THE MARKET WAS STRONG.

Railways and Industrials Both Showed Considerable Gains.

BOND MARKET ACTIVE IN SPOTS

But the General Undertone Was a Healthy One—Southwestern Railways Were Prominent for Their Activity and Strength.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The market was strong most of the day, particularly in the late trading. Fractional gains were general in the railways, while the advance in a number of specialties reached considerable proportions. A curious exception to the general advance was noticed in stocks where the dividends have just been declared—namely, New York Central, Southern preferre and Atchison preferred. In some quarters larger dividends had been expected, and in the case of Southern preferred and Atchison preferred a statement has been looked forward to that they could be put on a regular dividend basis instead of disbursements from time to time as the earnings warranted. A considerable increase in its quarterly surplus was responsible for New York Central's rise in the extreme low point. The efforts of London traders to cover short lines in Americans gave tone to the local market early. This was particularly the case in Baltimore and Ohio, which advanced very buoyantly locally. There were large purchases also for foreign account of St. Paul. Most stocks unaffected by special developments for foreign quotations were freely offered by the traders, but this caused little more than a period of hesitation and a shading in railway quotations. Rumors that the Chicago and Alton had been secured in the interest of Union Pacific and Baltimore and Ohio resulted in the sharp rise in all the securities mentioned. Federal Steel stocks were bought confidently by the same parties who have recently been large purchasers. At the same time they emphatically denied rumors that Federal Steel was about to absorp another large concern. The southwestern railways were very prominent in to-day's activity and strength, notably Texas and Pacific.

The bond market showed irregularity in spots, profit-taking being evident in Atchison adjustments. Heavy purchases of Texas Pacific 2's were made later in the day, which carried them above 49. The general market, notwithstanding the hesitancy of some issues, displayed a very healthful undertone. Total sales, $5,000,000. United States old 4's registered advanced ¼ in the bid price.

