FINANCE AND COMMERCE

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS OF MONEY.

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

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—At the opening the stock market to-day looked as though the orders accumulated by commission houses over night were to sell in order to take profits. First sales were very general at a fraction below last night's price, and 20,000 shares of New York Central thrown on the market drove the price of that stock down ⅝. The market steadied almost immediately, and recovered gradually to above last night's level, net gains being, however, very unequal. Lake Shore was most conspicuous in its movement, rising 6¼ to 194½ on the reported plan to exchange $200 of New York Central 3½ per cent. debenture bonds for each $100 of Lake Shore stock. Another strong element in the market was Louisville, which advanced over a point on reports that a plan for refunding obligations at a lower rate of interest was under consideration. This stock was the leader of the market in point of activity. Northern Pacific preferred continued to advance on well-defined rumors that an additional dividend is in prospect. Denver and Rio Grande preferred, Northwest and a number of less prominent stocks showed notable gains. These elements of strength served to sustain the market and to counteract some tendency to sluggishness and heaviness in the general list, so that net gains were achieved in most stocks, though they are small outside the special cases mentioned. Quotations from London this morning showed some depression in the market for Americans there, which was attributed to the apprehension awakened in the British mind by yesterday's vote on the Teller resolution in the Senate. The week opened with a continued tendency toward a reaction, and the hesitating tone in the early dealings on Monday gave way to very positive weakness upon the announcement that the Maine had been ordered to Havana. This sharp decline seemed to clear the speculative situation by giving the shorts an opportunity to cover, and by shaking out the weaker narrow margins of holders who were regarded as a menace to the success of any movement for an advance. The character of the buying at the decline made it very evident that powerful interests were taking up heavy lines of stocks with confidence, and their aggressive manipulation for an advance was evident during the remainder of the week. The week's statements of railroad earnings have been, as a rule, very favorable, notably Northern Pacific and Pennsylvania, the latter being regarded as an especially reliable index of the country's railroad business. All of the securities of the Kansas and Texas Railway Company have been very strong during the week on the improved financial condition shown by reports for the year thus far. The bull operators made use of reports in anticipation of the President's speech on Thursday night, and some of Friday's selling was due to realizing upon the delivery of the speech. The market's advance was helped very materially by the large buying for London account on Tuesday and Wednesday, but the almost equally heavy selling on the succeeding days from the same source made it evident that the speculation was only for a short turn. The tone of the money market has worked easier, notwithstanding the withdrawal from the banks of the final 10 per cent. of the Government deposits on the Union Pacific payments. It is averred that there is abundance of money and an easier feeling. Net gains in the general list extend up to 3 points, and in specialties to 4¼ in Lake Shore and 6¼ in New York Central. Kansas and Texas preferred, the Chicago and Eastern Illinois stocks, Rock Island, Northern Pacific preferred and Northwest also made heavy gains.

With sales of bonds for the week of a par value of over $6,000,000, business in that department of the exchange exceeds all previous records, both for a week and for a month. Thus far in the month the extreme gains have been somewhat reduced by profit-taking, but prices are materially higher on the week. United States old coupon are ⅜ higher bid; do. registered and new 4's, coupon, ¼ higher, and the 5's ⅜ higher bid.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 201,800 shares, including Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 7,575; Louisville and Nashville, 24,270; Manhattan Elevated, 5,120; Missouri, Kansas and Texas preferred, 6,340; New York Central, 20,809; Northern Pacific preferred, 13,216; St. Paul, 10,640; Union Pacific, 9,890; People's Gas, 8,051; Sugar, 9,080.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.—Money on call easy at 1¾ per cent.; last loan, 1¾ per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484⅞ for demand and at 482⅞@482¾ for sixty days; posted rates, 483@483¾ and 485½@486; commercial bills, 481½@482. Silver certificates, 56¾@57⅜; bar silver, 56⅝; Mexican dollars, 45⅝. State bonds dull; railroad bonds firm; Government bonds irregular.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes:

Surplus reserve, increase	$4,334,250
Loan, increase	2,395,600
Specie, increase	2,445,200
Legal tender, increase	3,891,900
Deposits, increase	8,011,400
Circulation, decrease	124,900

