FINANCE AND COMMERCE

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS OF MONEY.

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

NEW YORK, April 2.—Stocks in the main were firmer to-day at midrvals. The market was inclined to heaviness on sales by the chronic bears, but at the end of the session the usually active issues showed gains of ⅛@1¾ per cent. on the day. Delaware and Hudson, Jersey Central and Leather preferred were exceptions, and closed with losses ranging from ⅛ to ¾ per cent. The improvement in the market was due more to a desire on the part of recent sellers to accept profits than to any material change in the situation. Reports of the arrival of prominent American bankers and railway men in London, including J. P. Morgan and President Hill, of the Great Northern, appeared to disconcert the bear leaders, especially as there were rumors of important deals pending. It was said that Mr. Morgan would take up the New York Central refunding scheme at once, and that the meeting of the representatives of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, and Deutsch Bank interests were for the purpose of bringing about a close working arrangement between the roads traversing the Pacific Northwest. The Anthracite coalers were depressed by statements that the Jersey Central will not pass its dividend. A meeting of the directors is looked for early next week, when the matter will be decided. Western Union was also influenced by dividend rumors. The stock early in the day broke to 80, but later recovered the greater part of the loss. Director Sage was quoted as saying that unless business improves considerably he will certainly favor a reduction in the dividend rate to a 4 per cent. basis. The Grangers, Northern Pacific preferred, the Vanderbilts and American Spirits preferred showed the greatest recuperative ability. Northern Pacific preferred rose 2 to 37, and American Spirits preferred 3¼ to 33. Near the close Delaware and Hudson, Jersey Central and Sugar were pressed for sale, and receded 1½@2 per cent. While this had an unsettling influence, the market left off firm. Total sales were 189,355 shares, including 19,200 Western Union, 18,800 Jersey Central, 11,100 Burlington and Quincy, and 14,700 Sugar. The tone of the bond market was higher. The sales footed up $1,342,000.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE: Money on call easy at 1@1½ per cent., last loan at ½ and closing at ¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3@4½ per cent. Bar silver, 62. Sterling exchange dull and easy, with actual business in bankers' bill at 485¾@486 for sixty days and 487@487¼ for demand. Posted rate, 486@488; commercial bills, 484¾@485¼. Government bonds firm; State bonds quiet; railroad bonds higher. Silver at the board was steady.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Closing Stocks.
American Cotton Oil	19¾
American Cotton Oil pfd	75½
American Sugar	110¾
American Sugar Refineries pfd	101½
American Tobacco	74¾
American Tobacco preferred	106
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe	10½
Baltimore and Ohio	18¾
Canada Pacific	47½
Chesapeake and Ohio	17¾
Chicago and Alton	162
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	72⅝
Chicago Gas Trust	78¾
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	158
Erie	13⅝
Erie pfd	29¾
General Electric	37⅝
Illinois Central	92
Lake Erie and Western	18⅝
Lake Erie and Western pfd	67½
Lake Shore	165
Louisville and Nashville	40½
Louisville, New Albany & Chicago	9¾
Manhattan Consolidated	84
Memphis and Charleston	15
Michigan Central	95
Missouri Pacific	15¾
Mobile and Ohio	13
Nash., Chattanooga and St. Louis	67½
New Jersey Central	79
New York Central	97½
New York and New England	37
Norfolk and Western pfd	20¾
Northern Pacific	17⅝
Northern Pacific pfd	36⅝
Northwestern	105
Northwestern pfd	154
Pacific Mail	27⅞
Reading	20¾
Rock Island	62¾
St. Paul	79⅝
St. Paul pfd	132½
Silver Certificates	62
Tennessee Coal and Iron	25⅝
Tennessee Coal and Iron pfd	80
Texas Pacific	8⅛
Union Pacific	5¾
Wabash	5
Wabash pfd	13
Western Union	80⅝
Wheeling and Lake Erie	3½
Wheeling and Lake Erie pfd	5
BONDS.	
Alabama (Class A)	105½
Alabama (Class B)	104
Alabama (Class C)	100
Louisiana Stamped 4's	94½
North Carolina 4's	102
North Carolina 6's	123½
Tennessee New Settlement 3's	76½
Virginia 6's, pfd	5
Virginia Trust Receipts, Stamped	5
Virginia Century	63
United States 4's, registered	111
United States 4's, coupon	112⅝
United States 2's, coupon	96½
United States New 4's, registered	123⅝
United States New 4's, coupon	125½
Southern Railway 5's	89
Southern Railway com	8½
Southern Railway pfd	26¾
South Carolina 4½'s	105

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., April 2, 1897.