The total sales of stocks were 845,900 shares, including 27,625 Atchison; 78,700 do preferred; 6,658 Baltimore and Ohio; 6,830 Chicago, Burlington and Quincy; 8,554 Lake Erie and Western; 8,000 do preferred; 6,200 Louisville and Nashville; 10,100 Manhattan; 7,100 Missouri Pacific; 7,440 Missouri, Kansas and Texas preferred; 9,000 New York Central; 10,900 Rock Island; 47,070 Union Pacific; 13,300 St. Paul; 16,450 Southern Pacific; 6,170 Southern railway; 15,200 do. preferred; 43,100 Texas and Pacific; 32,320 Union Pacific preferred; 13,840 International Paper; 11,080 American Tobacco; 95,020 Federal Steel; 42,900 do. preferred; 5,820 People's Gas; 11,450 Consolidated Gas; 5,900 Pacific Mail; 22,200 Sugar; 6,815 Tennessee Coal and Iron.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.—Money on call steady at 2@2½ per cent.; ld at loan at 2 per cent. prime mercantile paper, 3@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.84½@4.84¾ for demand and at $4.81¾@4.82 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.82½@4.85½; commercial bills, $4.80¾. Silver certificates, 59@59½; bar silver, 59½; Mexican dollars, 46½. Government bonds firmer; State bonds inactive; railroad bonds irregular.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Closing Stocks.	
Atchison	18⅝
Atchison pfd	50½
Baltimore and Ohio	77¼
Canada Pacific	84
Canada Southern	55⅝
Central Pacific	33⅝
Ches. and Ohio	25
Chi. and Alton	171
Chi., B. and Q.	132
Chi. and E. Ill.	55
Chi. and E. Ill. pfd	110
Chi. G. W.	15¼
Chi., Ind. and L.	7½
Chi., Ind. and L. pfd	31
Chi. and N. W.	141¾
Chi. and N. W. pfd	186
C., C., C. and St. L.	84
C., C., C. and St. L. pfd	96
Del. and Hudson	105
Del., L. and W.	149¾
Den. and Rio G.	18⅝
Den. and Rio G. pfd	67¾
Erie (new)	14⅝
Erie (new) 1st pfd	37⅞
Fort Wayne	175
Great Northern pfd	139
Hocking Valley	3¼
Illinois Central	113⅝
Lake Erie and W.	21⅝
Lake Erie and W. pfd	75⅝
Lake Shore	200¾
Louis. and Nash.	63⅞
Manhattan L.	97½
Met. Street Ry.	169¾
Mich. Central	111
Minn. and St. L.	31⅝
Minn. and St. L. 1st pfd	86¼
Mo. Pacific	43
Mobile and Ohio	30½
Mo., K. and T.	13⅝
Mo., K. and T. pfd	37⅝
N. J. Central	96
N. Y. Central	127½
N. Y., Chi. and St. L.	14
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 1st pfd	65
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 2d pfd	36
Nor. West	168¼
N. and W. pfd	60
North American Co.	6⅞
No. Pacific	41⅝
No. Pacific pfd	76⅝
Ontario and W.	17⅝
Ore. R. and Nav.	51
Ore. Short Line	30
Pacific Coast 1st pfd	81½
Pacific Coast 2d pfd	42⅝
Pittsburg	172
Reading	19
Reading 1st pfd	46⅝
Rio Grande and W.	26
Rio Grande and W. pfd	64
Rock Island	109⅝
St. Louis and S. F.	8½
St. Louis and S. F. 1st pfd	68
St. Louis and S. F. 2d pfd	30¼
St. Louis and S. W.	7⅝
St. Louis and S. W. pfd	17⅝
St. Paul	117½
St. Paul pfd	163¼
St. P. and Om.	92
St. P. and Om. pfd	168
St. P., M. and M.	173
Southern Pacific	34⅝
Southern Ry.	9¾
Southern Ry. pfd	41⅞
Texas and Pacific	18½
Union Pacific	42⅝
Union Pacific pfd	72⅝
U. P., D. and G.	5⅞
Wabash	8⅝
Wabash pfd	23
Wheel. and L. E.	5⅝
Wheel. and L. E. pfd	20¾

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Adams Express	108
American Express	114
United States	50
Wells-Fargo	123

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. Cot. Oil	33
A. Cot. Oil pfd	86½
American Spirits	12⅝
American Spirits pfd	35½
American Tobacco	140½
American Tobacco pfd	139
Cons. Gas	185
Con. Cable Co.	175
Col. F. and Iron	29¼
Col. F. and Iron pfd	77
General Electric	92½
Haw. Com'l Co.	58
International Paper	60
International Paper pfd	80
La Clede Gas	52
Lead	37⅞
Lead pfd	113
Nat. Lin. Oil	8⅝
Pacific Mail	43
People's Gas	108¼
Pullman Palace	189
Silver Certificates	59½
Standard Rope and Twine	8
Sugar	127⅝
Sugar pfd	110¾
Tenn. C. and Iron	30¼
U. S. Leather	6
U. S. Leather pfd	68⅝
U. S. Rubber	44⅝
U. S. Rubber pfd	111
Western Union	92¾
Federal Steel	44⅝
Federal Steel pfd	82

BONDS.

