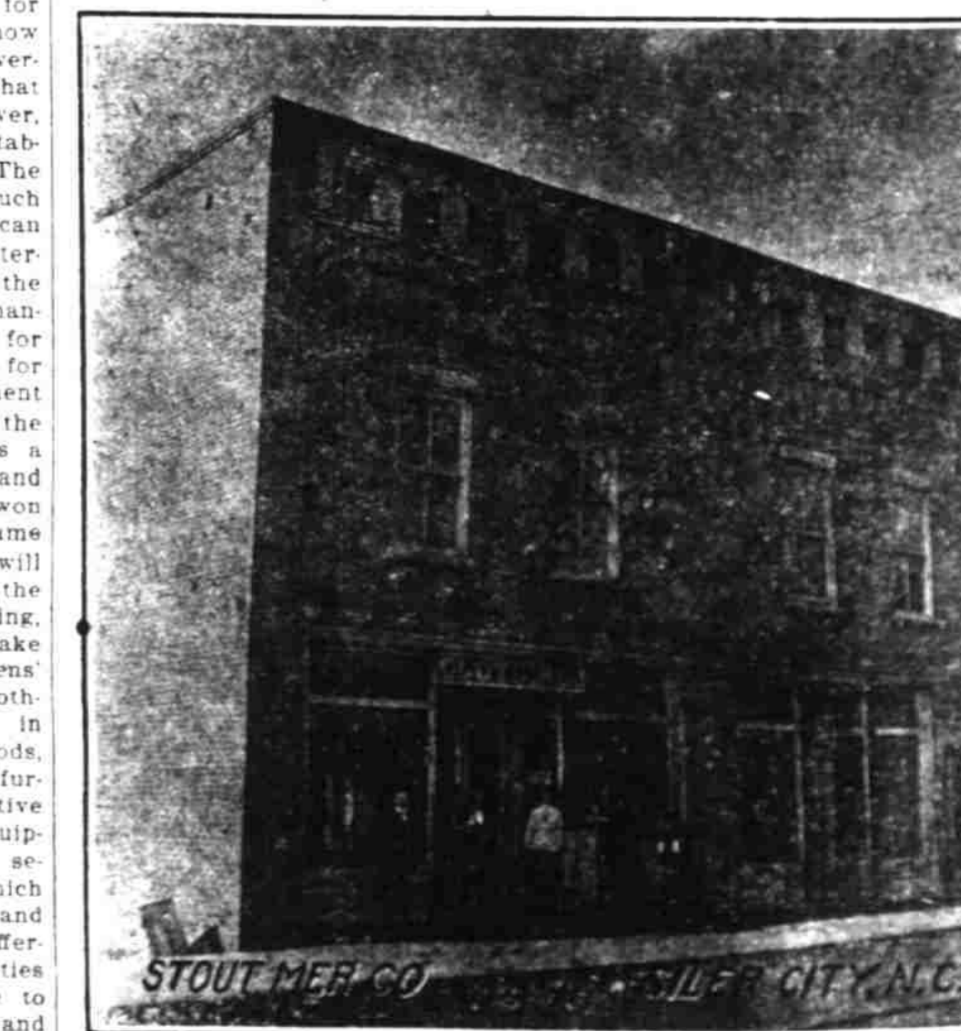
When one finds such an establishment as that of the Webster-Paschal Co. in any town he may well conclude that the people residing in the territory adjacent to that concern or that town have been placed in possession of buying opportunities of a metropolitan character, for on shelf, on counter and in show cases standard and naturally advertised productions abound—goods that are the same price the country over, and are at the same time of established make, quality and merit. The very presence in Siler City of such an excellent stock equipment as can always be found in the Webster-Paschal store defines not only the high aims of the management to handle only the best on the market for the money, but speaks volumes for the discriminate taste and judgment of a patronage which avoids the "made to sell" article and yields a ready preference for the real and the genuine production that has won popular confidence by being the same value today, as yesterday, and will be tomorrow. Such goods are the celebrated Griffin line of clothing, the Roberts, Johnston and Rand make of ladies', mens' and childrens' shoes; and the hundred and one other standard articles that abound in the several departments of dry goods, notions, and ladies' and mens' furnishing goods. The three distinctive features of this excellent stock equipment are found in the large and select line of ladies' dress goods, which contains in variety of pattern and texture the latest seasonable offerings in such a wide range of qualities and prices as makes it possible to respond to all ordinary demands and conditions; in the clothing collection, both as to character and magnitude of assortment the very presence of which maintains constantly for the men and boys of this section the most excellent opportunities to supply their needs promptly, for there is that completeness of variety of size, price, quality and pattern to anticipate all ages and all tastes; in the shoe department, which contains a collection of at least six thousand pairs of shoes—the productions of the leading manufacturers of the country—and from such a large stock equipment one may be sure to find a shoe for every member of the fami-



**THE HARDWARE STORE.**

**Hardware, Paints, Farm Implements, Buggies, Wagons, Gandy, Buggy, Etc.**

It is not said to be a compliment but simply a statement of fact that in few towns can there be found in the same line of establishment so attractively arranged and so conveniently appointed as the Hardware Store, whose store-rooms are located in the Siler City Loan and Trust Co.'s building of comparatively recent construction. The Hardware Store is well lighted and ventilated and the stocks neatly and attractively arranged over a thousand square feet of ground floor space, thereby presenting an imposing array of the thousand and one articles which make up a complete farm and home line, all of which can be seen by the visitor at almost a glance in a systematic and so accessible to the entire interior arrangement. The Hardware Store was organized as a distinctively new enterprise in Siler City in 1904 by a group of prominent citizens and business men who saw the need of an exclusive hardware establishment and who were willing to substantiate their faith in the future of the town as a popular trade center by the investment necessary for the promotion of such an enterprise. An almost three-fold increase in total annual business over the sales of the earlier years of the concern has already been realized and this fact alone demonstrates the wisdom and foresight of the promoters of The Hardware Store to add such an enterprise to Siler City's retail interests. The large and complete collection of stocks found in this establishment bear the brands and trademarks of the leading manufacturers of the country so careful and so conservative is the policy of the



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**Furniture and Undertaking.**

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designs and qualities of furniture on the market for the money. The handsome exhibits of furniture, from the very presence of which the very best of metropolitan advantages are the very best of metropolitan advantages. These exhibits include sofas, couches in a variety of styles and finish, parlor and bed room china closets, wardrobes, bookcases, library cases, chiffoniers, tables, rocking chairs in many styles and prices, enameled wash tubs, trunks, and everything in the lines to completely equip a home. The Welsh-Marley Co. has a large stock of goods upon which it has a home throughout the county to illustrate its merit as a value priced instrument. This concern possesses the best possible facilities to prepare the dead for burial, has thoroughly established a reputation of confidence of the people of this section by the reliability of its business of the service rendered. To render this preparation a select collection of caskets and the very latest designs and styles of caskets are kept constantly on hand and all other funeral arrangements in addition to the store-rooms of the Welsh-Marley Co. by a warehouse space for the temporary storage of the goods, stocks, for all goods are received direct from the manufacturers of the country in ear load lots and at the very lowest level of wholesale prices. In addition to the store-rooms, Welsh and J. H. Marley have established as a new enterprise in Siler City five years ago, a store of select and a growing business. It has been built up in all directions within a radius of from ten to twenty miles. As manager of this enterprise, J. H. Marley has striven to give patrons the best of service for the money, and now the fact is well known and appreciated throughout the county. The store and facilities previously mentioned are well recognized and preferred as the result that sales and patronage increase season after season and year after year.