Sales—1,000 shares Georgia Southern and Florida at 9½; 4,000 shares at 9¾; 10 shares Atlanta and Charlotte at 92½.

GOV. SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4's, R. and C., 1907	112	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
North Carolina 4's, C., 1910	104	...
North Carolina 6's, C., 1919	126	...
Va. 3's, new, C. and R., 1932	73¼	...
Va. Century, 2-3, C. and R.	63¾	64
CITY SECURITIES.		
Richm'd City 8's, R., 1904-1910	127	...
Richm'd City 6's, R., 1904-1910	*112	...
Richm'd City 5's, R., 1920-1922	111	...
Richm'd City 4's, R., 1920-1929	101	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. and C. 1st 7's, R., 1907	120	...
A. and C. guar. in 6's, R., 1900	100	...
C., C. and A. 2d 7's, C., 1910	114	...
Ga. So. and Fla. 5's, 1927	94	94½
Pet., Class A., 5's, 1926	109	...
Pet., Class B., 6's, 1926	112	...
S., A. and M., 1919	86	...
Southern Railway 1st 5's, 1994	88	...
W. N. C. 1st 6's, C., 1914	114	...
Georgia and Alabama pref. 5's	101	...
Georgia and Alabama consols	78¾	79½
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	92¼ 92½
North Carolina	100	115 ...
Petersburg	100	100 103
R., F. and P. div. obli	100	... 108
Richm'd and Petersburg	100	105 110
Southern Railway pfd	100	26 27
Southern Railway com	100	8 8½
Georgia and Alabama pfd	...	22 23½
Georgia and Alabama com	...	6¾ 7½
BANK STOCKS.		
Citizens	25	26 29½
City	25	... 28½
First National	100	165 167
Merchants National	100	134 ...
Metropolitan	25	26 ...
National Bank of Va.	100	101 102
Planters National	100	... 245
Pet. Sav. and Ins. Co.	20	20½ 22
Security	100	100 105
State Bank of Virginia	100	137 ...
Union Bank of Richm'd	50	111 116
Va. Trust Company	100	110¾ 111
MISCELLANEOUS.		
A. T. Co pfd	100	105 107½
A. T. Co. com	50	73⅝ 74½
W. E. L. and Imp. Co	25	17 24

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

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., April 2, 1897.

	Quotations.
WHEAT—	
Longberry	83 @88
Mixed	82 @88
Shortberry	81 @88
No. 2 red	87 @88
CORN—	
White, Virginia	31 @
No. 2 white	31 @
No. 2 mixed	29 @29½
OATS—	
No. 2 mixed	21½@22
No. 3 mixed	20½@21
RYE	37 @40

THE COTTON MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, April 2.—12:30 P. M.—COTTON—Demaid fair; prices steady; American middling, 4. Sales, 10,000 bales; American, 9,400 bales. Speculation and export, 500 bales. Receipts, 3,000 bales; American none. Futures opened quiet; demand poor. April, May, June, July and August, 3 59-64; August and September, 3 57-64; September and October, 3 51-64. Futures quiet at the decline; tenders at to-day's clearings 900 bales new dockets.

4 P. M.—COTTON—April, 3 59-64; April and May, 3 58-64; May and June, 3 58-64@3 59-64 bid; June and July, 3 58-64@3 59-64 bid; July and August, 3 58-64@3 59-64 bid; August and September, 3 56-64@3 57-64 bid; September and October, 3 50-64@3 51-64 bid; October and November, 3 46-64 bid; November and December, 3 44-64 bid; December and January, 3 44-64; January and February, 3 44-64. Futures closed quiet but steady.

