MAY WHEAT NOW ONE SEVENTY-FIVE

July Wheat, However, Was the Sensation of the Day.

THE ADVANCE FOURTEEN CENTS.

The Stock Market Strong On Account of the Extraordinary Price of Wheat, Due to Demand for the Foreign Markets.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Probably to-day's stock market owed its firmness, and at some points its strength, to the extraordinary course of prices in the wheat market. With May wheat selling in this market at $1.80 a bushel before the middle of the month, and with July option almost keeping pace with it, there is assured promise of abundant increase of wealth for this country. The outbreaks of vengeance of bloodshed in Italy and Spain, on account of bread, and the advancing price for that necessity at other points in Europe, are only too convincing evidence that the high prices for wheat are not due to speculative manipulation, but to the urgent need of foreign consumption. With this demonstration of the country's potential command of wealth, it was natural that prices of securities should continue to advance. But the market had to carry the burden of an extensive liquidation of profits in many stocks, and of large selling for foreign account, induced by the stiffness of money rates abroad.

The day's business was the heaviest since last fall, the total sales of all stocks reaching 620,200 shares. A feature of the day was the sharp advance of ½c. in sterling exchange. Not only the easier tendency of money here, but the large demand for exchange created by the selling of stocks for foreign account had to do with this advance. The sales for foreign account reached over 30,000.

The bond market shared in the activity of stocks, and was strong throughout. Total sales, $3,170,000. United States new 4's advanced ¾, the 5's and the old 4's coupon ½, and the old 4's, registered, ¼ in the bid price. There were sales of the new 4's, coupon, at 123¼, an advance of ¾ over the last sale.

The total sales of stocks were 620,700 shares, including Atchison pfd., 29,200; Chesapeake and Ohio, 7,705; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 25,740; Louisville and Nashville, 18,820; Manhattan, 11,620; Metropolitan street railway, 8,650; Missouri Pacific, 11,970; New York Central, 7,820; Northern Pacific, 10,010; do. pfd., 224,310; Rock Island, 45,725; St. Paul, 68,620; Southern railway pfd., 9,125; Union Pacific pfd., 46,120; Wabash pfd., 19,200; American Spirits, 10,070; American Tobacco, 40,750; Chicago Great Western, 13,870; People's Gas, 24,830; General Electric, 60,025; Pacific Mail, 5,970; Sugar, 26,750; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 8,020; Western Union, 9,515.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets here opened dull to-day, but rapidly improved. The recovery was led by a marked improvement in foreign bourses, notably in Paris. A rumor spread that Spain was asking the Powers to intervene. Nothing definite was known, but the buying was so good and general that color was given to the report. Interest to-day centered in Americans, in which the business is unusually heavy. The firm prices in New York induced realizations here, which the arbitrage dealers readily absorbed. Operators have apparently made up their minds that the war will not interfere with Americans, while the recognized rise in wheat adds to the spending power of the United States.

Spanish 4's opened at 59⅝, declined to 59⅛, but advanced rapidly to 32⅛ on "covering" by bear speculators in anticipation of the coming Stock Exchange settlement. Their net gain for the day was 2¼ points. The advance was assisted by unconfirmed rumors that money was in hand for the payment of the July coupon.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.—Money on call steady at 2½ per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 6@7 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484¾@485 for demand and at 481½@481¾ for sixty days; posted rates, 482@483½; commercial bills, 480@480¾. Silver certificates, 56@56¾; bar silver, 56¾; Mexican dollars, 45. Government bonds strong; State bonds dull; railroad bonds strong.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Closing Stocks.

