CITY AFFAIRS.

MEETINGS THIS DAY.

Homestead Building and Loan Association, at 8 o'clock.
Hook and Ladder, No. 1, at 8 P. M.
Vigilant Fire Company, at 8 P. M.
Hibernian Society, at 8 P. M.
Medical Society, at 8 P. M.
Sumter Social Club, at 8 P. M.
Carolina Light Infantry, at 8 P. M.
National Zouaves, at half-past 7 P. M.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

John G. Milnor & Co. will sell at 10 o'clock, at their store, No. 135 Meeting street, hats, &c.

Leitch & Bruns will sell at 11 o'clock, near the Postoffice, real estate.

William McKay will sell at 9 o'clock, at his store, horses, boots, shoes, &c.

Riecke & Peterman will sell at half-past 9 o'clock, at their store, shoulders, hams, &c.

Steffens, Werner & Ducker will sell at 9 o'clock, at their stores, butter, bacon, &c.

THERMOMETRICAL.

The following was the range of the thermometer yesterday, 31st instant, at the drug store of Mr. Joseph Blackman, on the south side of Broad street: 8 A. M., 64; 10 A. M., 68; 12 M., 73; 2 P. M., 73; 4 P. M., 71; 6 P. M., 68; 8 P. M., 66.

"ACROSS THE CONTINENT."

The rollicking, sensational, dramatic, spectacular and original entertainment, "Across the Continent," commences this evening at the Academy of Music. Those who have seen Mr. Oliver Doud Byron in this novel performance, and the press of the Northern cities from which he comes, unite in saying that this is one of the most remarkable and sensational entertainments of the day, and those who attend are promised a rare fund of amusement.

THE ICE QUESTION.

It was erroneously stated in the Courier a few days ago that Messrs. Alva Gage & Co. had purchased the Meeting street Ice House. Messrs Gage & Co. have not purchased the building, but they have leased it for a term of five years, and will open a branch of their establishment therein in a short time. It might be inferred from this fact that these gentlemen contemplate monopolizing the ice business with a view to an increase in the price of that commodity. They, however, assure THE NEWS that such is not their intention, but on the contrary that the price of ice will certainly not be higher than formerly, while it may be lower. They will shortly open six branch houses, beside their present stand and the Meeting street establishment, in various parts of the city, at four of which ice will be retailed at the same price as that at which it will be sold at their two principal depots.

A CURIOUS DOCUMENT.

Ships in the Last Century—The Improvements of the Age.

Apropos of shipbuilding in Charleston, the Savannah Advertiser says: "One of the oldest documents in the way of marine papers that is to be found in this part of the country, probably is the manifest at the Customhouse of the ship Julius Pringle, of one hundred and seventy-one tons, built in Charleston in 1796, and making a trip from London to this port in 1799. She carried two guns and was manned by ten men. Her cargo was assorted, and as an evidence of the style of entering the list of articles the statement is so many boxes, barrels, packages, &c. The manifest is made upon the old-fashioned parchment written with a quill pen. The ink and paper plainly bear the stamp of age. Among the consignees are Mr. Isaac Minis and Messrs. Norman and Roderic McLeod. The vessel, which was owned by Mr. Harry Grant, of Charleston, is entered on the manifest as a ship, and as it was only one hundred and seventy-one tons was smaller than the schooners that now do the trade along the Atlantic coast. This of itself is a striking evidence of the rapid improvements that have been made in commerce. The manifest, though made in the last century, is in form very similar to the manifest made at the present day."

THE SCHUTZENFEST.

The Schutzenplatz presents a busy scene just now in the general overhauling and preparations going on for the coming festival. The new dancing hall, which has previously been fully described in THE NEWS, is rapidly approaching completion. The old "greasy pole" having become imperfect by age has been uprooted and another erected in its place. The shooting-stand has been enlarged and otherwise improved with a view to rendering it more comfortable for the riflemen. The main building and the other structures upon the grounds are undergoing renovation and general improvement. The walks, fences, &c., are also receiving a careful overhauling. On next Thursday afternoon the refreshment booths will be sold at a public auction to be held at the Platz. At a meeting of the directors of the festival held last evening at Lindstedt's Hall, corner of King and Calhoun streets, it was decided to abolish the feature of rope-walking, which was presented in the previous festivals, and to vary the programme by importing instead a "Punch and Judy" box, which it is calculated will constitute an unending source of pleasure to visitors, both young and old. On Monday evening next the last meeting of the German Rifle Club that will take place before the festival will be held at Lindstedt's Hall, when all the business preliminaries to the Schutzenfest will be settled.

LOCAL LACONICS.

—A regular meeting of Council will be held this afternoon at five o'clock.

—The Washington Rifle Club had another meeting and drill and elected some more new members last evening.

—The attention of holders of city stock is invited to the notice of City Treasurer Coogan in to-day's NEWS.

