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## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

**River Turns Green.**  
Goldboro Argus: Little river, the clear rippling waters of which wind their way through the dense forests of gum trees to the west of the city and finally, about three miles from here, mingle with the murky waters of Neuse river and flow silently on east to the briny waters of the Atlantic, is now furnishing one of the strangest phenomena that the citizens of this usually quiet and conservative section have had the opportunity to witness in some time. The placid waters of this beautiful stream are usually clear as crystal. At present the water has a greenish cast. When seen from some little distance the water resembles the water in the ocean, while upon a closer inspection it looks more green. The change in the color of the water has given rise to considerable speculation as to the probable cause, and numbers of people are flocking to the river to witness the unusual sight.

**Population Statistics.**  
Raleigh Times: There were 853 persons over 95 years old in North Carolina when the census of 1900 was taken. Of this number 212 were white and 641 colored. Of the whites 78 were men and 134 women, while among the negroes there were 405 women over 95 years old to 236 men. Women beat the men every time. But there were only three states in the union with more white people over 95 than North Carolina, and they were New York with 437; Pennsylvania with 291; Virginia with 225 and North Carolina with 212. Only two states have more negroes who have passed 95 than North Carolina. Virginia claims 1,395, and South Carolina 690 to North Carolina's 641.

**Habbits Got It Just the Same.**  
Fayetteville Observer: A citizen living not five hundred yards from the market house was attracted to a window overlooking his flower garden several days ago by what he thought was a cat with a bird. He found that it was a black snake trying to swallow a half grown rabbit. On examination it was found that the snake had discovered the rabbit's nest in which were four young rabbits under a hyacinth bush near by. The snake escaped, but not until the noise had attracted the dog and house cat, who, as soon as watchful eyes were removed, destroyed the nest and ate the young.

**R. F. D. For Goldboro.**  
Goldboro, Aug. 20.—Wayne county is to have the advantage of rural free delivery mail service. Mr. A. R. Yeazay, a special agent of the service, has arrived in the city and will hold an examination at the court house Saturday afternoon or carriers for three routes, which he will put on from Goldboro. Besides the three routes from Goldboro the department will soon put on one route from Pikeville and four from Mount Olive.

**Tobacco Statistics.**  
According to the census of 1900 North Carolina ranks first among the states as a manufacturer of smoking tobacco. She produced in that year 17,230,352 pounds. As a manufacturer of chewing tobacco, smoking tobacco and snuff combined she ranked second, Missouri coming first. She ranked second in 1901 as a producer of the leaf, with 157,508,400 pounds, Kentucky leading, with 214,288,050 pounds. Kentucky and North Carolina together raised over half the total for the United States.

**Goldboro's First Bale.**  
Goldboro Argus: The first bale of new cotton to make its appearance on this market came in this morning from the river farm of Mr. M. J. Best. The grade was strict middling and it weighed 460 pounds. It was purchased by Royal & Borden at 8 1/2 cents per pound. These gentlemen are not cotton buyers but they purchased this bale for their mattress factory, where they manufacture the famous royal felt mattress.

### SHORT STATE STORIES.

**Saltbury Son:** Mr. Ambrose Casper, who lives seven miles from Saltbury on the Concord road, was in Saltbury this morning showing a pretty gold nugget which he found on a ridge on his place Saturday.

**Davidson Dispatch:** The general merchandise store of Mr. J. A. Moore, of Old, this country, was broken into by burglars Sunday night and about \$175 in cash and eight or nine pounds of tobacco was stolen.

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## Registration in R. F. D. Service. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

**TO THE PUBLIC:**  
All valuable letters and parcels sent in the mails should be registered to insure their safe transmission and correct delivery.

Rural carriers are prepared to register mail matter on every trip. The registry fee is only 8 cents in addition to postage; and both must be prepared with stamps affixed to the article registered, or in money paid to the carrier, who will write the amount in the receipt given you.

Letters and parcels to be registered must—1. Be plainly and correctly addressed. 2. Bear the name and address of sender. 3. Be inclosed in envelopes or wrappers strong enough to carry contents to destination. 4. Be in perfect condition.

The rural carrier will give you a receipt for each letter or parcel at the time he accepts it for registration. A second receipt, signed by the addressee or his authorized agent, will be mailed you when the letter or parcel is delivered.

If a letter or parcel prepaid at the letter rate of postage, registered at a United States post office, or by a rural free-delivery carrier, and addressed to a United States post office, be lost in the mails, and such letter or parcel, or its value, be not recoverable, the post office department will make good its value, up to ten dollars.