Weekly cotton statistics: Total sales for the week, 55,000 bales; American, 52,000 bales. Trade takings, including forwarded from ship's side, 66,000 bales; actual export, 8,000 bales. Total import, 44,000 bales; American, 30,000 bales. Total stock, 1,281,000 bales; American, 1,147,000. Total afloat, 101,000 bales; American, 90,000 bales. Speculators took 600 bales; exporters took 1,200 bales.

NEW YORK, April 2.—COTTON—Quiet and steady; middling, 7 5-16; net receipts, 184 bales; gross, 3,425 bales; exports to Great Britain, 508 bales; forwarded, 1,290 bales; sales, 277 bales; stock, 239,973.

Weekly: Net receipts, 1,067 bales; gross, 16,737 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,235 bales; France, 900 bales; Continent, 7,132 bales; forwarded, 4,106 bales; sales, 6,930 bales; spinners, 2,224 bales.

Total to-day: Net receipts, 8,917 bales; exports to Great Britain, 11,855 bales; Continent, 3,743 bales; stock, 695,719 bales.

Total so far this week: Net receipts, 54,891 bales; exports to Great Britain, 42,869 bales; France, 9,445 bales; Continent, 29,223 bales.

Total since September 1st: Net receipts, 6,249,135 bales; exports to Great Britain, 2,738,444 bales; France, 614,733 bales; Continent, 7,710,272 bales; Channel, 5,481 bales.

The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1, 1896: Galveston, 1,304,110 bales; New Orleans, 1,938,800; Mobile, 286,916; Savannah, 703,400; Charleston, 383,386; Wilmington, 233,483; Norfolk, 673,477; Baltimore, 54,934; New York, 105,705; Boston, 146,265; Newport News, 9,381; Philadelphia, 36,168; West Point, 59; Brunswick, 195,634; Port Royal, 65,872; Pensacola, 60,497; Texas City, 51,137. Total, 6,249,135 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, April 2.—COTTON—Futures closed steady; sales, 26,000 bales; April, 6.95; May, 6.94; June, 6.94; July, 6.96; August, 6.85; September, 6.61; October, 6.51; November, 6.54; December, 6.57; January, 6.61.

Cotton futures closed steady; sales, 81,200 bales; April, 6.96; May, 7.01; June, 7.07; July, 7.11; August, 7.12; September, 6.88; October, 6.76; November, 6.77; December, 6.80; January, 6.84; February, 6.88.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, April 2.—WHEAT—Whilst business was not at all brisk, there was nevertheless a firm tone to the wheat market to-day, and a moderate net gain was quotable at the close. The firmness was an incident of the opening, and was attributable to a steady Liverpool market. "Shorts" covered quite freely at the close, that fact helping along the advance to some extent. May wheat opened from 70⅝@70¾c., sold between 70⅝ and 71c., closing at 70⅝@71c., ⅝@¾c. higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was firm and ½c. higher.

CORN—The action in corn early was quite notable. The feeling was strong, and there was good buying, both by shorts and for investment. The undertone was considered promising, and the immediate situation encouraging. May corn opened at 29@29¼c., sold between 29⅝ and 29¾c., closing at 29¾c., ¼c. under yesterday. Cash corn was ¼c. higher early, closing easier.

OATS—The oats market was responsive to the early improvement noted elsewhere. It was firm enough to induce shorts to cover some, and as offerings were but moderate, prices were at times fractionally higher. Later there was a recession, and the close was a shade lower than yesterday for May. Cash oats were steady to firm.

PROVISIONS—Trading in provisions was not animated enough to attract a crowd, and outside of local professional and packing interests the attendance in the pit was light. Firmer hogs caused steady to firm product values. Later, on moderate offerings, prices fell away. May pork closed 10c. lower; May lard, 2c. higher, and May ribs 5c. lower.

