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THE TOBACCO MARKET.

LARGEST SALES THE PAST WEEK SINCE OPENING.

All Warehouses Have Big Sales And Prices on all Grades are Very Good—Farmers all seem Very Well Pleased.

Things are beginning to be very lively on our tobacco market now. Last week brought out the biggest sale of the season, every warehouse having large sales each day and good prices prevailed considering the grade of tobacco offered for sale. The better grades sold very well, some as high as thirty cents and many piles brought from twenty-five to thirty.

In conversation with an experienced tobacco farmer the writer asked direct how the price of tobacco compared with the prices of last season and his answer was in substance "that they were, in his opinion, a great deal better for the grades of tobacco. It must be remembered that the tobacco this year is nothing like as good as it was last season." We have been further told that if the prices this year were, there was any difference, higher than last season, the only consideration being the inferior grades of the weed.

We are further informed, and as can easily be seen by attending the sales, that the prices have advanced a great deal since the opening of the market.

This much we can easily say that no farmer need feel the least uneasiness about his tobacco bringing, the highest market prices when placed on a warehouse floor in Louisburg as we have a corps of warehousemen who thoroughly understand the weed and whose first aim is to see that the farmer is satisfied with the prices he receives.

Do Business—Don't Talk.

The boosters of a town should figure on a diversity of industries that will give employment to its people and attract others who will go where there are opportunities for making a living.

A city may have the fine climate, the good water and the fresh air that would support a million people, but newcomers are out for the employment that will help them to buy something to feed and clothe the family. They will stand back on hot air invitations, but will rush forward when their ears are greeted by the hum of industry and their eyes catch sight of the smoke rolling from the chimneys of manufacturing plants.

This applies to Wilmington and every other city that wants people to watch it grow. Do business, get business, and hunt business. The commercial tourist with a mileage ticket and a dress suit case will bring in orders, but inflated ideas of a town's advantages and fine spun discussions of the adaptabilities of a place for doing big things won't get what a town is after. It is true that a certain amount and variety of blowing does good, but after all there must be something to blow about. We must do something to blow about and then the blowing will count for something.

If Wilmington has advantages, and she has plenty of them, Wilmingtonians should be the first to take advantages of we can show them to outsiders and they will come here to establish industries.

The first thing a stranger would say to us when invited to come here and invest his money, would be that if the city has so many splendid opportunities it is strange that home people do not take advantage of them. If the business men of Wilmington will develop some of our advantages and find that there are more than they can take care of, they can confidently invite outsiders and expect

them to come on a good showing. "The gods help them who help themselves."

The above was taken from the Wilmington Star of September 19th and we reproduce it here with the hope of its having some effect on our local business men. It carries good sound logical argument, but none that could not be lived up to by our home people. Get together gentlemen and see if you can't start something.

"An Evening at Crescent Farm."

On the evening of August the eleventh, Misses Annie and Kathryn Wilder in a most pleasing and graceful manner entertained a number of their friends. The guest of honor being their sister Miss Nellie Wilder, of Richmond, Va.

The entire residence was ablaze with lights, and from a distance presented indeed a gala appearance.

The first hall was decorated with red and green and lighted with red lights.

The guests were cordially welcomed by Miss Kathryn Wilder who ushered them to the front parlor, here the guest of honor, in her usual dignified manner, eagerly greeted her old friends. The parlor was a scene of dazzling beauty, the white and green decoration and white lights made one think of fairy land, clematis and ferns were used in beautifying the room. The trailing clematis and tall ferns were so tastefully arranged it seemed that nature had chosen this particular place to group her choicest plants.

In the back parlor Miss Annie Wilder gracefully received and by her gay words of greeting made each guest feel that no formality was expected.

The amusement of the evening was a game of "Progressive Conversation." Each lady was presented with a topic of conversation, then each gentleman was given a place beside a lady and the fun began.

Then gentleman conversed for three minutes with the lady at his side, on the topic which had been given her. At a given signal each gentleman moved to the right, and began a conversation with the next lady. The game closed in a voting contest, the gentleman voting for the most entertaining lady, the ladies for the most entertaining gentleman, a prize was given to the lady and gentleman getting the largest number of votes.