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and painters' supplies, farm implements, bugies and farm supplies generally in the hardware line. In the store-keepers and in the 60x20 store-keepers adjoining are found among the many standard productions carried on for the exclusive selling agency of the celebrated Sherwin-Williams paint and Lewis' leads, the Williams Stove Co., Richmond Works and Glascock's cook-stoves and heating stoves and ranges, and the makers of the International Sewing Machine Co., the Superior, the Farmington and the Champion drills and the Berkey cultivators and other well known and thoroughly reliable productions, the Rock Hill and the Guilford bugies, the Nissen wagon, from which names and makes the policy of the management is to handle only the best values on the market for the money. The owners of the Hardware Store so popular in Chatham county are J. C. Johnston, E. H. Jordan and J. M. Jordan. As Siler City's first hardware store this establishment has a historical importance. It is fair to state that the Hardware Store has since its inception been successful in no small measure. Siler City's present source of supply because of its long history has been responsive to the needs of the community, thereby making it a place of buying opportunities. And these facts are all attested by its splendid progress and the confidence of the community, a large stock of goods and an enviable reputation in the commercial world.

**STOUT MERCANTILE CO.**

Shoes, Furnishing Goods. Among the young men of Chatham county the Stout Mercantile Co. has



**ALLIANCE STORE, J. T. JOHNSON, MANAGER.**

town rapidly in favor under its management, for every effort is exerted to supply their needs in clothing, furnishing goods, shoes and merchant tailoring without, however, overlooking the needs of the inhabitants of this section in general. All the lines that compose the splendid stock equipment constantly maintained. Because of the fact that the young men of this section are increasing their recognition and patronage for this establishment, and because the supplying of their needs requires a large volume of the constantly growing business that is being done the Stout Mercantile Co.'s store is becoming known more and



**TEAGUE & LAMBE, MERCHANTS.**

every day as the "Young Man's store," for here can one secure the latest and most stylish shoe on the market. Here can one secure the best black or soft or stiff hat or the latest creations in neckwear and furnishing goods. Here can one secure a suit of clothes made to order by one of the leading merchant tailoring establishments of the country and at popular prices, and here in a word can one find all the features combined—style, service and satisfaction—because these are the things of young men's needs and which they understand better than any other. For men and boys the stock equipment comprises a select selection of clothing from the leading manufacturers of the country, and in neckwear and underwear in a variety of styles and qualities; the "Biltmore" and "Biltmore" shoes and the "Biltmore" and "Biltmore" hats and the International Tailor's outfit for those who prefer to have their clothing made to order for which concern is the only representative in this section. Nor are the goods overlooked for the ordinary needs of the community, which contains, with its stock of goods, a well known and child-like collection of staple

and fancy dry goods in all of which lines a nice business is done. This concern began business five years ago as the Stout Bros. Mercantile Co. and the present name adopted and the ownership modified one year ago. The owners now are J. M. Morley, Lee S. Edwards, J. M. Stout and S. J. Morley, the latter being the manager of the enterprise. All the above named are among the popular citizens and business men of Chatham county and co-operate liberally with the management to maintain buying opportunities that are unsurpassed anywhere, as manager S. J. Morley has demonstrated both business and executive ability for daily the Stout Mercantile Co. increases in popularity because there is behind it energy and enterprise combined with reliability of method and performance, and these qualities must and will show results and results alone count in these practical and progressive times.

**THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE AND FARMERS' UNION STORE.**

In the prosperous and progressive career of the Farmers' Alliance and Farmers' Union Store, Siler City furnishes a splendid illustration of the gratifying results that can be achieved by organized effort directed to the attainment of a particular end, but, as with all co-operative concerns everything depends on the management, who must be unhampered in his policies and procedure, in order that he can enforce and protect his every right for his every responsibility. Therefore, largely, the good judgment of the stockholders of a co-operative enterprise figures largely in its success but as has before been stated everything in the end depends on the business and executive ability of the management. "This business was organized and incorporated in 1888 and has for its officers A. J. Lane, president, J. W. Teague, secretary, and J. T. Johnson, treasurer and manager. There are two hundred

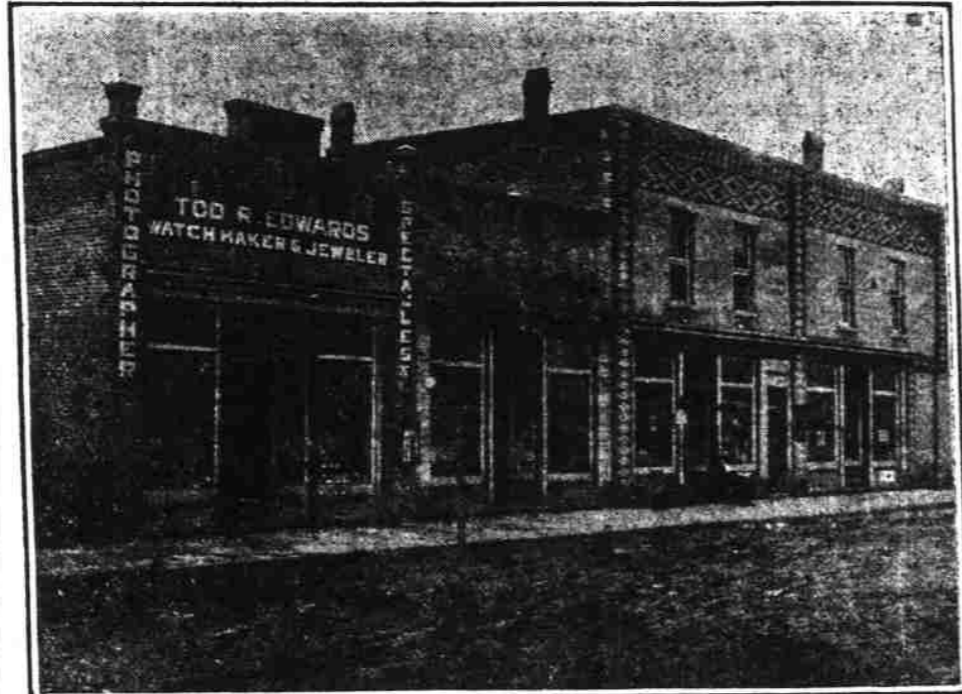
stockholders, each of them in consideration of his investment can purchase his needs at ten per cent. above cost price, but only for cash for all the transactions of this establishment are conducted on a strictly cash basis. This concern does quite an extensive business in fertilizers, handling the very best productions that it is possible to procure for the crops of this section. These fertilizers are purchased in car load quantities on a cash basis which means to patrons inside money saving prices. The stock equipment also comprises the very best values on the market in dry goods, notions, millinery, shoes, which include the celebrated Walk-