Atchison	12¾
Atchison pfd	30⅝
Baltimore and Ohio	18
Canada Pacific	83½
Canada Southern	50½
Central Pacific	13½
Ches. and Ohio	23⅝
Chi. and Alton	150
Chi., R. and Q.	96¼
Chi. and E. Ill.	51
C., C., C., and St. L.	31⅝
C., C., C. and St. L. pfd	75
Del. and Hudson	109½
Del., L. and W.	157
Den. and Rio G.	11
Den. and Rio G. pfd	46¾
Erie (new)	13
Erie (new) 1st pfd	35¼
Fort Wayne	168
Great Northern pfd	159
Hocking Valley	6
Illinois Central	103
Lake Erie and W.	15½
Lake Erie and W. pfd	72
Lake Shore	184
Louis. and Nash.	54
Manhattan L.	103
Met. Traction	149
Michigan Central	104½
Minn. and St. L.	26¾
Minn. and St. L. 1st pfd	83½
Mo. Pacific	33⅝
Mobile and Ohio	28
Mo., K. and T.	10⅝
Mo., K. and T. pfd	35⅞
Chicago, Ind. and L.	9
Chicago, Ind. and L. pfd	28
N. J. Central	94½
N. Y. Central	115⅝
N. Y., Chi. and St. L.	13¼
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 1st pfd	60
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 2d pfd	33
Nor. West	13
N. and W. pfd	30⅝
North American Co.	5⅝
No. Pacific	26½
No. Pacific pfd	66½
Ontario and W.	15⅝
Ore. R. and Nav.	56¾
Ore. Short Line	20¼
Pittsburg	168
Reading	19
Rock Island	97⅞
St. Louis and S. F.	6⅛
St. Louis and S. F. 1st pfd	58½
St. Louis and S. F. 2d pfd	23¼
St. Paul	65⅝
St. P. and Om.	75½
St. P. and Om. pfd	149
St. P., M. and M.	137
Southern Pacific	15⅝
Southern R. W.	8½
Southern R. W. pfd	30
Texas and Pacific	11¼
Union Pacific	38⅝
U. P., D. and G.	6¾
Wabash	7⅞
Wabash pfd	19⅝
Wheel. and L. E.	2¾
Wheel. and L. E. pfd	15

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Adams Express	100
American Express	125
United States	39
Wells-Fargo	119

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. Cot. Oil	21
A. Cot. Oil pfd	74
American Spirits	12
American Spirits pfd	28½
American Tobacco	113½
American Tobacco pfd	116
People's Gas	97½
Cons. Gas	185½
Com. Cable Co.	160
Col. F. and Iron	22½
Col. F. and Iron pfd	90
General Electric	35⅞
Illinois Steel	50
La Clede Gas	46
Lead	32⅝
Lead pfd	105
Nat. Lin. Oil	18
Ore. Imp. Co.	30
Pacific Mail	28½
Pullman Palace	180
Silver Certificates	56
Standard Rope and Twine	3⅝
Sugar	132⅞
Sugar pfd	112½
Tenn. C. and Iron	25⅝
U. S. Leather	6⅝
U. S. Leather pfd	62½
U. S. Rubber	18⅝
U. S. Rubber pfd	60½
Western Union	90
Chicago Northwestern	124⅝
Chicago Northwestern pfd	170
St. L. and S. W.	4½
St. L. and S. W. pfd	11¼
Rio Grande and W.	20
Rio Grande and W. pfd	57
Chicago Great Western	14⅛
Hawaiian Com. Co.	22
Reading 1st pfd	45

BONDS.

