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THE MARKET CLOSED EASY

While Net Changes for the Day Were Small and Unimportant, Bond Market Failed to Show Any Pressure of Capital Seeking Investm't

NEW YORK, July 21.—There were a few sporadic cases of strength in the stock market to-day, but none of the gains held at the highest, and some of them were more than wiped out. In the railroad list Southern Pacific and St. Paul were the only stocks to make any considerable strength. Among the specialties Leather, the New York tractions and Tennessee Coal were the features. Sugar was lifted 2 points at the opening, but it was very obviously for the purpose of affording a market upon which to realize profits. The stock closed 3 points below the high level, and dominated the whole market.

As the London Exchange was not in session to-day, and had adjourned yesterday before the receipt at Washington of Minister Conger's message, the effect of that news on the English market is still somewhat problematical. French rentes rose 3 points to-day, but there is still doubts of the authenticity of the Conger message, which left doubts as to how it will affect the market.

The bank statement figures are rather mystifying, and they do not "prove." The receipts this week of $3,000,000 in gold accounts for the large increase in reserve. The decrease in the loan item indicates that German borrowers are still repaying loans of New York capital. Sterling exchange advanced in Paris and Berlin, and was firm though nominal here, and call money hardened in London, increasing the likelihood of gold exports next week.

The much mooted question of how the large trade balance in our favor has been paid or met is partly answered by the appearance of advertised offerings by New York and Chicago bond dealers and bankers of a varied list of foreign Government securities, including German, Russian, Swiss, Dutch, Belgian, Swedish and Canadian securities of many denominations.

The market closed easy at unimportant net changes. The demands of foreign governments for capital to conduct military operations in China are expected to keep money rates up to a point that will make it profitable to leave American capital in foreign loans. The Bank of England has inaugurated a policy of retrenchment and recuperation by an unexplained advance of a full 1 per cent. from 3 to 4 per cent. in its minimum rate of discount, and has been able by borrowing from the open market to carry the private discount rate up to its own rate. In the New York money market the usual July deficit in Government revenues, which amount for the month thus far to about $4,000,000, has been for the benefit of the market, and has offset the Treasury recall of deposits from national banks.

The bond market has failed to show any pressure of capital seeking investment. The funds disbursed on July 1st are apparently held in accessible form, awaiting developments in the money market. United States refunding 2's (when issued) advanced ¾ and the 3's, old 4's and 5's 1 per cent. in the bid price. The new 4's declined ¾.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 144,500 shares.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.—Money on call nominal; prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87¼ for demand and at $4.83⅞@4.84 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.85 and $4.88; commercial bills, $4.83¼@4.83½. Bar silver, 61¼; silver certificates, 61¼@62½; Mexican dollars, 48¼. State bonds inactive; railroad bonds irregular; Government bonds steady.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes:

Surplus reserve, increase	$4,121,775
Loans, decrease	3,381,100
Specie, increase	1,681,100
Legal tenders, increase	2,111,900
Deposits, decrease	1,315,100
Circulation, increase	747,100