over line and a full line of fancy and staple groceries in all of which departments a good business is done not only in supplying the families of stockholders but the general public, as well, because the advantages offered are money saving and are so recognized and appreciated. J. T. Johnson, the manager of the business has been identified with it in this capacity since August, 1907, succeeding R. C. Siler, one of the original promoters of the enterprise and whose activities had contributed largely to its success. Under its present management the business has been both prosperous and progressive—a fact due to the alertness and business ability Mr. Johnson possesses and by which qualities such splendid results as he has achieved can possibly be accomplished. He is a native of Chatham county and one of its popular citizens and business men who possesses the esteem and confidence of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances because of the reliability and integrity that characterizes all of his relations, no matter in what capacity.

**TEAGUE & LAMBE.**

**General Merchandise—Dealers in Building Materials.**  
No review of Siler City's development, from its modest beginning made a little more than a quarter of a century ago, would be complete did

not contain mention of the establishment of Teague & Lambe, which since the past twenty-four years, or since the village days of the community, been intimately and actively identified with the progress and distinction of being among the pioneer enterprises of the town. As the builders and owners of the Teague & Lambe block this firm has been among the upbuilders of the town, co-operating and contributing to its development in the most substantial manner. As a source of supply the Teague & Lambe store is among the old reliable enterprises of this entire section, meriting the distinction to be placed in this class by an integrity in all trade relations that has stood the test of years, by the possession of the entire confidence of the people

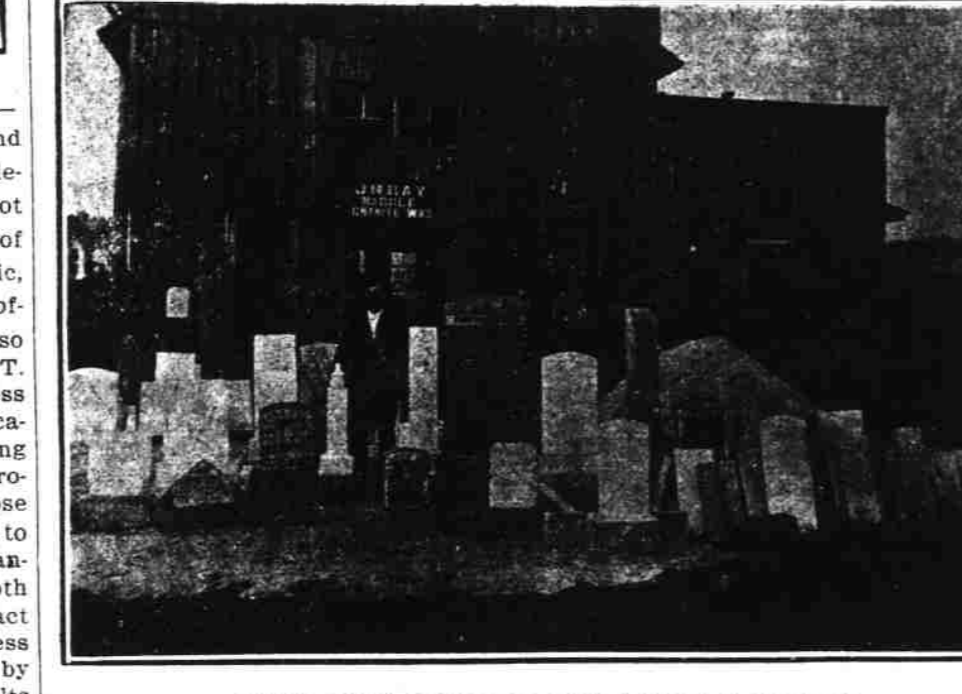


**TOD R. EDWARDS, JEWELER.**

and by an enviable standing in the commercial world. As a matter of fact many of the patrons of this firm date back to the beginning of the business of the town and a greater tribute could not be paid any enterprise by anyone than is shown in this continuous preference for so many years. Today, as for every day in their career, the firm of Teague & Lambe anticipate promptly and provide satisfactorily for the needs of the inhabitants of this vicinity, carrying on their shelves and counters the very best the market offers for the money in dress goods, dry goods, notions, ladies' and men's furnishing goods, ladies' mens' and children's shoes; in which latter collection are found the Godman and the Endicott and Johnson makes, than which there are no better values to be had anywhere, and a full line of staple and fancy groceries. Teague & Lambe are headquarters for such building materials as shingles, windows, doors, moulding of all kinds and many articles in the hardware line. In this latter department purchases are made in car load lots and every advantage is secured, thereby, to conduct business on the very lowest level of wholesale cost so as to promote and protect the interests of patrons. W. A. Teague and John F. Lambe compose this well known co-partnership. They are among the reliable and esteemed business men of this section and possess fully and deservedly the esteem and confidence of the people of Chatham and Randolph counties who make Siler City their source of supply.

**TOD R. EDWARDS.**

**Watchmaker, Jeweler, Photographer.**  
The career of Tod R. Edwards furnishes in concrete form an illustration of the well known and oft-repeated maxim that example is better than precept and is, and ought to be, an incentive and an inspiration to his brethren of the colored race to emulate his ambition and successful efforts to build up a business of his own, for regardless of race and nationality the opportunity for advancement awaits all those who possess the virtues of industry, sobriety and perseverance to the end. For the people of this vicinity the store of Tod R. Edwards possesses a stock equipment that anticipates all ordinary demands in the jewelry line, including standard watch cases and watch movements, rings, chains, charms, bracelets, necklaces, pendants, brooches and the many pretty creations so appropriate for birthday, wedding and Christmas presents. He also carries constantly in stock the best values in silverware, cut glass,



**SILER CITY GRANITE AND MARBLE WORKS.**

musical instruments and optical goods thereby being always in a position to supply a wide range of inquiries at money saving figures. Special attention is given to watch repair work and to the repair of jewelry and clocks of all kinds, the service in this department indicating skill and experience combined with a disposition to be reasonable in prices. A photographic studio is also a feature of the business, the engravings in this edition being made from photographs taken especially for this work. Taken in its entirety the establishment of Tod R. Edwards, the only colored

business man of Siler City, is a credit to its owner, and as a result of its splendid facilities a nice patronage has been built up throughout Chatham and Randolph counties.

