OFFICIALS ABSENT.

Visits of Congressmen to Washington Apparently Cut Short.

PECULIAR POSTAL-ORDER CASE.

Payee Has Drawn the Money Twice and Claims to Have Been Right in Delay So—The Conquering Trolley Line.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 28.—(Special.)—So many of the government officials are absent from Washington at present that the visits of the congressmen from Virginia and North Carolina seem to have been cut short. Most of the people now arriving in the city are summer travellers, who have been to the various resorts, and they make brief stops in the capital to see the sights or to break the journey. Next week the big men of the government will begin to return, and by the end of September there will be more life around the departments. Civil-service regulations having covered practically all the minor places in the departments, the congressmen are relieved of a heavy burden in that they are not constantly besought to obtain positions for their constituents.

Postmaster Charles C. Carlin, of Alexandria, has a peculiar case on his hands, and he has been to the department officials to see what chance there is of recovering $6 paid out on a duplicate money order from his office. It seems that a duplicate order for this amount was issued, and it was paid, and it was afterwards discovered that the original order supposed to have been lost turned up, and that, too, was paid. The postmaster, of course, will be charged with the amount, and it is said that he is unable to get a race-back from the party who got the money on both orders. A woman is understood to be the party reported to have drawn the money, and it is alleged that she claims she had a right to collect on both orders.

It is the prevailing belief here that Comptroller Bowler will, in a few days, decide that under the authority he claims to possess the sugar bounty shall not be paid the planters. Only a few people in Virginia are affected by the decision, for the reason that the beet-sugar industry of the State is as yet in its infancy. There are some people in Augusta county who have been raising beets and manufacturing sugar, and the chances are that eventually it will become quite a paying industry in the State. The experts of the Agricultural Department say that Virginia has larger bodies of land that will yield more money for their owners if they raise beets for sugar than in any other way. There are also good marshes lands in North Carolina.

MOUNT VERNON RAILWAY.

It is understood that the Mount Vernon electric railway will eventually get into Washington, and the purpose of the officers of the company is to have the line run also to Arlington. The tightness of the money market retarded very much the progress of the extension, and besides the company kept waiting on Congress to pass a bill giving them the right to construct a bridge across the Potomac. That difficulty can be obviated by making terms with another company. As a result of this road, Alexandria and Fairfax counties are improving rapidly, and the country for miles is building up. Several new towns on the opposite side of the river have been started, and only yesterday a post-office was established at St. Elmo, in Alexandria county. Several years ago this was nothing but a common. Now there are numbers of houses, and streets have been laid out. It is bound to grow, and so will the other towns along the steam and electric railways. Washington people are getting homes over there because taxes are so much lighter, and they can buy on most favorable terms.

The department has granted an allowance of $1,400 for wages of clerks in the post-office at New Berne, N. C. Nothing has been done with several other applications of the same character from Virginia and North Carolina. The matter depends on receipts at the post-offices.

Mr. Jones, First Assistant Postmaster-General, is still at the Virginia Hot Springs, and will not return until Tuesday next. Mr. Jones is so much fascinated with the Hot Springs that he has spent most of his vacation at that resort.

A. M. Wilson was to-day appointed postmaster at Mountain View, Stafford county, Va., vice Edgar Armstrong, resigned.

THE BERLINER PATENT.

Government Against Bell Telephone Company—What Next?

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 28.—The law-officers of the government have under consideration the question how further to proceed with the case against the Bell Telephone Company for the repeal of the Berliner patent. As the case now stands, the bill of the government has been dismissed by the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and under that judgment the Bell company has begun proceedings against several of the corporations which entered the telephone field after the expiration of the Bell patent, in 1893.

The validity of the Berliner patent is essential to the further control of the telephone business by the Bell company, and the present situation is of additional interest from a legal or judicial point of view, because the case involves a consideration of the act of 1882, establishing the circuit courts of appeals.

