FINANCE AND COMMERCE

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS OF MONEY.

Offerings and Sales at the Richmond Tobacco Exchange—Internal Revenue Collections—Foreign Advances.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—There was a falling off in the trading at the Stock Exchange to-day. The sales aggregated 170,000 shares against 170,000 shares yesterday. Irregularity was the chief characteristic of the speculation at the opening, but subsequently the market showed a tendency to improve, the result of a sharp rise in Tobacco. This stock jumped 3½ per cent. to 72½, and the advance was credited to manipulation. Sugar was erratic and closed ¼ per cent. lower on the day. The reports of fresh competition and realizations by a small pool account for the decline. In the Railway list Northern Pacific and the Grangers were firm, while Hocking Valley and the Anthracites ruled weaker. The first mentioned were bought by foreign houses, about 3,000 shares being taken. Hocking Valley fell 1½ per cent. on the revival of the receivership reports. It was stated that the company had not provided as yet for interest due March 1st. Nothing official, however, could be obtained on this score. The losses in the Anthracite group were far less important and excited little interest. Among the Gould stocks, Missouri Pacific fell to 19⅝. Manhattan was feverish, ranging between 86@87⅝. The belief still prevails in certain circles that the directors contemplate a reduction in the dividend rate. This is being used by the bears with some effect against the stock. In the last hour speculation showed some firmness on covering of short contracts, but in the final transactions leading bear operators again sold, and the market, in consequence, left off steady to firm. There was little news to affect speculation, although believers in higher prices attempted at one time to use the reported improvements in the iron and steel trade to bid up the market for stocks. The falling off in the earnings of the St. Paul road for the second week of February had no influence, and less attention was paid to the proceedings of the Lexow Committee. The usually active stocks show but slight changes either way. Tobacco gained 2⅜ per cent., while Western Union and Missouri Pacific lost ⅝@1⅛ per cent. Bonds were firm in tone. The total sales were $1,237,000.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE: Money on call quiet at 1½@1¾ per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent., and closing offered at 1½ per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 3 per cent. Bar silver, 64⅝. Sterling exchange dull, with actual business in bankers' bills at 485@485¼ for sixty days and 487@487¼ for demand; posted rates, 485½@488; commercial bills, 483¾@484½. Government bonds steady. State bonds quiet. Railroad bonds generally firm. Silver at the board neglected.

TREASURY BALANCES: Coin, $124,-304,368; currency, $58,703,496.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Closing Stocks.
American Cotton Oil	11
American Cotton Oil pfd	53½
American Sugar	113¼
American Sugar Refineries pfd	103
American Tobacco	71½
American Tobacco pfd	106
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe	14⅛
Baltimore and Ohio	15⅞
Canada Pacific	54½
Chesapeake and Ohio	16
Chicago and Alton	162
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	74½
Chicago Gas Trust	76⅝
Delaware, Lack. and Western	152½
Erie	14½
Erie pfd	34
General Electric	34½
Illinois Central	92
Lake Erie and Western	16
Lake Erie and Western pfd	68
Lake Shore	154¼
Louisville and Nashville	49⅞
Louisville, New Albany & Chicago	¾
Manhattan Consolidated	87¾
Memphis and Charleston	15
Michigan Central	89
Missouri Pacific	20
Mobile and Ohio	21
Nash., Chattanooga and St. Louis	67½
New Jersey Central	98⅛
New York Central	92⅞
New York and New England	37
Norfolk and Western pfd	17⅞
Northern Pacific	14¼
Northern Pacific pfd	38
Northwestern	104
Northwestern pfd	152½
Pacific Mail	25
Reading	24⅞
Rock Island	66⅝
St. Paul	75⅝
St. Paul pfd	132⅞
Silver Certificates	64⅞
Tennessee Coal and Iron	26⅝
Tennessee Coal and Iron pfd	80
Texas Pacific	9¼
Union Pacific	7
Wabash	6⅛
Wabash pfd	16
Western Union	81⅝
Wheeling and Lake Erie	1⅛
Wheeling and Lake Erie pfd	9½

BONDS.

Alabama (Class A)	106
Alabama (Class B)	104
Alabama (Class C)	98
Louisiana Stamped 4's	95¾
North Carolina 4's	101
North Carolina 6's	122
Tennessee New Settlement 3's	80
Virginia 6's, pfd	5
Virginia Trust Receipts, Stamped	6¼
Virginia 2-3, 1991	62¾
United States 4's, registered	111¼
United States 4's, coupon	113
United States 2's, coupon	95½
Southern Railway 5's	89½
Southern Railway common	9
Southern Railway pfd	28

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 17.—Virginia 3's, new, 72½@73¾; do. Century, 62@62½; Northern Central, 70; Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern firsts, 100½; Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, Income A, 23; do. B, 6; Gas stock, 60½@61; Gas bonds, 5's, 109¾.

LONDON AND PARIS MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Bar silver, 29 11-16d.; consols, 112 1-16 for money and 112⅛ for the account.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—5 P. M.—Three per cent. rentes, 102 francs and 42½ centimes for the account.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 17, 1897.

Sales—700 Virginia Centuries (registered) at 62⅝.

