

## DESTRUCTIVE FIRE VISITS CITY

### Nine Dwellings Consumed by The Flames. Loss Will Aggregate \$4,000.

Early yesterday morning fire was discovered in a house on White street belonging to Miss Mary L. Bryan and occupied by a colored family. The alarm was immediately turned in from box 85 and both fire companies were soon on the scene.

The occupants of the house were all asleep when the fire was discovered, and it was only by the prompt forethought of some of their neighbors, who tore down the front door that the occupants escaped with their lives.

Although the firemen did everything in their power to prevent the fire from gaining headway, they were hindered in their efforts by distance from a hydrant and the dwelling just in the rear of the property belonging to the late Whitley, colored, soon ignited.

A second alarm was sent in and the engine called out to assist the firemen in their efforts, but before its arrival the flames had got beyond their control, and their efforts toward saving the adjoining buildings proved to be avail.

The firemen worked heroically for several hours, before the flames were extinguished nine buildings, valued at about \$4,000, with practically no insurance on either the dwellings or furnishings that had been burned to the ground.

Together with the wailing of those who, in a few moments had lost all their earthly possessions, many of whom were clad only in their night clothes, and the clanging of bells the scene was one not to be soon forgotten. One old colored woman, presumably about 60 years old was brought out of one of the buildings in an half suffocated condition, and upon reviving attempted to rush back into the burning building to save her valuables, but was fortunately restrained from doing so.

Taken as a whole, the fire was one of the worst that has occurred in this city in some time, and but for the prompt and efficient work of the fire companies, the loss would have doubtless been much greater.

## CHOICE—Hyde County Rust Proof Feed, Oats and Seed Rye at Chas. B. Hill's, New Bern, N. C.

### Local Banks Prosperous

The three local banks held their yearly stockholders meeting on last Tuesday and all reported prosperous conditions and a good year. The National Bank re-elected its old officers and declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent on its capital stock of \$100,000. The New Bern Banking and Trust Co. re-elected all of its old officers except that Mr. T. D. Warren was elected a director in place of the late J. B. Holland. A semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent was paid on its capital stock of \$200,000. The Peoples Bank re-elected its same officers and declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent on its capital stock of \$50,000.

### NEW BERN MARKETS.

Hay	\$22 00
Eggs	27
Corn	88
Wheat bran	1 60
Meal	78
Rye	1 25
Chickens—old	48
Chickens—young per pr.	68
Pork	9
Beef	7
Rust proof oats	60
White Spring oats	55

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### Proceedings January Meeting. Reports County Officials Just Drawn.

The Board met at 11 o'clock a. m. January 8th, 1910. Commissioners present: Chairman C. E. Foy, A. E. Wadsworth, G. V. Richardson, J. S. McGowan, and County Attorney E. M. Green.

The Board proceeds to draw a Jury for the next term of Superior Court; criminal term commencing on the fourth Monday before the first March, it being February 7th, 1910; Civil Term commencing on the third Monday before the first Monday in March, it being February 14th, 1910.

The following Jurors were drawn to serve Criminal Term, to-wit:

**NO ONE TOWNSHIP**  
Regular—W. J. Lewis, George Lilly, W. O. Pollard, D. L. Morris, Talisman—C. C. Barrow, B. C. Peterson, R. Y. Powell, B. O'Neale.

**NO TWO TOWNSHIP**  
Regular—F. A. Fulcher, T. B. Purifoy. Talisman—A. K. Purifoy, F. B. Gaskins S. Boyd.

**NO THREE TOWNSHIP**  
Regular—E. M. Garner, R. A. Richardson, C. S. Sutton, W. O. White. Talisman—E. A. Heath.

**NO EIGHT TOWNSHIP**  
Regular—R. A. Brewer, W. E. Brock, John W. Hermitage, J. T. Spencer, E. B. Hurst, A. P. Harrell. Talisman—I. C. Rigdon, Enoch Wadsworth, H. M. Groves, Geo. N. Ennett, S. D. Measie, C. L. Stevens, T. H. Sutton, Ed. Clark, C. B. Smith.