Miss Lillian Irene Sledge and Mr. Lee Conyers were the lucky ones, who won a handsome box of candy.

The prize was presented by Miss Annie Wilder.

At 10 o'clock Miss Nellie Wilder and Mr. L. S. Jenkins led the way to the dining room, where ices, cake and fruit were served. Here Mrs. J. H. Wilder, was assisted by Misses Lula and Mit Conyers in graciously serving the refreshments.

Miss Irene Sledge and Mr. Dixie M. Barnett rendered some very pleasing selections of both instrumental and vocal music which added very much to the pleasure of the evening. The hour 11:30 came all too soon, although farewells were in order, we could but linger and take pleasure even in farewells.

Many words of praise and congratulations were given Misses Annie and Kathryn, as the guests departed.

It was indeed a most enjoyable occasion and August 11th, 1909 is a date that will long be remembered by the guests of the evening.

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[The above article was intended for our issue of two weeks ago, but was unavoidably crowded out.—EDITOR.]

Graded School Notes.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees it was decided to have each pupil use his own drinking cup. The common drinking cup in

schools is a constant menace to the health of the community, and this effort of the school authorities to protect the children should receive the support of every patron of the school. The majority of children have been supplied with cups. Let those who have not done so get cups at once. Parents will please look after this. It may save the children months of suffering.

New pupils continue to enter. It is important that all who are coming at all, enter now. Remember that beginners who do not enter this week, will have to wait 'til the first of January.

If you are not satisfied with the way the school is managed, tell the Superintendent or teachers about it. It will not do any good to tell your neighbor, but if you will come to teacher or Superintendent with your complaint, you will receive a courteous hearing. It may not be possible for the cause of your complaint to be removed, but you will at least know the teachers side of the matter.

Improvement at the Racket.

In order to accommodate their large stock of goods, Mrs. A. M. Hall has secured the second floor of the dispensary building and has arranged it nicely for an addition to her already large and roomy store. In this she will have a ladies parlor nicely fitted up and several other departments. Go in and see what they are doing in this way.

Death of Mrs. Robinson

Mrs. Caroline Elizabeth Robinson, beloved wife of F. A. Robinson, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Jones, of Rochelle, died at her home in Worthington Springs Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock, after a brief illness.

Deceased was in her nineteenth year, and was well known and admired for her sweet disposition by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She was a member of the Rochelle Methodist church, to which she was very much devoted and during her short connection with the church—about one year—was quite active in its religious affairs. The remains passed through the city Monday for Rochelle, where the funeral was held from the Methodist church in the afternoon, the interment being in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Deceased is survived by a loving husband and infant daughter besides her parents, to all of whom is extended the sympathy of the community.—Gainesville (Fla.) Daily Sun.

How to Treat Oats for Smut.

Make a solution of 1 pound of formalin (40 per cent of formaldehyde) to 40 gallons of water. Spread the oats 3 inches deep upon a tight floor or in a wagon box. Using an ordinary sprinkler - spot, sprinkle the formalin solution over all parts of the grain until the top is thoroughly wet. Stir the pile over with a scoop shovel, and sprinkle and stir until every kernel is saturated. Pile the treated grain and cover with a binder canvas or an old blanket for 12 hours; then dry the oats. This treatment will take three-fourths of a gallon to 1 bushel. The oats can be kept any length of time after treatment if they are dried out. They can be sown wet if they will go through the drill. For less than 3 cents per bushel the smut may be reduced to less than one-half of 1 per cent.—Illinois Farmer's Institute Bulletin.

Mr. Tarr's attitude towards the recent reform tariff bill seems to be altogether different from what some of our people expected. Instead of disliking it he heartily approves it and says it is one of the best we have had yet. Gentlemen of North Carolina, is the republican party to be allowed to do all the thinking for us?

THE MOVING PEOPLE. THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Miss Annie Wilder, of Franklin, is visiting Miss Sophia Wilder. Attorney General T. W. Bickett spent several days at home the past week.

Miss Mildred Taylor, of Wilson, is visiting at Mr. S. G. Boddie's near Gupton.