The banks now hold $34,081,900 in excess of requirements.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Closing Bid.
Atchison	25⅞
Atchison pfd	69½
Baltimore and Ohio	76¼
Canadian Pacific	89
Canada Southern	49¼
Ches. and Ohio	27¾
Chicago Great Western	10¾
Chi., Bur. and Quincy	126
Chi., Ind. and L.	23½
Chi., Ind. and L. pfd	51
Chi. and East. Illinois	97
Chi. and Northwestern	160
Chi., Rock Island and Pac.	106⅞
C., C., C. and St. Louis	59¼
Colorado Southern	6⅞
Colorado Southern 1st pfd	41½
Colorado Southern 2d pfd	16½
Del. and Hudson	112½
Del., Lack. and Western	175
Den. and Rio G.	17½
Den. and Rio G. pfd	66
Erie	11
Erie 1st pfd	32½
Great Northern pfd	153
Hocking Coal	13⅜
Hocking Valley	34
Illinois Central	119
Iowa Central	30
Iowa Central pfd	49½
Kan. City, Pitts. and Gulf	16
Lake Erie and Western	26½
Lake Erie and Western pfd	90
Lake Shore	210
Louis. and Nash.	73
Manhattan L.	90½
Metropolitan Street Ry.	154¼
Mexican Central	12¼
Minn. and St. Louis	55½
Minn. and St. Louis pfd	92
Missouri Pacific	50¾
Mobile and Ohio	38¼
Mo., Kan. and Texas	9½
Mo., Kan. and Texas pfd	31
New Jersey Central	128⅛
New York Central	130
Norfolk and Western	33⅞
Norfolk and Western pfd	77
Northern Pacific	51
Northern Pacific pfd	71½
Ontario and Western	20⅝
Oregon Ry. and Nav.	42
Oregon Ry. and Nav. pfd	76
Pennsylvania	128¼
Reading	17
Reading 1st pfd	60
Reading 2d pfd	28¾
Rio Grande and Western	59½
Rio Grande and Western pfd	90
St. Louis and San Fran.	9½
St. Louis and San Fran. 1st pfd	67
St. Louis and San Fran. 2d pfd	32⅞
St. Louis and Southwestern	9
St. Louis and Southwestern pfd	26
St. Paul	111
St. Paul pfd	170¾
St. Paul and Omaha	110
Southern Pacific	33¾
Southern Ry.	11⅛
Southern Ry. pfd	51⅝
Texas and Pacific	15
Union Pacific	58
Union Pacific pfd	75
Wabash	7⅛

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Lexington (Ky) Railway

5 Per Cent. Bonds.

The Mortgage Covers Street Railways, Light and Ice Plants.

Receipts for 7 months to January 1	$113,672 87
Operating expenses for 7 months to January 1	56,465 84
	$57,207 03
Interest and Taxes for 7 months to January 1	30,600 00
Surplus	$26,607 03

PRICE 100 AND INTEREST.

JOHN L. WILLIAMS & SONS

The Collector Said

this account must be settled; it

Has Been Running

a long time. After a little thought

The Debtor Said

I would suggest that you

Let It Stand

We take our stand on square dealing and fast service.

Howard, Crosby & Co. 1001 Chestnut St. Phila. 62 Wall St., New York. 24 Congress St., Boston.