### HOLLY BRANCH.

August 21.  
Mrs. B. F. Ormond and Mrs. W. B. Place returned home Tuesday after spending a few days with Mrs. B. B. Mallison at Pine Grove.

Mr. W. W. Ormond visited his parents near Grifton Saturday night and Sunday.

Master J. A. Ormond visited his uncle, J. H. Ormond, near Grifton, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mamie Arnold of Dover returned home Tuesday after spending a week with Miss Mamie Ormond.

Messrs. Jack Hill and Otis Griffin of Dover, Mr. J. H. Fields of Fort Barnwell, Messrs. Henry King, Odell White and Lafayette King of this place visited Mr. B. F. Ormond Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. B. F. Ormond attended church at Ft. Barnwell Sunday morning and night.

Mr. W. H. and W. W. Ormond put in their last day of tobacco this week, and fodder pulling is the latest now.

Mr. W. H. Ormond visited his aunt, Mrs. Mary Hill, Sunday.

Miss Hazel White returned home Saturday after spending a week with relatives in Kinston.

Little Miss Gladys Henderson is very sick with a fever.

Messrs. May King, Hazel White, Minnie Russell, Messrs. D. E. White, G. C. King and Lafayette King visited Miss Mamie Ormond Saturday night.

### HYCO.

August 21.  
Misses Emma Dall of Norfolk and Nora Dall of Washington, came here last Friday to spend some time with Mr. M. E. Dall and family.

Mr. J. C. Dall of Kinston came home Friday and will return September 1st, to accept a position as clerk with Tunstall & Hill.

Miss Palmetto Taylor of Hookerton, and Messrs. Verna and Ethel Hill of Fountain Hill, spent several days here last week.

Most all that attended the lawn party at Union Chapel Friday night reported a nice time and fine cream (nit).

## THE GIANTS CLASH ON THE MARKET

### IMPERIAL AND AMERICAN RIVALS An Immense Sale and Lively Times Today

Over a Quarter of a Million Pounds on the Breaks—Imperial Makes Its First Purchase—Farmers Come From Afar to Verify the Wonderful Stories About Kinston Market.

A quarter of a million pounds of tobacco were sold today.

Today's sales were a fitting climax to the splendid opening of the weeks business in the tobacco markets, two hundred and fifty thousand pounds being sold here today, with prices that brought smiles to the faces of the farmers.

A constant stream of carts and wagons began to pour into Kinston yesterday morning, which continued through the afternoon and night, and this morning there was no abatement up to the hour of commencing the sales. Farmers were here from every neighborhood in this section, some who did not have tobacco on the sales, but came to verify statements they had heard concerning the advantages of the Kinston tobacco market, and without exception they were more than satisfied with the prices obtained on the market.

The Imperial entered the market yesterday and was strictly in evidence today, and though not heavy buyers yet, on account of not having completed their storage house, they frequently engaged in quick, snappy warfare with the American Tobacco Co., whenever some of the higher grades were offered. Mr. A. F. Thomas of Lynchburg, who is at the head of the Imperial on this side of the water was on the sales and the frequent sparring between him and Mr. Hickey for the American Tobacco Co., was interesting to the bystanders and insured greatly to the benefit of the farmers.

The offering of tobacco is gradually improving in quality, and prices climb accordingly, as one warehouseman who had over fifty thousand pounds on his floor, stated that his sales would average 14 cents including scraps. With a less average than this, it is a conservative to say that over twenty-five thousand dollars will go into the pockets of the farmers from two day's sales.

The aggregate sales for the week will approximate six hundred thousand pounds, and it is believed by experienced tobacco men to be largely in excess of any market in the state for the corresponding week.

Kinston is undoubtedly the place for the farmer to bring his golden leaf, as it is the best market to sell his product and also to buy his supplies.