HIDES—Were in good demand and firm; natives, 9@9¼c.; light, 8¼c.; native cows, heavy, 8¼c.; light, 9¼c.; but brands, heavy, 8¼c.; light, 7¼c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2				
April	69⅞	70¾	69⅝	70¼
May	70⅝	71	70⅝	70⅞
July	70⅝	70⅞	69¾	70⅛
Sept	68½	67⅞	68⅝	68⅝
CORN—No. 2.				
April	24½	25⅝	24⅛	24¾
May	25	25¾	24⅝	24¾
July	26¼	26⅝	25⅞	25⅞
Sept	27½	27½	27⅛	27⅛
OATS—No. 2.				
May	17⅜	17½	17¼	17⅜
July	18¼	18⅛	18⅛	18
Sept	18⅜	18⅞	18¾	18¾
MESS PORK—				
May	$8.55	$8.55	$8.47½	$8.47½
July	8.70	8.72½	8.60	8.60
LARD—				
May	4.25	4.25	4.22½	4.25
July	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35
SHORT RIBS—				
May	4.67½	4.67½	4.62½	4.65
July	4.72½	4.72½	4.65	4.67½

Cash quotations: Flour dull, easy and unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 69⅝@71c.; No. 2 red, 86⅝@90c.; No. 2 corn, 24½@25c.; No. 2 oats, 17½c.; mess pork, $8.45@8.50; lard, $4.20@4.22½; short rib sides, $4.55@4.75; dry salted shoulders, $4.75@5; short clear sides, $4.62½@4.75; whisky, $1.18.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

UNION STOCK YARDS, ILL., April 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,500 head; market weak; common to extra steers, $3.75@5.50; stockers and feeders, $3.25@4.50; cows and bulls, $1.75@3.75; Texans, $2@4.45.

HOGS—Receipts, 19,000 head; market firm; heavy packing and shipping lots, $3.90@4.20; common to choice mixed, $3.95@4.20; choice assorted, $4.10@4.12½; light, $3.90@4.15; pigs, $3@4.15.

SHEEP—Receipts, 6,000 head; market firm; inferior to choice, $3.50@5; lambs, $3.80@5.50.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Trading in dry goods continues quiet. Prices are about steady, without any prospects of immediately stiffening.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, April 2.—FLOUR—Dull and weaker; western super, $2.60@2.90; do. extra, $3.10@3.75; do. family, $4@4.50; winter wheat patents, $4.40@4.75; spring do. do., $4.10@4.25; do. do. straight, $3.35@4.10.

WHEAT—Unsettled; spot and April, 76c.; May, 77@77¼c.; July, 73⅝@73½c.; August, 73¼c. asked; southern (by sample), 80@82c.

CORN—Steady; spot and April, 28⅝@28¾c.; May, 28⅝@28¾c.; steamer mixed, 25@25¼c.; southern white corn, 29½@30c.; do. yellow, 28¾@29c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 25@27c.; No. 2 mixed, 24½@24c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, near by, 38¾@39c.; No. 2 western, 39½@39½c.

HAY—Firm at $13.50.

Other articles unchanged.

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., April 2.—Virginia Century bonds, 63⅝@63¾; Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern firsts, 91 bid; Gas stock, 59½@60¼; Gas bonds, 117 bid.

LONDON AND PARIS MARKET.

LONDON, April 2.—Bar silver, 28 7-16d.; consols, 111 13-16 for money and 111 15-16 for the account.

NAVAL STORES.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 2.—TURPENTINE—Market firm at 26½c.; sales, none.

ROSIN—Firm; sales, none; B, C, D, E, $1.45; F, $1.50; G, $1.60; H, I, $1.80; K, $1.85; M, $1.90; N, $2.10; W. G., $2.40; W. W., $2.50.

SAVANNAH, GA., April 2.—TURPENTINE—Firm at 27¼c.; sales, 250; receipts, 223.

ROSIN—Steady and unchanged; sales, 51; receipts, 1,417.

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 2.—ROSIN—Firm; strained, $1.45; good strained, $1.50.

TURPENTINE—Steady; machine, 27c.; irregular, 26½c.

TAR—Firm at 95c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Quiet; hard, $1.30; soft, $1.80; virgin, nothing doing.

TOBACCO EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., April 2, 1897.

Sales of new dark loose tobaccos on the Richmond (Va.) breaks to-day: Crenshaw's Warehouse sold 1,065 pounds—highest price, $7.25; Shockoe Warehouse sold 1,765 pounds—highest price, $7.50. Total, 2,830 pounds—highest price, $7.50.

Private sales reported to the secretary of the Richmond Tobacco Trade to-day: Leaf (dark), 5 hogsheads; lugs (dark), 61 hogsheads. Total, 66 hogsheads.