Wabash pfd		19⅛
Wheel. and L. E.		8⅞
Wheel. and L. E. 2d pfd		22⅞
Wisconsin Central		13
Third-Avenue		111
EXPRESS COMPANIES.		
Adams		120
American		153
United States		46
Wells-Fargo		123
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Amer. Cotton Oil pfd		88½
Amer. Malting		3½
Amer. Malting pfd		19
Amer. Smelting and Refin.		37½
Amer. Smelting and Refin. pfd		88½
American Spirits		1½
American Spirits pfd		17
Amer. Steel Hoop		22⅛
Amer. Steel Hoop pfd		71
Amer. Steel and Wire		34½
Amer. Steel and Wire pfd		74
Amer. Tin Plate		22¾
Amer. Tin Plate pfd		76
American Tobacco		93¾
Amer. Tobacco pfd., ex. div.		123
Anaconda Mining Co.		43
Brooklyn Rapid Transit		56⅝
Colorado Fuel and Iron		34⅝
Continental Tobacco		26⅛
Continental Tobacco pfd		79½
Federal Steel		34
Federal Steel pfd		67¼
General Electric		130
Glucose Sugar		53
Glucose Sugar pfd		99⅝
International Paper		23
International Paper pfd		65¾
Laclede Gas		75
National Biscuit		30
National Biscuit pfd		82
National Lead		19¾
National Lead pfd		96
National Steel		36¼
National Steel pfd		84
New York Air Brake		138
North American		15⅝
Pacific Coast		52½
Pacific Coast 1st pfd		83
Pacific Coast 2d pfd		62½
Pacific Mail		32¾
People's Gas		99
Pressed Steel Car		43¼
Pressed Steel Car pfd		73
Pullman Palace Car		181½
Standard Rope and Twine		5
Standard Oil		530
Sugar		126¾
Sugar pfd		116½
Tenn. Coal and Iron		71
United States Leather		11¼
United States Leather pfd		68½
United States Rubber		24⅛
United States Rubber pfd		93½
Western Union		79⅝
Republic Iron and Steel		12½
Republic Iron and Steel pfd		54
P., C., C. and St. Louis		57
BONDS.		
United States 2's, refunding, reg.		104
United States 2's, refunding, coup.		104
United States 2's, reg.		100
United States 3's, reg.		109½
United States 3's, coup.		110¼
United States new 4's, reg.		132⅝
United States new 4's, coup.		133⅝
United States old 4's, reg.		115½
United States old 4's, coup.		115½
United States 5's, reg.		113¾
United States 5's, coup.		114½
District of Columbia 3.65's		123
Atchison general 4's		101¼
Atchison adjustment 4's		83½
Canada Southern 2ds		107¾
Ches. and Ohio 4½'s		99⅝
Ches. and Ohio 5's		116¾
Chi. and Northwestern consol 7's		141
Chi. and N. W. S. F. Deb. 5's		120
Chicago Terminal 4's		92½
Colorado Southern 4's		87
Den. and Rio G. 1sts		102
Den. and Rio Grande 4's		97⅝
Erie general 4's		68½
Fort Worth and Den. City 1sts		70
General Electric 5's		117½
Iowa Central 1sts		113
Kan. City, P. and G. 1sts		71½
Louis. and Nash. Unified 4's		98¾
Mo., Kan. and Texas 2ds		69⅝
Mo., Kan. and Texas 4's		91¼
New York Central 1sts		108
New Jersey Central Gen. 5's		122
Northern Pacific 3's		66
Northern Pacific 4's		104⅛
N. Y., Chi. and St. Louis 4's		106½
Norfolk and Western consol 4's		97½
Oregon Nav. 1sts		107
Oregon Nav. 4's		106⅝
Oregon Short Line 6's		128¾
Oregon Short Line consol 5's		111
Reading general 4's		88¼
Rio Grande and Western 1sts		97½
St. Louis and Iron M. consol 5's		110
St. Louis and San Fran. Gen. 6's		122
St. Paul consols		166½
St. Paul, Chi. and Pac. 1sts		116⅛
St. Paul, Chi. and Pac. 5's		118½
Southern Pacific 4's		79
Southern Ry. 5's		108⅜
Standard Rope and Twine 6's		72½
Texas and Pacific 1sts		111½
Texas and Pacific 2ds		55
Union Pacific 4's		105½
Wabash 1sts		116
Wabash 2ds		103¼
West Shore 4's		112
Wisconsin Central 1sts		88
Virginia Centuries		90
Mobile and Ohio 4's		85
Central of Ga. 5's		91½
Central of Ga. 1st In. (bid)		44¼
Central of Ga. 2d In. (bid)		12

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., July 21, 1900.

SALES.—$1,500 Virginia 3's at 91½; $1,200 do. at 91¾; $2,000 do. at 91¾; $2,000 do. at 91⅝; 75 shares Seaboard Air Line common at 8½; 10 shares Virginia-Carolina Chemical common at 52⅞; 20 shares do. at 53.

GOV. SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked
U. S. 3's, coup., 1908-1918	109	...
U. S. 4's, coup., 1907	114	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
North Carolina 4's, C., 1910	105	...
North Carolina 6's, C., 1919	134	...
Va. 3's, new, C. and R., 1932	91½	92
Va. Century, 2-3, C. and R.	90	90½
CITY SECURITIES.		
Rich. City 8's, R., 1904-1909	130	...
Rich. City 6's, R., 1904-1914	114	...
Rich. City 5's, R., 1920-1922	112	...
Rich. City 4's, R., 1920-1930	104	105
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. and C. 1st 7's, R., 1907	115½	119
C. and O., R. and A. Div. 4½'s	98	...
Ga. Pacific 1st 6's, R. C., 1922	118	...
Ga. So. and Fla. 5's, 1927	108	...
Pet. Class A 5's, R. C., 1926	112	...
Pet. Class B 6's, R. C., 1926	122	...
R. and D. Gold 6's, C., 1915	118	...
N. and W. Ry. 4's, 1996	96	...
Southern Ry. 1st 5's, 1994	107	...
W. N. C. 1st 6's, C., 1914	115½	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd. 5's, 1945	104¾	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd. 5's, 1945	...	97
South-Bound 1st 5's, 1941	...	97

RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.		
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	128	...
Ches. and Ohio	100	27	...
N. and W. pfd	100	77	...
N. and W. com		34	...
Atlantic Coast Line "A"		68	...
Atlantic Coast Line pfd	100	102½	103¼
Atlantic Coast Line com		65¼	67
R., F. and P. com	100	210	...
R., F. and P. Div. Obli.	100	210	...
R., F. and P. 6 p. c. guar.	100	215	...
R., F. and P. 7 p. c. guar.	100	215	...
Southern Ry. pfd	100	52	...
Southern Ry. com	100	11	...
Seaboard Air Line pfd		25½	26½
Seaboard Air Line com		8½	9
BANK STOCKS.			
American National		102	...
City	25	28	...
First National	100	170	...
Merchants National	100	210	...
Metropolitan	25	25	...
National Bank of Va.	100	110	112
Planters National	100	275	...
Pet. Sav. and Ins. Co.	20	40	...
Rich. T. and S. Dep. Co.	100	...	114
Sav. Bank of Richmond	25	37	...
Security	100	...	112½
State Bank of Va.	100	153	...
Southern Trust Co.	100	101	...
Union Bank of Richmond	50	135	...
Virginia Trust Co.	100	115½	...
INS COMPANIES.			
Va. Fire and Marine	25		39
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Amer. Tob. Co. pfd	100	125	...
Amer. Tob. Co. com	50	94	...
Old Dominion S. S. Co.	100	99	...
Sloss I and S. Co. 1st bonds		...	106
Va.-Caro. Chem. pfd	100	105	106
Va.-Caro. Chem. com	100	52⅞	53
Cont'l Tob. pfd. 7 p. c.	100	79	...
Cont'l Tobacco com	100	26½	...
Greater Seaboard Certif.		104	106
Seaboard Loan Certif.		115	120

PEANUT MARKETS.

NORFOLK, VA., July 21.—PEANUTS—Farmers' stock—Fancy, 2⅝@2¾c.; strictly prime, 2½c.; prime, 2¼c.; common, 1¾@2c. pound. Spanish, $1.05 bushel.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, July 21.—COTTON—The market for cotton futures opened quiet, with prices unchanged to 3 points lower, and new speculation totally lacking. The home trade devoted attention to week-end settlements, the South sold the far months; Liverpool purchased the summer and early fall deliveries. Following the call demand from shorts and scarcity of sellers caused prices to advance quite sharply, though business continued to hang fire. The cables from Liverpool were no better nor worse than looked for. The crop accounts from the eastern and western sections of the belt were fully as good as the average for some years past, while accounts from the central division were satisfactory in the long run. Warm local showers were said to be benefiting the crop over the larger portion of the belt. The political news was the main incentive of the room traders in their endeavor to reduce obligation as a matter of precaution over Sunday interval of adjournment. Spot cotton closed quiet and unchanged; futures closed steady at 9 to 12 points advance, the firmness being entirely due to local covering on a small scale.

COTTON—Futures opened quiet: July, 9.70; August, 9.14; September, 8.56; October, 8.27; November, 8.15; December, 8.10; January, 8.11; February, 8.13; March, 8.16; April, 8.17; May, 8.21.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands, 10; middling gulf, 10¼; sales, 134 bales.

Futures closed steady: July, 9.81; August, 9.26; September, 8.71; October, 8.39; November, 8.24; December, 8.21; January, 8.21; February, 8.22; March, 8.25; April, 8.27; May, 8.30.

COTTON—Quiet; middling, 10; net receipts, 200 bales; gross, 938 bales; sales, 134 bales; stock, 37,873 bales.

Total to-day and consolidated—Net receipts, 6,177 bales; stock, 149,507 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts, 6,453,244 bales; exports to Great Britain, 2,248,590 bales; to France, 693,029 bales; to the Continent, 2,668,770 bales.

