FINANCE AND COMMERCE

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS OF MONEY.

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

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Outside buyers had withdrawn from the market, and the field was apparently left to lie fallow for the professional operators. The heavy throwing over of stocks by large operators yesterday to realize, and by others later to save losses was what discouraged the outside public. The bears were in evidence from time to time, but their offerings seemed to be well absorbed without effecting any marked declines. There was no evidence of any effort to mark up prices. The action of the market suggests that large operators may be attempting to pick up a line of stocks at the decline before pushing prices again, with the purpose of realizing while the public is still buying, as was done on Monday and again yesterday. Sugar was exceedingly active all day, and acted in a very feverish manner. This was partly due to realizing on stock bought in anticipation of the Government's decision to amply the countervailing duty on sugar, and partly to conflict of mind as to how far the differential on refined sugar would inure to the benefit of the sugar company. A large portion of the speculation was taken up with this stock, and the offerings and the weakness increased as the day progressed. Union Pacific manifested some weakness at times on account of the firmly expressed intention of the Government to qualify as a bidder at the Kansas Pacific sales, so as to protect its interests, if necessary, by bidding in the property. Denials were also offered on behalf of the Reorganization Committee that any agreement had been arrived at with the Government for acquiring the subsidized portion of the line in Kansas. There was good support apparent for the stock, notwithstanding this published news, and the Kansas Pacific consol 6's, trust receipts, were also steadily held. The wide and irregular movement of some special stocks kept the general list very much unsettled during the day, and it was difficult to discern any marked general tendency in the trading. London was again a seller of stock in this market to some extent. There was little general news bearing on the situation, and the movement of prices was due almost entirely to technical causes. The fourth week statement of St. Paul and other roads and the estimated gross earnings of Rock Island for November were regarded as favorable, but had little effect on the market. The late spurt in Manhattan to 105, a net rise of 3 points, stiffened prices and brought many of them above yesterday's closing level. Otherwise losses would have predominated. The rise in Manhattan was due to a false rumor that the underground rapid transit plan had been declared unconstitutional.

The business in bonds was somewhat curtailed, but still large. Prices held firm. Total sales $2,590,000. There was an advance in the bid price of United States 2's of ½ and of new 4's of ¼.

The total sales of stocks were 313,000 shares, including Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 19,263; Louisville and Nashville, 5,060; Manhattan Elevated, 28,500; Metropolitan Street railway, 5,800; Missouri Pacific, 12,135; Northern Pacific, 5,970; do. preferred, 27,620; Rock Island, 12,691; St. Paul, 20,092; Union Pacific trust receipts, 12,045; People's Gas, 17,320; Sugar, 66,855.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.—Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent.; last loan at 2 per cent., and closed offered at 1½@2 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 3@3½ per cent. Sterling exchange easy, with actual business in bankers bills at 485¾ for demand and at 483⅛ for sixty days; posted rates, 484@487; commercial bills, 482¾. Silver certificates, 59½@60½; bar silver, 59¾; Mexican dollars, 46¾. Government bonds strong; State bonds dull; railroad bonds firm.

