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## 500,000 POUNDS

### KINSTON'S OPENING TOBACCO SALE BREAKS THE RECORD IN THE STATE

PRICES BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

Over \$30,000 Go Into the Farmers' Pockets.

Every Section of Country for Thirty Miles Around Represented—Some Loads Brought Here from Within Two Miles of the Greenville Market and Some from Points Much Nearer to Wilson than Kinston, and They Came Right Past Goldsboro—Plenty from New Bern Way Also.

Kinston's great tobacco market for 1902 is formally under way and the indications of the opening day are that the most sanguine anticipations and predictions will be surpassed.

There is little doubt that there are 600,000 pounds of new tobacco in Kinston today, as several of the warehouses have overflows which they were not able to place out for sale today.

The Free Press has endeavored to get as closely to the exact figures as is possible in such a rush, and to that end has obtained statements from the warehousemen and estimates from the most experienced and conservative farmers, of which there are many in town, and these are given side by side and it is probable that somewhere between them is the actual amount. This is the showing:

Warehouse	Farmers' Claims	Estimates
Farmers	80,000	75,000
Atlantic	100,000	75,000
Carolina	40,000	40,000
Beale	50,000	40,000
Knott Bros.	200,000	150,000
Central	125,000	100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>595,000</b>	<b>490,000</b>

After filling the floors the Central turned away enough to have filled its again and at Knott Brothers' there is enough stored in the basement to half fill the basement floor.

Double sales are in progress, beginning at the Central and Atlantic warehouses at about 9:30 o'clock; second sales at the Farmers and Carolina; third sales at Knott Bros. and Eagle this afternoon. It is thought that the sales will probably block today.

Well posted men are confident that not only will Kinston's record be more than double but the state record will be broken by the sale today.

The offerings at last year's opening sale on the Kinston market were reported at 300,000 pounds. The one sale at Knott Brothers will more than half equal that.

The offerings of course were mostly ground primings and they generally showed good color. Prices on the lower grades, particularly scrap, look high and generally speaking the prices are a shade higher than last year.

Take it all in all it is a grandly auspicious opening of Kinston's tobacco market and if the market follows along at anything like the pace set today Kinston will get nearer to the front than anybody has imagined.

The crowd of farmers is immense. All the side streets are congested with farm wagons and carriages of every description. The influx began early yesterday and all day long and all night tobacco-laden teams came in almost unbroken procession. Many farmers coming from a long distance spent the night on the road and came in at the "break o' day." Some farmers are here from within two miles of the Greenville market, others from within a few miles of Goldsboro, others from near New Bern and still others from the depths of Duplin and Onslow counties.

All these newcomers expressed wonder at the magnitude of Kinston's market and satisfaction at the prices for the present grades on the opening day.

Kinston has made a four-hour hit today.

**Notes of the Opening.**  
What's it a sight?  
Good or 'er has prevailed through it all.  
The town belongs to the farmers today.  
Just think of it—run all around W.D. and the world!  
The Central didn't batch until one o'clock with the first sale.  
People say it was the largest opening sale ever held in North Carolina.  
A half million what we will do for the other markets will be a plenty.

Knott Bros. couldn't possibly finish today on account of the tremendous break. The Imperial was not represented on the market today, though their buyers were watching the sales very closely.

Mr. A. Berkeley Carrington, head of the export tobacco business of the American Tobacco company, is on the breaks today.

Mr. W. E. Mead, of the Sutherland-Mead Tobacco company, of Danville, Va., and the Randolph Mead Tobacco company of Kinston is on the market today.

Scrap tobacco realized handsome prices on the market today and it is thought that prices for this class of stock is somewhat higher than at this season last year.

The American Tobacco company was the principal buyer today and took nearly everything in sight at prices which seemed to be thoroughly satisfactory to the sellers.

One farmer, who was evidently under the influence of something besides avarice, found himself at the Methodist church, and asked the chief of police, who happened along, if that was the Eagle warehouse.

Mr. James J. Hickey, who will occupy the position of second buyer for the American Tobacco company, arrived yesterday and assumed his duties this morning. He comes from Danville, Va., and is a thorough tobacco man.