The banks now hold $35,966,450 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

The Financier says: The statement of the Associated Banks for the week ending January 29th, while it does not show the enormous increases of the previous week, indicates that money is still flowing heavily to this centre. The gain in cash for the week was $6,337,100, of which nearly $2,500,000 was specie. The latter represents western receipts to a large extent, following Australian remittances. The increase in deposits, amounting to $8,011,400, tied up over $2,000,000 of the cash received so that the surplus reserve is only $4,334,250 heavier than one week ago. There is no doubt that the expansion of $2,395,600 in loans reflects legitimate mercantile and stock exchange transactions, instead of special operations and technical manipulations, such as have been in evidence since the Union Pacific sale. The loan increase is scattered through a larger list of banks than usual, and the totals are largely due to gains made by the National Union, the Western National and the National Bank of the Republic. It is worthy of note that the bank which has been most prominent in financiering the Union Pacific deal increased its loans four million, following the retirement of overdue currency securities held by the treasury on its accounts of deposits. The deposit items of the banks doing the largest business with interior banks show the highest percentage of gains. The future, in view of the continued piling up of idle money in New York, appears to favor easier money. It should not be forgotten, however, that considerable of the surplus cash in banks belongs to the Treasury, and is subject to its withdrawal. The commercial demands are also heavier, and whereas the loans of the banks during January, 1897, remained stationary, while the surplus reserve increased twenty-six millions, the loans in the same period this year have expanded eighteen millions, while the excess cash shows a gain of twenty millions. Thus, while the supply is in excess of the demand, the latter is immeasurably more pronounced than at the beginning of last year. It is difficult to see, however, where the hope of much firmer money markets this season finds foundation. If interest rates go beyond a defined line gold imports must follow. Only that the exchange situation is now under strong control, some interesting developments in the way of unseasonable inter-transfers might be possible.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Closing Stocks
Atchison	13
Atchison pfd	31
Baltimore and Ohio	13
Canada Pacific	88¼
Canada Southern	54¾
Central Pacific	13½
Ches. and Ohio	22⅞
Chi. and Alton	165
Chi., B. and Q.	99⅞
Chi. and E. Ill.	59⅝
C., C., C. and St. L.	36⅞
C., C., C. and St. L. pfd	82
Del. and Hudson	112¾
Del., L. and W.	154
Den. and Rio G.	13½
Den. and Rio G. pfd	50⅞
Erie (new)	15¾
Erie (new) 1st pfd	39¾
Fort Wayne	170
Great Northern pfd	135½
Hocking Valley	6¾
Illinois Central	108¾
Lake Erie and W.	16½
Lake Erie and W. pfd	72
Lake Shore	193¾
Louis. and Nash.	58⅝
Manhattan L.	117⅝
Met. Traction	146
Michigan Central	107
Mines and St. L.	25
Minn. and St. L. 1st pfd	85
Mo. Pacific	34⅞
Mobile and Ohio	30
Mo., K. and T.	13¾
Mo., K. and T. pfd	40⅝
Chicago, Ind. and L.	9½
Chicago, Ind. and L. pfd	32⅝
N. J. Central	94⅝
N. Y. Central	118¾
N. Y., Chi. and St. L.	15
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 1st pfd	75