**G. E. MATTHEWS, Pharmacy.**

Because the character of the service involved requires both scientific knowledge and business ability and because this service is directed to safeguarding and promoting the health and life of the community by means of the curative properties of drugs and medicines the pharmacy is regarded as being the most important of all the retail enterprises of every community. In the Matthews pharmacy which has been successfully conducted by G. E. Matthews for the

past three years one can find complete collections of drugs, all the leading proprietary medicines, drugist sundries, perfumes and toilet articles, candies and confections, cigars and tobacco, school books, stationery and students' supplies in general. A soda fountain is an important and popular feature of the appointments, and for children where soda water and popular refreshing beverages are served all the year round. Special attention is given to the compounding of prescriptions in which the integrity and scientific ability of the service are the leading features, avoiding substitutes and the "as good as" resources and adhering strictly to the letter of the prescription, thereby co-operating fully and effectually with the skill of the practitioner to effect a cure or arrest disease. A native of Enfield, N. C., G. E. Matthews secured his preliminary education at the public schools of his native town and at Wake Forest. He then entered the drug store of Dr. Harrison at Enfield where he spent nine years, entering meanwhile the Simpson College of Pharmacy at Raleigh from which institution he graduated in due time. He settled in Siler City in 1907 and during the intervening years he has thoroughly established the qualities of pharmaceutical ability and integrity and reliability in all his relations. The Matthews Drug Store is one of Siler City's popular establishments for the management is hospitable and accommodating and the service rendered of the most satisfactory character, for it is reliable, scientific and accurate, the combination found in every first-class pharmacy.

**J. WADE SILER, Real Estate.**

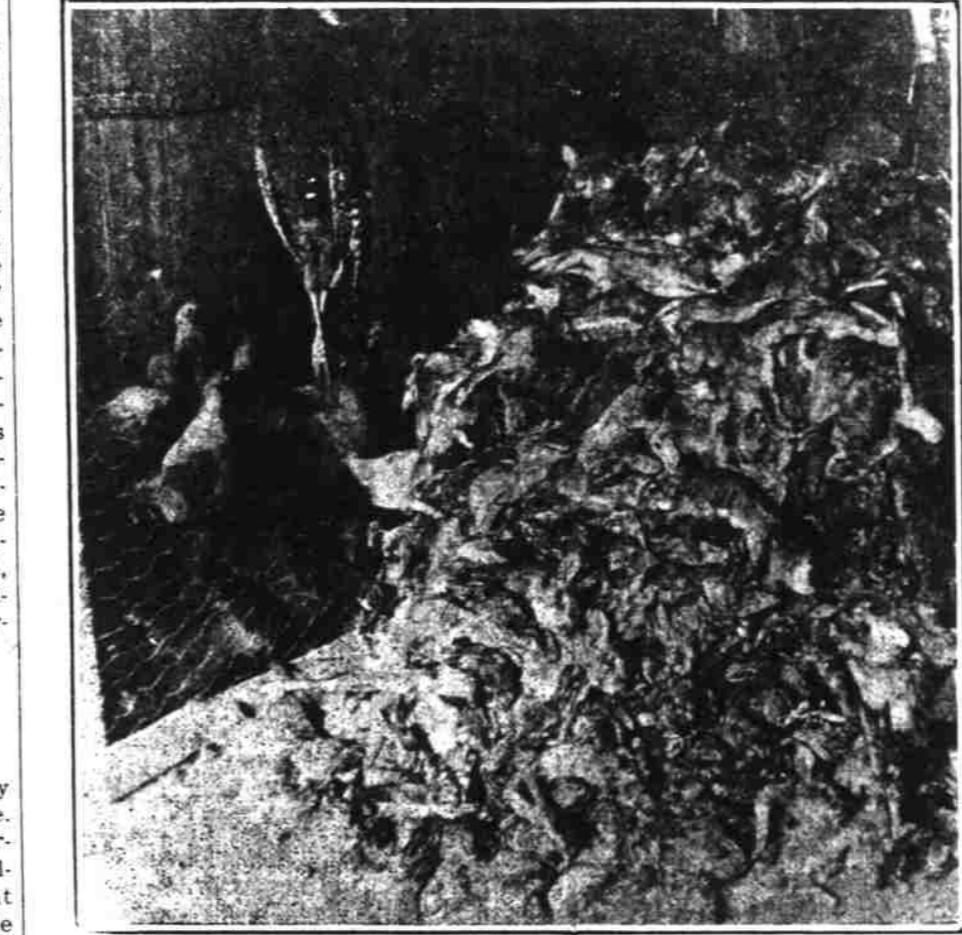
A lineal descendant of the family after whom Siler City takes its name, the owner of valuable property interests in the town and immediately adjoining it, and for the past eight years a dealer in real estate J. Wade Siler has during the recent past successfully concentrated his efforts on transforming the fields beyond the railroad station, to the west, into a residence section, with the result that West Siler City has been created and developed, being now a collection of cozy homes and home locations. This property is conveniently situated and is sure to increase in value with the destined development of Siler City, the influences of whose daily progress along industrial lines to a point where, at no distant day, it will become a thriving manufacturing center, every one feels and appreciates. The inception of West Siler City was

brought about by two auction sales of lots in this section of the town, both of which were promoted by Mr. Siler, who had previously plotted and subdivided the property. These auction sales drew attention to the splendid resident advantages the location offered, and in consequence a number of lots were disposed of upon several of which have been built attractive homes. Other lots equally as choice can be secured from Mr. Siler on the most liberal terms—so liberal that they encourage home ownership, and each and every lot purchased is sure to become a money making invest-

ment. A native of Siler City J. Wade Siler began his business career eight years ago in the real estate business confining his attention, however, to Siler City property, and in which he is prepared to negotiate a purchase or sale of any piece of property on the market. He is among the progressive and popular younger business men of this section, a promoter and owner of valuable telephone interests in Chatham county and throughly and substantially identified with Siler City's future progress and development to further which his influence and co-operation can always be relied upon along sound and legitimate lines.

