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GRAND OPENING SALE!

The Louisburg Market Opens Under Favorable Auspices.

Plenty of Tobacco and Plenty of Buyers on the New Market.

NOTES AND INCIDENTS OF THE BIG SALES.

Correspondence Danville Tobacco Journal.

Yesterday morning at an early hour it was plainly evident that the Louisburg opening sale would be a grand success. Although the weather was very threatening people poured into town from all sections. Tobacco wagons of all sizes and styles were crowding up to the warehouses and everybody was busy. At both Hughes and the Star warehouse, there were large crowds of farmers and others, who had come in to try the new market.

The first sale was held at Hughes warehouse. The entire floor was full and the piles very close together. At 11 o'clock the band struck up a lively tune in one part of the house. Auctioneer Thomas of the FRANKLIN TIMES struck up a different tune in another. The first pile was sought for earnestly by the different buyers and went off at a big price. From this start the sale went on at a lively rate. The bidding was spirited. While the tobacco was not as fine as the farmers could have brought, still it was of rich color and generally of good texture. The prices were generally satisfactory to the planters and all parties seemed well pleased. The sale lasted some two or three hours, during which time about 400 piles were sold and out of this lot perhaps not a dozen piles were taken in.

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon the sale was opened at the Star warehouse. A party of ladies graced the occasion with their presence and caused some reckless bidding on the part of several unmarried buyers. The Star's floor was filled to its utmost and prices were equally as good as at the morning sale. The sale was auctioneered by Messrs. Gravelly of Danville and Ragsdale of Franklin county. Until sunset the sale went on at a rapid rate and was just completed as the night came on. The result was satisfactory in a high degree to all parties, the farmers being generally well pleased with prices and while some of the buyers grumbled a little they were nevertheless fairly pleased with their purchases.

Thus closed the first day's sale at Louisburg, a day that will long be remembered in her history, and one that marks a new era in her industrial progress.

To-day, Thursday, the weather broke clear, and at an early hour wagons were coming into town from every quarter. Many farmers who brought inferior tobacco yesterday are here to-day with much better stock. Others who sold yesterday are so well pleased that they are here with their best tobacco to-day. At this writing (10 a. m.) the first sale is going on at Hughes warehouse. The entire floor is full of tobacco and 14 loads are standing outside which cannot be accommodated. The same is the case at the Star warehouse. A number of wagons will wait until to-morrow before they can be unloaded. The tobacco here to-day is of far better quality than yesterday. There is a considerable quantity of fine wrapping leaf and cutters of very superior types. The piles, too, are much larger, and will therefore please the buyers. The sale that is now going on is resulting in full prices for every grade of leaf. I have not seen a single pile taken in, and I hear the farmers talk as if they were well pleased with the result. The sales to-day will go until night and be resumed to-morrow. From present indications it looks as if there will be a full day's sale to-morrow and perhaps a sprinkling left over for Saturday.

IMPRESSIONS.
During the two days I have been here I have studied the Louisburg market carefully. I have talked with planters from all sections, and find that the people have a strong home pride, and are disposed to patronize a home market. Said a prominent farmer to me yesterday: "My home is here in Franklin county, my children are here, and I am willing to make some little sacrifice, if necessary, to build up my home market, but the way tobacco is selling to-day I feel that I am making no sacrifice." As a rule the prices pleased the farmers and they showed their good faith by bringing in much finer tobacco the second day than the first. I also talked with all the buyers and ascertained their views on the opening of the market. They have but one opinion, and that is that Louisburg has made a fine start as a market, and that her chances are good if her people manage the sale aright. And my impression is that there will be no falling on this score. The citizens are wide awake, the Board of Trade is thoroughly organized and actively at work, and the country people are in harmony with the town. These things considered, together with the excellent warehouse management, make it highly probable that Louisburg will have a rapid and steady growth as a tobacco market.

THE TOBACCO.

The sales of tobacco at Louisburg

this week have shown that the section around that town is capable of producing fine types of leaf. In color this tobacco cannot be excelled in any part of the State. The leaf runs chiefly to the cutter and smoker types with a considerable portion of medium to fine wrappers. The proportion of fillers is extremely small and not of superior quality. The leaf has fair body, is generally smooth, and in texture is very fine and silky. It is remarkably free from worm holes of every kind and as a rule shows careful handling. It is claimed by good judges that this tobacco will at once take rank with the finest grades in the State and come rapidly into strong demand.

THE MARKET.
Louisburg has natural advantages for a tobacco market. It is located in the center of a large area, every part of which will grow the finest types. The business men of the town have gone about building up a market in a common sense way. They simply mean business and are not afraid to spend a few dollars in a good cause. They are unannouncedly heart and soul in the work. The good showing at the opening sales this week proves beyond question that the market will be thoroughly established and from now on will grow. Of course there will be competition, but honest competition will do it good. It is but fair to say that Louisburg has made a finer start than any market we have ever known, and that with proper and cautious management its future is assured.

THE BUYERS.
There were plenty of buyers to take up all the tobacco at fine prices. We give below a list of the firms buying on the market this week:
Geo. S. Hughes & Co., Williamson & Friend, W. B. Brooks & Co., Thos. Hodges, C. B. Keesee, Danville, Va. D'Orsey Jones, Oxford, N. C.
A. K. Armistead, Lucius Tilley, Durham, N. C.
Dr. J. S. Meadows, W. T. Hughes & Co., J. B. Thomas & Co., J. P. Rosser & Co., O. H. Harris & Co., Louisburg.