Miss Hortense Weidman, of St. Augustine, Fla., is visiting Miss Pattie Aycocke.

Ernest F. Thomas left Tuesday for Warrenton, to enter Warrenton High School.

Graham and Courtney Egerton left Monday for Plumtree, N. C., to attend school.

Mr. W. B. Cooke and family attended the Phillips-Camp marriage in Rocky Mount Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Allen left Tuesday for Washington D. C., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Tomlinson.

Mr. F. W. Wheelless is in the northern markets purchasing the fall stock of goods for his fall trade.

Mrs. Roy Jackson and children, who have been visiting relatives in town the past week, have returned to their home in Raleigh.

Mr. J. C. Aycocke and family, of Sanford, Fla., who have been visiting his sister, Misses Jennie and Clara Aycocke, returned home Thursday.

Prof. Wingate Underhill left this week to visit his people near Selma before returning to Wilmington where he will teach in the graded school.

Mrs. L. L. Joyner and little daughter, Emma Lawrence, accompanied by little Annie Willis Boddie, spent Wednesday with Capt. Joyner's people at Garysburg.

Mrs. A. M. Hall and daughters, Misses Grace and Lynn, returned home Saturday from a trip to the northern markets where they purchased the fall stock of goods for the big Racket.

Their many friends were pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Allen return from an extended trip through the Western part of the United States. They report a very pleasant and interesting trip.

Dance at Opera House.

We are requested to state that there will be a square dance given at the Opera House tonight by the young men of Louisburg. A big time is expected and many couples will take part.

Call Meeting.

A call meeting of the Woodmen of the World will be held in the Masonic Hall on next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of receiving candidates and to complete some unfinished business left from last meeting. All members are especially urged to be present.

Enjoyable Dance.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Boddie, near Gupton, gave a most enjoyable dance at their home last Friday night complimentary to Miss Taylor, of Wilson, who has been visiting them for the past week. All present report a most enjoyable evening.

Among those present were, Misses Taylor, of Wilson, Hayes, of Henderson, Francis and Bettie Boddie and Minnie Brickell, of Louisburg, Annie Belle Alston, Mary Alston, Jennie Williams, Ernestine Hayes, Miss Collins, of Manson, Miss Henrietta Griffin and Miss Perry. Messrs. W. B. Barrow, Wilson Greene, J. W. Mann and T. G. Boddie, of

Louisburg, W. S. Person, Julian Alston, Hugh Hayes, Robert Alston, Archibald Williams, M. M. Person, Sam Alston, Worth Hayes, J. N. Egerton, N. C. Harris and C. W. Whitten, of Henderson, H. D. Egerton, E. B. Perry, Chas. E. Egerton, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Boddie and Mrs. Georgia Boddie of Louisburg. N. N. M.

THE SEED BED FOR WHEAT.

It Should be Fine and Loose to the Depth the Wheat is Planted and Firm Below.

In order to secure the ideal condition for seed germination and plant growth, a seed bed for planting wheat and other small seeds should not be mellow to too great a depth, but rather the soil should be mellow and well pulverized only about as deep as the seed is planted. Below that depth the soil should be firm and well settled, making a good connection with the subsoil, so that the soil water stored in the subsoil may be drawn up into the surface soil.

The firm soil below the seed, well connected with the subsoil, supplies the moisture to the seed, while the mellow soil above the seed allows sufficient circulation of air to supply oxygen and favor the warming of the soil, gathering the heat of the sunshine during the day and acting as a blanket to conserve the soil heat, maintaining a more uniform temperature of the soil during the night.

The mellow soil above the seed conserves the soil moisture, acting as a mulch to keep the water from reaching the surface, where it would be rapidly lost by evaporation, and the same condition favors growth of the young shoot upward into the air and sunshine.

The too-mellow, deep seed-bed is almost wholly dependent upon rains for moisture to germinate the seed and start the young plants. In such a seed-bed drought is very apt to injure the crop because of the rapid drying out of the loose soil to the depth of plowing. In the loose seed-bed the crop is not very apt to "burn out" in summer, but it is also more apt to "freeze out" in winter than a crop grown in the "ideal" "seed-bed" described above.—Kansas Experiment Station.