		Bid.	Asked.
GOV. SECURITIES.			
U. S. 4's, R. and C., 1907		111½	...
STATE SECURITIES.			
North Carolina 4's		102	...
North Carolina 6's		124	...
Virginia 3's (new)		72⅝	73½
Virginia Century, 2-3		62¼	62½
CITY SECURITIES.			
Richmond City 8's		125	...
*Richmond City 6's		112	...
Richmond City 5's		110	...
Richmond City 4's		100½	100¾
RAILROAD BONDS.			
A. and C. 1st 7's, R., 1907		120	...
A. and C. guar. in. 6's		102	...
C. C. and A. 2d 7's		117	...
Petersburg, Class A., 5's		109	...
Petersburg, Class B., 6's		115	...
S. A. and M. 1919		86	...
S. Railway 1st 5's, 1994		89	90
W. N. C. 1st 6's, C., 1914		111½	...
G. and A. pref. 5's		103	...
G. and A. consols		89	...
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.		
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	92	...
Chesapeake and Ohio	100	17	...
North Carolina	100	109	...
Petersburg	100	104½	107½
R., F. and P. div. obli.	100	108	109
Rich. and Petersburg	100	114	...
S. Railway pfd 5's	100	28	...
S. Railway common	100	9	...
G. and A. pfd		24¼	...
G. and A. common		7½	...
BANK STOCKS.			
Citizens	25	...	27
City	25	27¾	28¼
First National	100	165½	...
Merchants National	100	165	...
Metropolitan	25	28	...
National Bank of Va.	100	100	102
Planters National	100	...	250
Pet. Sav. and Ins. Co.	20	29	31
Security	100	...	105
State Bank of Virginia	100	137	...
Union Bank of Richmond	50	113	114
Virginia Trust Company	100	100	...
INSURANCE COMPANIES.			
Virginia Fire and Marine	25	33½	...
Virginia State	25	...	23½
MISCELLANEOUS.			
A. T. Co. pfd	100	101	...
A. T. Co. common	50	71	72
O. D. Steamship Co.	100	...	85

*Quotations are for bonds maturing in not less than ten years.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 6 15-16c.; gross receipts, 1,637 bales; exports to Great Britain, 10,789 bales; to the continent, 100 bales; forwarded, 350 bales; sales, 902 bales, all spinners; stock, 273,702 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts, 12,140 bales; exports to Great Britain, 11,918 bales; to the continent, 100 bales; stock, 962,177 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts, 59,265 bales; exports to Great Britain, 45,220 bales; to France, 3,409 bales; to the continent, 14,563 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts, 5,781,252 bales; exports to Great Britain, 2,472,091 bales; to France, 526,738 bales; to the continent, 1,435,672 bales; to the channel, 5,481 bales.

Futures closed quiet; sales, 149,900 bales; February, 6.74; March, 6.75; April, 6.81; May, 6.87; June, 6.93; July, 6.97; August, 6.99; September, 6.74; October, 6.65; November, 6.67; December, 6.72.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 17.—Secretary Hester's mid-weekly movement at the thirteen leading interior towns in 1897 shows: Receipts, 27,364 bales; shipments, 37,953 bales; stock, 338,000 bales. In 1896—Receipts, 24,850 bales; shipments, 32,370 bales; stock, 351,283 bales. In 1895—Receipts, 25,451 bales; shipments, 30,906 bales; stock, 351,909 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.—12:30 P. M.—COTTON—Demand fair and prices firm; American middling, 3 27-32d.; sales, 10,000 bales; American, 9,500 bales; speculation and export, 500 bales; receipts, 16,000 bales; American, 13,900 bales. Futures opened quiet and demand moderate; American middling, low middling clause, March and April, 3 51-64@3 53-64d.; April and May, 3 52-64@3 54-64d.; May and June, 3 53-64@3 54-64d.; June and July, 3 53-64@3 55-64d.; July and August, 3 55-64d.; August and September, 3 52-64@3 53-64d.; September and October, 3 47-64d.; November and December, 3 43-64d.; December and January, 3 42-64d. Futures firm but quiet. Tenders at to-day's clearings, 200 bales new dockets.

12:45 P. M.—American spot grades, 1-32d. higher; American middling fair, 4 5-16d.; good middling, 4d.; middling, 3⅞d.; low middling, 3 11-16d.; good ordinary, 3 9-16d.; ordinary, 3⅜d.

4 P. M.—American middling, low middling clause, February, February and March, and March and April, 3 53-64@3 54-64d., buyers; April and May, 3 54-64@3 55-64d., buyers; May and June, 3 55-64d., sellers; June and July, 3 55-64@3 56-64d., sellers; July and August, 3 56-64d., sellers; August and September, 3 53-64@3 54-64d., buyers; September and October, 3 48-64@3 49-64d., sellers; October and November, 3 44-64d., buyers; November and December, 3 43-64d., buyers. Futures steady.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—FLOUR—Weak, unsettled, and quiet; city mills, patent, $4.80@5.05; others unchanged. Southern flour dull, weak, and unchanged.

WHEAT—Spot market quiet and firmer; f. o. b., 90⅛c.; ungraded red, 72@91c. Options were moderately active and firm at ⅛@⅜c. advance; No. 2 red, February, 81¼c.; March, 82⅜c.; April, 80⅝c.; May, 80⅝c.; June, 79⅝c.; July, 77⅜c.; September, 74⅛c.

CORN—Spot dull and firm; No. 2, 28⅝c. elevator; 29⅜c. afloat. Options dull and firm at ⅛c. advance; February, 29⅛c.; May, 29⅝c.; July, 30⅝c.

OATS—Spot dull and steady. Options dull and firmer; February, 21⅛c.; May, 21⅝c.; July, 21⅞c. Spot prices: No. 2, 21c.; No. 2 white, 23c.; mixed western, 21@23½c.

HAY—Prime steady and quiet; shipping, 55c.; good to choice, 52½@80c.

HIDES—Firm and in fair demand; wet salted, Havana, selected, 35@50 pounds, 7½c.; Texas dry, 20@25 pounds, 13c.

WOOL—Firm and unchanged.

BEEF—Quiet and steady; family, $9.00@10.50; extra mess, $7.00@8.00; beef hams firm at $18.00@18.50; tierced beef steady; extra India mess, $13.00@14.00.

CUT MEATS—Firm; pickled bellies, $4.50; shoulders, $4.75@5.00; hams, $8.25@9.00.