U. S. new 3's	107
U. S. new 4's, reg	128⅝
U. S. new 4's, coup	128⅝
U. S. 4's	111⅝
U. S. 4s, coup	113
U. S. 2s	96½
U. S. 5's, reg	112⅝
U. S. 5's, coup	112⅝
District 3.65's	118
Alabama (Class A)	108
Alabama (Class B)	108
Alabamsa (Class C)	100
Alabama Currency	100
Atchison 4's	99¼
Atchison Adj. 4's	78⅝
Can. So. 2d's	110½
Ches. and Ohio 4½'s	91
Chicago Terminal 4's	94½
C. and Ohio 5's	117⅝
C., H. and D. 4½'s	104⅝
D. and R. G. 1sts	108
D. and R. G. 4's	102
East Tennessee 1sts	107½
Erie General 4's	79⅝
F. W. and D. 1sts, t. r.	85½
General Electric 5's	108
G. H. and S. A. 6's	107
G. H. and S. A. 2ds	103
H. and T. C. 5's	112
H. and T. C. Con. 6's	112
Iwa. C. 1sts	105½
La. new consols 4's	107
L. and N. Uni. 4's	97½
Missouri 6's	1[illegible]
M., K. and T. 2ds	67¼
M., K. and T. 4's	96¾
N. Y. Central 1sts	117⅝
N. J. C. 5's	114
North Carolina 6's	125
North Carolina 4's	101
No. Pac. 1sts	117⅝
No. Pacific 3's	65¾
No. Pacific 4's	102
N. Y. C. and St. L. 4's	105⅝
Nor. and W. 6's	127
Northwestern consols	143
Northwestern Deb. 5's	119⅝
O. Nav. 1sts	114
O. Nav. 4's	106⅝
O. S. Line 6's, l. r.	126½
O. S. Line 5's, t. r.	110⅝
Pacific 6's of '95	102⅝
Reading 4s	86⅝
R. G. W. 1sts	92
St. Louis and I. M. Con. 5's	104
St. L. and San Fran. Gen. 6's	124⅝
St. P. Con.	162
St. Paul C. and P. 1sts	121½
St. Paul 5's	120½
Southern Ry. 5's	105
Standard Rope and Twine 6's	82½
Tenn. new settlement 3's	94⅝
Tex. Pac. L. G. 1sts	109
Tex. Pac. reg. 2ds	48⅝
U. P., D. and Gulf 1sts	87
Wabash 1st 5's	113¾
Wabash 2ds	95½
W. Shore 4's	112¾
Virginia Centuries	83
Virginia Centuries deferred	7
W'ms. Central 1sts	67¾
Mobile and Ohio 4's	81½
N. and W. consols 4's	89½
Central of Ga. 5's	92½
Central of Ga. 1st Ind.	46½
Central of Ga. 2d pfd	12
Col. Southern	8⅝
Or. Nav. pfd	72½
Pacific Coast	83½

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 21, 1898.

SALES.—1,000 Virginia Centuries, registered, at 83.

GOV. SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4's, R. and C., 1907	112	...
U. S. 3's, R. and C., 1925	106	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
North Carolina 4's, C., 1910	106¾	...
North Carolina 6's, C., 1919	131	...
Va. 3s, new, C. and R., 1932	88½	90
Va. Century, 2-3, C. and R.	82⅝	83⅝
CITY SECURITIES.		
Rich. City 8's, R., 1904-1910	131	...
Rich. City 6's, R., 1904-1910	115	...
Rich. City 5's, R., 1920-1922	111½	...
Rich. City 4's, R., 1920-1929	103	104
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. and C. 1st 7's, R., 1907	121	...
A. and C. gu. in 6's, R., 1906	102	...
C., C. and A. 2d 7's, C., 1910	117	...
Ga. Pacific 1st 6's, R., C., 1922	124	...
Ga. So. and Fla. 5's, 1945	111	...
Ft. Class A 5's, R., C., 1926	115	...
Ft. Class B 6's, R., C., 1926	122	...
Rich. and Meck. 1st 6's, 1921	...	75
Southern Ry. 1st 5's, 1994	104½	...
W. N. C. 1st 6's, C., 1914	117	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd. 5's	106	...
Ga. and Ala. consols	101½	102½
Rich. Traction 5's, 1925	104	...
N. and W. 1st M. Con. 4 p. c.	89	...
Norfolk Street Ry. 1st 5's	107	108
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Bid.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	121	...
Ches. and Ohio	100	24½	...
North Carolina	100	140	...
N. and W. pfd	100	60	...
A. C. L. of Va.—A		120	...
A. C. L. of Va.—B		120	...
R. and P. and R., F. and P. Connection	70	100	...
R., F. and P. com	100	120½	...
R., F. and P. Div. Obl.	100	127½	...
R., F. and P. 6 p. c. guar.	100	150	...
R., F. and P. 7 p. c. guar.	100	160	...
Southern Ry. pfd	100	40½	...
Southern Ry. com	100	10	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd		43	...
Ga. and Ala. com		17	18½
Norfolk Street Ry. Co.	55	57	
BANK STOCKS.			
Citizens Exchange	25	26½	
City	25	29½	...
First National	100	165	...
Merchants National	100	200	...
Metropolitan	25	24	
Planters National	100	270	...
Pet. Sav. and Ins. Co.	20	40	...
Security	100	112½	...
State Bank of Va.	100	145	...
Union Bank of Richmond	50	120	...
Virginia Trust Co.	100	113	...
Sav. Bank of Richmond	25	37½	40
Rich. T. and Safe Deposit Co.	110		...
INS. COMPANIES.			
Va. Fire and Marine	25	37	39
Virginia State	25	27	...
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Amer. Tob. Co. pfd	100	130	...
Amer. Tob. Co. com	50	140	...
Va.-Caro. Chem. pfd	100	113½	114½
Va.-Caro. Chem. com	100	67	67½