The tobacco inspector reports to-day: Inspections—Bright, 25 hogsheads; dark, 6 hogsheads; western, 8 hogsheads. Reinspections—Bright, 23 hogsheads.

Myer's, Shockoe, Seabrook's, Alleghany, Old Dominion, Davenport's and Planters tobacco warehouses report to-day: Receipts, 72 packages; deliveries, 144 packages.

United States internal revenue collections on tobaccos for the city of Richmond, Va., to-day: Cigars and cigarettes, $216.85; plug tobaccos, $1,757.31. Total, $1,974.16.

There was a very good sale of bright loose tobaccos at the Planters Warehouse to-day. Prices were better than usual. Sun-cured tobaccos sold splendidly. Full breaks next week at this warehouse.

The official report of the tobacco inspector for the month ending March 31, 1897, shows as follows: Receipts for the month, 2,259 hogsheads and 87 tierces; deliveries for the month, 2,331 hogsheads and 124 tierces.

Decrease in stock for the month, 72 hogsheads and 37 tierces.

Receipts for six months, 7,477 hogsheads and 205 tierces; deliveries for six months, 10,442 hogsheads and 612 tierces.

Stocks on hand in the several tobacco warehouses in the city of Richmond, Va., as of March 31, 1897: Inspections, 13,107 hogsheads and 222 tierces; uninspected, 5,058 hogsheads and 75 tierces. Total stocks, 18,165 hogsheads and 297 tierces.

For same period 1896—Inspected, 13,934 hogsheads and 176 tierces; uninspected, 4,395 hogsheads and 28 tierces. Total stocks, 18,329 hogsheads and 204 tierces.

For same period 1895—Inspected, 15,148 hogsheads and 597 tierces; uninspected, 3,830 hogsheads and 44 tierces. Total, 18,976 hogsheads and 641 tierces.

For same period 1894—Inspected, 18,144 hogsheads and 868 tierces; uninspected, 3,575 hogsheads and 56 tierces. Total stocks, 21,719 hogsheads and 924 tierces.

For same period 1893—Inspected, 17,517 hogsheads and 833 tierces; uninspected, 4,129 hogsheads and 171 tierces. Total stocks, 21,646 hogsheads and 1,004 tierces.

Inspections and reinspections for the month: Inspections—Bright, 481 hogsheads and 1 tierce; dark, 1,393 hogsheads and 82 tierces; western, 51 hogsheads. Total inspections, 1,835 hogsheads and 83 tierces.

Reinspections—Bright, 568 hogsheads and 1 tierce; dark, 100 hogsheads. Total reinspections, 668 hogsheads and 1 tierce.

Total inspections and reinspections—Bright, 1,049 hogsheads and 2 tierces; dark, 1,493 hogsheads and 82 tierces; western, 51 hogsheads. Total sampling for the month, 2,593 hogsheads and 84 tierces.

Inspections and reinspections for the six months ending March 31, 1897: Inspections—Bright, 3,559 hogsheads and 23 tierces; dark, 3,964 hogsheads and 164 tierces; western, 178 hogsheads. Total inspections, 6,601 hogsheads and 187 tierces.

Reinspections—Bright, 1,834 hogsheads and 12 tierces; dark, 278 hogsheads and 12 tierces; western, 112 hogsheads. Total reinspections, 2,224 hogsheads and 24 tierces.

Total inspections and reinspections—Bright, 5,193 hogsheads and 35 tierces; dark, 3,342 hogsheads and 176 tierces; western, 290 hogsheads. Total sampling for six month, 8,825 hogsheads and 211 tierces.

Sales loose tobacco on the Richmond (Va.) breaks for the month ending March 31, 1897: Dark loose, 421,425 pounds; bright loose, 342,923 pounds. Total as per inspector's report, 764,348 pounds.

Sales of loose tobaccos on the Richmond, Va., breaks for the six months ending March 31, 1897: Dark loose, 2,822,045 pounds; bright loose, 1,671,369 pounds. Total sales of loose tobaccos for six months, as per the inspectors report, 4,493,414 pounds.

For same period—	Pounds.
1896	3,303,193
1895	3,567,824
1894	7,748,235
1893	6,124,335
1892	6,252,510
1891	2,390,769
1890	1,115,295

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF RICHMOND, APRIL 2, 1897.