The bill in the case was filed in the Circuit Court at Boston on February 9, 1893, by order of Attorney-General Miller, Causten Brown, of that city, and H. S. Taylor, of Fort Wayne, Ind., being retained as special counsel for the government. The prayer of the bill was that the patent issued to Emile Berliner and assigned to the Bell company, be repealed, on the ground (1) that it was covered by a previous patent, issued November 2, 1880, to Berliner for an electric telephone; and (2) that the issue of the patent was unreasonably delayed by the Bell company from 1877 to 1881.

The device of Berliner, the Court said, in disposing of the case, covers the only commercially practicable and useful method at present known for the transmission of articulate speech.

On December 18, 1884, Judge Carpenter, of the Circuit Court, announced his judgment, sustaining the prayer of the United States, and declaring the patent null and void.

The case was appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals, and on the 15th of May last Judges Colt, Putnam, and Nelson united in reversing the judgment of Judge Carpenter and remanding the case to his court, with instructions to dismiss the bill, thus sustaining the validity of the patent. The opinion was delivered by Judge Putnam.

By the terms of the act creating circuit courts of appeal the judgments of those courts is final in all cases arising under the patent laws, except where the judges certify a case to the Supreme Court, or where the Supreme Court directs the case to be brought before it for review on a writ of certiorari. The telephone company is evidently inclined to accept the decree of the Court of Appeals as final, and is proceeding to enforce its claims under the patent. But the government representatives are by no means disposed to let the case rest here. They say that a case involving the question whether or not the United States has the right to sue for the cancellation of a patent is vastly different from a controversy between two private parties over a patent right, and that upon that point an appeal will lie to the Supreme Court from the judgment of the Court of Appeals. And even if that ground should fail them, they can sue for a review of the case on a writ of certiorari, as provided in the law itself. Which method of procedure will be followed has not yet been finally settled, but it is asserted that the case will not be permitted to rest in its present condition.

PORT ROYAL DRY-DOCK.

Government Will Not Accept It in Its Present Condition.

WASHINGTON, August 28.—Justin McCarthy, of this city, the contractor who constructed the government dry-dock at Port Royal, S. C., was to-day informed by Acting-Secretary McAdoo, of the Navy Department, that in accordance with the recommendation of the board that examined the dock the government cannot accept it in its present condition. Mr. McAdoo says he must make the repairs which the board thinks necessary before acceptance can be given, or else the government will make them, taking the cost out of that part of the contract price which the Navy Department has retained.

The principal objection of the Examining Board is that the gates of the dock are not strong enough, in their opinion, to withstand the pressure of water.

Gold Reserve, $100,182,943.

WASHINGTON, August 28.—The gold reserve in the Treasury is just above the $100,000,000 mark, standing at the close of business to-day at $100,182,943.

A withdrawal of $250,000 in gold at New York for export to Europe, and the taking up in the Treasurer's cash of $500,000 in gold, withdrawn last Monday, have caused the decline.

Minister Young in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 28.—Pierce M. B. Young, of Georgia, United States Minister to Guatemala, called at the State Department to-day. He is in this country on leave of absence.

AN ATROCIOUS MURDER.

Committed by a New York Butcher Upon His Wife.

NEW YORK, August 28.—One of the most atrocious murders that have occurred in New York for years was committed about 10:30 o'clock to-day at 515 east Thirteenth street, where a jealous husband, crazed with rage, because, as he claims, his wife had wronged him, butchered her with a knife. The murdered woman was Anna Postaluka, 40 years old. The murderer is Charles Postaluka, a butcher, who married her two years ago, when she was a widow with six children, all of whom are still living. The eldest is Lizzie, 19 years old, who assisted her mother in running the Cafe Waldorf, at 114 east Fourth street.

The murderer's explanation of his act is that he went home unexpectedly and saw sufficient to convince him that his wife was not a proper woman, and was unfaithful to him. He picked up a small butcher-knife, and slashed her until she was left a mangled corpse on the floor. The woman's hands were cut to pieces, where she grasped the knife with which her death-wounds were inflicted, and struggled madly with her murderer for its possession.