BANK CLEARINGS.—The total bank clearings this week were 1,323,861,465; per cent. increase, 5.4. Exclusive of New York, $366,654; per cent. increase, 7.1.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Closing Stocks.
Atchison	12¾
Atchison pfd	28⅝
Baltimore and Ohio	12
Canada Pacific	80¼
Canada Southern	54
Central Pacific	11
Ches. and Ohio	21¾
Chicago and Alton	161
Chi., B. and Q.	96⅝
Chi. and E. Ill.	52½
C., C., C. and St. L.	33¾
C., C., C. and St. L. pfd	75
Del. and Hudson	106½
Del., L. and W.	153
Den. and Rio G.	11¼
Den. and Rio G. pfd	45
Erie (new)	14⅝
Erie (new) 1st pfd	36
Fort Wayne	160¾
Great Northern pfd	130
Hocking Valley	5½
Illinois Central	102½
Lake Erie and W.	16
Lake Erie and W. pfd	68½
Lake Shore	173
Louis. and Nash.	54¾
Manhattan L.	104¾
Met. Traction	118
Michigan Cent.	103
Minn. and St. L.	2⅞
Minn. and St. L. 1st pfd	87
Mo. Pacific	31⅛
Mobile Ohio	25
Mo., K. and T.	12¾
Mo., K. and T. pfd	34⅝
Chicago, Ind. and L.	9
Chicago, Ind. and L. pfd	27
N. J. Central	80¼
N. Y. Central	107
N. Y., Chi. and St. L.	13¾
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 1st pfd	77
N. Y. Chi. and St. L. 2d pfd	33
Nor. West	131
N. and W. pfd	42¾
North American Co.	4½
No. Pacific	20
No. Pacific pfd	56½
Ontario and W.	15⅝
Ore. R. and Nav.	85½
Ore. Short Line	18
Pittsburg	167¾
Reading	21¾
Rock Island	80½
St. Louis and S. W. F.	7⅛
St. Louis and S. W. F. 1st pfd	56¾
St. Louis and S. W. F. 2d pfd	27
St. Paul	95⅝
St. Paul pfd	141¾
St. P. and Om.	78
St. P. and Om. pfd	140
St. P. M. and M.	122
So. Pacific	26½
Southern R. W.	8⅝
Southern R. W. pfd	30
Texas and Pacific	11¼
Union Pacific L. F.	25⅝
U. P., D. and G.	8
Wabash	7⅛
Wabash pfd	17⅝
Wheeling and L. E. t. r.	2⅝
Wheeling and L. E. pfd	10
EXPRESS COMPANIES.	
Adams Express	156
American Express	116
United States	40
Wells-Fargo	110
MISCELLANEOUS.	
A. Cot. Oil	22¾
A. Cot. Oil. pfd	75
American Spirits	7⅝
American Spirits pfd	17½
American Tobacco	83
American Tobacco pfd	110
Chicago Gas	94⅝
Consolidated Gas	185½
Com. Cable Co.	175
Col. F. and Iron	21¼
Col. F. and Iron pfd	80
General Electric	33
Illinois Steel	47
La Clede Gas	43
Lead	34⅝
Lead pfd	104½
Nat. Lin. Oil	16½
Ore. Imp. Co.	15
Pacific Mail	30
Pullman Palace	172½
Silver Certificates	59½
Standard Rope and Twine	4
Sugar	139
Sugar pfd	113¾
Tenn. Coal and Iron	25⅝
U. S. Leather	7
U. S. Leather pfd	63
U. S. Rubber	16¼
U. S. Rubber pfd	65½
Western Union	88⅝
Chicago Northwestern	122¼
Chicago Northwestern pfd	164¾
St. L. and S. W.	4¾
St. L. and S. W. pfd	10
Rio Grande and W.	22
Rio Grande and W. pfd	55
CChicago Great Western	24⅝
BONDS.	
U. S. New 4's, reg	128¾
U. S. New 4's, coup	128¾
U. S. 4's	112¼
U. S. 4's, coup	114
U. S. 2ds	99
U. S. 5's, reg	114¼
U. S. 5's, coup	114½
District 3.65's	109¼
Alabama (Class A)	108
Alabama (Class B)	108
Alabama (Class C)	100
Alabama Currency	98