—The coupons of the eight per cent. bonds of the Savannah and Charleston Railroad Company, due to-day, will be paid on presentation at the First National Bank.

—Colonel J. J. Hickman, of Louisville, Ky., will lecture before the Good Templars at Temperance Hall, opposite the Academy of Music, this evening, at eight o'clock. The public are invited. Admittance free.

—We have received from J. Woodruff, Esq., the clerk of the Senate, a pamphlet copy of the acts and joint resolutions of the General Assembly, passed at the regular session of 1872-'73. The pamphlet bears the imprint of the Republican Printing Company, and is an excellent specimen of neat and tasteful typography.

—The following appointments to lead the Union Prayer Meeting, at Zion Church, Glebe street, every afternoon of this week, at half-past four o'clock, have been made: To-day, Tuesday, Rev. L. H. Shuck; Wednesday, Rev. R. D. Smart; Thursday, Rev. J. A. Chambliss; Friday, Rev. O. F. Gregorie; Saturday, Rev. G. R. Brackett; Monday, Rev. J. T. Wightman, D. D.

THE SHAKESPEARIAN DRAMA.

Another Lecture by Professor Miles—The Character and the Play of Macbeth—A New and Original Criticism on Shakespeare's Tragic Masterpiece.

The sixth of the course of Shakespearian lectures by Professor J. W. Miles was delivered last evening at the Confederate Home, the subject being the character and the play of Macbeth. The lecturer began with an analysis of the leading element of fascination in this drama, which had been designated by Drake "the greatest effort of Shakespeare's genius and the most sublime and impressive drama the world has ever beheld." The overweening ambition of the leading actors of this drama enchain the interest of the spectators as only the contemplation of great virtues should, but it is not from any love of the wickedness, which is the resultant of the passions portrayed, but the grandeur, sublimity and power of the motives impelling the actions of the leading characters of the drama. They display, in their utmost intensity, the operation of powers and capacities which lurk, to a greater or less degree, in every human being. Whether perverted or not, the revelation of these deep and powerful influences of human nature challenge attention and awaken responsive capacities in the mind of the reader, of which he may before have been ignorant. It is the cultivation of these dormant capacities which individualizes existence. Charity, for instance, in its full sense, means more than alms giving, and so ambition has a deeper meaning than the desire to rise upon the downfall of others—it includes all that round of desire which makes one aim to be more than he is in the eyes of his acquaintance, his age, his conscience and his God. Another illustration was used by the lecturer as follows: Without irritability of fibre no stimuli could excite muscular action, and so without ambition there would be no inciting cause for deeds of extraordinary moment, be their issues good or evil. In the case of the Satan of Paradise Lost, it is not sympathy with evil that makes him a hero in our eyes, but it is the recognition that he is a being actuated by a sublime passion. Another source of weird fascination in these scenes of horror was the revelation of the unknown capacity of the human soul for deeds of evil.

A careful contrast was drawn between Macbeth and Richard III, the two great usurpers of the Shakespearian drama. Macbeth was made the sport of spirits of the infernal regions, his temptation came in superhuman shape and had a supernatural effect, while Richard was, from his first appearance, a villain with no redeeming spark save a sufficiency of animal courage to work out his villanies. Macbeth was described before his introduction to the audience as loyal and patriotic, and he had performed prodigies of valor in his conduct on the battle field against the rebellious Cawdor and the invading Norweyans. His first appearance on the stage, was when with Banquo he came suddenly upon the witches' conclave, and was excited by their prophecies to dreams of future exaltation, which his own judgment told him could only come by traitorous crime on his part. These witches were a study in themselves; they were bizarre only in externals, and, while in converse among themselves, they seemed the veriest drabs, they showed by their more elevated discourse in addressing Macbeth that they were inspired by a far subtler power than they themselves possessed. They were the types of temptation, the tools of a deeper power, and were doubtless introduced as typical of the influences of the spirit of the powers of the air upon human inclinations, although the poet had taken care to show that they were not the visions of Macbeth's imagination by the colloquy with Banquo, in which it was shown that both had seen them, and that both agreed in their remembrance of the prophecies. The witches hailed Macbeth as thane of Cawdor, and also as the future king, and knowing as he did that the thane of Cawdor lived, the first appellation appeared as wonderful and as improbable as the second. He was surprised, however, in the next breath by the messenger of the king coming to tell him of his elevation to the lordship of Cawdor; and this portion of the sybil's prophecy being thus verified he begins to conceive the possibility of the rest becoming true. It was not strange that the idea of murder almost immediately suggested itself to the bold warrior in that wild age, and the fortuitous circumstance of the king's coming to lodge at his castle quickened the thought and gave it chance for utterance in action. The letter to his wife, however, showed that while he had been pondering deeply on the supernatural revelation he had shrunk from crime, and the reading of it introduced upon the stage that terrible being, Lady Macbeth, for whom it was hard to find a parallel in the whole range of dramatic literature—a fearful, majestic sinner, a queenly fiend, almost a fitting consort for the throne of Erebus.