**NO NINE TOWNSHIP**  
Regular—J. A. Ringold, Guthrie Davis. Talisman—W. E. Ipeck.

The following Jurors were drawn to serve Civil Term of Court, to-wit:

**NO ONE TOWNSHIP**  
Regular—M. C. D. Whittington, J. M. Smith, R. E. Laughinghouse, P. A. Gaikin, J. L. Forrest, J. M. Morris. Talisman—J. D. Harrington, J. W. Huff, J. R. Dudley.

**NO TWO TOWNSHIP**  
Regular—M. G. Wiley, W. Mac D. Thomas, A. P. Fulcher, B. E. Lewis, Talisman—R. H. Robinson, E. L. Jones.

**NO THREE TOWNSHIP**  
Regular—Jas. Brown, H. L. White, Talisman—W. A. Phillips Geo. K. West, J. F. Heath.

**NO FIVE TOWNSHIP**  
Regular—G. W. Guthrie Talisman—Henry Elliott.

**NO SIX TOWNSHIP**  
Talisman—A. D. Rooks.

**NO SEVEN TOWNSHIP**  
Regular—J. A. Ewell. Talisman—J. W. Conner.

**NO EIGHT TOWNSHIP**  
Regular—J. J. Lassiter, R. N. Aycock Julian H. Smith. Talisman—G. D. Wood, C. T. Pumphrey, John Suter, Jr. D. P. Street, A. W. Wetherington, M. M. Marks.

**NO NINE TOWNSHIP**  
Regular—J. S. Riggs, W. T. Wetherington

Alex Manly, colored, of No. 8 Township, appeared before the Board and asked to be excused of Poll Tax, on account of disability.

On motion of the Board he was excused.

Noah T. Fulcher, of No. 2 Township, appeared before the Board and made request, that J. T. Daniels and wife, of No. 2 Township, be admitted to the County Home, on account of old age, poverty and affliction.

Ordered that his request be granted.

Judge H. B. Bryan, of No. 8 Township, appeared before the Board and

asked permission to place a Stock Law Gate across the Public Road, at or near Brice's Creek new steel bridge.

The matter was referred to Commissioner McGowan, with power to act.

In the matter of the valuation of the John L. Roper Lumber Company's Saw Mill property: upon recommendation of the Assessors, the valuation was made as follows:

The New Mill and Congdon be valued at \$29,000.00 The new mill at \$29,000.00, and the old Congdon \$29,000.00

Merritt Whitley Undertaker, appeared before the Board and asked that the following allowances be made him, for burying paupers, to-wit:

For all persons under (16) years of age, \$4.00

On motion of the Board, it was agreed that the above be adopted for burying paupers, for the year 1910.

A. S. Johnson, of Bridgeton, appeared before the Board, and asked that some aid be given Mrs. Arthur Ipeck, who is in a destitute condition, and sick with pneumonia.

The matter as referred to Dr. Rhem, with request that relief be given.

It is also ordered that a voucher for \$3.00 per month be issued to Mrs. Arthur Ipeck.

At 1:30 o'clock p. m., the Board takes a recess.

At 3 o'clock p. m., the Board convenes.

Commissioners present: Chairman C. E. Foy, A. E. Wadsworth, G. V. Richardson, J. B. Harvey, J. S. McGowan and County Attorney E. M. Green.

On motion of J. B. Harvey, the following amount be paid to the Attorneys in full satisfaction of the fees, in the matter of collection of back taxes, of the estate of Miss Ann Donnell dec'd, to-wit:

Mr. A. D. Ward \$166 66 2/3. To C. L. Abernethy, \$166 66 2/3. To E. M. Green, \$166 66 2/3.

On roll call, Commissioners Harvey McGowan and Foy voted "aye", and Commissioners Richardson and Wadsworth voted "no" the motion was declared carried.

Mr. R. A. Nunn, appeared before the Board, advocating the adoption of the Cott Family Indexing System, of the County Records.

The matter was discussed, and the Board decided to take it under consideration with the view of acting upon it at some future date.

At 6 o'clock p. m., the Board takes a recess.

At 11 o'clock a. m., January 4th, the Board convenes.

Commissioners present: Chairman C. E. Foy, A. E. Wadsworth, G. V. Richardson, J. B. Harvey, and County Attorney E. M. Green.