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 2d pfd	39¾
Nor West	14¼
N. and W. pfd	47½
North American Co.	5⅝
No. Pacific	27⅞
No. Pacific pfd	67¼
Ontario and W.	17⅝
Ore. R. and Nav.	51½
Ore. Short Line	24¼
Pittsburg	168
Reading	22⅝
Rock Island	93½
St. Louis and S. W. F.	7¼
St. L. and S. W. F. 1st pfd	56½
St. L. and S. W. F. 2d pfd	26½
St. Paul	65⅞
St. Paul pfd	144¼
St. P. and Om.	76¾
St. P. and Om. pfd	148
St. P., M. and M.	122
Southern Pacific	20
Southern R. W.	9⅞
Southern R. W. pfd	31½
Texas and Pacific	11⅝
Union Pacific	34½
U. P., D. and G.	9⅞
Wabash	7¼
Wabash pfd	18⅝
Wheel. and L. E.	3⅞
Wheel. and L. E. pfd	13⅝
EXPRESS COMPANIES.	
Adams Express	160
American Express	119
United States	41½
Wells-Fargo	110
MISCELLANEOUS.	
A. Cot. Oil	21¾
A. Cot. Oil pfd	76⅝
American Spirits	8¾
American Spirits pfd	21
American Tobacco	88
American Tobacco pfd	133
People's Gas	99½
Cons. Gas	191
Com. Cable Co.	175
Col. F. and Iron	24¼
Col. F. and Iron pfd	70
General Electric	36
Illinois Steel	51
La Clede Gas	44¼
Lead	35
Lead pfd	107
Nat. Lin. Oil	18½
Ore. Imp. Co.	27¾
Pacific Mail	31⅝
Pullman Palace	178
Silver Certificates	56¾
Standard Rope and Twine	4
Sugar	138¾
Sugar pfd	113½
Tenn. C. and Iron	25
U. S. Leather	7
U. S. Leather pfd	65
U. S. Rubber	16½
U. S. Rubber pfd	65½
West. Union	91½
Chicago Northwestern	125½
Chicago Northwestern pfd	165
St. L. and S. W.	4½
St. L. and S. W. pfd	10
Rio Grande and W.	22
Rio Grande and W. pfd	59
Chicago Great Western	14⅝
Hawaiian Com. Co.	30½
Reading 1st pfd	51
BONDS.	
U. S. New 4's, reg.	127¾
U. S. New 4's, coup.	129
U. S. 4's	113
U. S. 4's, coup.	114½
U. S. 2ds	100
U. S. 5's, reg.	113¼
U. S. 5's, coup.	114⅝
District 3.65's	117¾
Alabama (Class A)	108
Alabama (Class B)	108
Alabama (Class C)	100
Alabama Currency	100
Atchison 4's	92
Atchison Adj. 4's	60¼
Can. So. 2ds	109½
C. and N. P. t. r. 5's	85¼
C. and Ohio 5's	116
D. H. and D. 4½'s	104⅝
D. and R. G. 1sts	109
D. and R. G. 4's	94⅝
East Tenn. 1sts	107
Erie General 4's	31
F. W. and D. 1sts, t. r.	74½
General Electric 5's	101
G. H. and S. A. 6's	106
G. H. and S. A. 2ds	104
H. and T. C. 5's	110
H. and T. C. Con. 6's	106
Iwa. C. 1sts	100
Kan. P. Con. t. r.	99⅝
K. Pac. 1sts (Den. Div.) t. r.	119
La. New Consols, 4's	102
L. and N. Uni. 4's	86
Mexican 6's	100
M., K. and T. 2ds	66¾
M., K. and T. 4's	89½
N. Y. Central 1sts	116⅝
N. J. C. 5's	113
North Carolina 6's	125
North Carolina 4's	105
No. Pacific 1sts	117½
No. Pac. 3's	63¾
No. Pac. 4's	93⅞
N. Y. C. and St. L. 4's	106⅞
N. and W. 6's	124½
Northwestern Consols	144⅝
Northwestern Deb. 5's	118
O. Nav. 1sts	115
O. Nav. 4's	96
O. S. Line 6's, t. r.	127⅝
O. S. Line 5's, t. r.	99⅝
O. Imp. 1sts, t. r.	111
O. Imp. 5's, t. r.	58½
Pacific 6's, of '95	103¾
Reading 4's	84½
R. G. W. 1sts	84⅝
St. Louis and I. M. Con. 5's	90¼
St. L. and San Fran. Gen. 6's	117¼
St. P. Con.	139½
St. Paul C. and P. 1sts	121
St. Paul C. and P. 5's	116¼
Southern R. W. 5's	92½
Standard Rope and Twine 6's	69
Tenn. New Set. 3's	87
Tex. Pac. L. G. 1sts	101
Tex. Pac. reg. 2ds	33⅝
Union Pac. 1sts	121
U. P., D. and Gulf 1sts	55
Wabash 1st 5's	108¼
Wabash 2ds	82⅝
W. Shore 4's	109⅝
Virginia Centuries	71
Virginia Centuries Deferred	3
Pacific 6's of '99	103¼
Mobile and Ohio 4's	79⅝
Phil. and Reading G. M. 5's	84½
N. and W. Consols, 4's	89⅞

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RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 29, 1898.