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Atchison Adj. 4's	56
Can. So. 2ds	107
Chicago Terminal	44¼
C. and Ohio 5's	112½
C., H. and D. 4½'s	104⅝
D. and R. G. 1sts	108¼
D. and R. G. 4's	89¾
East Tennessee 1sts	108¼
Erie General 4's	71¼
F. W. and D. 1sts, c.r.	68
General Electric 5's	99¼
G. H. and S. A. 6's	104
G. H. and S. A. 2ds	100
H. and T. C. 5's	112
H. and T. C. 6's	105
Iwa. C. 1sts	97½
Kan. P. Con. t. r.	89⅝
K. Pac. 1st (Den. Div.) t. r.	112
La. New Consols, 4's	100⅝
L. and N. Uni. 4's	80
Missouri 6's	100
M., K. and T. 2ds	62¾
M., K. and T. 4's	89¾
N. Y. Central 1sts	119
N. J. C. 5's	113
North Carolina 6's	122
North Carolina 4's	105
No. Pac. 1sts	119
No. Pac. 3's	59⅝
No. Pac. 4's	69
N. Y. C. and St. L. 4's	106¼
Nor. and W. 6's	121½
Northwestern Consols	142
Northwestern Deb. 5's	116
O. Nav. 1sts	115½
O. Nav. 4's	92½
O. S. Line 5's, t. r.	120½
O. S. Line 5's, t. r.	96⅝
O. Imp. 1sts, t. r.	99¼
O. Imp. 5's, t. r. (Off'd)	42¾
Pacific 6's of '95	99⅝
Reading 4's	83¼
R. G. W. 1sts	82½
St. Louis and I. M. Con. 5's	87
St. L. and San Fran Gen. 6's	118¼
St. P. Con.	140½
St. Paul C. and P. 1sts	120
St. Paul C. and P. 5's	117½
South Carolina non-fund	¼
Southern R. W. 5's	93¼
Standard Rope and Twine 6's	58½
Tenn. New Set. 3's	90
Tex. Pac. L. G. 1sts	96¾
Tex. Pac. Rg. 2ds	29¼
Union Pac. 1sts	102½
U. P., D. and Gulf 1sts	50¾
Wabash 1st 5's	106
Wabash 2ds	70⅝
W. Shore 4's	111¼
Virginia Centuries	68¼
Virginia Centuries Deferred	3½
Pacific 6's of '99	103
Mobile and Ohio 4's	72⅝
Phil. and Reading G. M. 5's	85¼
N. and W. Consol 4's	77

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 3, 1897.

SALES.—1,000 Georgia Southern and Florida 5's at 99¼; 4,000 do. at 99¾.

GOV. SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4's, R. and C., 1907	113½	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
North Carolina 4's, C., 1910	105	...
North Carolina 6's, C., 1919	129	...
Va. 3's, new, C. and R., 1932	77½	...
Va. Century, 2-3, C. and R.	68½	69
CITY SECURITIES		
Richm'd City 8's, R., 1904-1910	131	...
Richm'd City 6's, R., 1904-1910*	115	...
Richm'd City 5's, R., 1920-1922	112½	...
Rich'd City 4's, R. 1920-1929	102¼	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. and C. 1st 7's, R., 1907	121	...
A. and C. gu. in. 6's, R., 1906	103	...
C., C. and A. 2d 7's, C., 1910	116	...
Ga. So. and Fla. 5's, 1945	99½	99½
Pet. Class A 5's, R. C., 1926	110	...
Pet. Class B 6's, R. C., 1926	114	...
Southern R. W. 1st 5's, 1994	93	...
W. N. C. 1st 6's, C., 1914	114	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd 5's	101½	...
Ga. and Ala. Consols	79½	81
Richmond Traction 5's, 1925	103	104½
N. and W. 1st M. C. 4 p. c.	77¼	77½
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	97½
Ches. and Ohio	100	21½
N. and W. pfd	100	43
Petersburg	100	112½
R., F. and P. Div. Obli.	100	111
Rich. and Pet.	100	118
Southern R. W. pfd	100	30
Southern R. W. com	100	8¾
Ga. and Ala. pfd	24	25
Ga. and Ala. com	9	10
BANK STOCKS.		
Citizens	25	24
City	25	28¼
First National	100	109
Metropolitan	25	26
National Bank of Va.	100	...
National Bank of Va.	100	...
Planters National	100	250
Pet. Sav. and Ins. Co.	20	33
Security	100	103
State Bank of Virginia	100	138½
Union Bank of Richmond	50	113½
Virginia Trust Co.	100	...
Sav. Bank of Richmond	25	35
INS. COMPANIES.		
Va. Fire and MaMrine	25	34½
Virginia State	25	25
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Amer. Tob. Co. pfd	100	110
Amer. Tob. Co. com	50	83
Va.-Caro. Chem. pfd	100	106
Va.-Caro. Chem. com	100	54