U. S. new 4's, reg.	122½
U. S. new 4's, coup.	122½
U. S. 4's	108½
U. S. 4's, coup.	109½
U. S. 2ds	95
U. S. 5's, reg.	110⅝
U. S. 5's, coup.	110⅝
District 3.65's	113
Alabama (Class A)	100
Alabama (Class B)	100
Alabama (Class C)	90
Alabama Currency	99
Atchison 4's	90
Atchison Ad. 4's	92⅝
Can. So. 2ds	107
C. and N. P. t. r. 5's	83
C. and Ohio 5's	113½
C., H. and D. 4½'s	104⅝
D. and R. G. 1sts	104½
D. and R. G. 4's	91
East Tennessee 1sts	106½
Erie General 4's	71¾
F. W. and D. 1sts, t. r.	72
General Electric 5's	103
G. H. and S. A. 6's	103
G. H. and S. A. 2ds	108
H. and T. C. 5's	110
H. and T. C. Con. 6's	(Off'd) 109
Iwa. C. 1sts	99
La. new consols, 4's	98½
L. and N. Uni. 4's	87½
Missouri 6's	100
M., K. and T. 2ds	62¾
M., K. and T. 4's	88½
N. Y. Central 1sts	116
N. J. C. 5's	112¾
North Carolina 6's	120
North Carolina 4's	103
No. Pac. 1sts	115
No. Pac. 3's	69¾
No. Pac. 4's	93¾
N. Y. C. and St. L. 4's	(Off'd) 104
N. and W. 6's	117
Northwestern consols	135
Northwestern Deb. 5's	116
O. Nav. 1sts	115
O. Nav. 4's	94½
O. S. Line 6's, t. r.	122¼
O. S. Line 5's, t. r.	102½
O. Imp. 1sts, t. r.	109
O. Imp. 5's, t. r.	58
Pacific 6's of '95	103
Reading 4's	83½
R. G. W. 1sts	82
St. Louis and I. M. Con. 5's	92¼
St. L. and San Fran. Gen. 6's	116
St. P. Con.	140
St. Paul C. and P. 1sts	116
St. Paul 5's	113½
Southern R. W. 5's	92
Standard Rope and Twine 6's	65
Tenn. new settlement 3's	80
Tex. Pac. L. G. 1sts	102¾
Tex. Pac. reg. 2ds	23¾
U. P., D. and Gulf 1sts	53¾
Wabash 1st 5's	107
Wabash 2ds	82
W. Shore 4's	107
Virginia Centuries	67¾
Va. Centuries deferred	5
Mobile and Ohio 4's	75
N. and W. consols 4's	80¼
Central of Ga. 5's	86¾
Central of Ga. 1sts	76
Central of Ga. 2ds	12½

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., May 9, 1898.

GOV. SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4's, R. and C., 1907	108	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
North Carolina 4's, C., 1910	102½	...
North Carolina 6's, C., 1919	125	...
Va. 3's, new, C. and R., 1932	...	78½
Va. Century, 2-3, C. and R.	67¾	68
CITY SECURITIES.		
Rich. City 8's, R., 1904-1910	130	...
Rich. City 6's R., 1904-1910*	112	...
Rich. City 5's, R., 1920-1922	110	...
Rich. City 4's, R., 1920-1929	102	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. and C. 1st 7's, R. 1907	118	...
A. and C. gu. in. 6's, R., 1900	100	...
Ga. Pacific 1st 6's, R. C., 1922	117	...
Ga. So. and Fla. 5's, 1945	101½	102
Pet. Class A 5's, R. C., 1926	112¼	...
Pet. Class B 6's, R. C., 1926	113	...
Rich. and Meck. 1st 6's, 1921	...	70
Southern R. W. 1st 5's, 1904	91	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd. 5's	101	...
Ga. and Ala. consols	88¼	90
Richmond Traction 5's, 1925	103	105
N. and W. 1st M. Con. 4 p. c.	79½	...

RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.		
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	100	104
Ches. and Ohio	100	21	...
North Carolina	100	130	...
N. and W. pfd	100	50¾	50½
Petersburg	100	122	125½
R. and P. and R., F. and P. Connection	70	90	...
R., F. and P. com.	100	120	...
R., F. and P. Div. Obli.	100	117	...
Rich. and Pet.	100	122	...
Southern R. W. pfd	100	29¾	29½
Southern R. W. com.	100	8½	9
Ga. and Ala. pfd		29	30
Ga. and Ala. com.		10¾	11½
Ga. So. and Fla. 1st pfd		82	...
Ga. So. and Fla. 2d pfd		55	...
Ga. So. and Fla. common		27	...
BANK STOCKS.			
Citizens Exchange	25		25½
City	25	27¾	...
First National	100	163	...
Merchants National	100	180	...
Metropolitan	25	25	...
National Bank of Va.	100		103
Planters National	100	254	...
Pet. Sav. and Ins. Co.	20	34	...
Security	100	107½	...
State Bank of Va.	100	138	...
Union Bank of Richmond	50	117	...
Virginia Trust Co.	100	...	111½
Sav. Bank of Richmond	25	37	39
INS. COMPANIES.			
Va. Fire and Marine	25		35½
Virginia State	25	...	24½
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Amer. Tob. Co. pfd	100	115	...
Amer. Tob. Co. com.	50	114	115½
Va.-Caro. Chem. pfd	100	107½	108
Va.-Caro. Chem. com.	100	54	55

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

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., May 9, 1898.