SALES.—600 Virginia Centuries at 71; 10 shares Virginia-Carolina Chemical preferred at 109; 11 shares do. at 109; 29 shares do. at 109¼.

GOV. SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4's, R. and C., 1907	114	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
North Carolina 4's, C., 1910	105	...
North Carolina 6's, C., 1919	120	...
Va. 3's, new, C. and R., 1932	80⅝	86½
Va. Century, 2-3, C. and R.	71	71¼
CITY SECURITIES.		
Rich. City 8's, R., 1904-1910	131	...
Rich. City 6's R. 1904-1910*	113	...
Rich. City 5's R. 1920-1922	111	...
Rich. City 4's, R., 1920-1929	102¾	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
At. and Char. 1st 7's, R. 1907	120¼	...
A. C. g't'd in. 6's R. 1900	103	...
C., C. and A. 2d 7's, C., 1910	120	...
Ga. So. and Fla. 5's, 1945	104	105
Pet. Class A 5's, R. C., 1926	113	...
Pet. Class B 6's, R. C., 1926	118½	122
Rich. and Meck. 1st 6's, 1921	60	73
Sav., Am. and Mont., 1919	96	...
Southern R. W. 1st 5's, 1994	92	...
W. N. C. 1st 6's, C., 1914	115	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd. 5's	104	104½
Ga. and Ala. Consols	85	86
N. and W. 1st M. Con. 4 p. c.	80¾	81¼
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	100	...
N. and W. pfd.	100	47¾	48
Petersburg	100	112	
R. and P. and R., F. and P. Connection	70	95	...
R., F. and P. com.	100	121	...
R., F. and P. div. obli.	100	112	...
Rich. and Pet.	100	116	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd.		25	27
Ga. and Ala. com.		9⅛	9¾
Ga. So. and Fla. 1st pfd.		85	90
Ga. So. and Fla. 2d pfd.		53	55
Ga. So. and Fla. com.		30	35
BANK STOCKS.			
Citizens Exchange	25	25	...
City	25	28	...
First National	100	162	
Metropolitan	25	26	27¼
National Bank of Va.	100	101	
Planters National	100	250	...
Pet. Sav. and Ins. Co.	20	32½	...
Security	100	105	...
State Bank of Va.	100	130	...
Union Bank of Richmond	50	115	...
Virginia Trust Co.	100	110	111
Sav. Bank of Richmond	25	37¼	38
INS. COMPANIES.			
Va. Fire and Marine	25	34½	37
Virginia State	25	23½	...
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Amer. Tob. Co. pfd.	100	113½	...
Amer. Tob. Co. com.	50	88	89
Va.-Caro. Chem. pfd.	100	106½	109½
Va.-Caro. Chem. pfd.	100	58	60

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

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 29, 1898.

WHEAT—	Quotations
Longberry	95 @$1 00
Mixed	94 @ 1 00
Shortberry	93 @ 1 00
No. 2 red	$1 00 @
CORN—	
White, Va. bag lots	34 @ 34½
No. 2 white	34 @ 34½
No. 3 white	33½@
No. 2 mixed	33 @
No. 3 mixed	32½@
OATS—	
No. 2 mixed	28½@
No. 3 mixed	27½@
Winter seed	31 @ 36
HAY—	
No. 2	@ 54

NORFOLK PEANUT MARKET.

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 29.—PEANUTS—Fancy, 2⅝@2¾c.; strictly prime, 2½@2⅝c.; prime, 1½@2½c.; common, 1@2c.; Spanish, 57½@60c. Market fairly strong.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 5 15-16; net receipts, 517 bales; gross, 1,341 bales; forwarded, 295 bales; sales, 314 bales; spinners, 14 bales; stock, 161,711 bales.

