

Weather Forecast
Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday and probably showers Wednesday in most portion. Gentle variable winds.

Greenville News

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FARMERS CLOSE THE GREENVILLE TOBACCO MARKET

Much Indignation Was Manifested Over Low Prices Prevailing

CLAIM MARKET WILL REMAIN CLOSED TILL PRICES ADVANCE; MASS MEETING ON TOMORROW

Greenville today faces an unique epoch in its history, especially so since becoming a tobacco market a decade or more ago. Between three hundred and three hundred fifty thousand pounds of tobacco lie on the floors of the tobacco warehouses unsold, notwithstanding the fact that today was the opening break of the season. Tobacco town early this morning working alive with farmers from all sections of Pitt county, at this writing presents a deserted scene, the only thing making it appear that the golden weed is sold here is the silent warehouses with their owners standing idly by, discussing matters in a minor key so to speak. Occasionally a farmer is seen here and there displaying a countenance not pleasing from any angle and when one stops to consider his seriousness invariably sympathizes.

Starvation Prices

The cause is due to the low prices for tobacco, so low that the farmers in a body closed the sale and they state emphatically there will be no more tobacco sold on the Greenville market until satisfactory prices prevail.

The tobacco market at the opening here last season averaged around \$32 to \$33. The average today was much less than \$20. It is said some tobacco sold on the market here this morning at one cent less than the cost of grading. This state of affairs made the farmers rise up as one man, and demand redress.

Notify Other Markets

Immediately after stopping the sale which was going on in the warehouses of Forbes & Morton and the Star, these houses having first sales, the farmers proceeded at

once to the telegraph offices and sent telegrams to the other tobacco markets, acquainting the farmers of their action and calling upon them to take similar action.

It was further given out that the farmers will get together here tomorrow morning in the Court House in mass meeting and that they will hold another meeting Saturday. They are determined to have a square deal. They say if they are to starve they just as well begin right now. About one-third of the tobacco on the two floors mentioned above had been sold when the climax came, and it came with such an onslaught that for a moment astonishment knew no bounds. Don't Blame Warehousemen and Buyers

Right here it may be said to the credit of the farmers, there are no better to be found anywhere than right here in Pitt county they attach no blame to either the local warehousemen or the local buyers for the starvation prices they were handed out today.

The warehousemen did everything within their power to protect the interest of the farmer, going so far as to buy a considerable amount of the weed to protect them, the farmers. The buyers also paid their limit. Notwithstanding this magnanimous spirit tobacco prices had the bottom knocked out and knocked out so badly that some of the farmers are carting their tobacco to their homes almost as rapidly as they brought it to market for sale.

What will be the outcome of this serious situation cannot be foretold as yet. A condition of affairs are existing here today never before presented. The farmers are meeting with sympathy from all sides. It is to be hoped that matters will adjust themselves as early as possible so the market can proceed according to schedule. One thing is sure: unless the prices go up the farmers

Want a Suit? Now Is Your Best Chance

Washington, Sept. 7.—Paper clothing, which has just arrived from Austria, has been placed on exhibition by the United States Department of Commerce today. It will be offered to the manufacturers of the country for rigid examination. One suit was quoted at 15c and is said to be washable.

ay, as a unit, they will let their tobacco remain right at home and rot. Farmers Dissatisfied at Farmville

According to telephone message from the Farmville market opening today, prices prevailing on that market are very dissatisfactory to the farmers. The average is said to be considerably lower than last year.

Holding Mass Meeting in Wilson

The average price prevailing on the Wilson market, according to long distance telephone communication, is around 22 cents and the farmers are grumbling. The farmers are meeting in the Court House in Wilson this afternoon, according to the message. The outcome of this meeting had not been learned when the News went to press.

Prices Way Off in Kinston

About 500,000 pounds of tobacco was on the floors of Kinston warehouses today, according to the Daily Free Press, and prices received were from forty to fifty per cent lower than was received last year. The farmers are entering serious protest there.

Rocky Mount in Same Line, Said

Only 10,000 pounds of tobacco were on the floors of Rocky Mount warehouses today, according to the Evening Telegram. Last year there is nearly a million pounds. Prices are about 10 per cent off, according to the paper, and farmers, as on the other markets, are protesting. It is said that some of the tags have been turned.

A. F. & A. M. TO MEET

There will be a special meeting of Greenville Lodge No. 284 A. F. & A. M. Thursday night for work in instruction.

GRANTHAM BROS. CO. OF NEW BERN OFFER MUCH LAND

Have Listed for Sale Two Million Dollars Worth of Finest Tobacco Land in Eastern Carolina.

Readers of the Greenville News are invited to read the double page advertisement appearing in this paper tomorrow of the Grantham Brothers' Real Estate company, New Bern, who are publishing a partial list of their property holdings. This large real estate firm is now entering upon another season of land sales. They announce that they would be pleased to talk with anyone in this section interested in purchasing real estate and real values. This company now has listed over two million dollars worth of the finest tobacco lands in Craven, Jones, Pamlico, Carteret and Onslow counties.