LIVERPOOL, July 21.—1 P. M.—COTTON—Spot in small demand; prices lower; American middling, fair, 6¼; good middling, 5 31-32; middling, 5 25-32; low middling, 5 21-32; good ordinary, 5 17-32; ordinary, 5 11-32. The sales of the day were 2,000 bales, of which 200 were for speculation and export, and included 1,600 American. Receipts, 100 bales, all American.

Futures opened quiet and closed steady: American middling, l. m. c., July, 5 38-64, value; July and August, 5 34-64, sellers; August and September, 5 12-64@5 13-64, value; September and October, 4 54-64@4 55-64, value; October and November, 4 40-64@4 41-64, sellers; November and December, 4 34-64@4 35-64, sellers; December and January, 4 31-64@4 32-64, buyers; January and February, 4 29-64@4 30-64, buyers; February and March, 4 27-64@4 28-64, buyers; March and April, 4 26-64@4 27-64, buyers.

NEW ORLEANS, July 21.—COTTON—Futures steady; July, 10.18@10.20; August, 9.55@9.57; September, 8.60@8.61; October, 8.18@8.19; November, 8.08@8.09; December, 8.05@8.06; January, 8.05@8.06; February, 8.07@8.09; March, 8.09@8.11; April, April, 8.11@8.13; May, 8.14@8.15.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, July 21.—FLOUR—Inactive but steady; winter patents, $4@4.50; Minnesota patents, $4.25@4.75.

RYE FLOUR—Quiet.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 65c.

BARLEY—Dull.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal.

WHEAT—Spot steady; No. 2 red, 85⅛c. Options displayed firmness pretty much all day, in spite of a small trade. Besides higher cables and reports of hot weather in Germany and France, there was English buying and renewal of good crop estimates in the West. Closed ½c. net lower. September, 82⅝c.; December, 83⅝c.

CORN—Spot steady; No. 2, 46⅞c. Options were steady but dull, influenced by higher cables, a little covering and the strength in wheat. Closed steady at unchanged prices. July closed at 44⅞c.; September, 44⅝c.; December, 41⅞c.

OATS—Spot dull; No. 2, 28c. Options quiet but steady.

BEEF—Dull; mess, $9@9.50; beef hams, $20@21.

CUT MEATS—Quiet; pickled bellies, $8.25@10; do. shoulders, $6.75; do. hams, $10@10.75.

LARD—Firm; western steamed, $7.12½; July, $7.12½. Refined firm; Continent, $7.40; South America, $8; compound, $6.25@6.37½.

PORK—Dull; short clear, $13@15; mess, $12.75@13.50.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 16½@17½c.; State dairy, 15½@18c.

CHEESE—Weak; large, white and colored, 9@9½c.; small do., 9⅝@9⅞c.

EGGS—Firm; State and Pennsylvania, 14@17c.; western, 11@13½c.

TALLOW—Steady.

PETROLEUM—Quiet.

ROSIN—Steady; strained, common to good, $1.60.

TURPENTINE—Easy at 46½@47c.

RICE—Firm.

COFFEE—Rio easy; No. 7 invoice, 9⅝c.; mild quiet; Cordova, 9½@13½c. Futures opened barely steady at 5 to 15 points lower, and showed a weak undertone all the forenoon as a result of active selling for both accounts. Weak European market advices, large Brazilian receipts, falling off in the spot demand, lower rate of exchange in Rio and selling orders from abroad were factors. Sentiment of bearish average, with speculative public holding aloof. Closed steady 5 to 30 points lower. Total sales, 37,000 bags, including August, $8.20@8.25; September, $8.25@8.35; October, $8.30@8.35.

SUGAR—Raw strong; fair refining, 4⅜c.; centrifugal, 96 degrees test, 4⅞c.; molasses sugar, 4⅛c. Refined firm; standard A, $5.90; confectioners' A, $5.90; mould A, $6.35; cut loaf, $6.40; crushed, $6.40; powdered, $6.10; granulated, $6.10; cubes, $6.25.

POTATOES—Steady, Chili, $1@1.12½; southern, $1.10@1.25.

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy hand-picked, 4@4¼c.; other domestic, 3@3¼c.

CABBAGES—Quiet; Long Island, per 100, $1@1.50.