Total to-day and consolidated—Net receipts, 28,191 bales; exports to Great Britain, 15,203 bales; to the Continent, 17,952 bales; stock, 1,257,154 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts, 6,545,557 bales; exports to Great Britain, 2,197,978 bales; to France, 598,845 bales; to the Continent, 1,791,529 bales.

Futures opened steady at the decline; sales, 4,600 bales; February, 5.69; March, 5.74; April, 5.77; May, 5.79; June, 5.83; July, 5.86; August, 5.89; September, 5.88; October, 5.88; November, 5.92; December, 5.95.

Futures closed steady; sales, 62,500 bales; February, 5.68; March, 5.72; April, 5.75; May, 5.78; June, 5.81; July, 5.85; August, 5.88; September, 5.88; October, 5.89; November, 5.92.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands, 5 15-16; middling gulf, 6 3-16; sales, 314 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 29.—1 P. M.—COTTON—Spot in moderate demand; prices steady; American middling, 3 7-32d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 7,300 American; receipts, 10,000 bales, including 7,200 American.

Futures opened and closed quiet, with a moderate demand; American middling, l. m. c., January, 2 10-64@2 11-64, sellers; January and February, 3 9-64@3 10-64, sellers; February and March, 3 9-64, buyers; March and April, 3 9-64@3 10-64, sellers; April and May, 3 10-64, sellers; May and June, 3 10-64@3 11-64, sellers; June and July, 3 11-64@3 12-64, sellers; July and August, 3 12-64, buyers; August and September, 3 13-64, sellers; September and October, 3 13-64@3 14-64, buyers; October and November, 3 14-64, buyers; November and December, 3 14-64@3 15-64, buyers.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, an. 29.—Wheat to-day felt the heavy liquidation which was done near the close of yesterday's session, and acted weak and irregular. May closed ¼c. lower. No attempt was made to do anything in January. Corn and oats were heavy, and declined ⅛c. lower each. Provisions were firm, without much trading, and closed unchanged.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
Jan.	$1.08	$1.08	$1.08	$1.08
May	97¼	98	96	96⅞
July	89¼	87	86	86⅝
CORN—No. 2.				
Jan.	27¾	27¾	27½	27½
May	29½	29⅝	29¼	29⅝
July	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝
OATS—No. 2.				
May	24⅜	24⅜	23⅞	24
July	23	23⅛	22⅝	22¾
MESS PORK—				
Jan.	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80
May	9.97½	10.02½	9.97½	10.00
LARD—100 lbs.				
Jan.	4.82½	4.84½	4.82½	4.82½
May	4.90	4.90	4.87½	4.90
July	4.97½	4.97½	4.97½	4.97½
SHORT RIBS—100 lbs.				
July	4.90	....	....	4.90
May	4.90	4.92½	4.90	4.92½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady; No. 2 yellow corn, 27⅝c.; No. 2 spring wheat, 93@95c.; No. 3 spring wheat (hard), 91@94⅝c.; No. 2 red, 99c.@$1.02; No. 2 corn, 27½c.; No. 2 oats, 23¾@24c.; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 24½@25½c.; No. 2 rye, 47½c.; No. 2 barley, 28@37c.; No. 1 flax seed, $1.25@1.31; prime timothy seed, $2.80; mess pork, per barrel, $9.85@9.90; lard, per 100 pounds, $4.82½@4.85; short rib sides (loose), $4.77½@4.97½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5@5.25; short clear sides (boxed), $5@5.20; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.19; sugars—cut loaf, $5.89; granulated, $5.39; butter steady; creamery, 13@18c.; dairy, 11@17c.; cheese quiet at 8@8½c.; eggs easy; fresh, 15½c.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., Jan. 29.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

WHEAT—Easier; spot, month and February, $1@1.00¼; March, $1.00⅛@1.00⅝; May, 99@99¾c.; steamer No. 2 red, 95¾@96c. Southern wheat, by sample and on grade, 97c.@$1.01.