#### The Graded School Site.

The selection of the old site for the graded school yesterday was a surprise to nearly all of our people. A majority of the people of Kinston favored a central location. This is a matter that should have been deferred for awhile longer, as it has waited so long, in order that a census of the wishes of the people could be ascertained through the Chamber of Commerce. The public was not taken into the confidence of the board to the extent of advising them that the matter was about to be determined. The majority of Kinston people are patriotic and will accept the school on the edge of town because they are forced to do so. If we had known the matter was near reaching conclusion we would have been glad to inform the public in order that they could make their wishes known again.

The public has interest in such matters and are entitled to consideration. We fear that the selection of the site against the manifest wishes of a considerable majority of the tax payers of Kinston will result in harm—in discord and dissatisfaction—because it is a more serious matter than perhaps some of the members of the board realize to go contrary to the wishes of the people, whose interests all public officials are.

We have no captions criticism to make. We feel regret and disappointment that the board did not gracefully yield to public sentiment and allow the Chamber of Commerce to settle the matter in a full meeting where all sides could calmly and dispassionately discuss and pass their opinions on the matter. Such a course by the trustees would have shown a willingness to abide by the will of the majority, and would have helped to restore harmony and good will among our people.

If the trustees would even now reconsider their action and agree to be influenced by an honest expression at a full meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, it would, we think, even now be the best way out of a wrong selection.

## THE EARTH RENT AND SHAKEN

### VILLAGE DEVASTATED AND DESERTED

Over Seventy Distinct Shocks Since Sunday Night.

Topography of a Strip Fifteen Miles Long Completely Changed—Hills Thrown Up, Great Fissures Opened and New Springs Gush Forth—A Night of Terror—People Flee on Foot and by Rail.

San Luis Obispo, Cal., July 31.—A strip of country fifteen miles long by four miles wide rent with gaping fissures and dotted with hills and knobs that sprang up during the night as if by magic, a village in ruins and hundreds of people fleeing for their lives, are the results of last night's seismic disturbances in the valley of Los Alamos, in the northern part of Santa Barbara county. During the last four days that section of the country has been shaken by a series of earthquakes that is without precedent in the history or tradition of the Pacific coast and the continuance of the disturbances and the increasing severity of the shocks have so terrorized the inhabitants that they are leaving for other parts as fast as possible, and even now the village is almost entirely deserted.

The disturbances began on Sunday evening with a shock which caused several thousand dollars' worth of damage to property in the village and the surrounding country, being more severe and more disastrous in the vicinity of the Western Union Oil company's wells on the Carriga ranch. This shock was followed by a number of disturbances less severe and less disastrous, continuing through the remainder of Sunday night and Monday.

On Tuesday night, beginning at 11:30 o'clock, there was another series of seven shocks, all of which were light. In fact, these disturbances resembled the waves on a pond of water. The most severe shock of the entire series occurred at 11:30 o'clock this morning. Hills were shaken and twisted to their foundations and the valleys trembled and rolled like the surface of the ocean. Great fissures were run deep in the earth, hills and knobs appeared in level valleys, springs of water appeared in places that had been dry and the general topography of the valley was greatly changed in many respects. The disturbances had no general direction, but was what is known as a "twister." It was preceded by a rumbling like that of distant thunder, which increased until the earth began to rise and twist and the hills began to tremble.

With the first warning sound of the approaching disaster the terror-stricken people rushed into the streets and sought places of safety in vacant lots and roads, while many fled toward the neighboring hills. The first vibrations were similar to the preceding disturbance in direction and effect, but they were immediately followed by the most terrific shock ever experienced in this section of the state.

The earth trembled and rolled and twisted until it was impossible for people to stand erect, and the terror-stricken inhabitants crouched together in the darkness, fearful that the earth beneath them might open and swallow them. The terror inspired by the rumbling and trembling of the earth was increased by the sound of falling buildings, which



SLAVE TRADING DHOW IN THE RED SEA.

Trading in human beings is by no means a thing of the past. The dhow shown in the illustration was recently captured in the Red sea by British marines and a large number of slaves were found on board. Earnest efforts have been made by the Egyptian government, aided by England, to break up the slave trade, but the proximity to Arabia makes its extermination difficult of accomplishment.

gave some idea of the terrible destruction that was being wrought.