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

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 21, 1898.

WHEAT—		
Longberry	63	@73
Mixed	63	@73
Shortberry	63	@73
No. 2 red		@73
CORN—		
White, new	37	@38
White, Va. bag lots, old		@40
No. 2 white		@40
No. 3 white	37	@38
No. 2 mixed	36½	@37
No. 3 mixed		@36
OATS—		
No. 2 mixed		@32
No. 3 mixed	31	@31½
Winter seed		...
RYE	58	@60

NORFOLK PEANUT MARKET.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 21.—PEANUTS—Farmers' stock, strictly prime to fancy, 3¼@3¾c.; prime, 2¾c., common, 2@2½c. Spanish, 60c.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Very light speculative enthusiasm was manifested on the Cotton Exchange to-day. On the contrary, there was a growing disposition to get out of old ventures and prepare for quiet holidays. Influences bearing upon the market were too conflicting to give either side particular advantage, while there was nothing in news at hand to stimulate an aggressive move either one way or the other. Sentiment was adversely affected at the start by a disappointing set of Liverpool cables, a more favorable weather bulletin than had been posted in some time, and another heavy movement. The opening was steady, with prices unchanged to 3 points lower. A number of the smaller longs became uneasy and unloaded in a moderate way. The selling largely confined to the January and March options.

A few scattered selling orders came to hand from abroad and New Orleans, but, taken on the whole, business through the session was of a local origin. The leading bulls were encouraged to make a stand by the appearance of a moderate number of investment orders. Wall street taking a larger portion of the cotton purchased. Notwithstanding the depression above noted, the short contingent proceeded with the utmost caution, inasmuch as Gulf River advices reflected a further stiffening in New England cloth markets and southern dispatches well sustained prices for spot cotton, and a good business doing, while the export movement continued to exceed predictions and prevented accumulation of stocks at the ports. Attention was given over largely to the crop movement and weather prospects. In the afternoon there were half-hearted spurts of selling for the purpose of weakening long cotton, and on the theory that the recent course of the market had caused an extensive accumulation of holdings in the January, March and May series, and a corresponding decrease in the short account. The market closed steady, unchanged to 2 points lower.

COTTON—Futures opened steady at decline; December, 5.40; January, 5.41; February, 5.43; March, 5.46; April, 5.49; May, 5.50; June, 5.55; July, 5.58; August, 5.62; September, 5.65; October, 5.68.

Futures closed steady; December, 5.41; January, 5.42; February, 5.44; March, 5.47@5.48; April, 5.50; May, 5.54; June, 5.57; July, 5.60; August, 5.60; September, 5.61; October, 5.65.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands, 5 13-16; do. gulf, 6 1-16; sales, 519 bales.