The remainder of the terrible drama was vividly sketched by the lecturer, showing how Macbeth was hurried on from crime to crime with a haste that formed a technical defect in the construction of the play, until the final catastrophe, (an expression warranted here since Schlegel terms the murder of Duncan "the first catastrophe,") where the grim, crime-tainted villain of the tragedy is still deemed worthy of a soldier's death upon the battle-field, and the clash of his own arms forms his fitting requiem, and where the scales of retribution are nicely adjusted to their true poise by the delivery of Scotland being awarded to the trusty sword of Macduff, who thus avenges the wicked butchery of his own wife and babes.

THE CARRIAGE TRADE.

It is a gratifying evidence of the rapidly increasing prosperity of Charleston to know that the carriage business, which flourishes only in prosperous communities, is assuming a surprising magnitude here. Large invoices of all kinds of vehicles are frequently received by dealers in this city from points as far North and West as Missouri, Michigan and Indiana. These shipments come principally over the Green Line from St. Louis to Charleston. One firm in Charleston has sold over four hundred vehicles of different kinds since 1st of July last, which is an average of a little more than fifty per month.

SECRETARY SAWYER AND THE POSTMASTERSHIP.

A Letter from Congressman Ransier.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE NEWS.

GENTLEMEN—You will confer a favor on me by publishing this note in connection with a statement made in an editorial article of THE NEWS, not long since, on the subject of the Postmastership, viz: that the obstacle to Dr. Bissemon's being commissioned proceeded from the opposition of the Hon. F. A. Sawyer, assistant secretary of the treasury, and myself.

Upon inquiry I am satisfied that Mr. Sawyer, possibly from a sense of propriety, had nothing to do with the matter beyond the mere filing with the postmaster-general, at my request, a telegram from me on the subject.

This statement is due to Mr. Sawyer, and its publication will oblige

Yours, respectfully,
A. J. RANSIER.

THE CHARLESTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Annual Examination and Exhibition.

The annual examination and public exercises of the High School of Charleston were commenced yesterday morning in the presence of a number of the parents and friends of the pupils. The programme for the day was confined to the examination and exhibition of the first department, comprising the higher classes of the school, the pupils of that department being examined by the superintendent, Mr. Virgil C. Dibble, in Latin and Greek exercises, geography, history, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and mental and natural philosophy, in all of which branches of education they acquitted themselves admirably. The examination in French was conducted by Major DuBos, the French teacher, with equal success, but the German teacher, Dr. C. S. Lanneau, being sick, the examination in the study of that language was necessarily dispensed with.

Orations were delivered by Masters Hervey M. Cleckley, Walter E. Lambert, F. M. Burdell, Wm. Cantwell, W. E. Gray, David Walker, Walter Whitehead and J. C. Corcoran. All of these were very creditable, and E. Walter Lambert deserves particular notice for his eloquent and effective recitation of Macaulay's Horatius, and Hervey M. Cleckley for the fluent and easy manner in which he delivered a French essay on art.

The examination of the second department comprising the lower classes will be conducted to-day, beginning at half-past nine o'clock A. M. The school now numbers ninety pupils, and has grown steadily during the past year. The teachers are Mr. V. C. Dibble, superintendent; Rev. W. S. Wightman, teacher of history, geography, &c.; Mr. Wm. Simons, manager of the second department and teacher of English branches; Major DuBos, teacher of French, and Dr. C. S. Lanneau, teacher of German.

RICE-PLANTING.

The Georgetown Times of the 27th ult. says: "Some of our planters have already commenced putting the seed in the ground. One of our Peedee friends informed us that up to Tuesday night he had succeeded in getting planted ninety-one acres. In ante-bellum times near[illegible] all our planters commenced planting in the latter part of March, the general opinion being that March and April rice produced a greater yield and a better quality. With the present uncertainty and unreliability of labor the planter commences when he can, not when he wishes to.

THE FLORAL FAIR.

In consequence of the backward condition of flowers and plants of all kinds, caused by the severe cold which prevailed during the greater portion of March, it has been deemed advisable to postpone the holding of the Floral Fair from the second to the last week in the present month. An advantageous and central location for the fair ground has been secured, and every preparation is making to render the exhibition a success. It has been suggested as a good plan that the meeting of the Agricultural and Mechanical Society of South Carolina, which is advertised to take place in Charleston on the first Tuesday in May, should be held a week earlier, so that the delegates from the upper portion of the State can have an opportunity of attending the fair with their families. As the combination would be highly desirable, and as it would be impracticable from the ephemeral nature of flowers to delay the holding of the fair beyond the time now appointed, it is to be hoped that the executive committee of the Agricultural and Mechanical Association will seriously consider the subject of changing the time of holding their meeting.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

"I advertised my productions and made money."—Nicholas Longworth.