LARD—Quiet and firm; western steam, $4.10; city, $3.70; May, $4.20, nominal. Refined dull; continent, $4.35; South American, $4.60; compound, $4.00@4.25.

PORK—Steady and moderately active; new mess, $8.25@8.75.

BUTTER—Moderate demand and liberal supply; State dairy, 10@19c.; do. creamery, 13@15c.; Elgins, 20c.

EGGS—Moderate demand and unchanged.

COTTON-SEED OIL—Firm and in moderate demand; crude, 20@20½c.; yellow prime, 23½@24c.

ROSIN—Steady; strained, common to good, $1.70.

TURPENTINE—Dull at 28½@29c.

RICE—Firm and in fair demand.

MOLASSES—About steady; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 21@30c.

PEANUTS—Moderately active; fancy hand-picked, 3½@3¾c.

COFFEE—Dull at 5@10 points down; February, $9.00; March, $9.00; April, $9.00; May, $9.05; July, September, and December, $9.10. Spot Rio dull and weak; No. 7, $9.62½.

SUGAR—Raw firm and more active; fair refining, 2 13-16c. Refined more active and unchanged.

FREIGHTS TO LIVERPOOL—Quiet; cotton, by steamer, 17½c. per 100 pounds; grain, by steamer, 2½d.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 17.—WHEAT—The wheat market showed an inclination to do better to-day. Quite early in the session, in fact, right at the start, shorts began to cover, whilst the disposition to hammer the market was less in evidence than it has been for some time. At noon there was a slump of ½c. on a break of a cent at St. Louis, but the loss was quickly regained, and additional advances took place. May wheat opened from 74c. to 74⅛c., sold between 73¾c. and 74⅝c., closing at 74⅝c.—⅛c. higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was firm and ⅛c. higher.

CORN—Was quiet, with prices ranging a little higher than at the close yesterday. Naturally, the strength was a gift from wheat. May corn opened at 23⅜@23⅝c., advanced to 23⅝c., closing at 23⅜@23⅝c.—⅛@¼c. higher than yesterday. Cash corn was steady, without material change in price.

OATS—The drift of prices of wheat and corn being in an upward direction, oats, in the absence of anything specially bearish, showed firmness, through sympathy. May oats closed unchanged from yesterday. Cash oats were firmer and about ⅛c. higher on light receipts.

PROVISIONS—This market presented a scene of unusual activity, with a weak and depressed feeling predominating this morning. The receipts of hogs surpassed in number the most liberal estimate, in consequence of which there was a break in prices at the yards. This led to selling of product, weakness following. The strength of wheat caused a rally later in the day. May pork closed 2½@5c. lower, May lard 2½c. lower, and May ribs unchanged.

HIDES—Were firm. Prices were quoted as follows: natives, heavy, 9⅛c.; light, 8⅛c.; do. cows, heavy, 8⅛c.; light, 8⅛c.; butt brands, heavy, 8⅛c.; light, 7⅞c.; Texas, heavy, 8⅛c.; light, 8⅛c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Feb	72⅝	73¼	72⅝	73⅛
May	74⅞	75⅜	73¾	74⅝
July	70⅝	71	70	70⅝
Sept	69	69½	68¼	69⅛
CORN—				
Feb	21½	21½	21¼	21⅝
May	23¾	23⅜	23⅛	23⅜
July	24⅜	24⅞	24⅜	24⅝
Sept	26¼	26¼	26	26¼
OATS—				
Feb	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛	14⅞
May	16⅞	17	16¾	16⅞
July	17⅞	17¾	17½	17¼
PORK—				
May	$7.77½	$7.85	$7.65	$7.85
July	7.90	7.97½	7.82½	7.95
LARD—				
May	3.85	3.90	3.82½	3.90
July	3.95	4.00	3.92½	4.00
RIBS—				
May	3.95	4.05	3.92½	4.02½
July	4.05	4.12½	4.05	4.12½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour quiet; prices were unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 72⅝@73⅝c.; No. 2 red, 83¾@84⅝c.; No. 2 corn, 21⅝@22c.; No. 2 oats, 15⅛c.; mess pork, $7.75@7.80; lard, $3.75@3.80; short rib sides, $3.90@4.10; dry salted shoulders, $4.25@4.50; short clear sides, $4.12½@4.25; whisky, $1.17.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 17.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

WHEAT—Steady; spot, 88c. bid; May, 81½@81⅝c.; southern, by sample, 89@98c.; do. on grade, 83½@88⅝c.

CORN—Steady; spot and February, 25@25⅛c.; March, 25⅜@25⅝c.; April, 26⅛@26⅝c.; May, 27⅛@27⅝c.; steamer mixed, 23⅜@23⅝c.; southern white corn, 28@28⅝c.; do. yellow, 26@27c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 23@24c.; No. 2 mixed, 21@22c.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

UNION STOCK YARDS, ILL., Feb. 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 17,000 head; market weak and 10@15c. lower; common to extra steers, $3.50@5.40; stockers and feeders, $3.20@4.25; cows and bulls, $1.85@4.00; calves, $3.50@5.65; Texans, $2.25@4.35.

HOGS—Receipts, 50,000 head; market weak and 5@10c. lower; heavy packing and shipping lots, $3.25@3.45; common to choice mixed, $3.20@3.50; choice assorted, $3.45@3.52½; light, $3.25@3.52½; pigs, $3.25@3.50.

SHEEP—Receipts, 17,000 head; market steady; inferior to choice, $2.50@4.10; lambs, $3.50@5.10.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 17.—FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—May lower; July higher; May, 83⅜c.; July, 70⅝c.

CORN—Higher; receipts, 207,900 bushels; shipments, 79,117 bushels; February, 19⅝c., nominal; May, 21½@21⅝c. bid; July, 22⅝@22⅞c.