COTTON—Quiet; middling, 5 13-16; net receipts, 57 bales; gross, 2,028 bales; sales, 519 bales; stock, 88,560 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,411 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts, 71,382 bales; exports to Great Britain, 68,743 bales; exports to the Continent, 17,334 bales; stock, 1,342,264 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts, 258,634 bales; exports to Great Britain, 140,093 bales; to France, 25,950 bales; to the Continent, 42,832 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts, 5,343,843 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,945,097 bales; to France, 25,950 bales; to the Continent, 1,371,536 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—COTTON—Futures steady; December, 5.00 bid; January, 5.06@5.07; February, 5.09@5.07; March, 5.10@5.11; April, 5.16@5.17; May, 5.20@5.30; June, 5.25@5.26; July, 5.29@5.31; August, 5.29@5.31; September, 5.28 bid; October, 5.25 bid.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—COTTON—Spot quiet; prices unchanged; American middling, 3 3-32d.; the sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export, and included 7,900 American; receipts, 16,000 bales, including 13,100 American.

Futures opened quiet, with a moderate demand, and closed steady at the decline; American middling, l. m. c., December, 3 1-64, sellers; December and January, 3 1-64, sellers; January and February, 3 1-64@3 2-64, buyers; February and March, 3 2-64, buyers; March and April, 3 3-64, sellers; April and May, 3 5-64, sellers; May and June, 3 4-64@3 5-64, buyers; June and July, 3 5-64@3 6-64, sellers; July and August, 3 6-64, buyers; August and September, 3 6-64@3 7-64, buyers; September and October, 3 6-64@3 7-64, buyers; October and November, 3 6-64@3 7-64, buyers.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—FLOUR—Firmer, with business checked by advancing prices.

RYE FLOUR—Firm; choice, $3.20@3.35.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Dull.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet.

CORNMEAL—Firmer and held higher; yellow western, 77@78.

RYE—Strong; No. 2, 61@61½c.

BARLEY—Firm; western feeding, 43@44c.; malting, 52@58c.

BARLEY MALT—Firm.

WHEAT—Spot firm; No. 2 red, 77¾c. Options opened easy with cables. For a time holiday dullness and depression prevailed, but on a sale bulge in corn shorts started and excited buying movement that advanced prices over a cent a bushel. Easier Liverpool cables were off-set by continental strength and foreign buying here, but export trade was light. The close was strong at 1⅛@1⅛c. net higher; December closed at 74⅞c.; March closed at 75⅝c.; May closed at 72½c.

CORN—Spot firmer; No. 2, 42¾@43⅛c. Options opened steady and subsequently developed great strength on increased speculative demand, firm cables and big clearances, leading all other markets, closing 1⅛c. net higher; December closed at 41⅝c.; May closed at 41⅝c.

OATS—Spot firmer; No. 2, 32½c. Options dull but firm.

BEEF—Steady.

CUT MEATS—Dull but steady; shoulders, $3.87¼@4.

LARD—Steady; western steamed, $3.90@3.95; December, $3.95 nominal. Refined easy.

PORK—Firm.

BUTTER—Firm; western creamery, 15@21c.; factory, 12@14½c.; Elgins, 21c.; imitation creamery, 13@17c.; State dairy, 13@18c.

CHEESE—Firm; large white, 10¼@10½c.; small white, same; State and Pennsylvania, 26@27c.; western fresh, 20c.; southern, 22@23c.

POTATOES—Steady; Jerseys, $1.25@1.50; New York, $1.25@1.62½; Long Island, $1.50@1.87½; sweets, Jerseys, $1.25@2.50; southern, 50@75c.

COTTON-SEED OIL—Steady; prime crude, 17½@18c.; do. yellow, 21@22½c.

PETROLEUM—Steady.

ROSIN—Steady.

TURPENNTINE—Firmer at 43@43½c.

RICE—Firm.

CABBAGE—Steady at $2.25@4 per 100.