Those interested in Eastern North Carolina dirt would do well to visit the farms which this company have for sale. They will take pleasure in showing all some real bargains. The headquarters of the company is in New Bern. Watch for their large announcement in Wednesday's News. What they have to say will interest you.

Wade and Willis Both Lose Postmastership?

Washington, Sept. 7.—The long drawn out fight over the postmastership at Morehead City, Carteret county, has been settled unless undue political influence is brought to bear. It was learned today that A. B. Morris, a Democrat, a former postmaster and an ex-service man with a year's overseas service to his credit, has been recommended for appointment over Robt. Wade, Democrat, and editor of the Morehead City paper, and Grover C. Willis, Republican, both of whom were contestants for the place.

Unless Senator Simmons and Congressman Sam Brinson can bring some charge against the character of young Morris he will be named for the job. Unofficially it is reported that Wade and his friends have already asked that the appointment be held up pending charges which are to be filed later.

Dempsey's Share Of Receipts \$55,000.00

Benton Harbor, Mich. — Jack Dempsey received \$55,000 for battering Billy Miske of St. Paul, seven and a half minutes yesterday for a knockout in round three, Promoter Fitzsimmons said today.

Wanted

Every boy in Greenville to have one of the SKULL CAPS THE NEWS IS GIVING AWAY

Come to the Circulation office and see about it.

CITIZEN APPEALS FOR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN PITT

Says Value of Such An Institution Cannot Be Measured.—All Should Help Liberally.

LONG AGITATING A COUNTY HOSPITAL

Writer Gives Some Facts Based Upon Being Patient in Protestant Hospital, Norfolk, Va.

(Contributed)
However men may differ in their ideas, our lives are largely the outgrowth of our individual experiences. Incidents that come to us in the present often serve to take our thoughts back to experiences of long gone years, even to some that had almost been forgotten in the changes arising thru the lapse of time.

If Mr. B. C. Pearce, Mr. John Flanagan, Dr. McG. Ernul, Dr. J. G. James, Mr. J. B. Cherry, Mr. Alfred Forbes and others who might be mentioned among Greenville's prominent citizens of several decades ago, were living today and the name of Mr. Smith N. Brickhouse was mentioned in their presence, it would be the occasion of some very complimentary remarks to be made of that gentleman. In those by-gone days, Mr. Brickhouse, whose residence was in Norfolk, was a traveling shoe salesman. Eastern North Carolina was in the territory he covered and, Greenville one of the towns to which he made regular visits. He was one of the old school, amiable, genial, courteous gentlemen, who made friends wherever he went and held their esteem.

A striking characteristic of Mr. Brickhouse was his religious conviction. He carried his Christianity with him and lived it daily in contact and dealing with his fellow man. Wherever the Sabbath day found him he was sure to attend the house of worship with some of God's people, or even in the week if there was some special religious meeting in progress when he was around he would find time to attend. On such occasions it was not unusual for him to be called upon to take part, and it was seldom that his talks could be surpassed by any that were made.

It was a recent experience of the writer that recalled the memory of this good man. Not being immune to all the ills that beset mankind, a visit to a hospital for treatment became necessary. Good fortune led him to the Norfolk Protestant Hospital in Norfolk, Va., where it was soon learned that Miss Caroline Brickhouse, youngest daughter of Mr. Smith N. Brickhouse, was directress of this large and useful institution. Not being prepared to find a woman occupying a place of such importance and responsibility, some inquiry brought out the fact that Miss Brickhouse had entered this hospital as a student nurse in 1903, having determined to devote her life to ministering to suffering humanity.

Her promotion through the various courses of study and nursing to graduation was rapid, and in only a few years her ability became so recognized, as to cause her selection as directress and manager of the institution. Busy woman as she is under the multitude of duties her position imposes, seldom a day passes but that she goes through the entire institution, knowing personally and showing interest in the welfare of the many patients under her charge, her caring personality, and cheering words being a real comfort to all visited, and giving many who may feel heavy hearted with the burden of suffering the inspiration to take a new grip on life.

While it is a privilege to write the foregoing because of the exceeding worthiness of the subject, coupled with the hope that it may also prove of some interest to the reader, there is yet the higher motive to benefit humanity by using this to emphasize this community's greatest need. If in giving one's individual experiences to others serves to lead them to see and embrace a real opportunity for help-futness to their neighbors, then the effort is not in vain. Hence the foremost purpose of this article is to impress the urgent need of a community

AMERICAN CITIZEN GARDINER ESCAPES FROM HIS CAPTORS

Took Refuge in a Ranch During Flight of Mexican Bandit, Official Advises State.

ESCORT HAS BEEN SENT TO AID HIM

Mexican Foreign Office Denies Receiving a Note from United States As To Petroleum Situation.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 7.—W. A. Gardiner, the American citizen who was captured by the bandit, Zamora, has escaped, official advices received in this city today state.