FREIGHTS TO LIVERPOOL—Quiet; cotton by steam, 25c.

COTTON-SEED OIL MARKET.

NEW YORK, July 21.—COTTON-SEED OIL—Was quiet and featureless; prime crude barrels, 34c. nominal; prime summer yellow, 37c.; butter grades nominal; off summer yellow, 36½c.; prime winter yellow, 40@41c.; prime white, 40c. Prime meal, $25.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, July 21.—Wheat was helped by the English news to-day, September closing ½@⅝c. higher. Corn closed ¼c. and oats a shade better. Provisions ruled strong and closed from 10c. better in lard to 27½c. improved in pork.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
July	77	77⅛	76¾	77
Aug.	77¼	77⅜	76⅞	77⅜
Sept.	78⅛	78⅜	77⅞	78¼
CORN—No. 2.				
July	39⅜	39⅝	39⅛	39⅜
Aug.	39½	39½	39⅛	39⅜
Sept.	39⅝	39½	39⅛	39½
OATS—No. 2.				
July	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛
Aug.	23⅜	23⅜	23¼	23⅜
Sept.	23¾	23⅞	23⅞	23¾
MESS PORK—bbl.				
July	....	....	....	12.00
Sept.	12.00	12.15	11.92½	12.15
LARD—100 lbs.				
July	....	....	....	6.82½
Sept.	6.80	6.90	6.77½	6.87½
Oct.	6.82½	6.92½	6.82½	6.92½
SHORT RIBS—100 lbs.				
July	6.90	6.95	6.90	6.95
Sept.	6.92½	7.05	6.92½	7.02½
Oct.	6.90	7.00	6.90	7.00

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady. No. 2 spring wheat, 75½@76c.; No. 3, 72½@75c. No. 2 red, 77@78½c.; No. 2 yellow, 39¾@40c. No. 2 oats, 24¼@24½c.; No. 2 white, 25@25⅝c.; No. 3 white, 25@26½c. Good feeding barley, 38@42c.; fair to choice malting, 46@48c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1.70; No. 1 northwestern, $1.75. Mess pork, per barrel, $11.60@12.05. Lard, per 100 pounds, $6.70@6.85; short rib sides (loose), $6.85@7.10; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.75@7; short clear sides (boxed), $7.40@7.50. Whiskey, basis of high wines, $1.23½. Sugars unchanged. Butter firm; creams, 15@19c.; dairy, 14@17c. Eggs firm; fresh, 11c. Cheese quiet at 9½@10¼c.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, July 21.—FLOUR—Firm and unchanged.

WHEAT—Firmer; spot and month, 76⅝@76¾c.; August, 76¾@76⅞c.; September, 78¼@78½c. Southern, by sample, 70@77⅜c.

CORN—Firmer; mixed, spot and month, 43⅝@43¾c.; August, 43¾@43⅞c.; September, 43@43¼. Southern white, 46@47c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 white, 30½@31c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 nearby, 50@51c.

SUGAR—Firm and unchanged.

CHEESE—Firm and unchanged.

BUTTER—Steady and unchanged.

EGGS—Firm and unchanged.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, July 21.—DRY GOODS—The week closes with a dull market on the spot and no business of moment reported in any department; prices all unchanged, but reductions on leading lines bleached cottons early next week highly probable. Print cloths in fair demand for odd goods at firm prices. Common yarns in fair demand and tone of market firm, and especially for lower counts. Woollen yarns steady.

NAVAL STORES.

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 21—TURPENTINE—Market nominal; nothing doing.

ROSIN—Firm and unchanged; sales, none.

SAVANNAH, GA., July 21.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Firm at 43c.; sales, 1,009 casks; sales, 1,363 casks; exports, 193 casks.

ROSIN—Firm; M and above, 10c. off; receipts, 3,434 barrels; sales, 2,064 barrels; exports, 10,335 barrels.

WILMINGTON, N. C., July 21.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Nothing doing; receipts, 158 casks.

ROSIN—Firm at $1.20@1.25; receipts, 317 barrels.

TAR—Firm at $1.40; receipts, 48 barrels.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm at $1.70@2.70; receipts, 176 barrels.

TOBACCO MARKET.