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

NORFOLK PEANUT MARKET.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 3.—Farmers' market dull; strictly prime fancy, 2¼@2¾c.; strictly prime, 2¼c.; prime, 2¼c.; Spanish, 90c.; low grades shelling stock, 1½@1¾c.; hand-picked, fancy, 4c.; extras, 3c.; third grade, 2½c.; No. 1 Spanish shelled, 5½c.; No. 1 Virginia, 3½c.; No. 2 Virginia, 2½c.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 5 15-16; net receipts, 5,000 bales; gross, 8,223 bales; exports to the Continent, 906 bales; forwarded, 4,942 bales; sales, 237 bales; spinners, 137 bales; stock, 98,008 bales.

Weekly—Net receipts, 7,522 bales; gross, 48,573 bales; exports to Great Britain, 11,468 bales; to France, 1,115 bales; to the Continent, 4,928 bales; forwarded, 22,427 bales; sales, 1,700 bales; spinners, 200 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts, 51,273 bales; exports to Great Britain, 13,041 bales; to FFrance, 7,332 bales; to the Continent, 13,002 bales; stock, 1,035,964 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts, 394,050 bales; exports to Great Britain, 106,393 bales; to France, 68,673 bales; to the Continent, 96,559 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts, 4,088,535 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,230,155 bales; to France, 376,124 bales; to the Continent, 297,885 bales.

Futures opened quiet and firm; sales, 3,600 bales; January, 5.60; February, 5.73; March, 5.78; April, 5.83; May, 5.88; June, 5.92; July, 5.98; August, 6.02; September, 6.03; October, 6.03; December, 5.64.

Futures closed firm; sales, 114,000 bales; January, 5.73; February, 5.77; March, 5.82; April, 5.86; May, 5.92; June, 5.97; July, 6.01; August, 6.05; September, 6.06; October, 6.07; December, 5.70.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands, 5 13-16; middling gulf, 6 1-16; sales, 136 bales.

The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1, 1897:

	Bales.
Galveston	1,104,814
New Orleans	1,045,121
Mobile	154,654
Savannah	662,199
Charleston	294,809
Wilmington	216,963
Norfolk	317,368
Baltimore	19,426
New York	37,675
Boston	58,308
Newport News	4,480
Philadelphia	28,474
Brunswick	73,524
Pensacola	39,806
Port Royal	31,324
Total	4,088,535

CHICAGO MARKET

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Both the May and December futures in wheat closed to-day at substantially unchanged prices. Figures showed big stock in farmers' hands, but the export engagements came to the rescue. Corn was weak, and closed ⅛@¼c. lower. Oats and provisions showed very little change at the close.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2				
Dec.	95½	96	94½	95
Jan.	96½	96⅝	96⅛	96½
May	90⅛	90⅝	89⅞	89⅞
CORN—No. 2				
Dec.	24⅞	24⅞	24½	24⅞
May	28½	28⅝	28⅛	28⅝
OATS—No. 2				
Dec.	20⅝	20⅝	20⅛	20⅝
May	21⅞	22	21½	21¾
MESS PORK—				
Dec.	$7.12½	$7.15	$7.12½	$7.15
Jan.	8.15	8.17½	8.12½	8.17½
May	8.40	8.45	8.37½	8.42½
LARD—100 lbs.				
Dec.	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10
Jan.	4.22½	4.25	4.22½	4.22½
May	4.37½	4.40	4.37½	4.40
SHORT RIBS—				
Dec.	4.12½	4.17½	4.12½	4.17½
Jan.	4.15	4.20	4.15	4.17½
May	4.27½	4.30	4.27½	4.30