Whereas, it is provided section 72, chapter 4, in the laws of 1901, being a public school law, whereupon a petition of one-fourth of the free holders within a proposed special school district and endorsed by the Board of Education of the County, an election should be held in said district to ascertain the will of the people as to the establishment of the said special district.

And whereas, a petition signed by one-fourth of the free-holders in a certain district in No. 3 Township, Craven County, to hold such an election with said election is fully described as follows:

Beginning at the junction of the Biddle road and Dover road, thence with the Dover road eastwardly to the C. F. Taylor line, (now the west line of H. T. White) thence in a northwesterly direction with the said H. T. White's west line to the dividing line, branch, between the lands of N. F. Wetherington and T. J. Bryan; thence with the various courses of the said branch to Core Creek; thence up the Creek to E. Z. R. Davis line, thence following the northern of E. Z. R. Davis land (inclusive of the land of the said E. Z. R. Davis) to the Creek, thence with the Creek to the dividing line of the third and ninth Townships; thence with the said dividing

line to the Jones County line; thence with the Jones County line to the line of M. D. Lane, formerly the Dr. Bryan land) thence with the outer boundary of the Dr. Bryan land to Hines road, thence with the said Hines road, to the railroad, thence down the railroad to the Biddle cross road, thence with the said Biddle road, to the beginning; the same having been endorsed by the Board of Education; it is hereby ordered that election be held in said district on Wednesday, February 10th, 1910, for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the people of said election.

It is further ordered that a notice of thirty days be given at the Court house door and three other public places in said district, for said election.

Ordered further, that for the purpose of holding said election, Mr. J. S. Johnson is hereby appointed Registrar, and S. E. Ewell and Tim McCoy are hereby appointed Poll-holders; said officers appointed are hereby empowered and authorized to conduct said election in the manner prescribed by law. At the close of said election said officers here appointed shall certify upon oath, after having counted the votes cast in said election and report to this Board whereas, by section 72, chapter 4, laws of 1901, being Public School Law; that upon the petition of one-fourth of the free-holders within a proposed Special School District, and endorsed by the school Board of Education of Craven County, an election should be held in said district, to ascertain the will of the people, for the establishment of said Special District.

And whereas, a petition signed by one-fourth of the free-holders in the certain district in No. 1 Township, Craven County, to hold such an election, which said district is fully described as follows:

Beginning with the Pitt and Craven County lines at Neuse river, running with the line of Pitt County to Swift Creek, down Swift Creek with the Pitt County line to Jack Gwaltney fish hole, thence with the lower line Norman Clark to Stokes and Lilly line, then with Stokes and Lilly line to J. W. Kirkman's line, thence with J. W. Kirkman's and William's line to K. L. Dixon's line, and with K. L. and G. S. Dixon's lower line to the Nelson Road, down said road to LaFayette Kirkman's lower line, and with LaFayette Kirkman's lower line to the Dawson lower line, and with the Dawson lower line to H. H. Summerlin's line, and with Summerlin's lower line to the River, and up Neuse river, to the beginning; the same having been endorsed by the said Board of Education.

It is hereby ordered that an election be held in said district, on Wednesday February 10th, 1910, at Gardner's store Maple Cypress Precinct, polls to be opened from 9 o'clock a. m. until 5 o'clock p. m. on said day, for the purposes of ascertaining the will of the people of said district.

It is further ordered that a notice of thirty days be given at the court house door and three other public places in said district of said election.

Ordered further, that for the purpose of holding said election, Mr. Jas. L. Smith is hereby appointed Registrar and G. S. Dixon and E. W. Causey are hereby appointed Poll-holders said officers are hereby empowered and authorized to conduct said election in the manner prescribed by said law to hold said election as well as may be. At the close of said election, the said officers appointed, shall certify upon oath, after having counted the votes cast in said election, and report the result of said election to this Board at its first regular meeting after said election.