Richmond, Va., July 21, 1900.

Private sales to-day were as follows: Wrappers, 1 hogshead; fillers, 30 hogsheads.

Inspections were: Bright, 9 hogsheads; dark, 92 hogsheads. Reviews—Bright, 3 hogsheads.

Warehouses report for the day 38 hogsheads received and 122 hogsheads delivered.

DANVILLE TOBACCO MARKET.

Danville, Va., July 21, 1900.

The market stands as follows:

Nondescript goods	$ 2.00@$ 4.00
Granulators	4.50@ 7.00
Smokers—	
Common	3.50@ 6.00
Good	6.00@ 8.00
Fine	8.00@ 9.50
Cutters—	
Common	8.00@ 10.00
Good	10.00@ 12.50
Fine	12.00@ 22.50
Fillers—	
Common	3.00@ 4.30
Good	4.00@ 8.00
Fine	8.00@ 12.00
Wrappers—	
Common	8.00@ 12.50
Medium	12.50@ 17.50
Good	17.50@ 35.00
Fancy	35.00@ 55.00

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

July 22, 1900.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity.

Sun rises	5:06 A. M.
Sun sets	7:26 P. M.
Moon south	8:49 A. M.
First high water	12:47 A. M.
Second high water	12:45 P. M.

July 23, 1900.

Gen. U. S. Grant died, 1885.

Sun rises	5:07 A. M.
Sun sets	7:25 P. M.
Moon south	9:44 A. M.
First high water	1:43 A. M.
Second high water	1:41 P. M.

PORT OF RICHMOND, JULY 21, 1900.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Rosalie, Willis, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Line.

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

Steamer Gulf Stream, Tunnell, Philadelphia, Pa., merchandise and passengers, Clyde Line.

SAILED.

Steamer Rosalie, Willis, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Line.

Schooner A. Denike, Williams, Boston, railroad ties.

Barge Mary B. Brady, Kelson, James River, light.

Barge Calvert, Mahoney, Baltimore, light.

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ARRIVED.

Schooner Grace D. Chambers, Norfolk.

SAILED.

Barge Alabama, Providence.

Barge Kentucky, Allyn's Point.

Steamer Katahdin, Providence.

Steamer Rappahannock, London.

Steamer Hyade, Boston.

LYNCHBURG CONFERENCE.

Bonsack Machine Company to Be Moved to Lynchburg.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., July 21.—The Lynchburg District Conference held this week at West Appomattox, has adjourned. The delegates appointed for the Virginia Conference: J. W. Dickerson and W. W. Smith, of Lynchburg; J. C. Elam, of Charlotte; and A. H. Clement, of Appomattox. Alternates: J. D. Evans, of Concord; J. L. Thompson, and A. M. Wray, of this city.

The Bonsack Machine Company, of Salem, will be removed to this city. All arrangements for the construction of new buildings for the plant have been completed, and work on them will be commenced at once. This will be a valuable plant for Lynchburg, and will be another addition to her many new and important enterprises.

INTERESTING AMATEURS.

Entertainment for the Benefit of Fork of Willis Church.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FLANNAGAN'S MILLS, VA., July 21.—A splendid entertainment was given at the home of Mrs. P. J. Trice the evening of July 17th for the benefit of Fork of Willis Church.

Quite a large and appreciative audience greeted the young amateurs who participated. The programme consisted of theatricals, tableaux, charades and music of a fine order.

Most conspicuous among the talent may be mentioned Miss Olivia and Madison Trice, both good amateurs, and Miss Lulu Kail, a talented artist of Petersburg, whose rich soprano entranced her listeners and called forth repeated applause.

The programme being finished, refreshments were served on the lawn under the soft light of Japanese lanterns, when old and young partook of a bountiful repast, prepared and served with that old-time and well-known hospitality for which the ladies of the Fork are so justly famous.

Had His Back Sprained.

Charles Jones had his shoulder badly sprained while rolling a hand-car at Seventeenth and Baldwin Streets yesterday afternoon. He was treated by Dr. Gills.

Thirty-Ninth Anniversary.

Yesterday was the thirty-ninth anniversary of the first battle of Manassas.