WHEAT—	Quotations.
Longberry	$1 30 @
Mixed	1 30 @
Shortberry	1 30 @
No. 2 red	1 30 @
CORN—	
White, Va. bag lots	42 @
No. 2 white	42 @
No. 3 white	42 @
No. 2 mixed	42 @
No. 3 mixed	41 @
OATS—	
No. 2 mixed	35½@
No. 3 mixed	35 @
RYE—	
No. 2	60 @

RICHMOND LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., May 9, 1898.

Receipts:	Head
Cattle	400
Sheep	50
Lambs	150
Hogs	400
Sales:	Head
Cattle	400
Sheep	400
Lambs	150
Hogs	400

Prices: Cattle, best, 4½@5c. gross; medium to good, 3½@4½c. gross; common to fair, 2½@3½c. gross; bulls, 2½@3½c. gross; sheep, 3@4½c. gross; lambs, 5½@7c. gross; hogs, $3.00@4 gross.

NORFOLK PEANUT MARKET.

NORFOLK, VA., May 9.—PEANUTS—Virginia—Prime, 2¾c.; extra prime, 2¼@3c.; fancy, 3½c.; Spanish firm at 52½c.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Liverpool cables were unsatisfactory this morning, and market features and influences were generally scarce. The first call developed a quiet market at unchanged prices. Subsequently the market advanced 4@6 points, but trading throughout the session was rather slack. The activity and excitement in grain diverted attention. The advance was in part due to unsatisfactory crop accounts, which led to covering without increasing investment or speculative buying to any considerable extent. The market closed steady at a net advance of 5@7 points. Total sales, 71,900 bales futures.

COTTON—Dull; middling, 6⅝; net receipts, 455 bales; gross, 2,837 bales; exports to Great Britain, 630 bales; to France, 600; to the Continent, 3,502 bales; forwarded, 26 bales; sales, 2,700 bales; spinners, 100 bales; stock, 180,374 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts, 7,261 bales; exports to Great Britain, 3,083 bales; to France, 600 bales; to the Continent, 3,502 bales; stocks, 602,065 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts, 13,134 bales; exports to Great Britain, 20,734 bales; to France, 900 bales; to the Continent, 5,109 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts, 8,247,947 bales; exports to Great Britain, 3,919,445 bales; to France, 764,437 bales; to the Continent, 2,717,918 bales.

Futures opened quiet and steady; sales, 3,300 bales; May, 6.21; June, 6.20; July, 6.26; August, 6.30; September, 6.27; October, 6.28; November, 6.30; December, 6.31; January, 6.34.

Futures closed steady; sales, 69,700 bales; May, 6.24; June, 6.25; July, 6.30; August, 6.34; September, 6.33; October, 6.34; November, 6.36; December, 6.39; January, 6.40.