CORN—Steady; spot, month and February, 34@34¼c.; March, 33⅞@34⅛c.; steamer mixed, 33c. bid. Southern white corn, 33@35c.; do. yellow, 33@34½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white western, 29½@30c.; No. 2 mixed do., 28c. bid.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 nearby, 54½c.; No. 2 western, 55¼c. bid.

HAY—Dull; choice timothy, $13.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Quiet and unchanged.

SUGAR—Strong and unchanged.

BUTTER AND EGGS—Quiet and unchanged.

CHEESE—Steady and unchanged.

WHISKY—Unchanged.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Conditions favorable to more active trade are shown in the dry goods market at the close of the week's trading. The disposition of buyers is more in the line of free purchases. The returns for the week have been partially satisfactory. In cotton goods lines there has been slight increase in the sales, and this has been due to local causes in some sections, but there has been a noteworthy firmness in all lines of staple goods, with prints in fairly steady demand. There have been some adjustments in the prices of American indigo, but aside from these there are no quotable changes in the price situation in any class of goods. Jobbers locally have had a week which aggregated better than last week. Reports from out-of-town jobbing centres show that the interest taken by retailers in the market is neither sight nor feeting.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 29.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Nothing doing; unchanged; receipts, 20 casks.

ROSIN—Firm at $1.10@1.20; receipts, 617 barrels.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Steady at $1.40@1.90; receipts, 16 barrels.

TAR—Steady at $1; receipts, 224 barrels.

SAVANNAH, GA., Jan. 29.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Firm at 32c.; sales, 250 casks; receipts, 218 casks.

ROSIN—Firm and unchanged; sales, 575 barrels; receipts, 2,280 barrels.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 29.—TURPENTINE—Firm at 32c.; sales, 9 casks.

ROSIN—Firm and unchanged; sales, none.

TOBACCO EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 29, 1898.

Sales of new dark loose tobaccos on the Richmond, Va., breaks for the week ending to-day:

Stonewall Warehouse sold 15,390 pounds. Shockoe Warehouse sold 141,305 pounds; highest price, $15. Crenshaw's Warehouse sold 225,100 pounds; highest price, $12. Total, 381,855 pounds; highest price, $15.

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

Private sales reported to the secretary of the Richmond Tobacco Trade for the fourth week in January for the last seven years:

For the week ending Saturday, January 29, 1892—Wrappers, 87 hogsheads; fillers, 7; cutters, 1; smokers, 5; scrap (bright), 1; leaf (dark), 7; western, 5. Total, 113 hogsheads.

For the week ending Saturday, January 31, 1893—Wrappers, 43 hogsheads; fillers, 28; smokers, 22; scrap (bright), 6; leaf (dark), 25; burleys, 100; lugs (dark), 63. Total, 287 hogsheads.

For the week ending Saturday, January 31, 1894—Wrappers, 48 hogsheads; fillers, 74; cutters, 9; smokers, 15; scrap (bright), 2; leaf (dark), 25; burleys, 24; lugs (dark), 83. Total, 280 hogsheads.

For the week ending Saturday, January 31, 1895—Wrappers, 46 hogsheads; fillers, 111; cutters, 35; smokers, 119; scrap (bright), 70; scrap (dark), 7; leaf (dark), 83; burleys, 7; lugs (dark), 42; primings, 5. Total, 525 hogsheads.

For the week ending Saturday, January 31, 1896—Wrappers, 47 hogsheads; fillers, 103; cutters, 62; smokers, 158; scrap (bright), 94; leaf (dark), 108; burleys, 22; lugs (dark), 61; primings, 1. Total, 656 hogsheads.

For the week ending January 30, 1897—Wrappers, 81 hogsheads; fillers, 297; cutters, 10; smokers, 22; scrap (bright), 17; leaf (dark), 93; burleys, 6; western, 7; lugs (dark), 69. Total, 602 hogsheads.

For the week ending Saturday, January 29, 1898—Wrappers, 58 hogsheads; fillers, 33; cutters, 8; smokers, 45; scrap (bright), 90; leaf (dark), 125; stems, 85; burleys, 14; lugs (dark), 154. Total, 612 hogsheads.