OATS—Easier; February, 16⅛c., nominal; May, 17⅜c. bid.

PORK—Standard mess, new, $8.25; old, $7.50.

LARD—Prime steam, $3.70; choice, $3.77½.

BACON—Shoulders, $4.62½; extra short clear, $4.75; clear ribs, $5.00; clear sides, $5.12½.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Shoulders, $4.25; extra short clear, $4.25; short clear ribs, $4.50; clear sides, $4.62½.

HIGH WINES—Steady at $1.18.

WOOL—Steady and unchanged; Missouri and Illinois, clear, 15@15½c.; light, fine, 12@13c.; heavy, fine, 9@10c.; slightly burry, 10½@11½c.; hard burry, 7c.; Texas, medium, 13c.; fine, medium, 11@12c.; sandy and heavy, 6@7c.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 17.—ROSIN—Firm; strained, $1.50; good strained, $1.55.

SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Nominal; nothing doing.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 17.—TURPENTINE—Dull at 26c.

ROSIN—Quotations: A, B, and C, $1.40; D, E, and F, $1.45; G, $1.50; H, $1.65; I and K, $1.80; M and N, $1.85; W. G., $1.90; W. W., $2.15.

SAVANNAH, GA., Feb. 17.—TURPENTINE—Firm; sales, 100 casks; receipts, 99 casks.

ROSIN—Firm at a decline of 5c. on I and below; sales, 5,000 barrels; receipts, 1,542 barrels. Quotations: A, B, C, D, E, and F, $1.45; G, $1.50; H, $1.60; I, $1.70; K, $1.80; M, $1.85; N, $1.90; W. G., $1.95; W. W., $2.15.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The dry goods market to-day presented no new feature. There is no material change in either tone or price.

CINCINNATI MARKET.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 17.—FLOUR—Winter patent, $4.65@4.85; do. fancy, $4.20@4.40.

WHEAT—Fair; No. 2 red, 89c.

CORN—Quiet; yellow ear, 23c.; No. 2 mixed, 23c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 18½@19c.; No. 2 white, 18c.

LARD—Kettle, $4.25; prime steam, $3.85.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Shoulders, $4.25; short rib sides, $4.25; short clear sides, $4.25; clear bellies, $4.75; boxed meats, ⅛c. more.

BACON—Loose shoulders, $4.50; loose short rib sides, $4.50; loose short clear sides, $4.62½; loose clear bellies, $5.25; boxed, ⅛c. more.

BUTTER—Elgin, 23c.; Ohio and Indiana creamery, 15@17c.

WHISKY—$1.17.

TOBACCO EXCHANGE

Richmond, Va., Feb. 17, 1897.

Sales of new dark loose tobaccos on the Richmond (Va.) breaks to-day: Shockoe warehouse sold 31,925 pounds; highest price, $10.50. Crenshaw's warehouse sold 34,825 pounds; highest price, $13.75. Total, 66,750 pounds; highest price, $13.75.

At Shockoe warehouse sales of new dark loose tobaccos to-day the crop of Mr. C. Snead, of Hanover county, brought the highest price, $10.50, and the crop of Mr. Andrew Shinault, of Caroline county, Va., brought $10, the next highest price.

At Crenshaw's warehouse sales of new dark loose tobaccos to-day, the crop of Mr. James P. Amos brought $13.75, the highest price, and the crop of Mr. M. L. Taylor, of Caroline county, Va., brought $10, the next highest price, his lugs bringing as high as $7.50.

Private sales reported to the secretary of the Richmond Tobacco Trade to-day: Wrappers, 4 hogsheads; smokers, 6 hogsheads; burleys, 1 hogshead; leaf (dark), 10 hogsheads; lugs (dark), 2 hogsheads. Total, 23 hogsheads.

The tobacco inspector reports to-day: Inspections—Dark, 22 hogsheads and 1 tierce; reinspections—Bright, 2 hogsheads.

Farmers, Old Dominion, Alleghany, Shockoe, Crenshaw's, and Seabrook's tobacco warehouses report to-day: Receipts, 32 packages; deliveries, 47 packages.

United States internal revenue collections on tobaccos for the city of Richmond, Va., to-day: Cigars and cigarettes, $3,405.25; plug tobacco, $2,884.38. Total, $6,289.63.

A very heavy break of bright loose tobaccos was sold at the Planters warehouse to-day at entirely satisfactory prices. Offerings were fine and the bidding very lively. Another big break for to-morrow. Last sale at this warehouse.

A large break of new dark loose tobaccos will be offered to-morrow (Thursday), February 18, 1897. Some fine Louisa, Caroline, and Hanover county (Va.) crops included in the break. First sale at this warehouse.

Crenshaw's warehouse will offer to-morrow a break of very fine sun-cured crops, among others the crops from the estate of our fellow-townsman, Rosewell Page, Esq.

RICHMOND PRODUCE MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 17, 1897.

WHEAT—Receipts continue light; market steady for milling wheat, other grades almost unsalable.

CORN—Receipts light; market firm.

OATS—Steady.

HAY—Receipts of choice and No. 1 timothy light and in fair demand, low grades continue largely in excess of demand, very dull, and not wanted.

FLOUR—Quiet and lower.

RYE—Dull; quotations nominal.

EGGS—Receipts light; in good demand.

BUTTER—Prime stock continues in fair demand; common and medium very dull.

POULTRY—In good, active demand; light receipts.

VIRGINIA BACON—Hams in good demand; sides and shoulders dull.

POTATOES—Receipts more liberal; market steady.

COUNTRY PRODUCE—Wholesale.