ARRIVED.

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

Schooner Fannie Brown, Lamson, Charleston, phosphate rock, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company.

Schooner Warner Moore, Crocket, Charleston, phosphate rock, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company.

SAILED.

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

Steamer Benefactor, Blane, Philadelphia, merchandise and passengers, J. W. McCarrick, agent.

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

PORT NEWPORT NEWS, APRIL 2, 1897.

ARRIVED.

Steamship Taormina, New York.

Steamship Knight, Durant.

SAILED.

Barge Quinnebaug, New Haven.

PORT OF WEST POINT, APRIL 2, 1897.

ARRIVED.

Steamship Baltimore, Murphy, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

Steamship Elm City, Haynes, Mattaponi river landings, passengers and general cargo.

SAILED.

Steamship Baltimore, Murphy, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

Steamship Elm City, Haynes, Mattaponi river landings, general cargo and passengers.

WM. WOOD DEAD.

He Was the Intended Husband of Madeline Pollard.

LEXINGTON, KY., April 2.—William S. Wood, aged sixty, died at the Eastern Kentucky Insane Asylum. Fifteen years ago Wood was a prominent contracting carpenter and builder. He lost his heart to the now famous Madeline Pollard, and educated her with the view of making her his wife. Her subsequent career blighted Wood's life. He neglected his business and spent his time and money in the poolrooms until the last dollar was gone, and with it went his mind.

Last fall, before it became generally known that he was demented, Wood announced himself as an independent candidate for Congress. He had no money, and walked from town to town in the Blue Grass region, making his queer speeches on the money question. When Captain B. J. Treacy's horses were offered at public auction Wood interrupted the sale by bidding fabulous amounts for each animal until he was caught up by the officers and placed in the asylum after a jury trial.

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PAVING HULL STREET.

RECOMMENDED THAT THE WORK BE PROCEEDED WITH.

Action Deferred on the Report Until Next Friday Night—Probably a Professional Burglar Arrested.

MANCHESTER BUREAU, RICHMOND TIMES, No. 1121 HULL STREET, BEATTIE BLOCK.

The City Council met in adjourned session last night. There were present Messrs. John O'Brien, president, and J. R. Green, W. O. Randolph, M. A. Campbell, William Pool, R. E. Fairam, H. C. Nelson, John E. Otz, W. H. Owens and Matthew Morton.

The Council was called to receive a report from the Street Committee which met in the City Engineers' office Thursday afternoon.

THE REPORT.

The following is the report:

"At a called meeting of the Street Committee held yesterday in the office of the City Engineer to consider a report to be made to your honorable body in reference to the repaving of Hull street from Second to Fourteenth streets, after a careful and dispassionate discussion of the matter, Mr. Owens moved that this committee recommend to the City Council that the paving of Hull street be proceeded with as early as practicable. That a contract be prepared for the purpose and that the Richmond and Manchester Railway Company and the Manchester Railway and Improvement Company be notified of this action and ordered to pave their tracks according to ordinance for the paving as it progresses, and to pay for their proportion of the paving within their tracks and for two feet on each side thereof."

On motion of Mr. Pool the Council deferred action on this report until the regular meeting, which will be next Friday night.

Mr. Otz stated to the Council that Captain Pizzini had expressed a desire to be present when this report was adopted, and Mr. Otz had made a request that he be notified.

Mr. Owens said that the matter would possibly be decided at the next meeting. He would move that the clerk notify Captain Pizzini to be present then.

The Council then adjourned, after being in session for only six minutes.

The only case before Mayor Maurice in his court yesterday morning was that of John Hampton, a negro who was charged with burglary.

About midnight Thursday night Mrs. M. K. Irving, who keeps a small store on McDonough street, between Eleventh and Twelfth, heard a window glass break and fall to the floor.

She looked out of her bed-room window and saw a man's coat and hat on the fence. She aroused her two sons, Messrs. J. E. and W. H. Nunnally, and informed them that some one was in the store.

The young men went into the store-room and saw a man lying down underneath the counter.

They took charge of him and carried him to the station-house and turned him over to the police.