A FINE assortment of Childrens' Straw Hats at Plenge's, No. 201 King street, below Market street.

ALL THE new styles of Parasols, also an excellent assortment of light colored Kid Gloves, just unpacked. A full supply of Window Shades, also Lace Curtains, at Furchgott, Benedict & Co.'s, No. 275 King street.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Exports.

BARACOA—Per schr F P Frye—46,000 feet lumber, 10 bbls tar.

NEW YORK—Per schr Mary Mankin—139,000 feet resawed lumber.

The Charleston Cotton, Rice and Naval Stores Market.

OFFICE CHARLESTON NEWS, MONDAY EVENING, March 31, 1873.

COTTON.—This market exhibited a moderate inquiry, with rather a better tone to the market and stronger prices for the better qualities. Sales about 600 bales, say 155 at 16¾, 17 at 16¾, 15 at 17, 40 at 17¼, 159 at 17¼, 8 at 18, 55 at 18¼, 7 at 18¾, 4 at 18¾, 7 at 19, 14 at 19¼c, 52 on private terms. We quote:

LIVERPOOL CLASSIFICATION.

Stains and tinged	16 @17
Inferior	12½@15
Ordinary to good ordinary	16 @17¼
Low middling	18¼@—
Middling	18¾@—
Strict middling	19¼@—

RICE—There was a moderate business in this grain at steady rates. Sales about 60 tierces clean Carolina, say 25 tierces at 6¾, 17 at 6¾, 5 at 7 1-16c, 10 on private terms. We quote common to fair at 6¼@7¼c, good 7¼@7¾c.

NAVAL STORES.—There were received about 13 bbls spirits turpentine and 300 bbls rosin. The market was quiet, and without reported transactions. Crude turpentine may be quoted at $4 for virgin, $3 for yellow dip, and $2 for hard.

FREIGHTS.—To Liverpool, by steam, direct, nominal on uplands, —c on sea islands; via New York, ¾d on uplands, 1d on sea islands; by sail, 9 16d on uplands, and ¾d on sea islands. To Havre, 1¼c on uplands. Coastwise—to New York, by steam, ¼c on uplands and ¼c on sea islands; $2 ℔ tierce on rice; 60c ℔ bbl on rosin; by sail, —c ℔ lb on cotton; —c ℔ tierce on rice; 50c ℔ bbl on rosin; $11@12 ℔ M on lumber; $12@12 50 ℔ M on timber. To Boston, by steam ¼c on uplands and $2 50 ℔ tierce on rice; by sail —c on ℔ lb uplands; rosin 70c; resawed stuff $12@12 50; timber $13@13 50; phosphate $5@5 50. To Providence, by sail $10@11 ℔ M on boards; —c ℔ lb on cotton; by steam ¼c via New York. To Philadelphia, by steam ¼c on uplands; $1 75 ℔ cask on rice; 60c ℔ bbl on rosin; $1 on spirits. Through bills of lading given to Boston, Providence and the New England cities are regularly issued on this route, and dispatch guaranteed. By sail, $8 ℔ M on boards; $12 on timber; — ℔ ton on clay; $3 50 on phosphates. To Baltimore, by steam ¼c ℔ lb; by sail $8@8 50 ℔ M on boards; — on timber; $3 50 ℔ ton at city; $4@4 50 ℔ ton up river on phosphate rock. Vessels are in demand by our merchants to take lumber freights from Georgetown, S. C., Darien and Satilla River, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., to Northern ports, and $10@12 ℔ M are the rates on timber and boards.

DOMESTIC EXCHANGE.—The banks purchase sight checks on New York at ¼ to ½ per cent. premium and sell at ½ premium.

EXCHANGE.—Sterling 60 day bills 25¼@26, nominal.

GOLD.—18@19.

Markets by Telegraph.

MONEY MARKETS.

LONDON, March 31.
Noon.—Consols 92⅛a92⅜. Bonds 91.

NEW YORK, March 31.
Noon.—Freights quiet. Stocks dull. Gold very strong 16¼. Money firm at 1-32a1-16. Exchange—long 8; short 9. Governments and States dull and steady.
Evening.—Money very stringent and borrowers on call forced to pay higher rates than for a long time past. Early in the day renewals and new loans were at one-sixteenth per diem, but later the price of money rapidly advanced, and before three one-half per cent. [illegible] per annum. All in the time three quarters per cent. was paid, and before four o'clock loans were made at one per cent., or three hundred and sixty five per cent. per annum. Banks were calling in loans to day, and one institution banking for the city called in a large amount, which was one great reason of stringency. Exchange completely demoralized by advance in gold and money stringency. Prime bankers' sold at seven and a half, but at close quotations entirely nominal. Gold very active, opening at sixteen and three quarters sold up to seventeen and one-fourth; fell to sixteen and seven-eighths; rallied and advanced to eighteen and a half; fell to seventeen and three quarters; rallied eighteen, and closed at seventeen and one half to seventeen and five eighths. Loans were 4 to 4 1-16 for carrying. Governments closed lower and feverish. Currency—Sixes 14a14¼. In State bonds, Tennessees were the feature at 80¾; Virginias 44a47 old, 50 new; old South Carolina 40, April 22¼a25.