The frenzied man drew the weapon across her throat from ear to ear. Then he shoved the blade down her throat and drew it across her cheek, so that her chin was almost entirely cut away.

Not satisfied with this, he jabbed the knife into the unfortunate woman's back, and cut out a large piece of flesh.

The murderer was arrested while calmly seated at a table in his wife's cafe.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

Judge William H. Taft Delivers the Annual Address.

DETROIT, MICH., August 28.—Immediately upon the assembling of the American Bar Association this morning Judge William H. Taft, of the United States Circuit Court, began the delivery of the annual address to the association. He finished at 11:30.

Reports of standing committees were next in order. Only one had its report ready—that on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar—which was read by Austin Abbott. The report was received and placed on file. The Committee on Judicial Administration and Remedial Procedure made a short verbal report on the progress being made, and promised a written report later. The committees on Jurisprudence and Law-Reform, Commercial Law, International Law, and Grievances made no report.

Judge John J. Hall, of Ohio, was placed on the general council, in place of Judge Hunt.

The association then took a recess until to-night. This afternoon the members were taken for a ride around Belle-Isle Park, and then for a boat-ride down the river.

Raleigh News Notes.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 28.—(Special.)—The Morganton band of eighteen pieces will furnish music for the next State Fair. The chief marshal says that the social feature of the next State Fair will be notable. The tournament is expected to attract a large number of young people.

President Kilgo, of Trinity College, was here on his return from a long trip in the interest of the college. He said the prospects for the opening next week were unusually bright. Nearly all the grading has been done on the large campus, and the workmen will now macadamize the many walks and drives. Work on the Craven-Memorial chapel will probably begin as soon as the architect's plans are approved.

The new officers of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce elected last night are: J. E. Pogues, president; R. B. Raney, first vice-president; Frank Honach, second vice-president; Frank Ward, treasurer; George M. Allen, secretary, and A. R. D. Johnson, assistant secretary.

Engineer Badly Shaken Up.

WELDON, N. C., August 28.—(Special.)—At Whitehead's crossing yesterday a through-freight train on the Atlantic-Coast Line ran into an ox-cart, on which was a heavy stationary boiler belonging to a lumber company, knocking the cart into kindling wood, and lifting the boiler high in the air and landing it several feet away. There is a sharp curve at the crossing mentioned, and the cart had just pulled upon the main track to cross, when the train dashed in sight. The pilot of the engine was broken, but the oxen, four in number, escaped injury. No one was hurt, but the engineer was badly shaken up.

The Arrington Committee.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 28.—(Special.)—The Arrington Investigating Committee did not meet to-day. Eleven o'clock was the hour set for it to convene, but none of the witnesses had arrived. Bryan, of Chatham, has not yet put in an appearance, so Phillips, of Pitt, this afternoon went to Moncure to see him. Mrs. Arrington said this afternoon: "If Treasurer Worth don't stop talking about not paying my committee he may be impeached and turned out of office. He takes upon himself the prerogatives of the Supreme Court and the Legislature combined."

Death of a Scotland Neck Lady.

SCOTLAND NECK, August 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Major J. B. Neal died at her home here last night at 10 o'clock. For two years she had been in poor health. Mrs. Neal returned from Murfreesboro' a few days ago, where she had been to visit her mother and sister, and her friends were not aware of her serious illness until a short time before her death.

Toy Importers Assign.

NEW YORK, August 28.—Timothy M. Spelman, William A. Spelman, and William C. Spelman, who composed the firm of Spelman Brothers, importers and dealers in toys and novelties, at No. 363 Broadway, made an assignment to-day, to Stephen V. White, the well-known banker, for the benefit of creditors.

The firm has been established about fifty years, and carried a stock valued at $250,000.

Dramatist Commits Suicide.

