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NEW BERN, CRAVEN COUNTY, N. C., FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1903.—SECOND SECTION.

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\$50,000 FIRE!

More Than a Half Block Destroyed.

FIRE DISCOVERED TOO LATE

To Prevent Serious Damage. The Journal Office Threatened.

Cause of Fire Unknown.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Thursday night Scott's livery stable burst out suddenly in flames and in an instant the whole upper portion of the extensive stable was a mass of fire. It spread to Mitchell's stable and the dry condition made easy food for the flames.

The next valuable building was the Planters warehouse which was full of furniture and inflammable material. The embers caught the shanties in church alley and all on the south side of the alley went up in smoke.

At this time it is difficult to state the loss but considering the loss sustained by Messrs Scott, Mitchell and Turner, and the loss of the buildings, it is deemed a conservative estimate to say that the loss covers \$50,000.

It was very fortunate that the horses and running gear belonging to the livery stables were saved. So far as is known only one mule was burned to death. The citizens helped nobly in rescuing the poor brutes. The wagons and carriages were saved.

The service rendered by the fire company deserves special mention. Their splendid work saved the half block and they got the flames under control in an amazingly short time. Aided by the two steam engines they were enabled to have 15 streams playing on the fire. Under the circumstances some features of the fire fighting were almost miraculous. Every one expressed admiration at the fire ladders work.

Although badly crippled the Journal is very glad to appear to its readers this morning. It looked at one time as if the Journal would share the fate of the livery stables and warehouses.

The north spire of the Baptist church caught from the sparks but was soon extinguished.

AFTER THE FIRE.

Resume of Incidents and Summary of Damages of the Conflagration.

The big fire will be remembered for some time as one of the most destructive that has happened for many years. But after it is out and everything has assumed its normal condition the results are not so bad as were feared.

The report which was published in the Journal placing the estimated damage at \$50,000 was written at a time when the fire threatened many more buildings than were really consumed. It seemed almost impossible to save the stores adjacent to the flames, they were so close together and the fire was raging so fiercely. But cool and intelligent management put the fire under control within a few hours. The firemen are certainly deserving of great credit for their splendid work.

A slight easterly breeze blew the flames away from Middle street but threatened the residences on Hancock street. The people had gathered their household effects and were hustling them out in the street prepared to be forcibly evicted by the devouring element.

The houses were saved, however by a wall of trees. This shows the efficiency of trees as a protection against fire. The trees were, of course ruined. A garden of corn and potatoes in the rear of one of the houses was seared brown by the heat.

A singular incident was the burning of the north turret of the First Baptist church. Birds had built their nests inside the brick abutments and an ember carried fire to the inflammable stuff and the church was well on fire, but the efforts of the firemen put it out in a few minutes.

There was one accident. George Dall suffered a painful injury to the hand

while helping. It is a wonder that there were not many serious accidents to record. There were several narrow escapes from accidents by burning and from other causes incident to a fire.

The horses that were turned loose have been returned or located. The mule which was burned belonged to Mr. Reel the stage driver between New Bern and Pamlico.

The exact starting place of the fire is not known but is believed to have been in a narrow passage way between the barns of Mr. Scott and Mr. Mitchell. It is also believed by some of the men to have been of incendiary origin.

The usefulness of the steamers was demonstrated again as they have been at several other fires since the establishment of the water works. Without them there is no doubt but the entire block would have gone. It is ardently hoped that the city will never be so poor that she will have to sell her fire engines.

Following is the list of damages and insurance:

Journal—loss \$100, insurance \$700.

J. W. Stewart—no loss except carriage.

Gaskins Cycle Co.—20 bicycles with parts and sundries and gasoline marine engine, loss \$750, insurance none.

W. H. Dyson, Singer Sewing Machine Agency—damage to machines by water and handling, \$300, insurance unknown.

N. N. Bryan, nominal.

Phil Thomas, cigar manufacturer—\$25.

Dr. N. H. Street—tobacco warehouse, \$10,000, no insurance.

T. J. Mitchell—livery stable, \$1,000, insurance \$300.

S. H. Scott—\$1,000, no insurance.

T. J. Turner—furniture stored in tobacco warehouse, loss about \$4,000, insurance small.

Mark Disway—\$350, no insurance.

First Baptist Church—about \$25.

The firemen and victims have much to be thankful for that there was no wind. The easterly breeze spoken of went down and made the night perfectly still as far as the elements were concerned. Had there been even a slight summer night breeze it is not probable the fire could have been controlled.