**W. B. COOPER & SON, Wholesale Buyers and Shippers of Country Produce.**

As a market for game, especially of the rabbit variety, Siler City has during the past fifteen years acquired the distinction of being an important source of supply—a distinction which is recognized by all the wholesale produce dealers doing business from New York to Florida, to whom shipments are being constantly made. The distinction given to the town along the above lines has been due entirely to the enterprise and energy of the local buyers and shippers and to them alone belongs the credit of finding the best selling markets for Chatham county's farmers and hunters and of giving to Siler City both standing and reputation as a shipping point. One of these, and among the very first to establish a buying and shipping business in produce and game, is that of W. B. Cooper & Son, founded by the senior member of the firm in 1897 and conducted successfully by him in his individual capacity until 1908, when the present co-partnership was formed. C. A. Cooper acquiring an interest. This concern as a result of a constantly progressive career offers all the advantages of a thoroughly organized business both at home and in the leading wholesale produce markets of several States, also it offers all the advantages of a concern possessing popular confidence as the result of fair dealing, promptness in the execution of orders, whenever the supply was available, and generally speaking, the most satisfactory trade relations. W. B. Cooper & Son are always prepared to pay the highest market prices for chickens, eggs and all kinds of game in season and do a nice business in shipping rabbits throughout the Atlantic States. W. B. Cooper is a native of Chatham county, and in addition to the present business is interested in important timber and saw mill interests. C. A. Cooper attends largely to the management of the produce



**5,000 CHATHAM RABBITS. (25,000 Rabbits Shipped From Siler City Last Year. Greatest Game Center in the World.)**

business in which his experience and business ability have been thoroughly tested. Both are among the esteemed and progressive business men of this section because their activities have supplied in the past the best market and the best selling conditions generally for the farmers of this section, whether in produce or in timber operations.

**SILER CITY GRANITE & MARBLE COMPANY.**

**J. M. Ray Proprietor.**  
With the advent of the Siler City Granite & Marble Co., established by J. M. Ray in March of the present year, the inhabitants of Chatham and its adjoining counties were immediately placed in possession of the best possible advantages in money saving prices, first-class workmanship, personal and direct supervision of the "setting up" of the complete jobs and all other conditions essential to a satisfactory service. Because of dissatisfaction which generally arises from dealing with concerns at a distance, especially in supplying the demand for tombstones and monuments, it became apparent that a monument works located at Siler City would immediately control a trade territory within a radius of twenty-five miles in all directions in which a nice business would eventually be built up, due to the lower prices it could offer and because of the increased efficiency of its service as a result of closer and more direct relations with patrons. Accordingly J. M. Ray, a native of this section and an expert engraver and worker in marble and granite, established the Siler City Granite & Marble Co., and gave to the town its first enterprise in this line. The wisdom of the selection has already been justified for the new concern has done already a nice business and prospects for the future are of the most encouraging character. This concern can supply at money saving figures any design in marble or granite in tombstones, monuments or cemetery art work generally with always the additional inducement of personally deliv-

ering the work in the cemetery and setting it up according to the very letter of the agreement—an inducement that means satisfaction or no pay. J. M. Ray, the proprietor and founder of the business, learned his trade and was employed for years in two of Greensboro's leading monument concerns, after conducting business for himself in that town for several years. A native of Chatham county, he is well-known to its people, and being an expert mechanic there is every reason why under his management the Siler City Marble & Granite Co. shall be a successful enterprise because its very presence and operations will keep money at home for home development by a class of service that means satisfaction, by prices that cannot be overlooked and by personal, and not long distance relations, with patrons from the time the order is given until the job is set up and inspected by the patron.



**WRENN BROS. CO., MERCHANTS.**

**WRENN BROS. CO., Dealers in General Merchandise, Farm Implements and Wagons.**

Today, among the leading retail enterprises of this entire section, both in magnitude and completeness of stock equipment and in the degree and enduring nature of the popularity and confidence so intimately associated with its career, the establishment of the Wrenn Bros. Co. has ever been an important factor in building up Siler City's prestige and importance as a retail trade center, so much so that any review of the trade progress of the town would be far from complete did it not contain mention of this well-known concern. Its history begins in the village days of the community and in the old building now occupied as a monument works near the railroad

station, which was in the early eighties known as the Womble Store, conducted by W. F. Womble & Co., with this concern R. F. Wrenn became identified, as manager, in 1888, having for four years previously been in the employment of Fox & Wrenn, and with him came his brother, C. K. Wrenn, both therefore, being practically the founders of the present business. Un-



**CHATHAM BANK.**

der the old name of W. F. Womble & Co., the business was conducted for a time, the Wrenn brothers, meanwhile, acquiring an interest. For years this concern was well-known as Womble & Wrenn Bros. and, finally, about twelve years ago, and for practical reasons, the present trade name of the Wrenn Bros. Co. was adopted. The visitor in Siler City could not be more strongly impressed with the progress of the town, as well as that of this concern itself, than is furnished by the buildings occupied by it in former years, beginning with the old,

one-room store at the depot, including the more modern store structure 60x40, formerly occupied by Fox, Wrenn & Co., farther up town on one of the prominent corners at a later date, now used entirely for storage purposes, and removed from its former position in 1902 for the construction of a modern brick store structure, 52x75, to which was added in 1910 the furniture department in an annex, 23x75, so that the entire floor area occupied, including two galleries, will reach all of nine thousand square feet. The stock equipment of Wrenn Bros. Co. comprises large and select collections of the very latest designs and weaves in dress goods from the silk fabrics down throughout a complete assortment of qualities to the useful gingham; standard lines of ladies and men's furnishing goods, notions, staple dry goods from the leading mills of the country, clothing, shoes, furniture, groceries, farm implements, wagons

and all needs, in a word, for the farmer and his family. The clothing and shoe departments deserve special mention, for in the former can be found the popular Ambach line of suits and overcoats in a wide range of qualities and prices, also other established marks which guarantee satisfaction for the money to patrons, being well-known and thoroughly established. In the shoe department, which contains several thousand pairs of ladies', mens', and children's shoes there can constantly be found the Craddock-Terry and the Burt and Packard makes, also the Elkins "Home made" shoe together with other select productions. The furniture department responds to the demands of housekeepers for medium to high grade furniture, also druggets, art squares, rugs and house furnishings generally. In the wagon and implement departments it has always been the policy of the Wrenn Bros. Co., to carry only productions of established make and merit, such as the Geo. E. Nissen wagon, the Syracuse plow and other well-known and standard productions. Throughout all the departments there is that wide range and selections of variety to anticipate all ordinary needs, and this feature, together with reliability in all trade relations and an ever accommodating service, explain the popularity of the Wrenn Bros. Store and its ever constant progress. Those interested in the Wrenn Bros. Co. are R. F. Wrenn, who has been longer identified with Siler City's retail interests than any person now resident of the town; C. K. Wrenn, one of the most progressive business men of this section; Mrs. Alice Wrenn and her sons J. C. and J. S. Wrenn and C. N. Bray, mayor of Siler City and one of the popular citizens and business men of this section. All the above named render that effective co-operation which has made the Wrenn Store a household expression throughout Chatham county for years and a synonym for fair treatment, honest values and a satisfactory service and which are today, as for every hour of its career, its chief features and characteristics.