PARIS, August 28.—Hippolyte Ramon, the dramatist, committed suicide last evening by shooting himself with a revolver.

THE COMING CANVASS

POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN THE OLD DOMINION.

Situation in Roanoke—Hampton Hoge's Brother Declares Himself an Independent—Captain Phil. Brown to Run Again—Withdrawal.

ROANOKE, VA., August 28.—(Special.)—S. Harris Hoge, a brother and law partner of J. Hampton Hoge, who up to this time has acted with the Democratic party, will publish an interview here to-morrow declaring himself an Independent candidate for the State Senate. Hoge's platform will be for free silver and honest elections, and he will also favor a constitutional convention. It is understood that the Republicans, Populists, Prohibitionists, and soreheads will support him.

Lin. Hansbrough, a son of G. W. Hansbrough, the ex-Reporter of the Court of Appeals, will probably be one of the opposition candidates for the House, and B. A. Jones, a substantial wholesale grocer of this city, who recently left the Democrats to join the Prohibitionists, is being discussed as the other candidate.

Captain Phil. F. Brown, proprietor of Blue Ridge Springs, has yielded to the solicitations of his friends and decided to allow his name to go before the County Democratic Convention of Botetourt county as a candidate for the House of Delegates.

A LIVELY PROMISE

The Salem and the Radford Conventions—Names Mentioned.

EAST RADFORD, VA., August 28.—(Special.)—The mass-meeting of citizens held to select delegates to the senatorial convention in Salem September 34 chose the following gentlemen: Judge George E. Cassel, Colonel James Green, Captain H. C. Preston, C. B. Beamer, Colonel J. H. Washington, Judge A. R. Heflin, Harry N. Austin, and W. P. Gunn. The delegates go uninstructed, and if Mr. Watts fails to be nominated on the first ballot it is probable that Judge Heflin may be brought forward as a candidate.

The fight for the nomination for the House of Delegates promises to be warm when the convention meets here next Tuesday, but the convention will act cautiously and put up a strong man. The names mentioned so far in connection with the nomination are: John U. Sumpter, the present member; A. R. Stanger, A. W. Luster, B. R. Linkous, and C. A. McDonald, of Blacksburg; Captain William Ingles and Judge Heflin, of Radford. The nominee may be a dark horse, especially as the Republicans are preparing to run a very strong man. Messrs. George Wilson, of Christiansburg, R. T. Buckingham and T. B. Einstein, of Radford, have been spoken of for the Republican nomination, but it is beginning to look as if that party would nominate a farmer, in the person of Michael Kipps. Mr. Kipps has a large connection, is a Mexican-war and civil-war veteran, and a staunch man. The contest promises to be the liveliest in years.

Governor O'Ferrall's letter is favorably commented on by a large number of citizens.

POLITICS IN HALIFAX.

Democratic Convention Next Monday—Republican Nomination.

SOUTH BOSTON, VA., August 28.—(Special.)—The Democrats will hold precinct meetings all over the county Saturday evening at 3 o'clock, and will hold a convention at Houston on Monday at 11 o'clock to nominate two candidates for the House of Delegates.

The Republicans held a convention on Monday last at Houston and nominated Hon. J. B. Stovall for the House of Delegates, and left the other candidate to be named by the Populists.

Mr. Morton Withdraws.

FARMVILLE, VA., August 28.—(Special.)—Mr. J. R. Morton, who had been announced as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the House of Delegates from Prince Edward, issued a card to-day, withdrawing from the field. This leaves Hon. R. M. Barton without opposition.

HENRY WOOLSON MORSE.

The Composer of "Wang," "Panjandrum," and "Cinderella at School."

(Ladies' Home Journal.)

Aptitude for more than one of the artistic professions, keen practical ability for the business side of an artist's career, slight physical strength and indomitable perseverance are the most prominent traits in the character of Henry Woolson Morse, the composer of "Wang," "Panjandrum," and "Cinderella at School."