The following reports were examined and received and ordered be spread upon the minutes to-wit:

**REPORT OF J. W. BIDDLE, SHERIFF**  
To the board of commissioners of Craven county, North Carolina, for the month of December, 1909, Report filed

January, 3rd, 1910.  
1909.  
Dec. 1st, To balance on hand \$1,115 00  
" 30th, To state and county taxes collected, 5 531 48  
" Schedule B & C taxes collected, 220 00  
" To Register of Deeds, marriage Licenses, December 8th: 19.00  
" T. W. M. Watson, C. S. C. Jury Dec. 6 11.40  
" " " " Dec 27 9.00  
" Back taxes collected 10 07

Cr.  
Dec. 4th, By F. S. Ernul, Treas. Schools \$500 00  
" 8th, By F. S. Ernul, Treas. roads No. 8 1 000 00  
" 20th, By F. S. Ernul, Treas. Schools 1 000 00  
" 20th, By F. S. Ernul, Treas. Interest 800 00  
" 31 By F. S. Ernul, Treas. Schools 1 000 00  
" 31st By E. S. Ernul, Treas. Roads No. 8 500 00  
" 31st By B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer 1 000 00  
" 31st By Comm. on \$5 800 95 at 5 percent 290 05  
Balance in hand 825 90  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this Jan. 3, 1910.  
A. E. Wadsworth, J. P.  
Respectfully submitted, J. W. BIDDLE, Sheriff.

**REPORT OF F. S. ERNUL, TREAS.**  
To the board of commissioners of Craven county, North Carolina, for the month of December, 1909.

**GENERAL FUND**  
To balance on hand \$3838 23

**INTEREST ACCOUNT**  
By bal overpaid 137 94

**FENCE NO. 1**  
To balance on hand 60 72

**FENCE NO. 3**  
By balance overpaid 95 53

**FENCE NO. 7**  
By balance overpaid 8 00

**ROADS NO. 8**  
To balance on hand 396 80

**FENCE NO. 8**  
By balance overpaid 56 90

**ROADS NO. 7**  
To balance on hand 224 68

Respectfully submitted, F. S. ERNUL, Treasurer.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of Jan. 1910.  
J. W. Biddle, J. P.

**REPORT OF S. H. FOWLER, REGISTER OF DEEDS.**  
To the board of commissioners of Craven County, N. C., for the month of December, 1909, report filed Jan. 3, 1910.

**North Carolina, Craven county:**  
To the board of commissioners of Craven county, N. C., as per revenue Act of 1889, section 42, I respectfully submit the following report of public funds, which have been received by me during the period commencing Dec. 1st, 1909 and ending Dec. 31, 1909, to-wit:

I have issued 34 marriage licenses for which I received the sum of (\$102) and have disbursed as follows:

To the Sheriff for state taxes: \$34 00  
To the Treas. for county taxes: 34 00  
Fees for issuing license, 34 00

I hold receipts signed by the sheriff and county treasurer for the same.  
Respectfully submitted, S. H. FOWLER, Register of Deeds.

**REPORT OF W. M. WATSON, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT.**  
To the board of Commissioners of Craven county, N. C., for the month of December, 1909, report filed Dec. 27, 1909.

**STENOGRAPHER FEES.**  
Uzzell vs Uzzell, \$3 00  
Chapman vs Insurance, 5 00  
Hartley vs Stapleford, 5 00  
LeRoy vs Stanley vs R. R. 5 00  
\$18 00

Less commissions 20 per cent, 3 60 \$14 40

**FINES AND FORFEITURES.**  
State vs Jackson Green, State Ex Rel Sol. vs Toler (sale of mule) \$50 00  
Cost and charges \$13 35  
Paid Toler as per judgment court, \$18 32 \$31 67 18 33

Less commission five per cent. 23 33 1 18

Dec. 27 1909 F. S. Ernul for school fund, \$22 15  
Dec. 27, 1909 paid F. S. Ernul for jury fund, 14 40

**JURY TAX.**  
Uzzell vs Uzzell \$3 00  
Carlton & Fulton vs Basnight, 3 00  
Rowe vs Rowe, 3 00  
Chapman vs Insurance, 3 00  
Hartley vs Stapleford, 3 00  
State vs Jackson Green, 2 00  
LeRoy Stanley vs Railroad 3 00

Less 5 per cent com. \$20 00 1 00 \$19 00  
Paid Sheriff J. W. Biddle, Dec. 27, 1909. \$19 00  
W. M. WATSON, C. S. C.

ven county, N. C., for the month of December, 1909, report filed Dec. 27, 1909.