COTTON MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, March 31.
Noon.—Cotton opened firm; uplands 9¼da 9⅜d, Orleans 9⅝d.
Later.—Cotton firm; uplands 9⅜d, Orleans 9⅝d; sales 15,000 bales; speculation and export 3000; from Savannah or Charleston, February and March, 9 7-16d.
Evening.—Cotton closed firm; sales include 10,000 bales American.

NEW YORK, March 31.
Noon.—Cotton steady; sales 3007 bales; uplands 20c, Orleans 20¼.
Evening.—Cotton quiet; sales 3231 bales; middlings 20c, Orleans 20¼c; net receipts 330 bales; gross 4733; sales for export to-day 2138; Saturday evening 292. Sales of cotton futures to-day 25,300 as follows: April, 19¾a19¾c; May, 19¾a19 15-16a 20¼c; July, 19 15-16a20¼c.

BOSTON, March 31.
Cotton strong and higher; middlings 20¼a20½c; net receipts 41 bales; gross 133; sales 500; stock 12,000.

BALTIMORE, March 31.
Cotton firmer; middlings 19¾c; net receipts 155 bales; gross 206; exports to the Continent 739; coastwise 71; sales 87; stock 9152.

NORFOLK, April 31.
Net receipts 1147 bales; exports coastwise 1622; sales 100; stock 5,00.

WILMINGTON, April 31.
Cotton firm; middlings 18c; net receipts 64 bales; sales 27; stock 5029.

SAVANNAH, April 31.
Cotton firm; middlings 18¾c; net receipts 1044 bales; exports to the Continent 3063; coastwise 941; sales 1366; stock 47,463.

AUGUSTA, March 31.
Cotton firm; middlings 18¾c; receipts 217 bales; sales 387.

MEMPHIS, March 31.
Cotton higher; low middlings 18a18¼c; receipts 2819 bales; shipments 2697; stock 43,670.

MOBILE, March 31.
Cotton firm and advanced; good ordinary 16¾a 17c; low middlings 18; middlings 19; net receipts 898 bales; gross 1018; exports coastwise 874; sales 1200; stock 38,679.

NEW ORLEANS, March 31.
Cotton firm; ordinary 13½c; good ordinary 16¾; low middlings 18¾; middlings 19¼; net receipts 3112 bales; gross 336[illegible]; exports to Great Britain 4162; to Continent 5171; coastwise 1772; sales 3000; last evening 3,000; stock 197,401.

GALVESTON, March 31.
Cotton firm; good ordinary 16¼c; net receipts 664 bales; exports coastwise 852; sales 700; stock 65,103.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, March 31.
Noon.—Breadstuffs quiet. Pork 64s.
Evening.—Short ribs 41s. Common rosin 9s. Corn 27s 6d.

NEW YORK, March 31.
Noon.—Flour quiet and steady. Wheat steady. Corn steady and quiet. Pork quiet, but very firm at $16 37½a18 50. Lard firm; steam 8 11-16a 8¾. Turpentine firm at 60. Rosin steady at $3 35a4 for strained.
Evening.—Flour steady; common to fair extra $6 10a8 25; good to choice $8 40a12 75. Whiskey a shade easier at 90¼c. Wheat large lower, with a limited milling and export demand. Corn a shade easier, with a moderate business. Groceries—nothing doing; high rate of gold checks demand. Coffee Rio, 16¾alv gold. Rice, Carolina, 7¾a8¾c. Pork stronger at $16 50a16 75. Lard firmer at 8 13-16a9¼c. Naval stores dull; gold checks demand. Tallow 8¾a9c.

LOUISVILLE, March 31.
Tobacco very firm and business small, but at full prices. Flour quiet; extra family $7. Corn active; mixed 54c, white 56c, shelled and sacked on orders. Provisions strong and excited. Pork $16. Bacon shoulders 7c, clear rib sides 9c, clear sides 9¾c. Lard—tierces 8¾a9c, kegs 9¼a10c, order lots ¼a¾c higher. Whiskey firm at 88a88c.

CINCINNATI, March 31.
Flour dull at $7 50a7 75. Corn quiet and unchanged. Provisions strong. Pork $16a16 50, held for higher figures. Lard firmer; sales of steam at 8c; kettle 8¾. Bacon very strong; sales of shoulders at 6¾c, held at 7; clear rib sides 9; clear sides 9¾.

WILMINGTON, March 31.
Spirits turpentine quiet at 55c. Rosin quiet at $3 12½ for No 1; $2 75 for low No 2. Crude turpentine steady at $2 25 for hard; $4 for yellow dip and virgin. Tar steady at $2 50.

