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The Kingstree Tobacco Market Opened July 20

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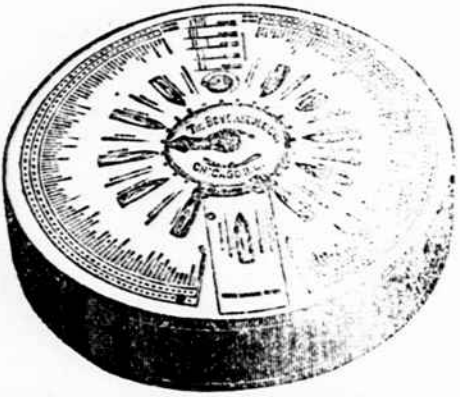
H. D. REDDICK

has been wide open all the summer and many summers before, selling the best SUMMER GOODS ever sold in Kingstree, at the most REASONABLE PRICES.

We invite all the farmers to come in and make our store their resting place while waiting for the crop to come and see us after the sales, as we can make it interesting for them.

All of our SUMMER GOODS will be sold AT COST for the next 30 DAYS to make room for Fall stock.

H. D. Reddick's Bargain Store.



Needles, Shuttles and Bobbins for use in All Makes of Sewing Machines.

## A GREAT DAY FOR OLD KINGSTREE.

### AUSPICIOUS OPENING OF THE NEW MARKET—A BIG CROWD PRESENT AND EVERYBODY ENTHUSIASTIC.

A new era dawned for Kingstree Tuesday morning when Auctioneer Perry called for bids on the floor of the Banner warehouse. There was a big crowd present at the inauguration of Kingstree's new enterprise, practically the entire population of the town turning out, besides a large number of people from all parts of Williamsburg and Clarendon counties.

The natal day of Kingstree's market was satisfactory in every respect and everybody concerned speaks with enthusiasm of the auspicious opening. Following is the account of the initiation of the two warehouses as given by the local correspondent of the News and Courier:

Kingstree, July 20:—It is a long lane that has no turning. This old town was for many years asleep, while younger municipalities were stepping briskly along the road to progress. Five years ago she commenced to wake up, and today she proved to the world that she is here to do and to hustle. It has been a great day in the history of Kingstree, one to mark with a white stone. The new tobacco warehouses were opened in the presence of practically the entire town and Kingstree tonight rejoiced in the fact that she has been successfully launched as a tobacco market. When Auctioneer Perry stepped up to the first pile of the leaf in the Banner warehouse and called for bids, he was surrounded by the youth and beauty of the old town, gray-haired men and smiling maids, all there to see a new industry given a successful start, and to wish success to an enterprise that is destined to bring great and beneficial changes in the economic conditions of this community.

This time last year there was nothing to look forward to as a money-producing crop by the farmer except the cotton crop. Today, on the very first sales made, approximately \$10,000 has been turned loose in the community. The warehouses, two in number, are built and owned by the Kingstree Tobacco Warehouse Co, composed of citizens of Kingstree and the immediate surrounding country. The warehouses are each 60 feet wide and 150 feet long and built in the most approved style. One warehouse, known as the Farmers', is leased by Messrs McIntosh & Moore, and the other, known as the Banner warehouse, is leased by Messrs Slaughter, Epps & Baker. The American Tobacco Co is represented

by Mr LP Walker and the Imperial Tobacco Co by Mr J S Jenkins. Mr Jenkins bought the first pile sold. Approximately 200,000 pounds of tobacco were sold here today at an average price of 5 cents per pound. This means the paying out of \$10,000 to the farmers and the spending of the bulk of this money in and around Kingstree.

The opening day has been auspicious from every point of view and fixes the status of Kingstree as a market for the warehousing and sale of tobacco. Both the American and Imperial tobacco companies have recognized it as a market and will maintain buyers here for the season. Mr Perry is the auctioneer for both houses and is a veteran at the business. The floors of the warehouses were crowded with sightseers during the auction, almost every lady in the town attending. Almost every store in town closed and proprietor and clerk took two hours off. The town and country around it is going steadily forward. This spring Kingstree made the beginning of a truck market. Today at one bound she made herself a tobacco market.

### OUR FIGURES CORRECT.

#### Auditor Clarendon County by Mistake Gave Rutledge \$6,250 too Much.

MR C W WOLFE,  
Kingstree, S C.

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 24th inst received to-day asking for total amount of taxable property in Sandy Grove township. The total taxable property in said township is \$82,875. This includes the railroad and property paid on by additional.

Mr Eaddy was here a few days ago getting up this information, and I have found since he left that I made a mistake of \$6,250 in the amount of the property. This \$6,250 is the assessed value of the railroad property and was included in the abstract, and I gave it to him as extra, so he got \$6,250 more than my books show. If you see Mr Eaddy please make this explanation. \$82,875 is the correct amount.

Yours very truly,

A P BURGESS,  
County Auditor Clarendon.  
Manning, S C, June 25, 1909.

#### Sees Mother Grow Young.

"It would be hard to overstate the wonderful change in my mother since she began to use Electric Bitters," writes Mrs W L Gilpatrick of Danforth, Me. "Although past 70 she really seems to be growing young again. She suffered untold misery from dyspepsia for 20 years. At last she could neither eat, drink nor sleep. Doctors gave her up and all remedies failed till Electric Bitters worked such wonders for her health." They invigorate all vital organs, cure Liver and Kidney troubles, induce sleep, impart strength and appetite. Only 50c at D C Scott's.