APPLES—
Fancy hand-picked $ 1.75 @$ 2.50
Good to prime 1.25 @ 1.50
Common to fair 75 @ 1.00
LEMONS—Per box 2.00 @ 2.50
ORANGES—
Messina, per box 1.50 @ 2.00
Florida, per box 3.00 @ 4.00
FEATHERS—
Live geese, per lb @ 35
Mixed, per lb 20 @ 25
BLACK-EYE PEAS—
Prime to fancy 70 @ 75
Common to good 60 @ 70
BLACK PEAS 75 @ 80
BEANS—
Choice navy @ 90
Mixed, per bushel 70 @ 80
Colored 60 @ 65
POTATOES—
No. 1, per barrel 1.25 @ 1.50
No. 2, per barrel 75 @ 1.00
Western per bushel 35 @ 40
Virginia, per bushel 30 @ 35
SEEDS—
Clover, per bushel 4.60 @ 4.75
Timothy 1.30 @ 1.45
Orchard grass 1.40 @ 1.60
Millet, German 70 @ 80
BUCKWHEAT SEED 60 @ 70
BROOM-CORN—Per lb 4 @ 5
SUMAC—Per 100 lbs 50 @ 60
ONIONS—Per barrel 2.75 @ 3.00
CABBAGE—New, per box 1.50 @ 1.75
TOMATOES—
Fancy 3.00 @ 3.50
Mixed goods 1.50 @ 2.25
LETTUCE—Per hamper 1.00 @ 1.50
BEESWAX—Per lb 22 @ 23
DRIED PEACHES—
Virginia, peeled, per lb 7 @ 8
Va. unpeeled halves 1 @ 1½
North Carolina peeled 7 @ 8
DRIED APPLES—
Per lb., sliced 2 @ 2½
Per lb., quarters 2 @
North Carolina 2½ @ 3
CHERRIES—
Pitted, new, dry order 7 @ 8
RASPBERRIES—Per lb 9 @ 10
BLACKBERRIES @ 3
WHORTLEBERRIES 4 @ 5
WOOL—
Tub-washed free of burs 17 @
Unwashed, free of burs 13 @ 14
Merino, unwashed @ 8
Burry, 3 to 5c. per lb. less.
ROOTS—
Ginseng, per lb 2.50 @ 2.75
Seneca, per lb 25 @
Virginia snake, per lb @ 15
PEANUTS—
Per lb., farmers 2 @ 3
BACON—
Hams, small, smoked, new 12 @ 12½
Hams, large, smoked, new 10 @ 11½
Sides, smoked, new @ 7
Shoulders, smoked, new @ 6½
LARD—
Common 4½ @
Pure 4½ @ 5
DRESSED HOGS—
Per lb 4½ @ 5
FLAXSEED—Per bushel 75 @
TALLOW—Per lb 2¾ @ 3
CHICKEN COOPS @ 1.00
TURKEY COOPS @ 1.25
EGG CRATES @ 50
BUTTER BUCKETS—
Per dozen @ 3.00
BUCKWHEAT—Per lb 2 @
HIDES—
Dry flint, per lb 10 @ 10½
Dry salted, per lb 8 @ 8½
Green salted, per lb 6½ @ 6¾
Green, per lb 5 @ 5½
Sheep skins 35 @ 60
Green salted calf skins 50 @ 60
Lamb, salted 20 @ 25
Pelts 10 @ 20

PEAS AND BEANS—Receipts heavy; market very dull.

ONIONS—Receipts continue light; market active.

DRIED FRUITS—Quiet; light receipts.

APPLES—In good demand; light receipts.

HIDES—Receipts light; market firm.

WHEAT—
No. 2 longberry $ 92 @$ 93
No. 2 red 92 @ 93
No. 3 red 89 @ 90
Steamer 83 @ 84
Rejected or damp 70 @ 76
CORN—
No. 2 white 29 @ 29½
No. 2 mixed 27½ @ 28
Steamer white 28 @ 28½
Steamer mixed 26½ @ 27
White corn, Va., bag lots 29 @ 30
OATS—
Winter seed 32 @ 36
No. 2 mixed 21½ @ 22
No. 3 mixed 20½ @ 20½
Rejected 19 @ 19½
RYE Nominal.
HAY—
Choice timothy 13.50 @
No. 1 timothy 12.50 @ 13.00
No. 2 timothy 10.00 @ 10.50
No. 3 timothy 7.00 @ 9.00
No. 1 clover, mixed 9.00 @ 10.00
No. 2 clover, mixed 8.00 @ 9.00
No. 1 clover 9.00 @
No. 2 clover 8.00 @
Virginia timothy, No. 1 10.50 @ 11.50
Virginia timothy, No. 2 9.00 @
Virginia, mixed 7.00 @ 9.50
Clover, Virginia 7.00 @ 9.00
SHUCKS—Baled 8.00 @
STRAW—
Compressed 7.00 @ 7.50
Loose pressed, large bales 7.50 @ 8.00
FLOUR—
Patent 5.00 @ 5.40
Straight 4.75 @ 4.90
Clear 4.50 @ 4.85
Family 4.00 @ 4.25
Extra 3.50 @ 3.75
Low grade 2.75 @ 3.25
CORN MEAL—
Country, bolted 35 @ 37½
City 40 @ 42½
MILL OFFAL—
Bulk—Shipstuff, per ton 10.50 @ 11.00
Bran 9.50 @ 10.00
POULTRY—
Hens, live, per lb 8 @ 9
Ducks, per lb @ 10
Chickens, per lb 8 @ 10
Roosters, per piece, old 15 @ 20
Turkey hens, live, per lb 9½ @ 10
Turkey gobblers, live, per lb @ 9
Geese, per piece 35 @ 40
Turkey hens, dressed, per lb 13½ @
Turkey gobblers, dressed, per lb 11 @ 12½
Ducks, dressed, per lb 13 @ 14
Geese, dressed, per lb 7 @ 8
Chickens dressed, per lb 8 @ 10
GAME—
Rabbits 8 @ 12
Squirrels 5 @ 6
Pheasants 25 @ 35
BUTTER—
Choice yellow, dairy packed 16 @
Choice store-packed 11 @ 15
Good to prime 12 @ 13
Common to fair 8 @ 11
EGGS—
Crates, near by, fresh laid 13 @ 14
Crates, fresh stock 13 @ 14
Barrels and boxes 13 @

GROCERIES.