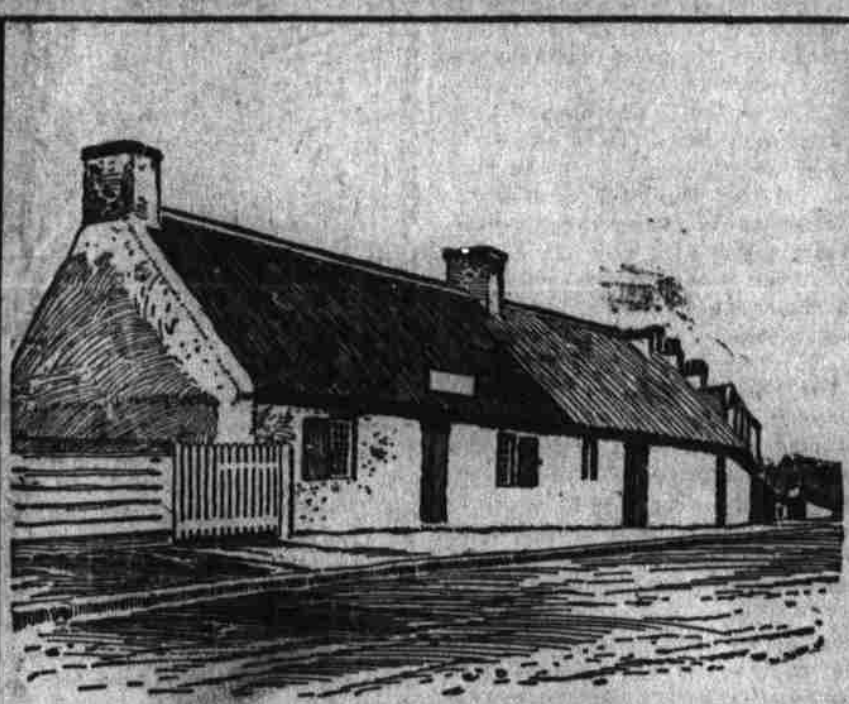
It is predicted that Kinston will sell fifteen million pounds this season, and those who made the prediction feel sure that they have underestimated it, as the amount claimed for the month of August will be far exceeded.

**Gossip at the Sales.**

Dr. J. M. Parrott lost a fine tobacco barn on his farm by fire yesterday.

Some tobacco sold at Kest's warehouse today for 50 cents a pound. How's that?

It was interesting when the "big" one



ROBERT BURNS' BIRTHPLACE, RECENTLY RESTORED BY THE AID OF AMERICAN DOLLARS.

The 40,000 persons who annually visit Ayr, Scotland, for the purpose of seeing the cottage in which the poet Robert Burns was born, will hereafter find the humble dwelling restored to exactly the condition in which it was at the time of the interesting occurrence which was destined to make it famous. American dollars played a large part in bringing about the restoration. The wing in which the relics were formerly kept, and which formed no part of the original building, has been removed and the mementos of the poet are now kept in a separate structure.

locked horns today on a specially devious pile of tobacco.

There was tobacco here today from all around Greenville, Wilson and Goldboro. Kinston is the place to bring their tobacco and the farmers know it.

Did you know that more tobacco will be sold in Kinston this year, that is, hauled here in carts and wagons, than any place in the world? Its a fact.

Mr. Seth West of Dover says that he went out into the country last Sunday and that he found the farmers very enthusiastic over the prices obtained on the Kinston market.

Mr. N. T. Worthington being asked yesterday why he was wearing spectacles, replied that he had ruined his eyes sitting up at night counting the money he had made out of tobacco this year. Uncle Tommy is all right.

Shelford Clark, who lives on Sheriff Dal Wooten's farm, brought a load of tobacco here yesterday which weighed 626 pounds and was an average of his tobacco, and for which he got an average of \$20.10 per hundred pounds, including sand lugs.

Mr. J. B. Exum of Saulston, Wayne county, who made a large crop of tobacco this year, was on the market here yesterday and after comparing prices with those on the Goldboro market said that the Kinston market ranged from two to five cents higher and that he would surely sell his tobacco here.

Mr. George Turner of Pink Hill township, was in Kinston yesterday. The tobacco in his section, he says, is about all cured now, though a few farmers are not quite through. Mr. Turner added that if they did not get through in two weeks they would not have any tobacco, for the worms, now in great numbers, are increasing.

"The next time a man wants to raise tobacco for me," said Mr. J. W. Lane of Ft. Barnwell, who was here yesterday, "I am not going to ask him how much he can get from the acre, or how well he can set out the plants, or even how well he can cure, but I am going to ask him how well he can succeed the plants." This succoring, as Mr. Lane well put it, does cover a multitude of faults which may be peculiar to any tobacco grower, and when attended to in a systematic way makes the tobacco weigh more and therefore brings to the farmer more money.

### BON TEMPS CLUB.

Another Enjoyable Entertainment at Miss Oettinger's.

The Bon Temps club, whose name means "good time" was entertained in a manner truly befitting their name yesterday afternoon by Miss Flora Oettinger at her handsome home No. 216, corner Bright and Independence streets, from the hours of 5 to 8 o'clock. About 20 members were present, which included every member of the club with a single exception.