At the trial yesterday morning Hampton stated to the court that he was from Cincinnati. He thought this store was a vacant house and went into it to sleep during the night.

He was sent on to the Hustings Court.

When Hampton was searched at the station house by the police a large bunch of keys was found in his possession. The police are satisfied that they have a professional burglar in their toils. When taken to the city jail yesterday morning Hampton had two long wounds on his right side. They appeared as if they were two cuts made with a sharp instrument. Dr. Lawrence Ingram, the City Physician, examined him yesterday afternoon. He said they appeared to be cuts, possibly made with a knife.

Mr. D. I. Toney, postmaster of Manchester, has completed and forwarded his official report for the past fiscal year, ending March 31st.

The sales for the year were something over $30,000, which retains the office in the second class order.

Mr. Toney reports that the money order business and registering of letters have greatly increased with the past year and the ordinary mail is continually on the increase.

The business in this office has been much better since the establishing of the large warehouses and oil companies in this city.

The amount of sales in the past year makes this office eligible in the free delivery service and Mr. Toney will make application for the same as soon as his report has been audited.

This service would be a great help to the people of Manchester and it is to be hoped that Mr. Toney will meet with success in his endeavor to have free delivery in Manchester.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.

There was an enjoyable evening spent at the residence of Mr. Joseph Cottrell on Semmes street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, Thursday night. A musical soiree was tendered the young people by the host, and refreshments were served.

The following young ladies and gentlemen were present: Misses Lunie Stage, Mattie Bountree, Pearl Spain, Lelia Roach, Pearl Blandingship, Fannie Whitfield, Louise Whitfield, Mrs. Albright, Mrs. Mary Cottrell, and Mrs. Joseph Cottrell; Messrs. Clifton Waymack, J. Cottrell, Holland Robinson, Harvey Bough, and Allen McCabe.

EPWORTH LEAGUE OFFICERS.

At a meeting of Epworth League of Asbury church held Thursday night after the transaction of routine business the following officers were elected:

Mr. C. W. Hayne, president; Mr. W. W. Lowrey, first vice-president; Mrs. W. R. Yost, second vice-president; Miss Emma Purdy, third vice-president; Mr. T. M. Redford, secretary; Mr. B. N. Williams, treasurer; Mrs. W. W. Lowry, organist, and Mr. R. E. F. Paul, chorister.

HAND MASHED.

While James Bannister, an employe of the Manchester Paper Twine Company, was at work on the cylinder tons yesterday morning he got his hand caught in the machinery, which drew it in a short distance.

His hand was terribly mashed, and caused him great pain. He was taken up town to a physician, who rendered the necessary medical attention. It will be several weeks before he will be able to attend to his work.

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

Mrs. Col. B. L. Farinholt, of Baltimore, is in the city the guest of Mrs. C. W. Lumpkin, on Ninth street.

Mr. E. M. Stairs, of Philadelphia, was calling on his friends in this city yesterday.

Hon. R. G. Wood, of Crow Springs, was in the city yesterday.

There will be an entertainment at Leader Hall Monday night by the "Condoodlement Ideals" of Richmond. The proceeds are for a worthy cause.

Miss Lelia Wright is quite sick at her home, 1430 McDonough street.

Mr. W. H. Young, of Greensboro, is visiting his family in this city.

Mr. C. A. Jones, who was taken quite sick Wednesday night, is much better.

Chicken thieves were on the rampage again Thursday night. They visited the henhouse of Mr. Alex Farley, and relieved him of his fowls.

Alderman Reuben Burton, of Richmond, was in the city yesterday morning, calling on his friends.

At the meeting to be held at Leader Hall on Sunday, the Rev. S. C. Hatcher, of Denny-Street church, Fulton, will preside. These meetings are always well attended. The public is always welcome.

Mrs. Harry Forbes Curtisse had a relapse, and is still confined to her bed.

Saturday's and Sunday's Meetings.

The regular study of the International Sunday-school lesson will be conducted by Dr. E. L. Pell at 5 o'clock to-day in the Association Hall. Dr. Pell is one of the best Bible teachers in the South and all who attend these studies testify to their great helpfulness. All persons interested in Bible study are welcome.