COFFEE—Options opened steady at unchanged prices, ruled extremely slow without important variations. Advance in Brazilian markets offset by disappointing news from European markets, received small but rather emboldened by light movement, selling affected by continued healthy appearance of spot market; closed steady, unchanged to 5 points lower; sales, 4,500 bags, including January, $5.80; March, $6. Spot—Rio quiet; NNo. 7 invoice, 7c.; No. 7 jobbing, 6¾c.; mild market firm; Cordova, 7¾@13c.; good business in Brazilian invoice lots.

SUGAR—Raw quiet; fair refining, 3⅝c.; centrifugal 96 test, 4 3/16c.; molasses sugar, 3⅜c. Refined quiet.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Corn overshadowed everything else on Change to-day in strength and activity. Continued heavy cash and export demand drove shorts to cover, and resulted in an advance of 1⅜c. The strength of corn influenced all other markets. Wheat closed 1⅛@1⅜c. higher. Oats advanced ⅜c. Provisions rose 2½@5c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No.				
Dec.	65⅝	66½	65⅝	66½
May	66¾	68⅝	66¾	69⅝
July	65½	66	65⅝	66
CORN—No. 2				
Dec.	34½	35½	34½	35½
May	35½	36⅝	35½	36⅝
July	35½	36⅝	35½	36⅝
OATS—No. 2				
May	26⅝	27	26⅝	27
July	24½	24¾	24½	24¾
MESS PORK—Per lb.				
Jan.	$9.35	$9.42½	$9.35	$9.42½
May	9.62½	9.75	9.62½	9.73½
LARD—Per 100 lb.				
Jan.	5.05	5.10	5.05	5.10
May	5.30	5.35	5.27½	5.32½
SHORT RIBS—Per 100 lb.				
Jan.	4.62½	4.67½	4.62½	4.65
May	4.80	4.85	4.80	4.85

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm; No. 2 yellow corn, 39@39¼c.; No. 2 spring wheat, 64½c.; No. 3 spring wheat, 61@64½c.; No. 2 red, 68@69c.; No. 2 corn, 35⅝@36c.; No. 2 oats, 26¼@26⅝c.; No. 2 white, 28¼@28½c.; No. 3 white, 28@28½c.; No. 2 rye, 54½c.; No. 2 barley, 46@48c.; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.05; prime timothy seed, $2.30; mess pork, per barrel, $8.15@8.20; lard, per 100 pounds, $5.02½@5.10; short rib sides (loose), $4.60@4.80; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.37½; short clear sides (boxed), $4.50@4.87½; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.26; sugars, cut loaf, $5.95; granulated, $5.23; butter steady; creamery, 14@20c.; dairy, 13@18c.; cheese firm at 8¾@10½c.; eggs quiet; fresh, 21@22½c.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

WHEAT—Strong; spot and month, 72@72¾c.; January, 72⅝@73⅛c.; May, 76c. Southern wheat, by sample, 69@73½c.

CORN—Strong; spot and month, 40¾@41c.; December, new or old, 40¼@40½c.; February, 40⅝@40¾c. Southern white corn, 37@40c.

OATS—Firmer; No. 2, 32½@33c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 nearby, 58c.; No. 2 western, 60c.

SUGAR—Strong and unchanged.

BUTTER—Steady and unchanged.

EGGS—Firmer; fresh, 25c. per dozen.

CHEESE—Steady and unchanged.

LETTUCE—$1.25@1.50 per bushel box.

WHISKY—Unchanged.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The spot demand to-day has been a quieter scale for cotton goods, bad weather checking operations to some extent. The tone of the market is fully as strong as before. Sellers reserved in more directions even on goods in stock and slow to commit themselves to forward engagements. Some sales of regular print cloths at both Fall River and Providence at 2⅝c., and more bids in market at close, with sellers declining to accept them. Reports of retail trade here are good; holiday business large. Woollen worsted dress goods in moderate demand; men's wear fabrics quiet. Silks firm, with moderate business. Collections generally satisfactory.