MOLASSES—
Sugar, good 12 @ 16
New Orleans 14 @ 45
SUGAR—
Granulated 4.50 @
Others 3.75 @ 4.12½
LARD—
Common 4½ @
Pure 5 @ 5½
PORK—Sides 4¾ @
BACON—Sides 5½ @

RICHMOND CATTLE MARKET.

Prices this week ranged as follows:

BEEF CATTLE—
Very Best $ 4 @$ 4½
Extra @ 4¼
Good 3½ @ 4
Medium to fair quality 2¾ @ 3½
Common to medium 1½ @ 2½
Bulls 2 @ 2¾
SHEEP—Lbs gross 2 @ 3
HOGS—Net 4 @ 4½
MILCH COWS 20.00 @ 30.00
CALVES 3 @ 4½
LAMBS 3 @ 4

RECEIPTS—Cattle, 400; sheep and lambs, 150; hogs, 700.

SALES—Cattle, 400; sheep and lambs, 150; hogs, 700.

LUMBER.

Ordinary framing $ 6.50 @$ 8.00
Dressed flooring 9.00 @ 15.00
Weather boarding 8.00 @ 12.00
Laths 1.30 @ 12.00

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF RICHMOND, FEB. 17, 1897.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Richmond, Glover, New York, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Steamship Company.

Schooner Hattie E. Giles, Rhea, Baltimore, coal, Crump & West Coal Co.

SAILED.

Steamer Richmond, Glover, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Steamship Company.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Virginia Navigation Company.

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ARRIVED.

British steamship Richmond, Hill, Capetown.

British steamship Blue Jacket, Galveston.

German steamship Albano, New York.

Schooner W. L. Roberts, Fall River.

Pleased With the Appointment.

Everybody approached by a reporter in the Capitol and State Library buildings yesterday morning expressed pleasure at the appointment of Colonel John W. Richardson, the chief clerk in the office of the Register of the Land Office and Superintendent of Public Buildings, to be the successor of Hon. Sydney P. Epes.

Colonel Richardson will take possession of the office on March 1st. He must put up a bond of $10,000 for the faithful discharge of his duty, which it will be easy for him to do.

There will be two vacancies on March 1st in the office. One will be occasioned by Colonel Richardson's appointment and will be that of chief clerk. The other vacancy will be made by the resignation of Mr. Richard Epes, father of Hon. Sydney Epes. Mr. Epes retires of his own free will. He was loath about accepting a clerkship when his son was chosen to the office. Mr. Epes was for twenty-eight years clerk of the County Court of Nottoway county, and has filled his duties in a most acceptable manner. He will return to Nottoway after the 1st of March.

Need Larger Schools.

The public schools of Richmond are so crowded that there is no room for the admission of new scholars. Superintendent Fox stated yesterday that about one hundred who applied a few days ago could not get in.

In the lower primary grades, many could not be accommodated. The first and second primary grades are crowded, and the fifth and sixth grammar grades are taking care of all the pupils possible.

In the High School about thirty scholars occupy a room, and as many as sixty have seats in primary rooms.

Last Friday there were 10,179 scholars attending school in Richmond, 6,188 of whom were white.

In the West End there are many scholars and until the new Randolph school was opened last September the district was much crowded.

At Mr. Pace's Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newell Groner, who returned from Washington Tuesday night and registered at the Jefferson, left the hotel yesterday morning by invitation of Mrs. Groner's father, Mr. J. B. Pace, and went to Mr. Pace's residence on west Franklin street, where they will remain for the present. Their plans for the future have not yet been determined.

VIRGINIA TELEPHONES.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR COBWEBBING THE STATE.

Work to Be Begun Very Shortly to Bring Lynchburg and Norfolk Within "Hello" Distance.

Those interested in the work of securing telephonic service throughout Virginia, who have been in session for three days past in the offices of the Richmond Telephone Company, concluded their arrangements yesterday and adjourned. Those represented at the meeting were as follows:

J. E. Keelyn, president Western Telephone Construction Company, Chicago, Ill.; Columbia Telephone Company, Washington, D. C.; Maryland Telephone Company, Baltimore, Md.; Pennsylvania Telephone and Telegraph Company, Philadelphia, Pa.; Anthracite Telephone and Telegraph Company of New York and Pennsylvania; Pittsburg & Philadelphia Telephone Company of Pennsylvania; Carolina Mutual Telephone and Telegraph Company, Charleston, S. C.; Chicago, Cincinnati & Richmond Telephone and Telegraph Company, Chicago, Ill.; Kanawah Telephone Company, Charleston, W. Va.; Southern States Telephone Company, Norfolk, Va.; Lynchburg Telephone Company, Lynchburg, Va.; Mutual Telephone Company, Petersburg, Va.; Richmond Telephone Company, Richmond, Va.; Tidewater Telephone Company, King William, King and Queen, Essex, and New Kent counties; L. E. Catlett, representing lines which embrace fifty-three points in Gloucester, Middlesex and Matthews counties; W. Newton Smith, of Tarboro, N. C., and Messrs. W. B. McIlwaine and Gilliam, of Petersburg, and E. Wilkinson, of West Point; Suffolk Telephone Company, Suffolk, Va., and W. P. Roberts, Lynchburg, Va.

GREAT INTEREST.

An enthusiastic interest was shown in the development of long-distance lines through Virginia capital. It was shown that the cost of the lines would not be very great and that they would pay a good interest at low charges for service.