The tobacco inspector reports light sampling to-day, and for the week ending to-day:

Inspections—Bright, 60 hogsheads and 2 tierces; dark, 73 hogsheads and 2 tierces. Reinspections—Bright, 31 hogsheads; dark, 2 hogsheads and 5 tierces; western, 1 hogshead.

Total inspections for the week ending to-day, 133 hogsheads and 4 tierces; reinspections, 34 hogsheads and 5 tierces. Total sampling for the week ending to-day, 167 hogsheads and 9 tierces.

Alleghany, Shockoe, Crenshaw's, Seabrook's, Farmers, Vaughan's and Old Dominion tobacco warehouses report today: Receipts, 46 packages; deliveries, 104 packages.

The same tobacco warehouses, with Myer's, Shelburne's, Stonewall, Neal's, Davenport's, Planters and Williams & Rebling's added, report for the fourth week in January for the last seven years, as follows:

For the week ending Saturday, January 29, 1892—Receipts, 346 packages; deliveries, 400 packages.

For the week ending Saturday, January 31, 1893—Receipts, 96 packages; deliveries, 168 packages.

For the week ending Saturday, January 31, 1894—Receipts, 151 packages; deliveries, 318 packages.

For the week ending Saturday, January 31, 1895—Receipts, 138 packages; deliveries, 196 packages.

For the week ending Saturday, January 31, 1896—Receipts, 266 packages; deliveries, 86 packages.

For the week ending Saturday, January 30, 1897—Receipts, 175 packages; deliveries, 376 packages.

For the week ending Saturday, January 29, 1898—Receipts, 184 packages; ; deliveries, 146 packages.

United States internal revenue collections on tobacco for the city of Richmond, Va., to-day: Cigars and cigarettes, $179.95; plug to bacco, $997.44; Total, $1,176.69.

United States internal revenue collections on tobacco for the city of Richmond, Va., for the last week in January for the last seven years:

For the week ending Saturday—	Cigars, etc.	Plug, etc.	Total.
Jan. 29, 1892	$95.70	$4,599.93	$5,095.63
Jan. 31, 1893	8,415.00	5,772.37	14,187.37
Jan. 31, 1894	6,712.61	6,606.57	13,318.38
Jan. 31, 1895	9,364.83	11,201.15	20,565.98
Jan. 31, 1896	8,645.59	11,656.35	19,791.64
Jan. 30, 1897	17,715.66	14,887.83	32,603.49
Jan. 29, 1898	24,131.71	11,348.07	35,479.78

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

January 30, 1898.

Sun rises	7:16 A. M.
Sun sets	5:31 P. M.
Moon south	6:59 P. M.
First high water	10:38 A. M.
Second high water	10:57 P. M.

January 31, 1898.

Sun rises	7:15 A. M.
Sun sets	5:32 P. M.
Moon south	7:48 P. M.
First high water	11:46 A. M.
Second high water	11:45 P. M.

PORT OF RICHMOND, JAN. 29, 1898.

ARRIVALS.

Steamer Goldsbury Tunnel, merchandise and passengers, Clyde Line, from Philadelphia.

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

Schooner M. D. Miller, Cavalier, Light; from New York.

SAILINGS.

Schooner Anne Ainsley, McAndrews, railroad ties, South Amboy, N. J.

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ARRIVED.

Steamer Strathleven, Barry.
Barge Astoria, Providence.
Barge Frank Pendleton, Providence.

SAILING.

Bark Pedro Lacave, Cadiz.
Barge Brooklyn, New York.
Schooner B. F. Pool, Providence.
Schooner A. E. Manson, Boston.
Schooner A. A. Shaw, Fall River.
Steamer Strathgyle, Amsterdam.
Steamer H. M. Pollock, Dublin and Belfast.

PORT OF WEST POINT, JAN. 29, 1898.

ARRIVED.

Steamship Accomac, Thompson, Norfolk passengers and general cargo.

SAILED.

Steamship Accomac, Thompson, Norfolk, passengers and general cargo.

Love and Sympathy.