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull and easy; No. 2 yellow corn, 24¼@24⅝c.; No. 2 spring wheat, 89@90c.; No. 3 spring wheat, 82½@91½c.; No. 2 red, 95@95½c.; No. 2 corn, 25¼c.; No. 2 oats, 21¼c.; No. 2 white, t. o. b., 24½c.; No. 3 white, No. 2 white, t. o. b., 24½c.; No. 2 rye, 46¼c.; No. 2 f. o. b., 25½c.; No. 2 rye, 46¼c.; No. 2 barley, 26@42c.; No. 1 flax seed, $1.05@1.10; prime timothy seed, $2.65; mess pork, per barrel, $7.20@7.25; lard, per 100 pounds, $4.20@4.22½; short rib sides (loose), $4.10@4.60; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5; short clear sides (boxed), $4.40@4.50; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.19; sugars unchanged; butter firm; creamery, 15@22c.; dairy, 12@19c.; cheese quiet at 8@9½c.; eggs firm; fresh, 20c.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 3.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

WHEAT—Unsettled and easy; spot, month, 85½@85⅝c.; January, 86¼@86⅝c.; May, 93½c. bid; steamer No. 2 red, 90½@90¾c. Southern wheat by sample, 91@97c.; do. on grade, 91½@96½c.

CORN—Weak; spot, 32½@32¾c.; month, 31⅝@32⅛c.; December, new or old, 31⅝@31¾c.; January, 31½@31⅝c.; steamer mixed, 30½@30¾c. Southern white corn, 33½@35c.; do. yellow, 31½@36c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white western, 29½@30c.; No. 2 mixed do., 26½@27c.

RYE—Dull and easy; No. 2 nearby, 52½c.; No. 2 western, 53¾@55½c.

HAY—Firm; choice timothy, $13 asked.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Fairly active and steady; unchanged.

SUGAR—Strong and unchanged.

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE—Steady and unchanged.

WHISKY—Unchanged.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 3.—SPIRITS OF TURPANTINE—Firm at 29½@30c.; receipts, 127 casks.

ROSIN—Dull at $1.35@1.20; receipts, 691 barrels.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Quiet at $1.40@1.90; receipts, 43 barrels.

TAR—Firm at $1.05; receipts, 340 barrels.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 3.—TURPENTINE—Firm; sales, none.

ROSIN—Firm and unchanged; sales, none.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 3.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—30½c.; sales, 1,442 casks; receipts, 1,029 casks.

ROSIN—Firm; sales, 3,043 barrels; receipts, 3,626 barrels; A, B, C, D, $1.15; E, $1.20; G, $1.30; H, $1.35@1.40; I, $1.50; K, $1.65; M, $1.85; N, $2.20; window glass, 2.40@2.50; water white, $2.80@3.

TOBACCO EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 3, 1897.

Sales of new dark loose tobaccos on the Richmond, Va., breaks to-day: Shockoe Warehouse sold 52,775 pounds; highest price, $12. Crenshaw's Warehouse sold 64,985 pounds; highest price, $12.50. Stonewall Warehouse sold 2,500 pounds. Total, 119,960 pounds; highest price, $12.50.

Private sales reported to the secretary of the Richmond Tobacco Trade to-day were light.

The tobacco inspector reports to-day: Inspections—Bright, 17 hogsheads. Reinspections—Bright, 14 hogsheads.

Farmers, Shockoe, Alleghany, Old Dominion, Neal's, Planters and Seabrook's tobacco warehouses report to-day: Receipts, 21 packages; deliveries, 53 packages.

United States internal revenue collections on tobaccos for the city of Richmond, Va., to-day: Cigars and cigarettes, $258.96; plug tobaccos, $2,491.14. Total, $2,750.05.

Stonewall Warehouse sold 2,500 pounds of new loose sun-cured tobacco to-day.

The usual sale of bright loose tobacco at Davenport's Warehouse.

Planters Warehouse had as large a sale of bright loose tobaccos as any of the season to-day. Some fine tobaccos were offered, which brought fancy prices for the stock. Good breaks are looked for next week.

The official report of the tobacco inspector for the month ending Tuesday, November 30, 1897, shows as follows:

Receipts for the month, 1,441 hogsheads and 24 tierces; deliveries for the month, 1,030 hogsheads and 139 tierces; decrease in stocks, 209 hogsheads and 96 tierces.