The New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 28.
The Financial Chronicle says: The market the past week has been without any special feature of importance. Prices here now appear to be almost wholly under the influence of Liverpool, and the Liverpool market indicates a pretty close following of the receipts at our ports—increased activity when they are small, and a corresponding depression when they are large. Under these influences we have had a variable and uncertain market during the week. Saturday and Monday there was a decidedly better tone, and at the close of Monday's Exchange prices as compared with the previous Friday showed an advance of ⅛c for cotton on the spot, and 3-16c for futures. But on Tuesday there was again a panicky feeling, and the advance of the previous day was more than lost. Wednesday was active both for spot and future, and on Thursday the receipts began to indicate a very considerable falling off for the week as compared with the previous week, when, with a large export demand and increased buoyancy for April, May and June, quotations on the spot were advanced ¼c, and futures brought 3-16 to ⅜c over the closing prices of Wednesday. Most of this advance, however, was lost towards the close, especially April contracts, which sold at Wednesday's prices, after selling at 18 13-16c. To-day the market was stronger for cotton on the spot, but quotations were not advanced; the higher prices asked resulted in a limited business being done.

For future delivery the weaker tone developed last evening was entirely recovered, the close being at about the top prices of the day, and October selling after 3 change at 17¾c. The prices for futures last reported were (basis low middling) 18¾c for April, 19¾c for May, 19¾c for June, and 19 13-16c for July. The total sales of this description for the week are 157,050 bales. For immediate delivery the total sales foot up this week 12,921 bales, including 8158 for export, 3539 for consumption, 917 for speculation, and 207 in transit.

PORT CALENDAR.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 4th, 1 hours, 17 minutes, evening.
Full Moon, 12th, 4 hours, 32 minutes, evening.
Last Quarter, 20th, 12 hour, 28 minutes, morning.
New Moon, 26th, 5 hours, 23 minutes, evening.

MARCH.	MAR. & APL.	SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON R. & S.	HIGH WATER.
31	Monday	5..49	6..20	10.. 2	10.. 0
1	Tuesday	5..47	6..20	11.. 4	10..50
2	Wednesday	5..46	6..21	morn	11..41
3	Thursday	5..45	6..22	12..10	morn
4	Friday	5..44	6..23	1.. 3	12..39
5	Saturday	5..42	6..24	1..53	1..44
6	Sunday	5..41	6..24	2..38	2 39

Receipts per Railroad March 31.

SOUTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.

237 bales cotton, 93 bales goods, 199 bbls flour, 35 cars wood and lumber, 1 car stock. To Railroad Agent, J C Mallonee, E S Miles, E M Hacker, Atlantic Phosphate co, Johnston, Crews & co, W W Smith, W A Kenyon, F L Meyer, Counts & Wroton, Geo W Williams & co, L D DeSaussure, A J Salinas, Mowry & son, Murdaugh & Weekley, G H Walter & co, Pelzer, Rodgers & co, W B Williams & Son, Sloan & Stegmions, Wiss & co, E H Frost & co, Pringle & Son, W B Smith & co, O F Wieters, Crane, Boylston & co, Reeder & Davis, Goldsmith & Son, Quackenbush, Estill & co, Jas Wiley & co, C Luttenthal & co, Otis Phillips.

NORTHEASTERN RAILROAD.

85 bales upland cotton, 172 bbls rosin, 25 bbls spirits turpentine, 22 bbls crude turpentine, 58 pkgs tobacco, keg nails, iron, cars wood and lumber, mdse, &c. To Kinsman & Howell, D H Silcox, M Schwartz, D W G, G W Williams & co, Jas McCall, J R Pringle & Son, Stoney, Lowndes & co, Bardin & Parker Wm M Bird & co, S D Stoney, A Tielenthal, Whilden & Jones, E Welling, N E R R Agent, P Walsh, J F O'Neill, W E Ryan, J Meyer, S & C Railroad Agent, W P Dowling, W F Rice, Ladies' Fuel Society, S C R R Agent, Martin & Mood, J M Fleisberg, J E Adger & co, S R Marshall & co, Mantoue & co, G Folin & son, Wagener, Monsees & co, Adams, Damon & co, E M Freer, Klinck, Wickenberg & co, and others.

SAVANNAH AND CHARLESTON RAILROAD.

15 bales upland and 17 bags sea island cotton, 72 bbls rosin, 391 sacks oats, 262 cotton seed oil meal, cars wood and lumber, mdse, sundries, &c. To W G Dukes & co, W B Smith & co, H Bulwinkle & co, Crawley & Dehon, C Voigt, Witte Bros, F D C Kracke, Counts & Wroton, Jno Graver & Bros, Wagener, Monsees & co, W A Boyle, Bardin, Parker & co, Jas Cosgrove, Thos A Johnson, B O'Neill, J C H Claussen, F Reeder & Davis, C L Kornahrens, G W Williams & co, Jno Harvey, W R Cummings, Hart & co, Forwarding Agent, Order, and others.