The Epworth League of St. James M. E. church desires to show their love and sympathy for their fellow men in the land of Cuba whom they learn are suffering for the lack of daily food. And as it is the object of the league to help their weaker and poorer brethren, therefore the noble and sincere members of the League have arranged an excellent programme consisting of both vocal and instrumental music, recitations, also phonographic comic selections by friends of the League.

A very small admittance will be charged, and the tickets will be redeemable.

Refreshments will be served. All who are interested in the cause are invited to attend. Basement of church corner of Twenty-Ninth and Marshall.

About an Express Package.

There was some little trouble at the Southern Express Company's office Friday concerning a package of goods worth between $2 and $4 consigned to a Russian peddler, Schapiro by name.

It seems that a friend of Schapiro, Kratz by name, called at the express office and got the package out. Later on Schapiro showed up and kicked strenuously at his property having been taken out by Kratz. He admitted, however, that the goods had been ordered for that gentleman, and that they consisted of some buttons. He didn't want Kratz to have them all at once, but desired to deal them out to him in installments.

The police have been notified of the occurrence.

Has Not Been Called.

The rumor that Rev. Meade Clarke, rector of St. James Episcopal church, has been called to be dean of the Theological Seminary near Alexandria, is without tangible foundation.

An Enterprise for Richmond.

Strangers coming into the city are being very much impressed by Richmond's growth through the magnificent new establishment that is to open here, referring to the "Meyer Store," Foushee and Broad. Not all of us realize the magnitude of the establishment. Already 1,100 bales and cases of merchandise have been received and stowed away in the new building, and yet it is but a drop in the bucket. The manager of the new store said yesterday that the exhibition and sales of ready-made muslin underwear, embroideries and goods with which to make up underwear, will be enough in itself to attract every lady in Richmond and the surrounding country to the opening, besides the fact that the Dress Goods Department has been placed under the charge of an expert for many years with the leading dress goods importers of this country, who has for the last three months been making preparations to show at the opening Worsted, Silk and Wash Fabrics; such extensive assortments as are found only in the large department stores of the North. This fact alone will keep thousands of dollars in Richmond, which heretofore has gone to these Northern cities through mail orders. A corps of men tailors have been engaged, who will make to order Ladies' Suits and Coats, either from your own materials or goods you might buy in the store. The third floor, we believe though, will be one of the most attractive in the store, for here the lady of the house may select Carpets, Wall Paper and Furniture and see them altogether, just as they will appear in her rooms. From present estimates, more than 225 people will be kept busy in and out of the building. This fact alone will give aid to many people now unemployed. It is just such methods of investing money at home that will best build up our glorious city, and we should all welcome such commendable enterprises.

AN OLD MASONIC EDIFICE,

Mason's Hall, a Colonial Structure, Still in Existence in this City.

HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT BUILDING.

The Oldest Building for the Purpose in the United States is Situated in This City on Franklin Street Between Eighteenth and Nineteenth.

This city has the distinction of having in its midst the oldest Masonic Hall in the United States. This is a fact which is not generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless, and this old building, with its historic association, is at the present time in a magnificent state of preservation, and sits modestly, surrounded by modern buildings, and with a busy world going on around it—on Franklin street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth, Nos. 1805-1807.

For nearly one hundred years this building was occupied jointly by Richmond Lodge No. 10, and Richmond Randolph Lodge, No. 19.

The Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia was organized at a convention of delegates from the five Lodges in the State, at Williamsburg, on Tuesday, May 6, 1777.

CHARTER GRANTED.

At a meeting held in Williamsburg on December 28, 1780, a petition was presented from Leighton Wood, Thomas Smith, Gabriel Galt, and others, of the town of Richmond, asking for a charter, which was granted. The Lodge thus chartered was known as Richmond Lodge, No. 13, and was the first Lodge in Richmond.

MASONIC HALL.

(The Oldest Structure of the Kind in the United States.)

A building soon became necessary, and on August 12, 1785, a committee from No. 13, embracing George Anderson, Alexander Nelson, Foster Webb, Jr., Alexander McRobert, Patrick Wright, Samuel Scherer and John Grooves, purchased the ground from Gabriel Galt.

The corner stone of the hall was laid on Saturday, October 29, 1785, by Most Worshipful