The firemen and others engaged in a general scrap after the fire and several were put under arrest for disorderly conduct. They were released upon recognizance and their hearing will be held today.

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS.

Upon returning from a much needed and greatly enjoyed vacation, the undersigned was greeted with a sight at his office, which deserves this editorial, and demands both thanks upon the writer's part to those who so ably prevented destruction of the JOURNAL plant by fire, and congratulations that the loss is so small, and greater still, that the JOURNAL will not miss an issue.

Thanks are but feeble expressions of appreciation, when it is understood how well the JOURNAL force held at work, and in the face of flame, smoke and the various clamors incidental and attendant upon a conflagration, saved property from loss, and did not fail to get out the regular issue of the paper.

To the fire department of New Bern, the writer sincerely appreciates its work of Wednesday, personally, and in the general efficiency shown in handling a most dangerous and threatening fire, which could have easily, but for good work on the part of the fire department become a fearful conflagration.

Considering how great the loss might have been, it is a matter of congratulation that the loss is only as great as it is.

The writer has always, and still believes that a fire district should be established.

The fire of Wednesday night shows what a menace, in the way of frame structures, existed. It would prove wise, if no more should be erected to succeed those burned.

CHARLES L. STEVENS.

WHO IS HE?

Who is it that makes the Power-galions; wears longer pants?

GALILEE.

July 9.—We are having very wet weather. Rains come frequently.

Some of our cucumber growers are very busy time with their "Cukes" Our Sunday School observed Children's Day last Sunday. All had a fine time. About 300 were present and the contribution amounted to more than eleven dollars. There will be three preaching services here Sunday. Each service having a different minister.

Drops are looking well. A fine crop of hay is being cut.

FOURTH AT SWANSBORO.

Celebrated by Big Pic Nic On Bogue Banks. Aged Correspondent Expects to Grow Young Again.

The extensively prepared programme by Messrs. W. P. Ward and Bryan Hatfield Jr., assisted by Mr. J. M. Jones, for the 4th of July excursion and picnic on Bogue Banks, last Saturday, was carried out pretty well, and about 600 people of all size but only one color, came and participated in the festivities. The day was not the best for such a turn out, as we had a little squall of wind and some rain late in evening, not too much however to mar the pleasures of the occasion; people from all over this, and adjoining counties, were in attendance, the large barge "Onslow," carrying capacity about 500 people, left the dock sharp at five o'clock a. m. for Stella, up White-Oake river, some 8 or 10 miles from Swansboro, returning via, Swansboro and points along the line taking in passengers, arriving at the beach rather late in the day because of an accident in the grounding of the steam launch, "R. W. Taylor," of Morehead City, whom the managers had procured to tow the barge to and from the banks, a few hours delay made some anxious hearts beat, but large sharples prepared for such occasions, came to the rescue, and the trip was made all O. K., not quite on time; a crowd of 75 persons from Carteret county had assembled at "White Rock" below here and these were taken by Capt. Van B. Willis in his large two masted Sharples, and some others from same vicinity, were taken by other sharples, all made the trip at last successfully. The Trenton brass band of ten pieces had been engaged, and came in Friday evening in full trim headed by Prof. A. H. Coble, leader of the band, and discoursed excellent music throughout the day and part of the night. The managers had prepared full and ample supplies of confections, ice, icecream and cold drinks to kill, and you bet they were killed to perfection by those thirsty men and women, for we have seen it colder weather in February several times.

THE PRESIDENT GETTING.

At Swansboro a countryman stepped up to Mr. Roosevelt and said, "Whar's the president?" "Did you wish to see him for anything in particular?" said Mr. Roosevelt, venturing perhaps a joke and perhaps a compliment.

"I never seen but one president in my life, an' of course I would like to see him on g'n'ral principles," replied the countryman. "But what I wants to see is this one fur mes' particular is to see if he's got them squibbled teeth the papers say he has."

And then there the president displayed his "squibbled" teeth in the broadest of grins.—Kansas City Journal.

WHERE HE SHONE.

President Roosevelt, John Burroughs, John Muir, one or two stationmen and a couple of cowboys were sitting around a camp fire in the west swamping anecdotes.