Spot cotton closed dull; middling uplands, 6⅝; do. Gulf, 6¾; sales, 2,700 bales.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, May 9.—The most exciting market since the Franco-Prussian war was witnessed in the wheat pit to-day on the Chicago Board of Trade. An advance of 14⅝c. a bushel was scored in the active option, July. The market reacted only 1c. from the highest point, July closing strong at $1.20¼. May wheat rose to $1.75, and finished at the top, a net gain of 8c. The recent sharp advance in May was insignificant in comparison with the day's bulge in July. Bid had frequently to be advanced two or three cents on the execution of a single order. A sensational advance at Liverpool of over 12c. for July started the Chicago market, and after the start there was apparently no stopping. Corn advanced 2c., oats 1c., pork 27½c., lard 7½c., and ribs 2½c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2				
May	$1.73	$1.75	$1.69	$1.75
July	1.06¾	1.21¼	1.06½	1.20¼
Sept.	80	85	80	84½
Dec.	....	88¼	88⅛	88¾
CORN—No. 2				
May	35¼	37¼	35¼	36¾
July	35⅞	37⅝	35⅞	36⅞
Sept.	36⅝	37⅞	36¼	37⅜
OATS—No. 2				
May	31½	32	31½	31¾
July	27¼	28	27¼	27¾
Sept.	24¼	24¾	24¼	24½
MESS PORK—				
May	10.85	10.90	10.80	10.90
July	11.00	11.25	11.00	11.22½
LARD—100 lbs.				
May	5.87½	5.92½	5.87½	5.90
July	5.87½	5.95	5.87½	5.92½
Sept.	5.95	6.05	5.95	6.02½
SHORT RIBS—100 lbs.				
May	....	....	....	5.55
July	5.60	5.62½	5.55	5.60
Sept.	5.67½	5.67½	5.62½	5.67½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour strong; foreign bids 90c.; standard patents were quiet at $7.40@7.50; leading brands $1 higher than Friday; No. 3 spring wheat, $1.30@1.35; No. 2 red, $1.70@1.73; No. 2 corn, 35⅞@37c.; No. 2 oats, 31⅞@32¼c.; No. 2 white, 34½@35c.; No. 3 white, 33@34½c.; No. 2 rye, 74@75c.; No. 2 barley, 43@52c.; No. 1 flax seed, $1.38; prime timothy seed, $2.55@2.75; mess pork, per barrel, $10.80@10.95; lard, per 100 pounds, $5.90@5.92½; short rib sides (loose), $5.35@5.70; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5; short clear sides (boxed), $5.90@6.10; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.26. No. 2 yellow corn, 32@36½c.; butter steady; creameries, 13@16c.; dairies, 12@14c.; eggs steady; fresh, 10c.; cheese dull and unchanged.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 9.—TURPENTINE—Firm at 26@26½c.; receipts, 61 casks.

ROSIN—Nothing doing; prices unchanged; receipts, 1,749 barrels.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm at $1.25, $1.80 and $1.90; receipts, 25 barrels.

TAR—Firm at $1.10; receipts, 68 barrels.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 9.—TURPENTINE—Market firm at 29c.; sales, none.

ROSIN—Quiet and unchanged; sales, none.

SAVANNAH, GA., May 9.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Firm at 28¼c.; sales, 374 casks; receipts, 725 casks; stock, 8,292 casks.

ROSIN—Firm; sales, 3,639 barrels; receipts, 15,608 barrels; quote—A, B, C, D, E, F, $1.05; G, $1.25; H, I, K, $1.45; M, $1.50; N, $1.60; window glass, $1.70; water white, $1.80.

TOBACCO EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., May 9, 1898.

A break of sun-cured and dark loose tobaccos will be offered at Crenshaw's Warehouse to-morrow, Tuesday, May 10, 1898.

Private sales reported to the secretary of the Richmond Tobacco Trade to-day: Wrappers, 2 hogsheads; fillers, 8; leaf (dark), 5. Total, 15 hogsheads.

The tobacco inspector reports to-day: Inspections—Bright, 6 hogsheads; dark, 131 hogsheads. Reinspections—None.

Stonewall, Crenshaw's, Alleghany, Old Dominion, Davenport's, Planters, Seabrook's and Stockoe tobacco warehouses report to-day: Receipts, 44 packages; deliveries, 27 packages.

United States internal revenue collections on tobacco for the city of Richmond, Va., to-day: Cigars and cigarettes $7,581.36; plug tobacco, $4,256.10. Total, $11,837.46.

The Petersburg (Va.) Record of Saturday, May 7, 1898, says:

The following will show the movement of tobacco during the past week at the various warehouses:

	Loose.
Farmers	6,285
Centre	11,825
Moore's	8,070
West Hill	13,470
Oaks	5,925
Total	46,175

Railroad receipts, 367 hogsheads.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

May 10, 1898.

Sun rises	5:06 A. M.
Sun sets	7:06 P. M.
Moon south	4:08 A. M.
First high water	8:06 A. M.
Second high water	8:04 P. M.

PORT OF RICHMOND, MAY 9, 1898.

ARRIVED.

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

SAILED.

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

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

PORT NEWPORT NEWS, MAY 9, 1898.

ARRIVED.

Barge Atlas, Boston.
Barge S. R. Mead, Boston.
Steamer Scenia, Copenhagen.
Steamer Planet Mercury, Newcastle.

SAILED.

Steamer Polynesia, Hamburg.