It is stated that Gardiner took refuge in a ranch during the flight of the bandit, and that an escort has been sent for him.

Mexico City, Sept. 7.—The foreign office has denied receiving a note from Washington relative to the petroleum situation.

It is learned from unofficial sources that the American embassy has received a note from Mexico, claiming that it is couched in such terms as to make its acceptance impossible.

Washington, Sept. 7.—The State Department said today that no formal note had been dispatched to Mexico, although the embassy was instructed to make an informal representation to Mexico against certain oil land policies.

EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY

Rome.—Very marked earthquake shocks are reported from Tuscany and casualties resulted. Aid has been sent.

A shock lasting five seconds was also felt at Milan and Genoa.

Harding Off to St. Paul

Marion, O.—Sen. Harding boarded a special train today for St. Paul, Minn., where tomorrow will deliver his first campaign speech outside of Ohio.

hospital in Pitt county. visit to Norfolk was the writer's personal experience as a patient, and if anything has been learned to make him an advocate of a hospital, this experience would be sufficient to make him a zealous supporter of an institution of this kind.

Some facts for comparison in point of view. The Norfolk Protestant Hospital is a community enterprise, it is incorporated and has a governing board. It has a small endowment, the revenue from this being augmented some by receipts from patients who can pay for their care and treatment, but the institution has to depend mainly for support on the contributions of benevolent citizens and enterprises to raise money to help carry on the great work it is doing.

Pitt county has for some time been agitating the establishment of a community hospital, but not until the past year has the effort to secure it seemed hopeful of fruition. Something like half the amount desired for building and equipping the plant has already been subscribed, and the campaign is now about to be renewed for securing the balance so the work of construction may soon begin.

This seems ideal, and every citizen of Pitt county should esteem it a privilege to take part in so noble a work and help to make it indeed a community hospital. Think of the blessing it will bring to the people of this county who are deprived of the opportunity of going to a hospital at a distance, by placing near their homes a means of restoration to health and perhaps saving of life.

The value of such a hospital to the county cannot be measured, and it is hoped that everyone who shall read this will take it as an earnest appeal to help liberally in giving Pitt county a community hospital. Let the goodness of your heart be a blessing to those in need of your help.

NOT SEEKING BEST EVIDENCE, MOORE TELLS COMMITTEE

Cox's Representative Is Before Senate Committee Today to Furnish Information.

ASK COMMITTEE TO CALL OTHERS

Had a Massive Brief That Contained Several Hundred Contained Papers.—A Battalion of 'Moppers-Up'

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—The Senate investigating committee resumed its sessions today with E. H. Moore, Gov. Cox's representative, prepared to give the committee the Democratic candidate's information concerning the Republican campaign fund.

Moore told the committee that it was not seeking the best evidence to prove Governor Cox's charges, and he asked that Col. William Royce Thompson, chairman of the Republican Ways and Means committee, and sixty men of "paid organizations" be called. Moore had a massive brief of the case containing several hundred pages embodying evidence. A battalion of "moppers-up," part of the Republican finance organization, and he named several men, claiming one had left Youngstown after hearing that a request had been filed for a subpoena for him.

Gen. Obregon Elected President of Mexico

Mexico City.—General Alvaro Obregon, one of the military leaders of Mexico, has won decisively the contest for the presidency, according to official advices received here today from the election held Sunday.

Obregon is practically assured of election by these returns. Every province promises to give him a handsome majority. The total vote will be somewhat below normal, it is stated. It is claimed by Obregon's followers that his vote will be twice as large as that of his opponent.

FARMERS BANK IS NOW ENSCONCED IN NEW QUARTERS

No Similar Building Anywhere Surpasses It in Beauty.—Has Every Facility for Business.

Cashier Paul Cloufelter is today greeting his friends and patrons in his new bank building at the corner of Pitt street and Dickinson avenue. This \$50,000 building for the Farmers' Bank has been under construction for a year and its without doubt, one of the handsomest structures of the kind in Eastern Carolina. It would add credit to a city many times larger than Greenville.

Although all of the mahogany and marble fixtures have not arrived sufficient have to give visitors some conception of how beautiful and attractive this financial institution will be when everything is in place. From an architectural standpoint it is doubted if a similar building in the state surpasses it.

The interior is so conveniently arranged for both depositor and patron. The lobby is tiled in a handsome design and attractive chandeliers of the latest pattern hang from the ceiling. The fixtures are the very latest for banks.

The fact is the reader must take a deep look into the bank in order to conceive fully of its beauty.

From now on patrons can find the Farmers' Bank at their new home at the corner of Pitt street and Dickinson avenue.

TWO HUNDRED DROWNED

Tokio.—Two hundred persons were drowned in a tidal wave which swept the barracks at Sagami Bay, lands, reports say.