Mr. Morse, who is of New England parentage, was born in Charles street, Boston, on February 24, 1856. His mother was, before her marriage to Charles R. Morse, Mary A. Judkins, a member of one of the oldest of New England families. Young Morse was educated first at the primary and grammar schools of Boston, completing his secular education at the famous Chauncey Hall School, in that city. Leaving this institution, and feeling that he had some natural talent for artistic designing, he took a course in carpet-design at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Later he accepted a position in a large carpet-house, where he remained for a couple of years as chief designer, and where he developed or discovered the practical business-side of his artistic nature. Becoming strongly imbued with a love of art, Mr. Morse determined to make designing but the first step in his career of artist, and entered the studio of William Hunt, with whom he remained for two years. Thence he went to Paris, where he studied with Gerome and Cabanel at the Ecole des Beaux Arts for two and a half years. Returning to America, Mr. Morse almost immediately abandoned his chosen vocation because of family opposition. Meanwhile his musical development was forcing itself.

Placing Him.

(Truth.)

She turned upon him imperiously:

"What have you to say for yourself?"

The dude cowered before her, abashed, and then passed through the door without a word.

She shook her head, sadly.

"Once more is the old saying verified: 'It goes without saying!'"

She gently locked the door behind him.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS

REPORTS FROM ALL GREAT BUSINESS CENTRES OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Money, Bonds, Stocks, Grain, Tobacco, Cotton, &c., and in Addition Thereto the Weather Indications.

FAIR

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 28.—Forecast for Virginia: Fair weather during the day; threatening weather and thunder-showers in the afternoon or evening; cooler at night; southerly winds.

For North Carolina: Generally fair weather; southwesterly winds.

Weather conditions: The area of high pressure has remained nearly stationary on the South Atlantic coast, and a second high pressure area has moved slowly from Central Dakota to Nebraska.

The West India storm is approaching the west Gulf coast, a fall in pressure of eight-hundredths in twelve hours being reported from Corpus Christi.

Rain has fallen on the central and east Gulf, in the lower Missouri Valley, and the Lake region, and on the South Atlantic coast.

The temperature has risen in the Northwest, and has fallen in the Missouri and middle Mississippi valleys, and has remained stationary elsewhere.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY was clear and oppressively warm. The stars were shining at midnight.

State of thermometer:

6 A. M.	73
9 A. M.	81
12 M.	94
3 P. M.	94
6 P. M.	90
12 Midnight	82
Mean temperature	85⅞

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, August 28.—The upward movement in stocks made further progress to-day, 221,519 shares of stock and $4,416,000 railway and miscellaneous bonds having changed hands at advancing prices. The low-priced issues were the special favorites during the early session, but toward the close the Grangers loomed into prominence again, and were bought on a liberal scale by operators who sold out yesterday on the belief that the rise in these issues had been carried too far.

A sharp outside demand for such stocks as Pacific Mail, Big Four, Wabash (preferred), Pittsburg and Western (preferred), St. Paul and Duluth, Denver and Rio Grande, Tennessee Coal, Missouri Pacific, and Susquehanna and Western seemed to convince the talent, as the professional element is called nowadays, of their error of judgment, and in the late trading this class of operators were quite prominent as buyers of the standard issues.

The rise in the low-priced stocks was equal to 1 3-8 per cent., the latter in Pittsburg and Western (preferred), which was bought on the steadily increasing earnings of the road.

Late in the day the Grangers attracted most attention, and naturally so in view of the favorable reports of the St. Paul and Chicago and Eastern Illinois roads for the month of July. St. Paul sold up to 77 1-4, Rock Island to 84 3-8, Omaha to 45, Northwestern to 106 3-8, and Burlington to 92 3-8. These figures are the best attained since the present bull campaign started. Atchison, Illinois Central, New York Central, and Jersey Central also made new high records. London sold St. Paul again to-day, but as of late the stock formed a ready resting-place. The foreigners, however, bought fairly large amounts of Wabash, Union Pacific, and Denver and Rio Grande. In fact, the rise in the preferred to 53 was the result of European purchases.