Passengers.

Per steamship Georgia, from New York—W J Barton, Mrs Barton, A Barton, J Odell, Mrs Odell, B Odell and wife, T F Jeremiah, Mrs Jeremiah, Dr J L Rowe, Mrs Rowe, M P Clare, Chas Albrecht, Mrs Albrecht, mother and two children, Dr Worthington, Miss Maggie Worthington, Thos Melling, H Brown, Miss M Clare, Mrs Von Bonten, Col Chas Stetson, Jr, Mrs M E Loyall, F W Hetche, A Menks, S W Fairmer, W R Adams, Mr McCollough, Mrs Jno S Munn, Frank Munn, Jno S Hillis, Mrs Hillis, Miss Hillis, Master Hillis, Miss [illegible] Dumont, Ida Clarence, Eva [illegible], Anna Hough, Chas Hough, Mrs Spence, Miss Phillips, Miss J Mackin, Rev Father Kane, and 10 in steerage.

Per steamer City Point, from Palatka via Jacksonville, Fernandina and Savannah—Mr Le Boutillier, Mis Le Boutillier, E D E Belsedon, S A Kingsland, Mr Champs, Miss Post, C H Rodgers and wife, H Williams, Jas Hampton, Thos S Sixon, W M McBirnie, Mr Hillyer and wife, Mr Howard, wife and two daughter, Jno Taylor, wife and child, Miss L Seely, Miss M Seely, W Amford, Mr Passart, H C Manning and wife, Mrs O S Denney, Master C B Denney, C A Denney, Col Sword, R C Jackson, Mr Gibhart and three daughters, two Miss Perrins, Jno R Curtis and wife, Miss Canesy, and 5 on deck.

Per steamer Emilie, from Georgetown—Mrs M A Croft and children, A Morgan, N R Middleton, Rev A J Stokes, and 7 on deck.

MARINE NEWS.

CHARLESTON, S. C.....APRIL 1, 1873.

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ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

Steamship Georgia, Crowell, New York—left — inst. Mdse. To Wagner, Huger & co, W A Courtenay, S C R R Co, N E R R co, S & C R R co, so Ex co, Ravenel & co, Ravenel, Holmes & co, J Apple, J E Adger & co, Adams, Damon & co, G W Aimar, Mrs Armstrong, W M Bird & co, Bulcken & Wohltmann, B Boyd, Blum & Miller, C Bart & co, M J Booth, Mrs Booth, H Brown, S Brown, F C Borner, M Bliss, T M Bristoll & co, E Bates & co, T A Beamish, E D Benedict, H Baer, H Bulwinkle, Major Burrill, Bruning & co, Culbert, Tovey & Glen, Chapeau & Heffron, L Chapin, Jno Campsen & co, Crane, Boylston & co, Geo Condor, Cohen & Wells, Cameron, Barkley & co, J B Duval & Son, Dowle, Moise & Davis, Mrs Dunlap, L Drucker, B Doscher, L Ellas, B Feldman & co, D F Fleming & co, J S Fairly & co, D Fitz Gibbon, I L Falk & co, Furchgott, Benedict & co, O D Francke, C Graveley, J Graver & Bro, J H Graver, T M Horsey & Bro, Jno Hurkamp & co N A Hunt, M E Hass, J Heins, Hiram Harris, Hart & co, Holmes & co, R C Houghten, J H Hillen, Jager Bros, Johnston, Crews & co, A O Jones, Kinsman Bros, Kressel & Brandes, Lanrey, Alexander & co, G J Luhn, C Lilienthal & J H Lopez, N Levin, Isodore Lewis, Locke & Gronling, W J Lee, S R Marshall & co, Menke & Muller, Wm Matthiessen, W A Mehrtens, Martin & Mood, Jno G Milnor & co, Melchers & Muller, McInnis & co, M Marks McLoy & Rice, Wm McKay, A Nimitz & co, Ed Perry, C P Poppenheim, Paul, Welch & co, D Paul & co, C F Panknin, G Prince, J K Pringle & Son, P Rennesohson, Quackenbush, Estill & co, J R Read & co, Riecke & Peterman, O C Righter, E B Stoddard & co, L Schneil, Sell & Foster, G C Schmetzer, W Schroder, Jno F Taylor & co, R Thomlinson & co, M Triest, P P Toale, G J Thompson, Wagener & Monsees, O F Wieters, Wilcox, Gibbs & co, Walker, Evans & Cogswell, P Wineman & co, P Walsh, Jno Wolbern, M J Watts, Mrs Watts, R White, J Wiley & co, M J Zrnow, Erwin & Magill, and others.