When the most serious shocks had passed and the rumbling sounds had died away the people gathered in groups about the ruins of their homes and places of business, and when they saw the extent of the damage many of them, fearful of a repetition of this experience, immediately started on foot or by any conveyance that could be had, for places where the previous shocks had been less severe.

A conservative estimate of the loss to property in the village is \$30,000, and this amount probably will be greatly increased by the damage in the surrounding country. The extent of the most severe portion of the disturbance is eleven miles long by four miles wide, but the shock was felt throughout Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

The people have deserted the village, every conveyance has been taken and the passenger and freight trains that have left here since the severe shock of last night have been loaded with people fleeing for safety. Since the first disturbances on Sunday night there have been more than seventy distinct shocks.

**Troops on Guard.**  
Shenandoah, Pa., July 31.—Twelve hundred state troops are encamped to-night on a hill overlooking Shenandoah. Down in the town where rioters and politicians fought the bloody battle last night all is quiet and the indications are so long as the military remains the peace of the community will not again be broken.

#### AIRY GROVE

August 1.

Rev. B. W. Nash filled his appointment at the old church Sunday.

How about an Airy Grove picnic? Let's have one.

We had a nice rain yesterday evening.

Miss Cora Davis and Bertha Simmons of Kinston, visited Miss Kate Phillips from Thursday to Saturday.

Rev. C. O. McClung, of Bay View, N. C., will commence a protracted meeting at the old Lousin Swamp church next Sunday, which will continue about ten days.

Several from this neighborhood will go to Morehead City next Sunday.

Mr. Gus Moseley took honey yesterday and it was the bluest honey we ever saw, though it was mighty good.

The farmers are having a hustling time now, trying to save their blistered tobacco.

Miss Sue Rouse of the Hugo section, was over in this neighborhood Wednesday evening.

Mr. Ed Hunter has some fine peaches—about 5 to the pound. Can the Boston itemizer beat that?

#### Suicide of an Old Man.

Wilmington, N. C., July 30. Suffering from a shock to his nervous system, because of an attempt at suicide by drowning yesterday, Major Abraham Well, aged 72 years, and a soliciting agent for the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, died at 1 o'clock today at his boarding house in this city. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning Major Well made a rather awkward attempt to drown himself by falling into one of the city docks on the Cape Fear river, but two negro workmen hindered him from self destruction and he was sent to his home under the care of physicians. No reason can be assigned for the rash act of the aged man. His duties with the Coast Line were merely nominal on account of his long service; the salary good and his position was for life.

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#### Dissatisfied With R. F. D.

Jason, July 29.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:—

Please allow me space in your good paper to correct item in issue of the 26th, written by carrier No. 1, rural route from LaGrange by Institute and Jason. He says the item in issue of 19th needs correcting. This item states that most of our people are not satisfied with rural delivery and want postoffice at Jason re-established. But carrier No. 1 seems to understand our people best and has corrected item of 19th, and (in his mind) made everything bright. Now I am here to show the people that my family friends are not the only ones that are not satisfied with the discontinuance of the Jason postoffice. The patronage of Jason postoffice covers an area of some three miles square and includes some 200 families of good, honest, hard working people, 9 or 10 of these families have mail boxes, 5 of the 10 (all that were seen) signed a petition for re-establishing the Jason postoffice. 56 white men, all that were seen, heads of families, and as good people as we have any where, also signed the petition. I also believe 100 of the 200 good people that live in this neighborhood will any day ask for the re-establishment of the postoffice at Jason. Now this item may seem a little strange to Carrier No. 1, but if so I ask him to call in and I will show him that not only my relatives and family friends are in favor of re-establishing the postoffice at Jason, but 9-10ths of his supporters (sons that have boxes) both gentlemen and ladies favor it.

WALTER D. NEWBORN,  
ex Postmaster.

#### WOODINGTON.

August 1.

Miss Nan Grady, of Kinston, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Luther Outlaw, of Duplin county, visited at Mr. F. W. Becton's Sunday.