**THE CHATHAM BANK.**

In tracing out the causes of Siler City's steady development in recent years to the point where it has now become a thriving industrial location, an important selling market for the farmers of Chatham and Randolph counties and a popular source of supply for all their needs, no greater stimulus or incentive to the progress achieved along these lines could possibly be cited than the inception, in 1901, of the Chatham Bank, which in-

stitution rises to the plane of historical distinction since it was the first organization or enterprise to establish in the community, and therefore "at home" the benefits of modern banking facilities and accommodations on a permanent basis. Its inception gave to Siler City complete independence as a banking town and the prestige and importance of a money center, and kept at home, by supplying convenient banking accommodations, the large sums of money that formerly, year after year, was (Continued on Page Eight.)

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sent for deposit to Greensboro, and which when kept at home was used solely for development at home. So that when one is reminded of the great advantages the Chatham Bank has secured for the people of this section by the introduction of more convenient, more easily accessible and more secure methods and facilities in the banking line the conclusion is immediately forthcoming that justice compels an obligation and preference for it in view of its local pioneer character. During all the intervening years, since it first opened its doors to the public in 1901, the Chatham Bank has achieved an enviable career of fidelity and reliability, and in times of financial depression and panic as well as in seasons of prosperity it has never wavered but has responded promptly to the demands of patrons. During all these years the career of the Chatham Bank has been prosperous and progressive, adding daily to its surplus earnings in addition to paying dividends annually to its stockholders and gaining constantly financial strength and popular confidence by its splendid record. This bank has today a paid up capital amounting to \$5,000.00, which is supplemented by a surplus of \$3,000.00, both of which guarantee to patrons the utmost SECURITY, and SECURITY is, after all, the one great and desirable feature of every successful banking enterprise and is, moreover, of prime consideration to every thoughtful person when about to seek a depository for his earnings, be these much or little. Then, again, in the Chatham Bank this feature of security has ever been promoted and maintained by extensive officers and a directorate composed of the leading and substantial business men and citizens of this entire section—men whose reputations for business ability and reliability have been thoroughly established and repeatedly tested by their intimate relations with the people of this territory for years past. The officers of this bank are F. M. Hadley, president; L. L. Wrenn, vice-president, and J. C. Gregson, cashier; the directors are the three above-named with W. A. Teague, A. A. Lamb and G. W. Perry. The Chatham Bank does a general banking business, receiving money for deposit in any amount and allowing interest at the rate of four per cent per annum on time certificates of deposit; loaning money on satisfactory signatures, giving preference always to the applications of patrons, selling exchange on all the leading money centers and making collections and remitting same promptly—in a word discharging all the duties that come within the scope of modern banking methods and maintaining a service always courteous and accommodating, however within the limitations of security and safety. The Chatham Bank has always extended its cooperation to legitimate local enterprise in order to promote development along all lines at home and in reviewing the improvements that have taken place in this section during its career it will be found on inquiry that the resources of the Chatham Bank promoted many of them—a record of which the entire community may feel justly proud.

**GREGSON & DORSETT.**

**Wholesale Grocers.**

The very best enterprise to give to Siler City the character of a wholesale market and to create on a permanent basis a wholesale source of supply right "at home" for the merchants of the surrounding counties the Gregson & Dorsett wholesale grocery establishment is assuredly entitled to more than passing mention in this review of the town's progress and development, especially along trade lines, because in after years its inception will be regarded as of historical importance and its promoters ranked as among the upbuilders of the community. Convinced by prac-

large and complete stock equipment in the Gregson & Dorsett establishment has since the inception of the business made Siler City a center of distribution for the manufacturer and placed it on a plane with Richmond and other large wholesale trade centers, thereby saving freight charges to the entire retail trade of this section by transferring the base of supplies to a point closer to their store doors. By means of the presence and operations of this establishment merchants can do business on less capital by carrying smaller lines of stock. They can re-order quickly and have always on hand fresh goods with no risk of loss by deterioration, and are no longer obliged to pay freight rates on shipments from distant points nor a full hundred pound rate for shipments of less than one hundred pounds, which shipments in any business are of frequent occurrence and amount to considerable outlay in a year's business. Then, again, the inception of this business placed the retail trade in a position to deal directly with a wholesale supply house whose management, by personal acquaintance and intimate knowledge of local conditions was always in a



**W. T. DORSETT,**  
Traveling Representative of Gregson & Dorsett, Wholesale Grocers.

position to render to each and every patron the greatest possible degree of satisfaction. These are among the advantages that the establishment of the business of Gregson & Dorsett at Siler City offer constantly to the merchants of this section, and these advantages introduced and maintained by its operations explain the success that has been achieved in a trifle over six years—a success that has meant a six-fold growth, a large, select and a growing patronage and a splendid reputation for the reliability with which all trade relations are conducted. In their storequarters can be



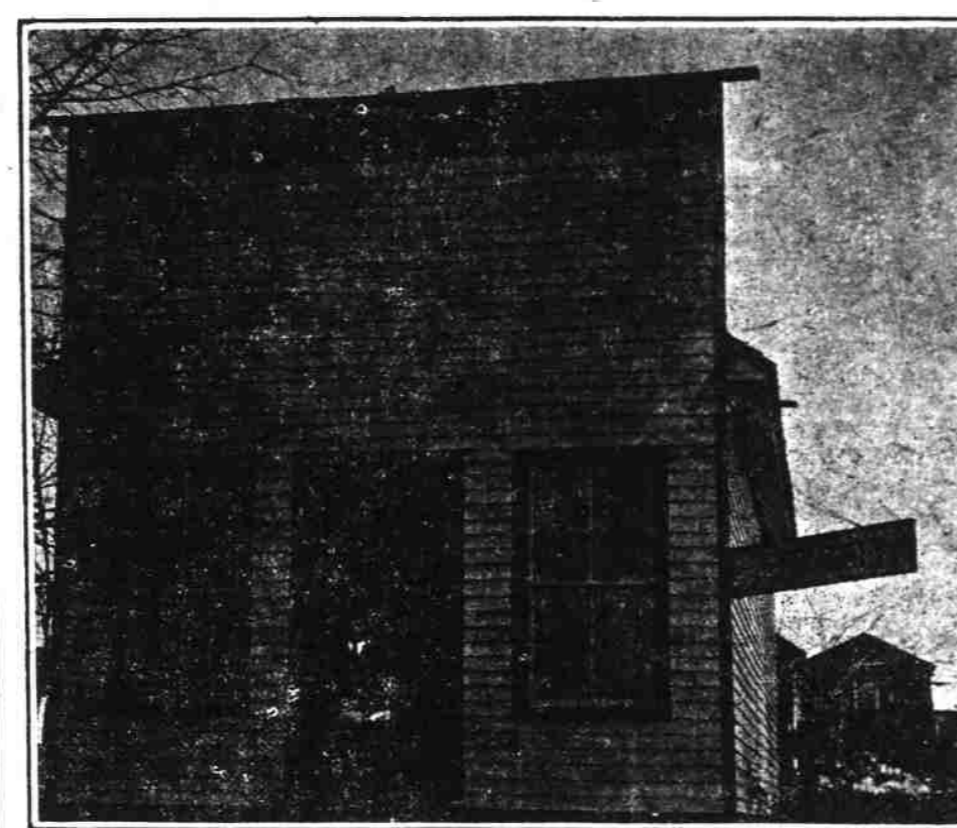
**SILER CITY LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY.**