It was determined that lines be immediately built to connect Richmond, Petersburg, Norfolk, Lynchburg, and other cities. It is expected that Staunton, Roanoke, and Alexandria, as well as Washington, D. C., and North and South Carolina, will be connected by these long distance lines before the year is ended.

If these arrangements are carried out, independent telephone lines will be built and in operation before the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (long-distance Bell) lines are started in Virginia.

An organization was effected for the purpose of thoroughly exploiting this work in Virginia, and from all appearances the State will be cobwebbed with these local long-distance telephone and telegraph lines.

CONNECT FARM-HOUSES.

It is promised that these lines will be so arranged that even the farm-houses along the public roads will be connected with auxiliary lines.

It was agreed by all present that the Long-Distance American Telephone and Telegraph Company is fighting to help the Southern Bell Company, and it was claimed that it was practically owned by the Bell Company, of Boston.

It was claimed that the Bell Company was trying to monopolize the business and kill off the new companies.

Those present at the meeting pledged themselves to organize and inaugurate a fight for the people of the Southern States against the Bell Company's encroachments.

It was stated that the latter was spending large amounts of money to lobby through franchises in Southern towns and cities.

WILL CUT RATES.

The independent telephone companies promised to connect more towns together in Virginia during this year than the Bell Company has in twenty years, and acted as if they meant what they said. They propose to cut telephone rates in two and expect for this reason that the public will support the movement.

Mr. J. E. Keelyn, president of the Western Telephone Construction Company, and representatives of a strong syndicate were present and assured independent connections of Richmond, Norfolk, Lynchburg, and the Southern States with Baltimore and Washington, New York, Philadelphia, and even Chicago and Northwestern points within a year without relying upon the Bell companies in any place. He declares that the prospects are that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will be glad to even get a connection with these independent companies before the year is out.

Civil Service Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission has ordered that an examination be held by its local board in this city on Saturday, April 3, 1897, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M., for several grades in the customs service. Only citizens of the United States can be examined. The age limitations for this examination are as follows: Not under twenty years.

No application will be accepted for this examination unless filed with the undersigned, on the proper blank, before the hour of closing business on March 15, 1897. Applications should be filed promptly in order that time may remain for correction, if necessary.

The commission takes this opportunity of stating that the examinations are open to all reputable citizens of the United States who may desire to enter the service, without regard to race or to their political or religious affiliations. All such citizens are invited to apply. They shall be examined, graded, and certified with entire impartiality, and wholly without regard to any consideration save their efficiency, as shown by the grades they obtain in the examination.

For aplication blanks, full instructions, and information relative to the duties and salaries of the different positions, apply to W. S. Archer, Secretary Board of Examiners, Customs Service, Richmond, Va.

Mr. Campbell Recovering.

Mr. C. H. Campbell, who conducts a grocery store at Nineteenth and Grace streets, is lying at his residence painfully injured from an accident that befell him while out driving with a friend. His horse took fright at some passing object and ran away. Both occupants of the vehicle were thrown out, but only Mr. Campbell was hurt.

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Prevention
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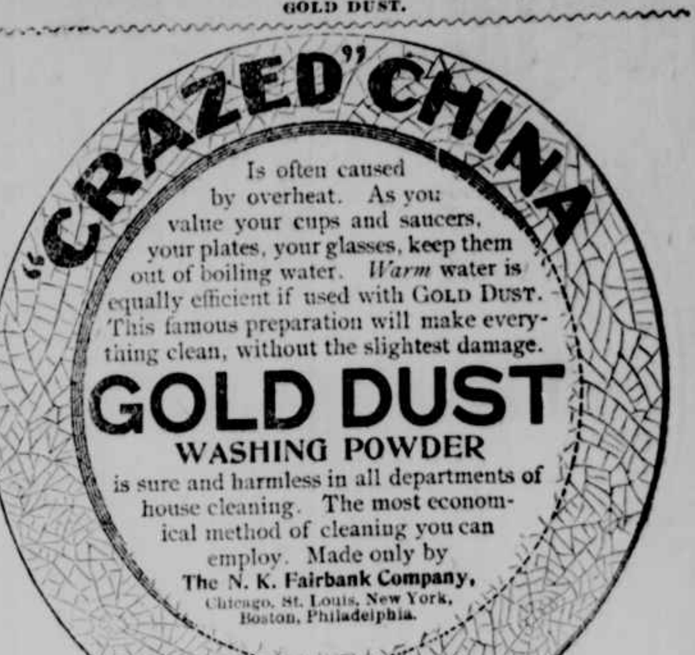

UNITED STATES BRANCH OF THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896, OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY, OF TORONTO, DOMINION OF CANADA, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, IN PURSUANCE OF THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

President—Hon. George A. Cox.
Vice-President—J. J. Kenny.
Secretary—C. C. Foster.
Principal office, 22 Wellington street, East Toronto.
Organized or incorporated, August, 1851, commenced business ...

II. ASSETS.

Loans on mortgage (duly recorded and being the first liens on the fee simple) upon which not more than one year's interest is due ... $ 20,000 00

ACCOUNT OF BONDS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND OF THIS STATE AND OF OTHER STATES, AND ALSO OF BONDS OF INCORPORATED CITIES IN THIS STATE, AND OF ALL OTHER BONDS AND STOCKS, OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.