Stocks of tobacco on hand in the several tobacco warehouses in the city of Richmond, Va., as of Tuesday, November 30, 1897: Inspected, 12,709 hogsheads and 528 tierces; uninspected, 5,048 hogsheads and 9 tierces. Total, 17,757 hogsheads and 537 tierces.

For same period, 1896: Inspected, 15,610 hogsheads and 397 tierces; uninspected, 5,150 hogsheads and 65 tierces. Total, 20,760 hogsheads and 462 tierces.

For same period 1895: Inspected, 14,603 hogsheads and 390 tierces; uninspected, 4,322 hogsheads and 73 tierces. Total, 18,925 hogsheads and 463 tierces.

For same period 1894. Inspected, 17,619 hogsheads and 847 tierces; uninspected, 2,950 hogsheads and 35 tierces. Total, 20,569 hogsheads and 882 tierces.

For same period 1893: Inspected, 20,850 hogsheads and 1,279 tierces; uninspected, 2,995 hogsheads and 51 tierces. Total, 23,845 hogsheads and 1,330 tierces.

Inspections and reinspections for the month ending Tuesday, November 30, 1897:

Inspections—Bright, 389 hogsheads and 2 tierces; dark, 185 hogsheads and 45 tierces; western, 255 hogsheads. Total, 829 hogsheads and 47 tierces.

Reinspections—Bright, 535 hogsheads and 5 tierces; dark, 15 hogsheads and 10 tierces. Total, 550 hogsheads and 15 tierces.

Total sampling for the month: Bright, 924 hogsheads and 7 tierces; dark, 200 hogsheads and 55 tierces; western, 255 hogsheads. Total, 1,379 hogsheads and 62 tierces.

Inspections and reinspections for the two months ending Tuesday, November 30, 1897:

Inspections—Bright, 1,695 hogsheads and 8 tierces; dark, 464 hogsheads and 134 tierces; western, 324 hogsheads. Total, 1,883 hogsheads and 142 tierces.

Reinspections—Bright, 1,295 hogsheads and 8 tierces; dark, 106 hogsheads and 18 tierces; western, 68 hogsheads. Total, 1,379 hogsheads and 26 tierces.

Total sampling for the two months: Bright, 2,990 hogsheads and 16 tierces; dark, 570 hogsheads and 152 tierces; western, 392 hogsheads. Total, 3,262 hogsheads and 168 tierces.

Sales of new dark loose tobaccos on the Richmond (Va.) breaks for the month ending Tuesday, November 30, 1897: Dark loose, 129,030 pounds; bright loose, 414,552 pounds. Total, 543,582 pounds.

Sales of new dark loose tobaccos on the Richmond (Va.) breaks or the two months ending Tuesday, December 31, 1897: Dark loose tobacco, 152,440 pounds; bright loose tobacco, 694,045 pounds. Total, 846,485 pounds.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

December 4, 1897.

Sun rises	7:11 A. M.
Sun sets	4:59 P. M.
Moon south	8:49 P. M.
First high water	12:43 A. M.
Second high water	12:41 P. M.

PORT OF RICHMOND, DEC. 3, 1897.

ARRIVALS.

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

SAILED.

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

Steamer Yemassee, O'Neil, merchandise and passengers, Clyde Line, Philadelphia.

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

Schooner T. W. H. White, Crowley, light, for Norfolk.

Schooner Peter C. Shultz, Lowry, railroad ties, for New York.

Schooner Junius Middleton, Somers, railroad ties, for Philadelphia.

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ARRIVED.

Steamer Melbridge, Galveston.
Steamer Silverdale, Galveston.
Steamer Saturn, Boston.
Barge Macaulay, Boston.

SAILED.

Schooner E. M. Golden, Boston.
Schooner George E. Walcott, Portsmouth.
Schooner Charles A. Briggs, Salem.
Steamer Dora, Dublin.
Steamer Greenbrier, London.
Steamer Melbridge, Hull.
Steamer Silverdale, Bremen.

PORT OF WEST POINT, DEC. 3, 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.

PORT BERMUDA HUNDRED, DEC. 3.

SAILING.

Schooner A. L. Green, Caswell, Jr., loaded with railroad ties, South Amboy, N. J.