S. P. Arrington, Warrenton.
J. P. Hayden, Herderson.
Most of the above firms which came in from outside markets have already placed their orders on the Louisburg market, and will have permanent buyers there all the time. This creates a strong demand for tobacco, competition among buyers will be sharp and insures good prices for the planters. With twelve or fifteen strong buying firms like the above, Louisburg can guarantee as good prices for tobacco as any other markets.

THE WAREHOUSEMEN.

Both the warehousemen, Mr. W. T. Hughes and Mr. J. B. Thomas have made a most favorable impression on the people of Louisburg and the farmers in the surrounding country. They are both exceptionally young men, and know how to work and what work means. The farmers speak in the highest terms of their treatment by these gentlemen, and we feel safe in saying that Louisburg has made a lucky hit in getting their valuable services. They have advertised the market well already, and are working the whole territory thoroughly and systematically.

ORDERS.

We are in a position to know that a number of valuable orders are now permanently placed in Louisburg. These orders are from some of the largest concerns in North Carolina and Virginia, and are placed in good hands. As the bulk of tobacco in Eastern Carolina is sold early in the season, it would be well for parties to place their orders early who have not already done so.

NEW PRIZE HOUSES.

There are now three large prize houses being built near the Star warehouse, all of which will be completed as soon as completed. The Board of Trade is ready upon short notice to erect additional prize houses to parties desiring to locate in Louisburg. The R. & G. railroad people have guaranteed as low freight rates from Louisburg as those given any other tobacco market in the State.

NOTES.

North Carolina leads the world anyway. Louisburg is the only market in the world having a newspaper man as auctioneer.

Ask Charlie Keesee how he likes the social atmosphere of Louisburg and a smile will play over his face which indicates that single cussedness will not last always.

Will Hughes can talk with three farmers, two buyers, a newspaper man and a printer all at the same time.

Mr. Rosser's management of the Danville party from Raleigh to Louisburg was all that could be expected, except when the party felt like managing Rosser.

John Thomas seems to have a hold on the Nash county farmers and his display of Nash tobacco was very fine. George Hughes was one of the largest buyers at the opening sale and contributed much fun for the boys who followed the auctioneer's cry.

Messrs. Armistead and Tilley of Durham, were among the largest buyers. Dr. J. S. Meadows, of Oxford, has become a resident buyer on the market, and is very confident of Louisburg's future.

Mr. J. O. W. Gravelly makes a fine auctioneer, and will make Louisburg a good citizen.

Col. Williamson can lead all the younger fellows in matters of gallantry when the ladies are on hand.

Mr. Brooks was a cautious but ready buyer, and expressed himself as well pleased with the big sales.

Important School Notice to the Public.

The following letter sent to J. N. Harris, county Superintendent, with an order to have the same published for the benefit of the public, explains itself:

DEAR SIR:—If you have not already done so, will you please give the matter of exchange of books your special attention. The exchange rates will not be continued longer than is necessary for

you to avail yourself of them. The law requires the books on the State list to be used, and the rates for exchange are very low. It would be unfortunate if for any cause we fail to take the books now, and later have to pay higher prices.

May I not ask that you see every merchant in your county who sends school-books and get him to order from Messrs. Harper & Brothers, New York, and from Messrs. Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., Cincinnati, all the books that are offered for exchange as explained on page 59 of the school law. These firms will take pleasure in furnishing you with blanks and all necessary information.

If you fail to get booksellers to attend to this matter promptly, I ask that you order the books yourself, and arrange with the teachers to make the exchanges. It is a matter of such immediate importance that I must be excused for urging your prompt action. By devoting a little extra time to this matter, for which your board will of course compensate you, you will uniform your school with excellent books and at the same time save money to the children.

The exchange account, you will note, must be opened with the house that publishes the books offered for exchange. After the exchange rates are withdrawn all the books on the State list except Webster's Dictionaries can best be bought from the regular depositaries as explained in the Appendix to the school law. The publishers of Webster's Dictionaries decline to put them with the depositaries on same terms as other publishers, but Worcester's may be obtained in lieu of them.

It is worthy of special attention that to get the books that are offered for exchange no money need be advanced. Any reliable house can get them, to be accounted for when exchanged or sold.

I will send you, or cause to be sent you, all necessary blanks and information. Will you please show this letter to your board and ask their co-operation. Now is the time to uniform your schools cheaply; if you wait until next year it will cost more to do it. Instruct your teachers to use every effort to have the State list books used.

While our people are conservative, they are reasonable. If the teachers will show the importance of uniformity, and that the State list books are better than many of the old books now in the hands of the children, and if they will explain that upon the surrender of the old books the new books can be had for a very small exchange price, most parents will willingly get the list books.

Especially do I ask that when a new book is bought it shall be one that is on the State list. The parents frequently do not know what books to get. If they do not know they should always wait until the teacher informs them.

In so great an organization as a State system of schools there will necessarily be some friction, and, perhaps, nobody can have things exactly as he wants them. All that the State Board asks has been most carefully considered by persons who have nothing in view but the good of the children; and who, from long experience, ought to be able to guide that the children may learn as rapidly as possible, and their education be safe and pleasant.

You and your board and the teachers, I feel sure, can very rapidly bring about a uniformity in your county, and I make this appeal to you and them and to the people, in the confident hope that we will not neglect this opportunity.

Very truly your obedient servant,

S. M. FINGER,

Superintendent Public Instructions.

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JOEL H. HARRIS & Co.

Louisburg, N. C., September 2nd 1889.

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