Secretary McKee will speak to the boys Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He will tell them about "Four Servants of Satan." This will be a very interesting service as the boys always enjoy an address by Mr. McKee. Mr. Merrill will conduct the Song Service.

An unusually attractive meeting has been arranged for men only at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. George Cooper, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church will address this meeting on a most interesting theme, "The Loss of Power." Dr. Cooper is a very strong and thoughtful speaker and with such a fruitful and interesting subject he is sure to attract a large audience. The music for this meeting will be excellent. Miss Louise Payne and Miss Fannie E. Diggs will sing a duet and Miss Digges will sing a solo. Miss Helen G. Stockdell will be the accompanist. This service will be held in the Association Hall and the doors will be opened at 3:30 o'clock. All men will receive a hearty welcome.

START LIFE ANEW.

Movement to Provide New Homes for Inmates of Penal Institutions.

Well known Christian gentlemen are interesting themselves in a most laudable undertaking—that of providing new homes for inmates of penal institutions upon their release from confinement. The scheme originated with Bishop Talbott when on a visit to this city some time since.

It is the intention of the promoters to provide homes in a section of the country in the West, where the men can change their names, and where a man's past is buried and he is recognized for his individual worth. If, however, the man proves the least unworthy of confidence, he is positively and forcibly, if necessary, ordered to move on.

All white convicts will be afforded this chance to blot out the past and start anew, even to the furnishing of transportation. The men will have the best of influences thrown around them in the way of churches and schools, where practicable, and where they will be afforded every opportunity to become useful citizens.

MR. W. C. M'DOWELL

Purchases an Interest in the Business of Ford's Hotel.

Mr. W. C. McDowell, who has practically had charge of Ford's Hotel, in this city, for some time, has purchased an interest in the business of that well-known and popular house, and will hereafter be known as the active manager.

Mr. McDowell is well and favorably known to the public, and he has begun to make contracts for a thorough renovation of the hotel from basement to roof. All the guest chambers, parlors, and dining-rooms will be repapered and repainted, and nothing will be omitted that will tend to make Ford's one of the leading places of entertainment to strangers and tourists to be found in the South.

An Attractive Entertainment.

An attractive entertainment by the young folks of Grace-Street Baptist church will be given at the Tabernacle on Friday evening, April 16th. "The War of the Daisies and Sunflowers," by forty children—consists of a bright catchy music, drills, gorgeous court scenes, songs and dialogues.

The unique and attractive cantata of the ubiquitous grasshopper will be produced by thirty of the most prominent young ladies and gentlemen of the church, and is sure to be greeted with pleasure and amusement.

A Halifax County Bride.

Mr. Robert P. Moorefield, of Richmond, Va., and Miss Bada Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey J. Griffin, were married Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents on Broad street. Rev. F. M. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated. There were no waiters. Mr. Adgo Griffin, brother of the bride, and Mr. Walker Gravitt, were ushers. The bride was becomingly attired in a blue travelling suit and carried in her hand a lovely boquet of roses. The bridal party left on the 2:35 P. M. train for Richmond their future home.—South Boston (Va.) Times.

Hurt in a Runaway.

While out driving yesterday morning in the vicinity of the freight depot of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, Mrs. M. T. Bolton, of Amelia county, who is on a visit to relatives here, was thrown from her buggy by the horse taking fright and running against a lamp post.

The lady was slightly cut about her head and face. She was taken into a house nearby, and Dr. Murray summoned, who, after dressing the injuries, took the lady to her home, 329 1-2 west Leigh street.

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SUNDAY CHURCH NOTICES

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNER Grace and Pine streets), Rev. H. A. BAGBY, pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Prayer-meeting Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. Sunday school at 9 A. M. Baptist Young People's Union Sunday at 4 P. M. ts

GROVE-AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH (Grove avenue near Beech street), Rev. J. C. HIDEN, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday school at 9:15 A. M.

WEST-VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (corner Cary and Meadow Sts.), Rev. J. M. MERCER, D. D., pastor.—Worship on Sunday: Sunday school, 9:30 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Boys' meeting at 3 P. M. Young People's Union at 4 P. M. Prayer-meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Seats free. Visitors welcome. ts

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH (CORner Sixth and Main streets).—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by REV. EDWARD HOLY