found constantly car loads of standard productions in canned and bottled goods, extracts and spices, teas and coffees, candies and confections, baker's light goods and breakfast foods, soaps and laundry supplies, all the heavy groceries in rice, hominy, molasses, flour, etc., grocer's sundries and supplies, cigars and tobaccos, ammunition, etc. All three members of this firm are among the progressive and representative business men of this section of North Carolina, J. C. Gregson being also cashier of the Bank of Chatham and manager of the Hadley-Peoples Mfg. Co., W. T. Dorsett as traveling representative, gives his attention entirely to supplying the needs of the trade and spends nearly all of his time on the road, thereby keeping closely in touch with patrons and their requirements. Wade H. Hadley is the efficient manager and renders invaluable co-operation in the discharge of all office duties and in the supervision of the filling of orders, shipping goods out by first freight or express, as ordered, and thereby complying with the policy of the establishment to render invariably a prompt, efficient and satisfactory service.

**SILER CITY LOAN AND TRUST CO.**

The inception of the Siler City Loan and Trust Co. in the earlier months of the year 1907, was unquestionably an important event in the history of Siler City, for the introduction of an institution having a paid up capital, from its very beginning of \$15,000.00, and promoted and conducted by leading business men and farmers of Chatham and Randolph counties, served to establish the town more firmly and increase its popularity as a financial center. Moreover, its very organization and policies have followed more liberal lines, never overlooking safety, the test of the successful career of every banking enterprise. This feature of liberality in organization lies in the fact that many instead of a few were per-

mitted to subscribe for stock and thereby share in the profits, and in methods this distinctive character of liberality is in evidence in a service that consults and promotes the interests of patrons by the closest and most confidential relations and by an appreciation for the patronage of every individual, be he ever so humble—an appreciation which is expressed in an ever-present desire on the part of the executive officers to please, to accommodate and to satisfy, always, of course, within the limitations of sound banking principles, judiciously applied. In the early part of 1907 a group of influential and representative citizens of this section applied for a charter for a banking institution with fiduciary features to be



**"THE GRIT" OFFICE.**

known as the Siler City Loan and Trust Co. On February 19th of the same year the charter was received and accepted from the Commissioner of Corporations, following which organization was effected on March 1, and business began on March 12, 1907. Beginning with a paid-up capital of \$15,000.00 and having as its board of directors men of established business and financial ability and integrity this institution has since the very first hour of its career grown steadily in popularity and in the confidence of the people and has earned for its stockholders, in surplus and dividends, in a period extending a trifle over three and one-half years the

world why one should be protected against loss by fire and death, insurance becomes at once a question of choice of companies; therefore this consideration is reduced to the two important factors, financial strength and a record for fidelity, in order to run a prompt and satisfactory service in the settlement of all losses. In the organization of the companies represented by Mr. J. Geo. Hannah, these considerations have ever been paramount, with the result that the people of Siler City and surrounding country have conveniently at hand insurance advantages that are inferior to none. The companies which compose Mr. Hannah's agency are for insurance against loss by fire: The Phoenix Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn.; Liverpool and London and Globe, Dixie, Atlantic, Hartford, North Carolina Home, Teutonia, Monongahela, and other old line companies; and The Phoenix Life Insurance Co., of Hartford; and his bonding features are represented in the Title, Guaranty and Surety Co., of Scranton, Pa., and The American Bonding Co., of Baltimore. Mr. Hannah began his first insurance work in 1888, since which time a clientele has been built up which comprises a large portion of the business wealth of the town, the leading farmers, property owners and individuals living in Siler City and surrounding country. A native of Chatham county, he is among its well known representative citizens. A farmer of experience he is always in touch with the best interests of his fellow countrymen, and he is always ready to assist in promoting anything that pertains to their welfare. He was the postmaster of Siler in 1884, and was chiefly instrumental in having his name changed to Siler City in 1886.

**Fire and Bonding Insurance.**

As organized and developed to its present standing in the points of safety and security for property owners, the fire insurance agency conducted by Mr. M. J. Boling responds promptly to every demand and is a constant protection against loss by fire to its many policy owners. The Boling Agency was established six years ago by Mr. M. J. Boling, who is the president and treasurer of the High Point Bonding and Chair Co., an enterprise which is one of the sources of economic prosperity of Siler City, shipping its productions to points as far distant as Canada, Turkey and the countries is composed of such well known and thoroughly reliable underwriting organizations as the New Hampshire Fire Insurance Co., the German Alliance, the Williamsburgh City, the Carolina and the Peoples National, all time tried and fire-rated organizations, whose policies are as reasonable in terms as is consistent with the faithful performance of the contract obligations assumed and expressed therein; also the agency for the bonding department of the Maryland Casualty Co. in Siler City and its surrounding country the Boling Fire Insurance Agency protects through its splendid facilities a great deal of property, for its companies are unquestioned for their reliability and their protective features have long since been thoroughly established. Mr. M. J. Boling is among the well-known and esteemed citizens of this community, thoroughly enterprising, both in spirit and method and has made good in all of his performances, formerly as a railroad engineer and today as a successful manufacturer, developing his business constantly.

**THE SILER CITY GRIT.**

This publication, devoted to the promotion of the interests of Siler City and the surrounding territory of Chatham and Randolph counties, came under the ownership and management of Isaac S. London, May 6, 1909, since which period a circulation has been built up from 850 to approximately two thousand subscribers. May 18, 1910, the size of The Grit was enlarged from a seven column folio. The Grit is primarily a home newspaper, carefully handling

the news of the town and section in a manner that is both entertaining and instructive, and with a view of advancing the welfare of its readers generally. Absolutely non-partisan in politics, The Grit stands on the moral side of every question. It gives every one credit for sincerity in the views they may take on any question, and is broad enough not to take issue with them for their opposing views. Throughout the surrounding country a corps of correspondents give the news of their respective neighborhoods in the activities of the people, so that familiar names are constant-

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**HOUSEKEEPING BILL**

It Will Take \$748,414,861 in 1912.

**UNCLE SAM MAKES ESTIMATE.**

Appropriations for Current Year Were \$905,294,513, Which Covered Census Work, Postal Deficiency and Other Deficiencies.