KING AND QUEEN TRIAL.

THE TRIPLE MURDERER OF THE BANKS FAMILY ON TRIAL.

A Large Crowd in Attendance and the Case Will Occupy Several Days.--The Gloucester Judgeship.

STORMONT, VA., Dec. 3.—Special.—An immense crowd assembled at King and Queen Court yesterday to witness the trial of Archie Lockley, the triple murderer of the Banks family, about three months ago. A jury was sworn in, and the court adjourned until to-day. Evans & Evans appeared for the defence. Commonwealth's Attorney Jones will prosecute the case alone.

SELF-DEFENCE.

Lockley's counsel put in a plea of self-defence, but Dr. Garrett, who conducted the post-mortem examination, testified that all three victims were shot twice; besides, there were no weapons found near the unfortunate victims.

The case will occupy the court for several days yet. It looks now as if Lockley will certainly hang.

GLOUCESTER JUDGESHIP.

It was suggested at court to-day that the quickest way to settle the Gloucester judgeship would be to put Middlesex and King and Queen together, as they used to be, and make Judge J. G. Dew judge of both counties; then put Gloucester and Mathews together and elect Judge G. T. Garnett judge, and leave the Gloucester contestants to settle their case amicably.

AN ALLEGED INSPECTOR.

Another Carrier for Newport News--The School Bond Question Again.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 3.—Special.—A man, somewhat dignified in appearance and wearing a sort of uniform or military coat, has been about the city for several days and has caused more or less of a stir in and about the postoffice. He states that he is a postoffice inspector and that he proposes to have Postmaster Read's commission inside of a week. He also states that he is a custom's inspector and yesterday applied at the custom house for complaint blanks, stating that he proposed to make charges against the manner in which Mr. Read ran the affairs of the office. The man was more or less under the influence of liquor at the time and but little credence was given to his statements. It is stated at the postoffice that the clerks here have had several interviews with the man. He is said to have claimed at one time that he recently hired a box at the postoffice and that since that time he had been writing letters to himself which he had properly posted but never received. Postmaster Read is in Washington on business connected with the office.

Another letter carrier went on duty in this city yesterday in the person of J. E. Hoban. This is the result of Mr. Read's presence in Washington at this time. He yesterday wired Assistant Postmaster Barnes that he had secured an additional carrier and gave instructions to have Mr. Hoban put to work at once.

The Board of School trustees last night started a movement looking towards the issuing of bonds to the amount of $50,000 for the purpose of erecting and enlarging school buildings. A committee was appointed to confer with the school committee relative to the framing of an act to be presented to the State Legislature, which will give the Common Council authority to issue the proposed bonds. Two previous attempts have been made to get a bond issue for school purposes in this city but on each occasion the movements met death at the ballot box. Now it is proposed to seek the aid of the Legislature.

WEST POINTERS.

Pearls in York River Oysters--A Rector to be Ordained.

WEST POINT, VA., December 3.—Special.—Mrs. R. E. Bowden, of West Point, died a few days ago after a long illness. She leaves her husband and one daughter.

A protracted meeting is in progress at the Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. R. H. Bowden, will have the assistance of Rev. H. A. Bagby, of Calvary Baptist church, Richmond, Va., next week.

Mrs. J. D. Elms narrowly escaped serious injury Sunday. While near an open fire her dress caught the blaze. The presence and prompt action of her husband prevented serious consequences.

Mr. Baily Stark, of West Point, found in a York river oyster on Tuesday twenty-two pearls, varying in size from a birdshot to that of a buck-shot. Some were pure white, others purple or clouded. They were almost perfectly round.

Rev. Cassius L. Price, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, will be ordained here this month. Bishop Gibson and other distinguished clergy will officiate.

T. Scott Bagby left Thursday morning for Cape Charles City, where he has accepted a position in a mercantile house.

Captain R. E. Lee, of Washington, was in town this week. There is a rumor that he contemplates coming back to live at his old home, Romancoke.

The Junior Order United American Mechanics gave an elegant supper at the hall last week. After supper the social feature was enjoyed.