## Why Rutledge County?

Two weeks ago we invited the advocates of Rutledge county to advance a single convincing reason—outside of the expectant booming of the town of Lake City—why the formation of the said county is either necessary or wise. Since no one has responded, we will undertake to point out to the voters in the new county area why it would be against the interests of the greater number of them to vote in favor of it. A few people with real estate to sell within the limits or the suburbs of Lake City, would profit by inflated values of their property in the enthusiasm attending the notable achievement of the town of Lake City becoming a county seat, but when after excitement subsided and enthusiasm gave place to sane, sober reflection, the tax-payers would realize that nothing had been created to add to the material wealth of their town, the only difference being the tingling of the pocket book nerve caused by higher taxes, and there would come about a reaction in fictitious values, and instead of trying to build up the town, an exorbitant tax rate would inevitably discourage the acquiring of property, repelling instead of inviting prospectors with capital to invest.

The country people will find themselves in the smallest, poorest county in the State, the area containing but a few miles above the constitutional limit, and the taxable property, as shown by the auditors' books and comptroller general's statement, being over a half a million dollars less than that of Calhoun county, which is now at the foot of the list in property valuation. In the face of such conditions what have most of these tillers of the soil to gain? Nothing, that we can see, but there may be much to lose.

To support two county governments within practically the same area as one must surely increase the expense, and it stands to reason that with but little property to levy taxes on, the Rutledge people must raise the tax levy.

Politically, the new county people will be about as insignificant as in size and resources. If we understand the constitution, when a new county is formed its representation in the General Assembly is inherited from the parent county, according to population. Williamsburg at present has three representatives in the Legislature. Should Rutledge be formed, that county being the smaller in population, it would carry only one of Williamsburg's representatives and none of Clarendon's. So, then, as it appears to us, the new county would not cut much of a figure politically.

As to roads, under the present law each township is entitled to every dollar road tax it pays and the only way to increase that amount is by levying more taxes, regardless of the size of the county.

The same way with the public schools—each district gets its pro rata share of the three mill tax and has the right to increase this amount by as much special tax as it chooses, up to the constitutional limit. Another point to be considered in this connection is this: If the county be divided the old part will retain about three-fourths of the railroad property. At present, the constitutional school tax of three mills, and also the road tax of one mill, are distributed pro rata in each township, whether it owns railroad property or not. Now, if the county be divided, the schools and the roads of the Rutledge part will suffer a loss of about three-fourths of the general railroad tax. It is best to consider these facts well before the election, because they will force themselves upon your notice should the new county scheme prevail.

We are willing to admit that Williamsburg county is big enough

to be divided, but our Rutledge friends are a little premature and in their haste would forever debar from relief that part of the county that stands in greater need of it.

With two daily trains each way and not over a 15 or 20 mile drive to the court house, Lake City and surrounding territory are not near so badly off as Johnsonville and up around the Clarendon line. If the people of either of the last two sections named be forced into Rutledge (for we have no idea they will go willingly) they derive little or no present benefit and they mortgage the future of their children and grandchildren forever. If Rutledge county be formed, Williamsburg can never be cut again (except a trifle of 40 or 50 miles) to help out new counties, unless the State constitution be changed.

The election is near at hand. If two-thirds of the voters express their choice favorably, the division will be made and, for better or for worse, the matter is settled for all time. A defeat this year does not mean that another attempt cannot be made. A new county can be voted for at almost any time, but it is a momentous question, worthy of the earnest consideration of our ablest counsellors. Williamsburg county is prospering to an extent never approached before in her history. Every part of the county tells a tale of industrial progress and development. We need to pull together to attain the highest degree of success. Now, wouldn't it be better for all concerned—the greatest good to the greatest number—to lay this Rutledge county motion on the table, or postpone it for at least four years? By that time perhaps the county would have flourished and prospered so greatly that even the most ardent new countyite would say: "Gentlemen, I was mistaken; the people did right to let well enough alone and keep the grand old county's integrity unbroken."

#### Notice to Farmers.

I will be at the following places on and after September 1 next, representing Maybank & Co, cotton buyers: Greelyville, Salters Depot, Lanes, Gourdins and all points on the Georgetown & Western Railroad. Will pay highest market price for your cotton.

J F SCOTT.

Kingstree, S C, July 1, 1909.

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Get DeWitt's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve when you ask for it. There are a great many imitations, but there is just one original. This salve is good for anything where a salve is needed to be used, but it is especially good for Piles. Sold by D C Scott.

Hereafter we positively refuse to publish any communication received at this office later than Tuesday, noon, except local and personal items, which will not be available later than Wednesday, noon, for the current week. By trying to be accommodating we are thrown late every week and we are tired of it. This notice applies to EVERY BODY.

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Tributes of respect, obituaries, cards of thanks and all communications of a personal nature, not news, are charged for at the rate of one cent a word.

GO-FLY keeps flies off Horses and Cattle. 25c and 50c. At all drug stores. 6 3 10t

#### DR. A. H. WILLIAMS

#### CALLED UPON

#### TO REDEEM HIS PLEDGE TO PEOPLE OF JOHNSONVILLE AS TO COURT HOUSE AND JAIL.

Editor County Record:—

At a meeting held at Johnsonville about eighteen months ago, when the movement looking to the formation of Rutledge county was first being agitated, Dr A H Williams of Lake City, who was present at the said meeting, in addressing the audience, made the following pledge:

"I will promise you that if Lake City lays down upon me in this matter and does not put up sufficient funds—not promises but CASH—to build a good court house and jail after the election is ordered I will come out in the public prints and notify the people and advise them not to vote for the new county, and I will not vote for same myself."

Now, Doctor, as the election has been ordered, we who heard you make the foregoing solemn promise call upon you to redeem your pledge.

Has the money been put up, and if so, what amount?

(Signed) S B POSTON,  
D N JOHNSON,  
W H HARMON,  
GEO W DAVIS,  
WALTER C WILSON,  
G W JOHNSON.

Kingstree, S C,  
July 14, 1909.