Master Hayward Waller, of Kinston, spent Sunday night with his uncle, Mr. E. H. Waller.

Miss Florence Waller spent from Friday until Sunday with relatives and friends at Beulah.

Messrs. Ed. and Haze Davenport, of near Cedar, spent Sunday with Mr. Richard Rouse.

Quite a large crowd attended church at Smith's New Home from here Sunday.

Miss Cades visited at Mr. William Stroud's Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Cunningham, of Deep Run, spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Henry Smith.

Mrs. L. I. Stroud and daughter, Miss Blanche, visited at Mr. Jack Stroud's, of near Espose, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Williams, of Deep Run, Misses Jennie Smith and Lulu Turner, of Kinston, and Miss Peande Williams, of near Cedar, were guests at Mr. Wm. Stroud's Sunday.

Messrs. Thomas Stroud, H. A. Edwards, Misses Florence and Eileen Waller attended the Sunday school convention at Kinston Thursday and Friday.

#### ARBA.

July 30.

Mrs. L. E. Fridgen visited her brother, Mr. G. W. Jones, a few days this week, returning to her home at Goldsboro Thursday. Mrs. Mollie E. Jones accompanied her home to spend a few days with her.

A large crowd went on the excursion to Morehead City last Sunday from here. They report a pleasant trip.

Miss Ida J. Hill is spending this week visiting relatives near Wheat Swamp.

Mr. Egbert Sutton and family visited at Mr. Joseph F. Hill's last Sunday.

Crops are looking well, but rain is badly needed just now. If Mr. Barber could see the tobacco crops in this section now he could write up another good trip.

## TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

July leaves no tears.

Hail!—no, rain August!

Every dog has his day now if ever.

The scarlet fever is a disease reserved to color people.

The public speaker is lost when he forgets his address.

Now comes the season of hot days and cool nights.

M. O. Squito is in town, but he is not very numerous.

Going to hear a sermon is not always going to worship God.

Speaking of educated animals and insects, there's the spelling bee.

The outcome of a girl's "coming out" gown is pretty sure to be coming.

One way to raise a head of hair is to get so frightened that it stands on end.

It is claimed that some Kinston girls can flirt a fan and fan a flirt at the same time.

What other people may think of us is the cause of two thirds of all the morality in the world.

Sluggards are sent to the ant for an example and slovens would do well to watch the cat.

The sprinter who dreams of winning a victory on the track may stay in bed and walk in his sleep.

It is not our failures that ruin us, but our fear and tardiness in making new beginnings after failure.

When a man's biography has been published, it is not dangerous for him to take his life in his own hands.

Some women paint their cheeks red, while some men prefer that color for the nose, their own noses of course.

If the girls who chew chewing gum on the street car only knew how ugly it makes them look they would stop it.

Timely Topics invites farmer friends to make a social call at The Free Press office while in town. Come in and see the boys print your favorite paper.

It is a crime in Kentucky for a man to kiss his wife, but all right for him to shoot the fellow who undertakes to do that little act of kindness for him.

#### SHORT STATE STORIES.

Waynesville Courier: Our friend G. C. Ball brought us the other day the very biggest radish we have ever seen. We put it on the scales and it tipped the beam at three pounds and five ounces.

Newton Enterprise: Mrs. A. M. Hutt is again the largest wheat farmer in the county. Although it is the worst wheat year that anybody in the county has any recollection of, she has just had threshed 1,073 bushels.

Goldsboro, N. C., July 30. The white man employed by the Goldsboro Buggy company walked out of the factory in a body this morning because of trouble between a negro and a white man, which occurred some days ago.

Marshall, July 30.—Bolt Jackson, a well known young negro about town and at present working for the Chesapeake hotel was killed on the streets here this evening about 7 o'clock by Van Henderson, son of Robert A. Henderson, the present county jailer. Hardly any particulars were obtainable as no one saw Henderson when the shooting took place. Four shots were fired, taking effect in the side near the heart. The negro died almost instantly. No cause can be assigned as Mr. Henderson has made no statement except to say that he "had it to do."

Linn Band blanks for sale at The Free Press office, 75c per 100.



FIND THE BEAR.