Upon their arrival the guests were ushered into the drawing room, which was tastefully decorated in the club colors, pink and white. Here merry chat ran rampant amid music vocal and instrumental until all had arrived, when each was given a folder filled with questions to be answered and called a game of "Charades." It was remarkable how many of the questions were correctly answered by nearly all, which showed how conversant they were with the characteristics of local prominent people. Below is published the list with correct answers.

- 1—Always Polite. Albert Parrott.
- 2—Joking Boy. Johnnie Bailey.
- 3—Winning, Cute, Foolish. Will C. Fields.
- 4—Jolly Good Dancer. John G. Dawson.
- 5—Lazy Looking. Lloyd LaRoque.
- 6—Foolishly Queer. Frank Quinerly.
- 7—Popular Clerk. Plato Collins.
- 8—Great Show Off. George Suggs.
- 9—Modest Man. Marvin Meacham.
- 10—Mighty Aristocratic. Matt Allen.
- 11—Our Kinston Lord. Oscar K. LaRoque.
- 12—Handsome Human. Harvey Hines.
- 13—Wants Site Hushed. W. S. Herbert.
- 14—Just Out. Jake Oettinger.
- 15—Rather Conceited Talker. Robert C. Tunstall.
- 16—Pame Made Hurriedly. F. M. Harrington.
- 17—Rural Treasure. Reid Tull.
- 18—Wonderful Amateur Musician. W. A. Mitchell.
- 19—Always Entertaining. Abey Elmslein.

Miss Nannie Goodson won the prize offered for the most correct answers, it being a handsome embroidered cushion. A lot of beans were scattered over the floor and the guests instructed to begin picking up. A wild scramble ensued from the efforts of each to win the prize supposed to be given to the one most active and quick in gathering the largest number of beans. When they were counted up Miss Lottie Tull had in her possession the largest number, but alas! all her efforts were in vain, for she was awarded the booby prize for being the most greedy. Miss Ines Wooten won the prize for the least greedy. This part of the afternoon's entertainment proved to be very amusing.

After two hours had flown so swiftly it was hard to so realize, the guests were ushered into the dining room. Here a dazzling sight met their gaze. The room had been darkened, which was easily done owing to the dark clouds prevailing at the time, and was then lighted with candles set in handsome cut glass candleabra. This just gave light enough to lend a pleasant effect to the handsome decorations. The table was littered with dainty and good things to eat, and as in the drawing room the club colors prevailed. La France roses added to the effect.

Little Miss Ida Oettinger, a pretty and bright tot of five years, was dressed in the colors of the club and did the honors in the dining room much to the amusement and admiration of those present.

As a souvenir of the occasion each guest was given an artistically made ribbon rose for the hair.

Upon their departure those fortunately present were deeply pronounced in their expressions of having enjoyed the occasion.

### FREE TO OUR READERS.

Botanic Blood Bitters for the Blood.

If you suffer from ulcers, eczema, scrofula, blood poison, cancer, eating sores, itching skin, pimples, boils, bone pains, swellings, rheumatism, catarrh, or any blood or skin disease, we advise you to take Botanic Blood Bitters (B. B. B.). Especially recommended for old, obstinate, deep-seated cases, cure where all else fails, breaks every sore, makes the blood pure and rich, gives the skin the rich glow of health. Beggars \$1 per large bottle. Samples sent free by writing to Blood Bitters Co., Atlanta, Ga. Beware of cheap imitations and free medical advice sent in sealed letter. Medicine sent at once, prepaid.

## TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

### Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Our actions and not our words tell what we are.

There'll be another hot time in the old town tonight.

Too much innocent amusement is not innocent, but morally bad.

To be happy is of far less consequence to society people than to appear so.

You can no more filter your mind into purity than you can compress it into columns.

In any controversy the instant the participants feel anger, they cease to strive for the truth.

A man who does not know how to learn from his mistakes turns the best schoolmaster out of his life.

A creditor who was determined to get something from the estate of a deceased debtor attached the widow in due form of law.

A late writer argues that man's tendency toward wrong increases toward night, because it was near 'Eve that Adam ate the apple.