	Par Value.	Market Value.	
United States 4 per cent. registered bonds.	$241,000 00	$267,510 00	
City of Columbus (O.) bonds, 4 1-2 per cent.	50,000 00	53,750 00	
City of Toledo (O.) bonds, 4 per cent.	50,000 00	52,750 00	
Georgia State bonds, 4 1-2 per cent.	25,000 00	26,250 00	
City of Richmond (Va.) bonds, 4 per cent.	42,000 00	41,160 00	
Dominion of Canada stock, 4 per cent.	65,350 00	68,050 00	
Colorado Springs (Col.) Water Works bonds, 5 per cent.	25,000 00	26,250 00	
Rochester (N. Y.) Railway Company bonds, 5 per cent.	20,000 00	21,650 00	
Chicago sanitary district bonds, 4 1-2 per cent.	50,000 00	52,375 00	
City of Portland (Ore.) bonds, 5 per cent.	20,000 00	22,400 00	
City of Portland (Ore.) bonds, 5 per cent.	30,000 00	34,800 00	
Chicago Electric Transit Company bonds, 6 per cent.	25,000 00	27,937 50	
Canadian Bank of Commerce stock	40,000 00	50,800 00	
Imperial Loan and Investment Company stock	25,000 00	25,000 00	
Dominion Savings and Investment Company stock	15,000 00	11,250 00	
Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Company stock	2,500 00	4,375 00	
Freehold Loan and Savings Company stock	9,500 00	9,500 00	
Toronto Loan and Savings Company stock	22,500 00	25,000 00	
Central Canada Loan and Savings Company stock	20,000 00	24,000 00	
Toronto Loan and Savings Company debentures	25,000 00	25,000 00	
Central Canada Loan and Savings Company debentures	25,000 00	25,000 00	
Central Canada Lean and Savings Company debentures	20,000 00	20,000 00	
City of London (Ont.) debentures	40,000 00	41,168 00	
City of Kingston (Ont.) debentures	46,000 00	46,413 00	
City of Toronto (Ont.) debentures	60,000 00	61,116 00	
City of Kingston (One.) debentures	21,300 00	24,074 43	
City of Winnipeg (Man.) debentures	24,000 00	26,025 80	
Total par and market value (carried out at market value)	$1,040,150 00	$1,113,804 73	$1,113,804 73
Cash in the company's principal office			28 40
Cash belonging to the company deposited in bank			178,271 37
Gross premiums and assessments (as written in the policies) in course of collection, not more than three months due			294,233 71
Bills receivable, not matured, taken for fire, marine and inland risks.			30,281 14
Aggregate amount of all the assets of the company, stated at their actual value			$1,636,689 35

III. LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for adjusted and unpaid losses due and to become due; gross losses in process of adjustment, or in suspense, including all reported and supposed losses	$ 140,017 61	
Losses resisted, including interest, costs, and other expenses thereon	17,568 30	
Total gross amount of claims for losses	$ 157,585 91	
Net amount of unpaid losses		$ 157,585 91
Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired fire risks, running one year or less from date of policy, including interest premiums on perpetual fire risks, $1,039,-365 40; unearned premiums (50 per cent.)	$ 519,682 70	
Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired fire risks, running more than one year from date of policy, $632,564 94; unearned premiums (pro rata)	338,283 86	
Gross premiums (including both cash and bills) received and receivable upon all unexpired inland navigation risks, $46,-975 60; unearned premiums (50 per cent.)	23,487 80	
Time Hull, $19,349 10; unearned premiums (50 per cent.)	9,674 55	
Gross premiums (cash and bills) received and receivable on all unexpired marine risks; cargo, 100 per cent.	1,765 20	
Total unearned premiums as computed above		892,904 11
All other demands against the company, absolute and contingent, due and to become due, admitted and contested—viz.: Commissions, brokerage and other charges due and to become due to agents and brokers, on premiums paid and in course of collection		38,378 25
Total amount of all liabilities, except capital stock, and net surplus		1,088,868 27

IV. INCOME DURING THE YEAR.

	Fire.	Marine and Inland.	
Gross premiums and bills in course of collection at close of last previous year	$266,092 80	$42,624 95	
Net collected	$266,092 80	$42,624 95	
Gross premiums on risks written and renewed during the year	$1,850,022 71	$321,377 82	
Total	$2,116,115 51	$364,002 77	
Deduct gross premiums and bills in course of collection at this date	275,835 40	48,679 45	
Entire premiums collected during the year	$1,840,280 11	$315,323 32	
Deduct reinsurance, rebate, abatement, and return premiums	378,672 03	52,528 56	
Net cash actually received for premiums	$1,461,608 08	$262,794 76	$1,724,402 79
Received for interest and dividends on stocks and bonds, collateral loans, and from all other sources			54,163 75
Aggregate amount of income actually received during the year in cash			$1,778,566 54

V. EXPENDITURES DURING THE YEAR.

	Fire.	Marine and Inland.	
Gross amount actually paid for losses (including $162,760.42 losses occurring in previous years)	$905,950 33	$371,813 21	
Deduct all amounts actually received for salvage (whether on losses of the last or of previous years), and all amounts actually received for reinsurance in other companies	56,101 78	103,201 21	
Net amount paid during the year for losses	$849,848 55	$268,512 00	$1,118,360 55
Paid for commission or brokerage			352,704 86
Paid for salaries, fees and all other charges of officers, clerks, agents, and all other employes			28,000 00
Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States			42,409 31
All other payments and expenditures			151,060 36
Aggregate amount of actual expenditures during the year, in cash			$1,702,125 08

BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA DURING THE YEAR.

	Fire Risks.	Marine and Inland Risks.	Aggregate.
Risks written	$1,420,258 80	$73,980 00	$1,494,238 80
Premiums received (gross)	25,043 72	527 25	25,570 97
Losses paid	14,333 50	......	14,333 50
Losses incurred	18,828 81	......	18,828 81

(Signed) J. J. KENNY, Vice-President.
(Signed) C. C. FOSTER, Secretary.

Dominion of Canada, Province of Ontario, county of York—ss.:

(Seal.) Sworn to January 27, 1897, before A. R. CRELMAN, Notary Public.

JULIUS STRAUS & SON, Agents,

922 E. Main Street, Richmond, Va.