Mr. Muir told of an encounter with a polar bear in the arctic circle. Mr. Burroughs had had several exciting experiences, notably one with a wounded wildcat in the Sierras. One of the stationmen had participated in a whale hunt in the Pacific near Point Lobos. Both of the cowboys had passed through strenuous moments with wild beasts and Indians. The president's reminiscences included an encounter with a mountain lion, a ride on a runaway broncho and a conflict with a grizzly. One of the stationmen in the party, a man of much ability, vouchsafed no stories. "Come," said the president, "tell us some of your experiences." "Mr. President and friends," replied the lawmaker, "there are no thrilling natural history chapters in my career. Lions, Indians, bears and wild horses have never come across my path. I am undeniably a tenderfoot. In fact, I have never been astride a horse of any description in my life; but," he added solemnly, "I am simply out of sight in a hack."

IT SAVED HIS LIFE.

Hon. J. A. Oates, Mayor of Dunn, N. C., says: "I am sure Dr. Worthington's Remedy saved my life. It was prescribed for me in a very severe case of cramp colic by Dr. Armstrong, of the Confederate Army, in 1865, and it gave me instantaneous relief. Since that day I have used it continuously, and I think it the greatest remedy on earth, and should be kept in every home."

FIELD PEAS FOR SEED—I have 35 bushels of fine seed peas which I will sell cheap. J. H. Slade, at J. F. Taylor's store.

HARLOWE AND N. HARLOWE.

Mr. Dempsey Wood of Kinston, accompanied by his friend Mr. Ashby Baker of Raleigh, has again been down to Morton's pond on a pleasure fishing trip, and had fine success and I understand they contemplate making some arrangements for this pond by which they may stock it up with a greater variety of their much sought after sport.

Mr. Jas. R. Bell has returned from attending the Temperance Convention at Raleigh.

Miss Ola Long has gone to make a short stay with her aunt Mrs. W. J. Hales at Morehead City.

Messrs Joshua Adams and son Clossie Adams went to New Bern on business.

Mrs. Mollie Adams of North Harlowe, is on a visit to relatives at Dover this week.

NEW SHORT STORIES

Eachre the Methodist Game.

Eachre is a better Methodist game than poker, according to a ruling made by a member of the faculty of Northwestern university in considering an offensive lyric in a student's opera.

"The Quest of the Quetzal" is the name of a comic opera, the words, music and lyrics of which have been written by students. It was played in the hands of a censorship committee of the faculty, consisting of Mrs. Martha Foote Crow, dean of the women, and Professors Clark, Thorndyke, Hatfield and Cumcock. In the course of the play appears the following song:

Now and then, in a poker game, my coin I'll sacrifice
Or even shake, for a trifling stake, a wicked pair of dice.

"I do not know just what poker is," said Mrs. Crow, "but I am sure that it is bad. We must have this song cut out. It is all wrong, for a song about poker to be sung on the stage of a Methodist hall," and the rest of the committee agreed with her. W. Herbert Blake, author of the song, was told of the decision of the committee by Professor J. Scott Clark.

"It seems that you will have to cut out the poker," Professor Clark said, "but you can substitute eachre and let the rest of the song run. Eachre is certainly a better Methodist game than poker."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

STOCK HOLDERS MEET.

Raleigh, July 8.—Stockholders of the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railway met here today and organized. They elected J. M. Turner, President, Claude B. Barbee, Secretary and Treasurer.

President Turner announces that New Yorkers have contracted to take all first mortgage bonds, \$1,200,000 at 5 per cent; Six per cent bonds not over \$2,000 per mile will be sold to committees.

DEMURRAGE RULES ADOPTED.

Raleigh, July 8.—The Corporation Commission adopted today demurrage rules and rules as to time limit for freight delivery, these being almost exactly same as those prescribed some time ago to which leading railways excepted, changes made are trifling.

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After July 9th Truck Trains 212 and 211 will be discontinued, and shipments of vegetables will go forward by train No. 2, which leaves New Bern at 9:20 a. m., daily except Sunday. All shipments must be loaded in the afternoons and ready for train No. 2 next morning. Shippers who desire cars placed and loaded will please notify this office by 12 noon.

Whenever necessary Special truck train will be run.

S. L. DELL, Gen. Supt.
B. A. NEWLAND, Master Transp.

To The Magistrates.

New Bern, July 6th.

You are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the Magistrates of Craven County at the Court House in New Bern, on Saturday, the 11th day of July at 12 o'clock m. for the purpose of electing a Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Commissioner K. R. Jones.

On account of the large number of Magistrates in the County it requires an attendance of 98 Magistrates to constitute a quorum. You are therefore earnestly requested to attend.

J. J. BAXTER,
Clk'n. Bd. of Com.

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