Commercial Line schr Abby K Bentley, Mehaffy, New York—8 days. Mdse. To E F Sweegan agt, S C R R Agent, E T Brown, H Baer, W M Bird & co, H Bischoff & co, C Glacius, Cameron, Barkley & co, H Cobia & co, W C Dukes & co, J T Erwin, C D Francke, E M Grimke, E H Gardner, Jno Heins, Harms & co, Jeffords & co, H Klatte & co, G W King, J W Linley, Mantoue & co, A McCobb, Jr, Order, C P Poppenheim, D H Silcox, W B Smith & co, Jno F Tarlor & co, S H Wilson & Bro, P Wineman & co, J H Wuhrman & co, Wagener, Monsees & co, G W Williams & co, W L Webb, T B Trout, H & co, J B R, and others.

Schr Southerner, Leffers, from Georgetown S C, 1055 bushels rough rice. To Shackelford & Kelly.

Schr Agile, Roberts, Little River, N C—10 days. 3000 bushel corn. To R M Butler & Son.

Steamer Louisa, W F Adair, Santee. 57 bales cotton, 450 bbls naval stores, peas and mdse. To Shackelford & Kelly, Pelzer, Rodgers & co, G H Walter & co, J R Pringle & Son, T P Smith, A S Smith, Jas Wiley & co, L E Conner & son, E H Frost & co, Reeder & Davis, W G Dukes & co, Whilden & Jones, Kinsman & Howell, W C Bee & co, S D Stoney, G W Douglas, J C H Claussen, W E Huger.

Steamer Emilie, White, Georgetown, S C. 165 tcs rice, and sundries. To Shackelford & Kelly, Mordecai & co, E N Thurston, Pinckney Bros, N Emanuel, Fraser & Dill, W Shepherd & co, T M Bristoll & co, E H Frost & co, Miss C M C Arnholter, Bently Gibson, Miss Fanny Post, Miss S C Mazyck, Stoney, Lowndes & co, E Bates & co, and others.

Steamer Planter, Flinn, Peedee River via Georgetown, S C. 11 bales cotton, 27 bbls naval stores, mdse, &c. To Ravenel, Holmes & co, Witte Bros, Kinsman & Howell, Roach & Moffett, and H Isaer.

Steamer City Point, Fitzgerald, Palatka via Jacksonville, Fernandina and Savannah. 1 bales cotton, 2 horses, 100 sticks cedar, 100 pkgs mdse. To Ravenel & co, G W Williams & co, Singer Sewing Machine co.

Steamer Reliance, Hopkins, Peedee River, via Georgetown, S C. 43 bales cotton, 1 cotton gin, mdse, &c. To Shackelford & Kelly, L D Mowry & Son, T P Smith, C Graveley, and others.

Received from Chisolm's mill, 53 tierces rice. To W G Bee & co.

Received from Bennett's Mill, 20 tcs rice. To Fraser & Dill.

OFF THE BAR.

Commercial Line schr Francis Satterly, Stetson, New York, — days. Mdse. To Roach & Moffet, Railroad Agents, Order and others.

CLEARED YESTERDAY.

Schr Mary Mankin, Tyler, New York—Cohen & Wells.

Schr F P Frye, Alexander, Baracoa—J H Steinmeyer.

SAILED YESTERDAY.

Schr Mary Mankin, Tyler, New York.

FROM THIS PORT.

Schr M D Ireland, Ireland, at Jacksonville, March 28.

Schr Matilda Brooks, Jones, at Jacksonville, March 28.

UP FOR THIS PORT.

Schr Jennie M Murphy, Murphy, at Baltimore March 28.

Schr Lehman Blew, Clark, at Baltimore, March 26.

CLEARED FOR THIS PORT.

Steamship Manhattan, Woodhull, at New York, March 29.

Steamship Ashland, Hunter, at Philadelphia, March 28.

MARINE NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

LIVERPOOL, March 31.
Arrived, Woodburn, Floradear, William Leo, Lake Michigan and Truce, from New Orleans; Monarch and Importer, from Mobile; Susie and Jesner, from Galveston; Alpine and George Peabody, from Savannah.

MEMORANDA.

The schooners Carrie Bonnell, Pinkham and Old Chad were at Baracoa, about March 19, loading for Charleston.

LIST OF VESSELS

UP, CLEARED AND SAILED FOR THIS PORT.

FOREIGN.

LIVERPOOL.

The Else Eschricht, Eschricht, sld.....Mar 6
Br bark Fille de Flair, Jones, up.....Mar 12

BRISTOL, ENG.

Br bark Architect, Doddridge, sld.....Dec 18

DOMESTIC.

NEW YORK.

Steamship Manhattan, Woodhull, cle'd.....Mar 29
Schr Lily, Hughes, up.....Mar 28
Schr Benjamin Gartside, Stanford, cld.....Mar 21
Schr Emma Green, Collins, cld.....Mar 24
Schr Alice M Lewis, Lewis,