Washington.—The estimate of appropriations required for every branch of the federal government during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, aggregating \$748,414,861, were submitted to congress by the secretary of the treasury, MacVeagh. This grand total stands against estimates of \$745,692,197 and appropriations of \$805,294,513 for the current fiscal year, which appropriation included over \$10,000,000 for the census and over \$10,000,000 for the postal deficiency and other deficiencies.

The estimates were distributed as follows: War department \$205,207,546; interior department \$139,151,875; treasury department \$141,559,997; agriculture \$19,851,069; navy department \$128,942,155; commerce and labor \$16,276,970; district of Columbia \$13,692,784; legislative \$13,426,296; justice \$10,063,576; state \$1,875,576; independent offices including interstate commerce commission \$2,628,655; postoffice department proper \$1,074,493; deficiency in postal revenues, no estimate yet; executive \$998,170; territorial governments \$20,1150.

**TO PROTECT TOBACCO.**

Senator Bob Taylor Would Place Safeguard Around It.

Washington.—Senator Taylor of Tennessee, has introduced a bill to extend the provisions and regulations of the National Pure Food law to tobacco, in whatever form it may be offered for sale. His bill is designed to prevent the mislabeling or branding of domestic tobaccos so that they can be offered as imported stock; to prevent the adulteration of tobacco with any other substance; the treatment of tobacco with any poisonous or deleterious substance; or the offering of packages upon which the weight is not correctly stamped.

Senator Taylor will urge the consideration of his bill at this session of congress, and expects it to have considerable support, irrespective of party. In addition to specific definition of the standards by which tobacco shall be judged, the measure seeks to prevent the substitution of another grade or kind of tobacco in a box or package.

**GINNERS REPORT.**

There are 10,139,986 Bales to Dec. 1, 1910.

Washington.—The cotton ginning report of the census bureau, shows 10,139,986 bales counting round as half bales, ginned from the growth of 1910 to December 1 compared with 8,876,886 for 1909; 11,438,661 for 1908 and 8,243,396 for 1907.

The per cent of the last three crops ginned to December 1 was 88.1 for 1909; 84.1 for 1908 and 75.5 for 1907.

Round bales included this year are 491,652 compared with 134,393 for 1908; 201,480 for 1908 and 151,636 for 1907.

Sea Island cotton gined for 1910 was 66,634 bales, compared with 77,591 for 1909; 68,396 for 1908 and 55,299 for 1907 and distributed as follows: Florida, 23,649; Georgia, 33,405; and South Carolina, 7,580.

**Life Term for \$89 Theft.**

New York.—For stealing two rings worth \$89 from his sister, Andrew Burns was sentenced to Sing Sing for life in the Queen County Court.

**Burns, who has just spent half of his 30 years in prison, received a life term because he is an old offender.**

**NEW CHIEF JUSTICE.**

**Edward Douglass White, a Democrat, is Nominated.**

**HUGHES' FRIENDS SURPRISED.**

Chief Justice White Has Been Associate Justice Sixteen Years—Less Than Seventy Years Old—is a Native of Louisiana.

Washington.—Associate Justice Edward Douglass White of the United States Supreme Court is to be elevated to the chief justiceship of that tribunal. President Taft has sent the nomination to the Senate.

The announcement that Justice White will be the new Chief Justice will undoubtedly cause some surprise, because it had been pretty generally understood for some time past that Justice Charles E. Hughes was slated for the high honor.

Some of the President's closest advisers argued with him that Justice Hughes' experience at the bar had not been sufficient to warrant his promotion at this time to the highest judicial position in the country. They claim that Mr. Hughes' reputation as a lawyer had been gained principally in his conduct of two legislative investigations. They agreed with the President that everything pointed to a most brilliant career on the bench for the former Governor. At the same time they offered the argument that Justice Hughes was the youngest man on the bench and that his opportunity for promotion would come later, when he would be worth striving for.

The North Carolina cities which will be affected unless this recommendation is made are as follows: Charlotte, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Reidsville, Greenville, Hickory, Monroe, Oxford, Hendersonville, Rocky Mount, Wilkesboro, Tarboro, Watauga, Salem.

Members of Congress who have asked the Secretary for his views on the subject have come away from his office with the firm impression that he will not estimate for any of the structures authorized by the Senate and House. He does not think these Representatives should be the Treasury in any shape or form and that an additional drain of at least \$50,000,000.

Consequently the members of these building appropriations must be a great deal, and this comprises a large majority of the House, are planning a demonstration to induce the Secretary to change his mind.

**KING COTTON AS AN AVIATOR.**

Government's Total Estimate Sends Staple Jumping Skyward.

New York.—The government's annual estimate of the cotton crop has caused a very sharp advance in the price of all active deliveries, and the high records for the season. The New York market, with March contracts selling at 15 1/2c, advanced to 16 1/2c per bale above the figures of the day previous to the announcement. At this price, which was sensationally heavy for the bull speculators, but the price of an American crop of 11,426,000 bales, excluding linters, seemed to be lagging in buying orders from the nations and after a quick break from 15.50 to 15.13 May quickly reached 15.39 in an active and excited market. There was a big business during the last moment and the market edged firm at a net advance of 1/8c, with May contracts closing at 15.89, compared with 14.69 the day before the night before.

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Newark, N. J.—Judge Tenney who has been hearing testimony bearing on the mental condition of Mrs. Corinne B. Martin, one of the victims of the murder of Mrs. Orest Martin Sneed, in a both in a house in East Orange, some months ago, has declared the woman to be sane within the meaning of the statute.

In consequence of this verdict, Mrs. Martin, with her sister, Mrs. Sneed, will have to stand trial for murder on January 9 next.

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Macomb, Ga.—Deputy Clerk Cecil Morgan of the United States district court received a telegram from counsel for Thomas Dixon, stating that legal papers had been mailed from Atlanta to be filed immediately on arrival in Dixon's \$100,000 damage suit against two preachers and the city council of Americus, Ga. Dixon charges that the Rev. L. Burroughs and Rev. R. L. Bivins entered into a conspiracy to prevent the presentation of his play, "The Sins of the Fathers."

**NO CASH FOR BUILDINGS.**

Secretary of the Treasury Did Not Recommend Any Appropriations—Congressmen Angry.

Washington.—Because Secretary of the Treasury failed to include in his estimates for the next fiscal year the construction of new Federal buildings all over the United States, appropriations for which were approved in the last session of Congress, much apprehension exists here among the members of the House, and among most of the entire body, are striving to march to the Treasury Department and make request of the Secretary that he make an additional recommendation for this purpose. They say that unless this is done it will be impossible for any of the buildings authorized by the last session of Congress to be erected to be considered seriously here.

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