NAVAL STORES.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 21.—TURPENNTINE—Market firm at 38c.; sales, none.

ROSIN—Quiet and unchanged; sales, none.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 21.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Firm at 40½c.; sales, 6,560 casks; receipts, 427 casks.

ROSIN—Firm and unchanged; sales, none; receipts, 3,973 barrels.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 21.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Firm at 40c.; receipts, 377 casks.

ROSIN—Nothing doing; receipts, 84 barrels.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm at $1.30@2.30; receipts, 103 barrels.

TAR—Firm at $1.10; receipts, 1,082 barrels.

TOBACCO EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 21, 1898.

Sales of new dark cases tobacco on the Richmond (Va.) breaks to-day: Warehouse sold 3,895 pounds on the Stonewall price, $8.75; Shockoe Warehouse—highest 680 pounds—highest price, $14 sold 22,000 pounds; Crenshaw's Warehouse sold 20,000 pounds—highest price, $11.25. Total, 57,000 pounds—highest price, $14.25.

Messrs. Talley and Luck sold at Shockoe Warehouse to-day 40 pounds new dark tobacco at $12.75 and 5 pounds at $10.50. Mr. A. N. Goodman, of Louisa county, sold 145 pounds at $8.75; 30 pounds at $10.25, 255 pounds at $12.75; 30 pounds at $10.75, and 190 pounds at $14.25, making an average of $11.10, which is the highest average made this season. The average of the entire sale at Shockoe Warehouse to-day was $4.85.

Sales of new dark loose tobacco at all of the warehouses for to-morrow, Thursday, December 22, 1898.

Private sales reported to the secretary of the Richmond Tobacco Exchange to-day: Leaf (dark), 1 hogshead; stripes (dark), 20. Total, 35 hogsheads.

The tobacco inspector reports to-day: Inspections—Brightleaf, 19 hogsheads; dark, 32 hogsheads. Reinspections—None.

Stonewall, Crenshaw's, Allighany, Old Dominion and Shockoe tobacco warehouses report to-day: Receipts, 16 packages; deliveries, 12 packages.

United States internal revenue collections on tobaccos for the city of Richmond, Va., to-day: Cigars and cigarettes, $4,569.48; plug tobacco, $881.66. Total, $5,571.14.

Our Mr. W. G. Neal left Richmond last night on the ill-fated train which met with such a terrible disaster by collision near Rahway, N. J., and the trade and his friends generally in Richmond were reassured and greatly gratified by the receipt of a telegram, dated New York, from Mr. Neal, announcing his safe arrival in that city. The telegram gave no particulars of the accident. Mr. W. G. Neal is one of the largest buyers of tobacco on this market, if not the largest, and any accident to him would be sincerely deplored.

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22, 1898.

