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## Local Trains and Boat Schedule.

Passenger and mail train going north, arrives 8:22 A. M. Going south, arrives 6:37 P. M.

North Bound Freight, arrives 6:45 A. M. leaves 10:15 A. M.

South Bound Freight, arrives 1:51 P. M. leaves 2:11 P. M.

Steamer Myers arrives from Washington Monday, Wednesday and Friday leaves for Washington Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

## Weather Bulletin.

Showers to-night and Saturday fair decidedly colder Sunday.

## KINSTON IN ASHES.

Fire Destroys Entire Business Portion of the Town—Loss Between \$250,000 and \$400,000.

(Special to Reflector.)

KINSTON, N. C., March 1.—The most destructive fire that ever visited this town occurred yesterday afternoon and nearly the entire business portion of the town is swept away. Nothing could check the mad career of the flames and handsome brick buildings were swept away as though they had been built of tinder.

## CAUSED BY CIGARETTES.

The fire commenced about 3:30 o'clock in B. M. Field's stables. The origin is unknown, but it is reported to have been caused by boys smoking cigarettes in the barn setting fire to a lot of hay.

## THE FIRE SPREADS.

From the stables where the fire started the flames spread rapidly, burning B. N. Field's residence, office and store house; J. A. Pridgen's residence, two stores and warehouse; stores occupied by M. Marks and Pridgen & Cox; stables of S. H. Loftin; the Opera House under which were Phillip's billiard room, Harrison's bar, the *Free Press* office, and Dr. Harper's dental office; Oettinger Bros. store and warehouse;

Loftin's block occupied by S. H. Loftin as residence and store, the bank and J. T. Skinner; Einstein Bros. double store and warehouse, Hotel Tull under which was A. S. Padrick's book store; Dr. Tull's residence and office; J. W. Collin's house occupied by S. Einstein; barber shop, barroom of L. J. Whaley; J. W. Collin's hardware store; J. T. Ball's store and residence; S. H. Abbott's three story brick building occupied by Abbott & Sumrell; store house of Alex Fields; building of S. H. Loftin occupied by J. B. Perry under which were offices of S. H. Rountree, Jr., and J. F. Taylor; two-story brick building occupied by H. C. Brewer as bar, C. W. Crabtree as tin shop and Dawson Bros; two frame buildings occupied by W. B. Bond as butcher shop and J. C. Wagner beer bottling works; the large hardware store of B. W. Canady and three wood buildings in rear; livery stables of W. D. LaRoque; residences of S. M. Harrell, Miss Mary McCoy, A. J. Loftin, Dr. W. A. J. Pollock, A. Harvey and J. D. Sutton.

## TWC BLOCKS SWEEP CLEAN.

Every house on the squares on which stood Hotel Tull and Oettinger Bros., store is burned.

One two story house and two smaller ones occupied by negroes were burned in another part of the town.

Many other buildings caught fire but were extinguished. The fire was got under control about 7 o'clock.

The loss is estimated between \$250,000 and \$400,000. The amount of insurance is not yet known but is small in comparison with the loss.

## LATER NOTES.

W. S. Herbert lost almost the entire outfit of the *Free Press* office and had no insurance at all upon it. His residence also came near being burned.

H. H. Wilson, postal clerk, lost all his household effects. While

endeavoring to save some articles Mrs. Wilson narrowly escaped losing her life. Parties rushed in and rescued her from the burning building.

The Baptist parsonage building, occupied by M. H. Quinerly, whose wife Mrs. Alfred Forbes and Miss Florence Williams, of Greenville, were visiting, narrowly escaped. All the furniture was moved out.

Many other buildings were in such danger that the contents were moved out. The streets are scattered full of furniture and merchandise and some of the people have nowhere to place the few effects they succeeded in saving from the fire.

A message for assistance was sent to Newbern and the fire company with their engine arrived by special train at 7.15, but the fire was under control.

## At Bethel.

The editor spent a very pleasant day at Bethel Thursday and put in some good work for the REFLECTOR. The merchants were having a quiet day, owing to the people in the country taking advantage of the pretty weather for farm work, and they had plenty of time to talk to us. They all expressed hope of a good trade this spring. A number of the young men were amusing themselves in swinging a thirty pound maul. Mr. J. R. Bunting was the champion and could throw it farther than any one else. Besides our chats with the merchants we spent very pleasant brief intervals with Rev. W. A. Forbes, the family of Dr. R. J. Grimes, Col. N. M. Hammond at the depot, Postmaster S. A. Gainer and Mayor D. C. Moore, Prof. McWhorter reports a splendid school. Bethel is a good town and we appreciate the way they like the REFLECTOR.

This month has five Fridays, five Saturdays and five Sundays.