The scarlet fever scare in West Point is over and the public schools have resumed after a suspension of two weeks.

LUMBER COMPANY CHARTERED.

The Morganton Bank Failure Does Not Hurt State Funds.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 3.—Special.—The East Coast Cedar Company has been incorporated for thirty years with a capital stock of $50,000. They will cut and manufacture lumber extensively through those eastern counties. The incorporators are all Philadelphia capitalists.

There are over one hundred cases on the criminal docket for the United States District Court, which meets here on Monday, the 6th.

Rev. Nathan A. Hooker, of Kinston, eighty-two years old, is attending the Methodist Conference, in session here.

Treasurer Worth was yesterday informed by wire of the failure of the Piedmont Bank, at Morganton. It is a State bank and so Treasurer Worth sent State Bank Examiner Crowder there. The State had less than $500 on deposit, but it is safe. During the year the bank handles the State funds to the sum of $140,010. $50,000 is the appropriation to the Western Insane Asylum and $90,000 for the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, both of which are in Morganton.

The proposition for an interstate association of teachers, to be held this coming summer at Asheville, is meeting with much encouragement.

There were forty-five marriage licenses granted in this county during the month of November.

The papers in the sale of the Cumnock coal mines have all been signed, and the sale is now complete.

The Agricultural Department reports that the sales of fertilizers are 33 1-3 per cent. greater this fall than they were a year ago.

Mrs. Bumgardner has offered $200 reward for the arrest of her husband's murderer, Lambuth. This makes $800 in rewards.

Haile—Bray.

DUNNSVILLE, VA., Dec. 2.—Special.—Mr. O. Haile and Miss Mary Bray were married in the Rappahannock Christian church at 9 o'clock this morning, Rev. J. T. T. Hundley officiating. They left immediately on the steamer for a bridal trip.

Fugitive From Justice.

Officer Forrest Bailey, of the Second district, arrested a negro named Lee Jones, who is charged with being a fugitive from justice from Newport News.

The authorities in Newport News were written to and the negro will be held pending the reply.

FROM LOWELL, MASS.

The Home of Hood's Sarsaparilla—A Wonderful Cure.

"A swelling as big as a large marble came under my tongue. Physicians said it was a semi-transparent tumor and must be operated upon. I felt I could not stand it, and as spring came began to take my favorite spring tonic, Hood's Sarsaparilla. The bunch gradually decreased and finally disappeared. I have had no sign of its return. I am glad to praise Hood's Sarsaparilla." MRS. H. M. COBURN, 8 Union St., Lowell, Mass. Get HOOD'S.

Hood's Pills cure Sick Headache. 25c.

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Handkerchiefs.

To-day not a tray full, but dozens of shelves full, loaded with them, at prices quickly to move big quantity.
Pure Linen Hemstitched, 10c., 15c value.
Sheer Linen, embroidery corner, 12c., 20c. value.
500 dozen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, Swiss embroidery, to be sold for 5c., worth 10c.

Your Holiday Dress.

Buy now at reduced prices.
25c. Dress Goods, 36 inches wide, 12c.
54-inch Cheviot, 50c. value, for 27c.
54-inch Cloth you have likely paid a third more for—they are worth 89c.; on sale at 50c.
Black Storm Serge, 54 inches wide, 89c. value, for 50c.
Black Vigaro Suiting, 38 inches wide, 50c. value, to be sold for 29c.
Black Granite, 38 inches wide, worth 89c. yard, for 50c.
We offer big bargains in Dress Goods. Come and we will save you money.

Umbrellas.

100 dozen Ladies' and Gent's steel rod Umbrella, worth $2.50, to be sold for $1.

Cloak Department.

Prices as yet unparallelled.
$5 Cape, double box pleated, trimmed in fur and braid, to be sold for $2.50.
$8 Tan Covert Coat, box front, roll collar, to be sold for $4.89.

Carpets.

It would pay you to visit this department, as we must close Carpets out. See what prices we offer you.
50c. Ingrain Carpet, 1 yard wide, wool filling, 35c.
60c. Ingrain, all wool filled Carpet, 1 yard wide, for 42c.
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