APPLES	3.00	@	4.00
LEMONS	3.00	@	3.50
ORANGES—			
Jamaica	3.50	@	
Florida	4.00	@	4.25
BEANS—			
Cadaco navy, per bushel	1.00	@	1.10
Mixed navy, per bushel	90	@	1.00
Colored, per bushel	85	@	90
PEAS—Black-eye, choice	90	@	1.00
Cowpeas, fair to good	80	@	85
CABBAGE—			
Per crate	1.25	@	1.50
Per sugar barrel	1.50	@	2.00
POTATOES—			
Per barrel	1.25	@	1.50
PEANUTS—			
Per pound, farmers	2	@	3
CHERRIES—			
Japanese, per dry order	7	@	8
RASPBERRIES—			
Per pound	8	@	9
BLACKBERRIES—			
Per lb	3	@	3½
WHORTLEBERRIES—			
Per quart	6	@	7
DRIED APPLES—			
Fancy	4	@	5
Bright sliced	4	@	5
Bright quarters	4	@	4½
BROOM-CORN—			
Per pound	4	@	5
Per hand-scored	1.50	@	1.75
POULTRY—In good active demand; receipts light.			
Hens—Live, per pound	6	@	7
Dressed	7	@	8
DUCKS—			
Live, per pound	8	@	9
CHICKENS—Per lb.	8	@	9
Roosters, old, per piece	15	@	20
LIVE TURKEYS—Per lb.	8½	@	9
Dressed	11	@	12
HOGS—Dressed, pound	4	@	5
CALVES—Veal, pound	4½	@	5
EGGS—			
Crates, nearby fresh laid	20	@	21
Crates, fresh		@	20
Boxes and barrels	19	@	20
BUTTER—			
Choice yellow, dairy	17	@	18
Choice store-packed	14	@	16
Good to prime	12	@	13
Common to fair	8	@	10
FEATHERS—			
Live geese, per lb.		@	30
CELERY	25	@	35
CHICKEN COOPS	50	@	75
LARD—Country prime	7	@	7½
EGG CRATES		@	50
BUTTER BUCKETS—			
Per dozen	2.75	@	3.00
BACON—			
Hams, small, smoked, new	11	@	12½
Hams, large, smoked, new	9	@	10
Sides, smoked, new	6	@	7
Shoulders, smoked, new	7	@	7½
WOOL—			
Tub-washed, bright	23	@	25
Tub-washed, free of burs	18	@	18½
Tub-washed, No. 2	22	@	23
ROOTS—			
Roots, per lb.	2.75	@	3.00
Virginia snake, per lb.		@	15
Sassafras bark	4	@	5
Blood root	2	@	3
May apple	2	@	2½
Golden seal	25	@	30
Burdock	2	@	2½
Yellow dock	2	@	2½
Flax seed	90	@	1.00
True pink root	10	@	13
TALLOW—Per pound	3	@	3¼
BEESWAX—Per pound	23	@	24
HIDES—			
Good wet salted, per lb.	7	@	7½
Good wet calf skin, each	50	@	65
Good dry flint hides, per pound	12½	@	
Lamb skins, each	25	@	50
Dry calf skins, per lb.	16½	@	18
Goat skins, each	15	@	20
Green	6	@	6½
SEEDS—			
Timothy	1.25	@	1.40
Clover, wholesale, per bushel	3.50	@	4.25
German	2.50	@	3.00
Orchard grass	1.00	@	1.20
Millet, German	80	@	95
HAY—			
Choice clover and timothy mixed, per car load	8.50	@	
Choice timothy, per car load	10.00	@	10.50

GRAIN.

WHEAT—			
Longberry	63	@	73
Mixed	63	@	73
Shortberry	63	@	73
No. 2 red		@	73
CORN—			
White, new	37	@	38
No. 2 white, old	40	@	
No. 3 white	37	@	38
White, Va. bag lots, old		@	40
No. 2 mixed, old	36½	@	37
No. 3 mixed	36	@	
RYE	58	@	60
OATS—			
No. 2 mixed	32	@	
No. 3 mixed	31	@	31½
Winter seed	30	@	35

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ARTILLERY FORCE AT MONROE.

First Load of a Large Contract of Stone to Improve the Fort—New Newspaper Organization in Newport News.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 21. Special.—For two months past a large force of mechanics has been at work on the construction of two additional buildings for disabled veterans at the National Soldiers' Home. The work was let to a Lynchburg contractor, who brought most of his men with him. This large construction force is camped on the grounds in improvised quarters known as "The Shack," and eating at a general mess. It had been hoped that the work would be completed by Christmas, but it will not be done until late in January.

The two new barrack buildings are massive, substantially constructed two-story frame houses, similar in general design to those previously erected. According to the plan of lettering, they will be known as buildings O and P and will make sixteen barrack buildings. As in the case of the others, they will accommodate 250 men each, thus increasing the capacity of the Home by half a thousand.

THE ARTILLERY.

There are now on the rolls of the United States artillery post at Fort Monroe a total of 1,316 men, rank and file, the battery complement having been increased to two hundred for