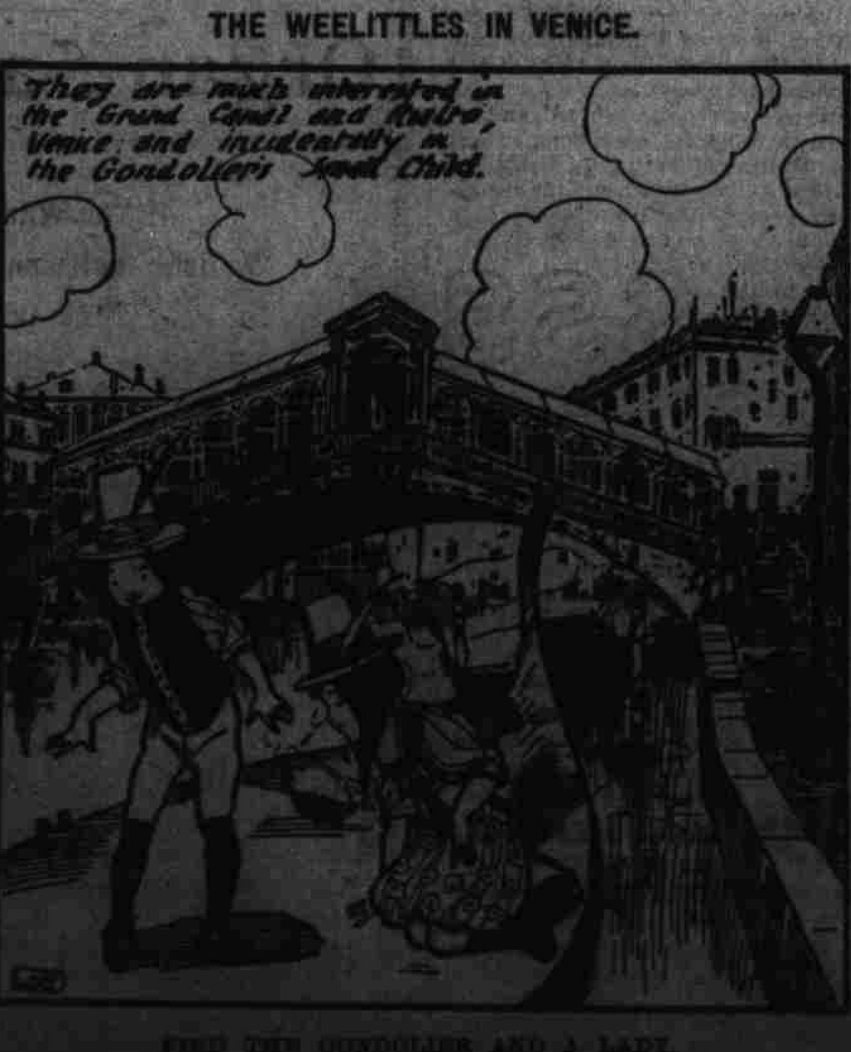
Positions on the team to play the female baseball aggregation are in great demand. There would be no trouble in having a new nine for each inning to give all the boys a chance. It might be a good way to wipe out the debts of the local team to auction off the positions to the highest bidder.

### One Minute Interviews.

Mr. C. Howard of Pink Hill: "If Kinston wants to get the full benefit of trade from our section it must influence the county commissioners to give us better roads. Pink Hill township is the promptest in the county to pay its assessments and we get the worst deal on roads. They are in a terrible condition now just when they ought to be at their best. In some places the main road is gullied and washed out so that there are holes big enough to hold a dozen dead horses. All the road work at the time when road work is best done is given to the country on the other side of Kinston and our roads are only dabbled with a little in the winter, when it does no good. We are going to hold up on our payments unless something is done for us."

W. S. Fields, who has announced himself an independent candidate for sheriff: "I am in the field for sheriff and I am going to win. You may just watch what I tell you. I have no personal feelings against the democratic nominee, for he is all right. I expect, though, to meet him on every stump there is in the county and squarely discuss the issues. I am not a disorganizer, for I believe in organization, and before I get through somebody will find it out."

Mr. M. H. Wooten: "In taking the census of the school children in Kinston and the country near here in this township I have noticed two things especially. First, The number of vacant houses in Kinston is greater this year than last. Second, There is a greater number of people in Kinston township outside of Kinston this year than there was last year. Now some people may say this is a bad showing for Kinston, but I do not think so. Any one abreast with the times knows that Kinston has not and for many more years will not come to a standstill in its growth. We as a town shall keep on growing, not by leaps and bounds but gradually step by step. For the last two years there is a phase in our growth that is not the most desirable, because it is not the best in the first place for the income, and then again for Kinston, or in fact any town. I refer to people moving in from the country to town. If a person has some definite work to do in town it's all right to move there, but unless he has this, he should not. I believe now that the people in the country are beginning to realize this, for in the census which I have just made I found that while there were some vacant houses in Kinston there were none near here. In short, there are twice as many white children of school age near Kinston this year as last. Farming now is paying more than ever before and the people therefore are realizing this by staying on their farms."



THE WEELITTLES IN VENICE.