PORT OF WEST POINT, MAY 9, 1898.

ARRIVED.

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

SAILED.

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

QUADRENNIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH BALTIMORE, MD., MAY 4-28, 1898.

To those desiring to attend the above conference, the Southern Railway will sell tickets from coupon stations on its line, to Baltimore, Md., and return at rate of one first-class fare for the round-trip. Tickets on sale May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11, 1898, final limit of all tickets returning May 31, 1898. An extension of the final limit to June 15th may be obtained, provided tickets are deposited with the agents of the terminal line at Baltimore on or before May 15, 1898.

The rate from Richmond to Baltimore and return via York River Line for this occasion will be $2.50. Trains leave Richmond 4:30 P. M. and connect at West Point, Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays with steamer for Baltimore.

Further information cheerfully furnished by agents Southern Railway or C. W. Westbury, T. P. A., 920 east Main street, Richmond, Va.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

WILL PAY FOR THOSE KILLED.

Junior Order to Keep Its War Members in Good Standing.

FLOOD IN THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

A Fredericksburg Policeman Joins the Metropolitan Force of Washington, D. C.—Orange Farmers to Organize a Horse Association.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 8.—Special.—Council No. 14, Junior Order United American Mechanics, of this city, have arranged to keep in good standing on the books of the council all members who have enlisted for the war, so that in case of accident or death they or their families will receive the benefits of the institution.

Mr. J. T. Leavell, one of the city's most efficient police officers for several years, has resigned to accept a position on the Metropolitan police force of Washington, D. C. He has gone to Washington to assume his duties, and will move his family later.

William R. Hall succeeds Mr. Leavell on the force here.

RAPPAHANNOCK FRESHET.

The heavy rains of the past few days have causedr a freshet in the Rappahannock river. The river has spread over its banks in many places. No serious damage has occurred here yet, but a large number of railroad ties belonging to dealers here are lying at the wharves awaiting shipment, and there is danger of their being carried off by the water.

Rev. J. P. Stump, pastor of the Methodist church, preached a special military sermon to the Washington Guards, Captain M. B. Rowe, Sunday. The company in uniform attended the services in a body, and listened with seriousness and earnestness to the able discourse.

HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the farmers and horse breeders will be held at Orange, May 23d (court day), to organize a horsemen's association, with the view of holding a horse and colt show in the fall.

Those prominent in the movement are Messrs. C. C. Taliaferro, W. W. Sanford, T. W. Bond, G. W. Barbour, E. L. Goss, J. U. Deitrick and Dr. L. S. Ricketts

DR. FINCH AS COMMANDANT.

A Mecklenburg Lady a Prize Winner Chase City's New Postmaster.

CHASE CITY, VA., May 9.—Special.—Dr. Adam T. Finch, of this county, a graduate of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg, will temporarily abandon the practice of his profession here to accept a call of his alma mater to fill the unexpired term of the commandant of cadets and professor of science at the Institute. He will be absent two months and then resume his practice in Clarksville.

Old things sometimes turn out to be valuable as recently illustrated here. The Singer Sewing Machine Company lately advertised to give away one hundred new machines even exchange for one hundred of the oldest in this country. Mrs. C. D. Steynes, of Chase City, had in her possession an old Howe, purchased by her father, Captain Charles H. Robertson, about fifty years ago, and entered the competition. She was fortunate, and has received a new Singer, and it was one of the five awarded in the Southern States. There were 206,715 numbers sent in from all parts of the country.

I have not heard of but one volunteer from this county to enter the service in the war against Spain.

Rains have been abundant here and vegetation is farther advanced than usual at this season of the year.

The recent appointment of John M. Sloan at this office as postmaster and his confirmation by the Senate make this the only presidential office in the county of Mecklenburg and the first of the kind in the history of the county.

FREE SILVER 16 TO 1.

When Americans Were All Shouting Liberty Johnny Hook Cried "Beef".

STORMONT, VA., May 9.—Special.—The Hon. David A. D'Armond, member of Congress from Missouri, addressed the people of Mathews county to-day, it being regular county court day. The crowd was larger by far than has ever assembled at that place since General Fitz Lee spoke there in the Cleveland and Harrison campaign.