**WHITE SLAVE BILL PASSED**

### Heavy Fine and Imprisonment Provided, Was Little Opposition

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Drastic action looking toward the suppression of the "white slave" in the United States was taken to-day by the House.

A bill passed under which, if adopted by the Senate, it will be unlawful for any person to provide transportation from one State to another for any person who engaged in prostitution or other immoral practices. The mere purchase of a ticket for a woman where she would be "enabled or assisted" to go from State to State for immoral purposes will render the purchaser liable to ten years imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine. Immoral alien women are to be deported whenever they are discovered and their procurers are to be excluded, deported and punished.

"It is intended that this measure shall be drastic," declared Representative Bennett, of New York, in charge of the measure, and co-author of it. "This infamous 'white slave' traffic must be broken up and the immigration committee believes the pending measure will survive every constitutional test to which it may be subjected."

### Askins's School Items.

Our bell was rung by our teacher, Mrs. A. H. Alphin on the 3d of Jan. 1910. We are glad so many responded to the roll call with several new names added.

Friday the 7th was our first examination, we worked hard but are trying to do better this month than we did last.

Mrs. Trixie Ipeck visited our school last Friday evening, she was cordially welcomed by all. Come again Mrs. Trixie.

Mrs. Rufus Fulcher's house came being destroyed by fire last Wednesday night, the family being awakened by the smoke rats supposed to be the cause.

Miss Mattie Fulcher, of Elward, is attending school at this place.

Miss Lila Arthur is attending school at Friendship.

Mr. Charles Fulcher, of Edward, passed through Askins on Monday enroute to New Bern.

Improvements are still going on in Askins, Mr. Seth Gaskins is building quite a cozy house.

We are sorry to there is right much sickness in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Peel and Mrs. Sydney Arthur are on the sick list.

Miss Dora Thomas, of this place, visited Miss Vivian Cayton, of Erul.

Mrs. J. A. Thomas, of this place, visited her daughter at New Bern Saturday and Sunday.

There seems to be a thief in our neighborhood, some one tried to get in Mr. Tom Baling's smoke house one night last week, he was fired upon and did not succeed. The same night some one set fire to Heber Brown's barn, it and a mule was burned up.

Mr. D. Ipeck made a business trip to New Bern last Saturday.

There will be preaching at Askins church on Saturday night and Sunday the 16th at 11 o'clock a. m. Every one cordially invited.

We are out of chalk. Our teacher sent by Mr. J. A. Thomas for some, and word came back that there was none to be found in the city of New Bern. What is the matter with the book stores in New Bern?

### "SCHOOL GIRL."

In politics the proof of the pudding is in the distribution of the plums.

# — GRAND AUCTION SALE —

50 — Choice Residence Lots — 50

## River View, New Bern, N. C., Thursday Feb. 3rd 1910.

New Bern Must Grow. It Cannot Grow East, The River will not Permit. It Cannot Grow West, The River will not Permit. It Cannot Grow South, The River will not Permit.

IT MUST GROW NORTH ALONG THE SURE ROUTE OF THE NEW STREET RAILWAY. Every business man in town wants a beautiful Suburban Home. We are offering the IDEAL lots for this purpose situated along National Ave., an excellent distance from the business part of town. They are laid off along spacious streets 60 ft. wide, in lots 50x150 ft. and larger. These lots will double in value in a year or so, as soon as the Street Car line is finished. Real Estate is an IDEAL investment for your money. Our Twin Auctioneers, saying the same thing in the same town, at the same time will cry the sale in a business-like way selling at the rate of a lot a minute. You will purchase these lots AT YOUR OWN PRICE. An excellent brass band will furnish music. One of these lots will be given away, everybody attending sale will have a chance at this free of charge. Terms 1-4 cash, balance in three installments, payable 6, 12 and 18 months, 5 per cent discount for all cash or deferred payments with satisfactory security arrangements can be made for \$10.00 per month installments.

### COLUMBIAN REALTY & AUCTION CO.