Misses Rosa F. Maddrey and Belle Burch, of No. 915 East Leigh Street, will leave for Ocean View this morning to spend a week or ten days.

HERE'S A REFUGE FOR OOM PAUL

Abel Erasmus' Mountain Stronghold Open to Kruger.

HE IS TRUE TO HIS FRIENDS.

The President of the Boer Republic Will Be Safe from Pursuit at His Home—Story of the Man.

Have the colonists of Natal ever heard of the Ohrigstadt Valley? Also, do our great fighting men from Aldershot, with their hands so full in the Free State, know anything of Abel Erasmus, of Lydenburg, Transvaal? To those who do not know the Lydenburg District of the Transvaal from within I tender an experience gleaned many years ago, coupled with some information which has come to hand in Delagoa Bay during the last week. It concerns Abel Erasmus, Transvaal native commissioner, &c., also the Ohrigstadt Valley, likewise her Majesty's Government, sooner or later.

Imprimis, I will try to deal with Abel Erasmus from personal recollection. This wealthy and immensely influential man is "a Boer of the Boers," a patriarch of the Transvaal and Cape Colony, though of late years seldom heard of outside of his own district. He, among the best Boer families, as well as the black veldt droppers, is equally as great as, is not greater, than Paul Kruger himself. The President of the Transvaal is a hypercritical myth; Abel Erasmus is a solid sinner. In the old Transvaal—that is, before gold in quartz was discovered—Hollander poison and German intriques were introduced. Abel Erasmus was a power among all white men, as one of the principal freebooters in and out of the Transvaal and the terror of the blacks. As a Boer politician he is of the very first rank, although his voice is never heard outside of the Executive. Owing to his ability and strength of mind he never consults the Government in Pretoria, but always acts "on his own." On the other hand, Paul Kruger invariably seeks the advice of his most trusted friend, Abel Erasmus.

OF STRIKING APPEARANCE.

Abel Erasmus is a handsome, grand old man, of fully seventy years, with white hair and beard, a soft, kindly expression lighting up a remarkably open face. His appearance, standing fully six feet, is that of the finest type of a Boer farmer of the old school in South Africa. The inner man of Abel Erasmus in many respects is exactly the opposite. In his public capacity of native commissioner of a vast district he has ruled the whole native population for the last forty years and more with a rod of iron. For real villainy and bloodshed among all classes of natives under his "protection" he has not his equal in the Transvaal. To mention the name of Abel to any resident native within his district is like a galvanic shock. Some fourteen yaers ago I lived on a high road about sixty miles from Lydenburg. Troops of native cattle passed the door every week. On inquiry I always learned they were going to Abel, with the everlasting fines of cows and calves imposed upon every kraal. If an induna or a head man of a kraal was "sent for" by Abel the news cast a gloom over all the kraals in that district.

As regards the present unfortunate Boer rebellion, I think I am right in stating that Abel Erasmus was in no way responsible for it. He always was clever and far-sighted enough to know it was not wise to seek a quarrel with the British. The Transvaal had fought for its independence and gained it. The Boer Government was established from end to end of the country. Industry and wealth had made the Transvaal the greatest gold-mining country in the world. The Lydenburg diggers and the Lydenburg Boers were on the best of terms. If Abel Erasmus had been given Kruger's opportunity he would have become a republican dictator, who would have piloted his country according to special circumstances and avoided any chance of self-destruction.

AN IMPREGNABLE POSITION.

Abel Erasmus is no friend of the Hollander moths who have eased through the Transvaal fabric. He has generally kept away from them as much as possible. When his advice was sought previous to the war and the bulk of the Boer farmers in the Lydenburg district were asked they were mostly willing to grant the five years' franchise to uitlanders for many business reasons—foremost, the Lydenburg land-owners were well to do farmers, contented, and the uitlanders working in the gold mines were their best customers.

The Ohrigstadt laager is so called because it is the oldest and strongest position ever taken up by the early trek Boers when going north from Cape Colony and Natal. It is as well to remember from sixty to one hundred years back, the present Transvaal was inhabited in certain districts by Basutos, other native tribes like the ulus continually raiding them. The emigrant Boers' hands were against