Mr. D'Armond's theme was the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 and the tax on all incomes over two thousand dollars. His arguments on both topics were eloquently and forcefully rendered and the audience applauded him with considerable enthusiasm, though it looked as if the great interest in the war has taken a good deal of Spanish out these once great and all absorbing questions.

The people are daily growing impatient at the delay in our Atlantic squadron in not following Dewey's unparalleled example.

The steamer Chesapeake is expected to arrive at Irvington Wednesday the 11th to take the Lancaster volunteers to Fortress Monroe en route for Richmond.

DEWEY AND LEE.

Both Honored for Coolheadedness Under Trying Circumstances.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Special.—At the Navy Department a bust picture, seven feet tall, of the gallant Commodore Dewey, or rather Rear-Admiral as he is now, stand against the wall, and attracted a great deal of attention.

General Lee has won his way into a still firmer hold, or the public heart, by his noble stand on behalf of American interests in Cuba, and the becoming modesty and common sense he has displayed before and after leaving Havana.

Now comes Dewey, and he also bids fair to return every one of the gallant tars who sailed under his flag to their mothers, wives and sweethearts, as sound a ever. Each one will be regarded by their loved ones as monuments to Dewey's sagacity and daring.

The army officers on duty at the War Department, in compliance with an order just issued, have donned the uniform of their respective ranks, and the building now presents a very military appearance. Except in times of war, officers assigned to the department wear citizen's clothing.

DEATH OF J. O. PERKINS.

The Wharves at Petersburg Submerged by a Freshet.

PETERSBURG, VA., May 9.—Special.—Mr. J. O. Perkins, one of the Commissioner of Revenue of Dinwiddie county, died very suddenly about 11 o'clock last night. He retired in his usual health, and about the hour stated he complained of being sick, and in a few moments he was a corpse.

There is a considerable freshet in the Appomattox river. The wharves are submerged, and also the meadows on the Chesterfield side of the stream.

Fire in Spottsylvania.

WELCHS, VA., May 9.—Special.—The old Custar dwelling in this vicinity was burned a few nights ago. It was a large building and undoubtedly an incendiary act. It is the second fire of the kind in this vicinity. It is not known who did it, but the public is well satisfied as to who are the guilty parties.

Spotsylvania Circuit Court was in session last week, Judge Mason presiding. The lawyers present were Judge Welch, of Caroline; Mr. Redd, of Hanover, and Messrs. Fitzhugh and Willis, of Fredericksburg. The Judge is prompt in the discharge of his duties.

Your sensible and well written editorials upon the war are eagerly read by your subscribers around here.

In the way of relieving the penitentiary, why not have some of the nearly grown-up fields around your city converted into cultivation and improved lands and productive gardens.

Too many offences are made felonies. The whipping-post and chain gangs would do better and relieve the overcrowded penitentiary.

They say whipping disgraces. Are they not whipped in that institution? Do not parents correct in that way. Did not and do not teachers use the rod?

A FATAL SHOOTING.

A Sunday Row Due to the Use of Forty Rod Whiskey.

DANVILLE, VA., May 9.—Special.—Doc Burnett, a brandy distiller, who lived five miles from Cascade, in this county, was shot and killed yesterday by Henry Harris, a young man employed as barkeeper in a country grocery.

It was a Sunday row due to forty-rod whisky.

Harris made his escape and has not been caught.

Crops in Lower Albemarle.

HOWARDSVILLE, VA., May 9.—Special.—Tomato and cabbage plants have been severely damaged by the cut-worm. This worm does its work cool nights, and some times whole patches are cleaned out in a single night. The worm attacks corn, too, but as little of it is up yet no damage has been done.

Sweet potato beds are getting green and will be planted out in a short while.

Wheat is looking rather bad on account of the wet weather. The bottom of the wheat is turning yellow.

Baxter—Abraham.

STAUNTON, VA., May 9.—Special.—Francis Haskings Baxter and Miss Dora Georgiana Abraham were married in St. Francis' Episcopal church this morning by Rev. W. O. Hullihen.

MR. EDMUNDS NAMED.

Appointed to the V. M. I Board.—Other Capitol News.