Schloss Items.

Mr. Badger Hart, of Louisburg, was out assisting the government surveyors in their work around Schloss last week.

Miss Mary Alston has returned home from a pleasant visit with friends at Laurel.

Miss Asa Collins, of Ridgeway, made a brief visit to friends here a few days ago. Our young men would be glad if her delightful visits were more frequent and prolonged.

Mr. W. H. Hill, of Louisburg, returned last week after a ten day's visit to his son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams. Mr. Hill did not capture any game while here but had a good time.

Mr. Marvin Gray, of Nashville, Tenn., who has been surveying a map of this county, doing work in our vicinity the past few weeks, left this week for Louisburg to put tar river on the map. Mr. Gray was accompanied by his wife, who spent a few days at the home of Mr. E. G. Alston.

Mr. J. J. Murray got the drop on a mad dog Monday morning and stopped his deadly work before he had proceeded very far with it. The brute was seen snapping among other dogs and acting in a manner that convinced Mr. Murray that it had hydrophobia, and he lost no time in turning him over. The dog had a fit on him when killed.

A blacksmith shop will be opened at Schloss next Monday, the 27th, by Joyner & Jones, proprietors. They

will do horse shoeing and general repair work in wood and iron. Schloss has for some time been in need of a shop. Satisfactory work and prices is said to be the motto of the new shop.

Mr. J. S. Williams has just finished covering his gin house and engine shed. He steamed up today and sounded the whistle. With sharp saws, plenty of room and smooth running machinery he is well equipped for ginning cotton.

Hickory Rock Items.

As you have not heard anything from us so long, we will send you a few items to let you know we are still in the land of living.

Miss Annie Cyrus has been visiting Mrs. E. T. Hadd the past few weeks.

Miss Lucy Wilder and Mrs. D. G. Tharrington returned home Monday from a visit to friends and relatives in Franklinton.

Our Sunday school is growing quite dull at Mt. Gilead let everybody come out next Sunday and start anew.

Rev. H. Sebolt preached an enjoyable sermon at Mt. Gilead last first Sunday.

Rev. D. T. Bunn will preach at Hickory Rock Academy next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

We are glad to say that Mrs. Joe Wood is improving.

Misses Minnie and Alice May Hicks spent last week with Miss Myrtle Roe, of Mountain.

Miss Lula Belle Hedgcock visited Miss Mary Hollingworth one day last week.

Miss Katie Perdue spent the day with Misses Jennie and Lennie Wilder last week.

Mr. F. G. Alley and W. C. Wilder visited friends near Rocky Mount last week.

D. T. H.

Gupton Items.

As long as we haven't seen any items from Gupton in a long time we will send in a few.

We are very glad to learn that Mr. Cleary Parrish is improving rapidly.

Miss Alma Peggam, of Louisburg, spent last week with her cousin, Miss Looie Carroll, near Laurel.

Miss Maggie Foster, of Egmont, is visiting relatives near Laurel.

A large crowd attended the baptizing at Sandy Creek Sunday.

We know some of our friends around Gupton will be delighted to know that Miss Beattie Ooss, of Petersburg, Va., has accepted a position with Mrs. A. M. Hall, of Louisburg.

Miss Lennie Foster has accepted a position as school teacher in Nash county.

We are very sorry to know that Mr. Joe Gupton, who went "dear" hunting at Laurel Sunday afternoon was disappointed to find that his "dear" had gone to Sunday school.

Misses Hettie Vance Gilliam and Lizzie Edwards accompanied by Messrs. Rufus Gupton and George D. Gilliam were very pleasant callers at Mr. B. L. Carroll's Sunday night.

The farmers are very busy putting cotton these days.

I. L. A.

The republicans in some parts of the State are still "cussing." But that does no good.

Raleigh seems to be very much interested in the "Mysterious Mr. Holmes, Jr.," and up until Sunday no one had discovered him.

Buy a range with a reputation, and take advantage of our Free Offer during our Demonstration Week September 27th to Oct. 2nd. Come in and let us show you. McKinnis Brothers.