Governor Tyler has appointed Mr. W. H. Edmunds, of Halifax, a member of the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute, vice Richard Walke, of Norfolk, resigned. Mr. Edmunds is a son of ex-congressman Paul C. Edmunds and is a son-in-law of Judge John W. Riely, of the Court of Appeals.

Major W. E. Simons, of the First Battalion of Artillery, called on Governor Tyler to urge him to use his influence to have the battalion ordered into service. The executive promised to do what he could in the matter. There is some prospect of the cannoneers being ordered to Fortress Monroe or Newport News.

The Board of Directors of the Penitentiary has made its first recommendation to the Governor under the provisions of the act providing that conditional pardons may be granted to convicts in the penitentiary. The board recommends that James O'Brien of Lee county, who is very ill, be pardoned. He was sentenced to serve four years for housebreaking and larceny. He made his escape and is now serving the term added on account of his escape. No action has been taken by the Governor.

The venerable Dr. Garnett, of Manchester, father of Mr. W. Hay Garnett, called on the Governor. He supported the Governor three times for the nomination, but never met him until yesterday.

Among the Governor's visitors yesterday was Judge T. M. Miller, of Powhatan, who urged the appointment of Mr. R. G. Southall, of Amelia, as judge of the Third Judicial Circuit. Governor Tyler intended making this appointment to-morrow, but a number of Mr. Hubard's friends wish to call on him Thursday. The judge will not be named until Friday.

Delegate W. C. Carrington, of Charlotte, and Captain A. J. Terry, of Charlotte, were here last night to press the claims of Mr. Eggleston.

Delegations from various counties will come to Richmond to-morrow to advocate the appointment of Mr Southall. He has a majority of the members of the Legislature from the circuit committed to him, and the endorsements of the bar are largely in Mr. Southall's favor.

The Governor has not given any intimation as to whom he will appoint, but shrewd politicians who have studied the situation think Mr. Southall is likely to win on account of the support given him by the members of the General Assembly and the bar.

Secretary McKee, of the Y. M. C. A., has visited the Governor to ask his co-operation in establishing a gospel tent at Camp Lee. The Governor heartily endorses the scheme.

City Hall Courts.

The May term of Circuit Court will convene next Monday. On the first day Commonwealth's motions, attachments, garnishees and motions for judgments will be called, and on Tuesday the entire issue docket will be called and cases set, and a full attendance of the bar is expected.

In the Law and Equity Court Julius Toggwalle took out his naturalization papers.

The May term commenced, a long docket was called and many cases set.

The jury will assemble to-day.

The following judgments were granted: John T. Anderson & Son, against Sydnor Pump and Well Co., $86.

The same against J. E. Stowe, Jr., for $35.37.

B. F. Dougles against J. H. Ware, Jr., balance due on note $14.20.

In the Hustings Court Judge Ingram, of Manchester, presided.

The case of Silas Jones, charged with murderous assault, was further postponed to May 17th.

Edward Jones, colored, was found guilty of assault and battery and given thirty days in jail.

King Howard, colored, for carrying a concealed weapon, was given 15 days in jail and fined $20.

Emma Wagner qualified as executrix of Frederick W. Wagner, in the Chancery Court, and Benjamin P. Ashton as administrator of the estate of John D. Atkinson.

LOST THEIR MONEY.

Two Baptist Ministers Robbed of their Pocketbooks and Railroad Tickets.

Rev. Drs. Henry McDonald, of Atlanta, and J. H. Brown, of Ohio, who were on their way from the Baptist Convention in Norfolk to this city, Saturday afternoon, were relieved of their pocketbooks and railroad tickets either on the boat from Norfolk or in the crowd at Newport News.

They did not miss their valuables until the train had come some distance toward Richmond, when Detective John Hall who was on the train was notified and a search was made, but the property was not recovered.

Dr. Brown's loss amounted to $146.15 and his railroad ticket and Dr. McDonald's loss was $25 besides his ticket. The latter stopped in this city and preached at the Second Baptist church while Dr. Brown proceeded to his western home.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Richmond: Maria L. Bolton to William H. Simmons, 18 feet on east side Reservoir street, 137¼ feet south of Chaffin, $750.

Charles E.