The bulk of the buying of the Grangers to-day was due to information from inside sources that the earnings of these roads are improving steadily.

In the Industrials, Sugar and Leather, preferred, were inclined to weakness. Chicago Gas was rather firm. Distilling first advanced to 22 3-8, and later receded to 21 5-8.

Speculation closed strong, with prices anywhere from 1-8 to 1 5-8 per cent. higher on the day. The railway and miscellaneous bond market was active and higher. The sales of listed stocks aggregated 274,000 shares, and of unlisted stocks 47,000 shares.

Treasury balances: Coin, $90,161,000; currency, $8,092,000.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Money on call easy at 1 per cent; last loan at 1 per cent., and closing offered at 1 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 4@4 1-2 per cent.

Bar silver, 66 3-4; Mexican dollars, 53 1-4; silver at the board dull.

Sterling exchange very firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88 1-2@$4.89 for sixty days, and $4.89 1-2@$4.90 for demand; post rates, $4.89@$4.90; commercial bills, $4.88 1-2.

Government bonds firm. State bonds dull. Railroad bonds active and higher.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Closing Bids.
American Cotton Oil	25
American Cotton Oil, preferred	74½
American Sugar	109
American Sugar Refineries, pref.	102
American Tobacco	96⅝
American Tobacco, preferred	113
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe	20½
Baltimore and Ohio	46¾
Canada Pacific	56
Chesapeake and Ohio	21¾
Chicago and Alton	(11b 160
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	92½
Chicago Gas Trust	63
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	162
Distillers	21⅝
Erie	9¾
Erie, preferred	25
General Electric	37⅝
Illinois Central	104
Lake Erie and Western	26¾
Lake Erie and Western preferred	80¼
Lake Shore	152
Louisville and Nashville	62⅝
Louisville, New Albany and Chicago	8¾
Manhattan Consolidated	114¾
Memphis and Charleston	15
Michigan Central	101⅞
Missouri Pacific	39⅝
Mobile and Ohio	25
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis	70
United States Cordage	5¾
United States Cordage, preferred	10¾
New Jersey Central	108¾
New York Central	104⅝
New York and New England	61½
Norfolk and Western, preferred	15¾
Northern Pacific	5
Northern Pacific, preferred	18⅞
Northwestern	106¼
Northwestern, preferred	147
Pacific Mail	29½

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

	Closing Bids.
Reading	19¼
Rock Island	84¼
St. Paul	77¼
St. Paul, preferred	128¼
Silver Certificates	67
Tennessee Coal and Iron	38¾
Tennessee Coal and Iron, preferred	98
Texas Pacific	12½
Union Pacific	15
Wabash	9¼
Wabash, preferred	23⅛
Western Union	94⅝
Wheeling and Lake Erie	16¼
Wheeling and Lake Erie preferred	50¾

BONDS

Alabama (Class A) (bid)	108½
Alabama (Class B) (bid)	109
Alabama (Class C) (bid)	100
Louisiana Stamped 4's (bid)	100
North Carolina 4's (bid)	102
North Carolina 6's (bid)	124
Southern Railway 5's	96¼
Southern Railway, common	13⅞
Southern Railway, preferred	41⅝
South Carolina 4½'s	105
Tennessee new settlement 3's	90¼
Virginia 6's, preferred	8¼
Virginia Trust Receipts, stamped	5
Virginia Consols	63¾
United States 4's, registered	112¾
United States 4's, coupon	112¾
United States 2's, coupon (bid)	93

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, August 28.—Virginia Century bonds, 63 1-2 bid; Baltimore and Ohio, 65@65 1-2; Northern Central, 69 1-2; Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, 1's, 111 bid; Consolidated Gas, stock, 63 1-2; do., bonds, 6's, 117 bid.

LONDON AND PARIS.

LONDON, August 28.—Bar silver, 30 1-2d.

5:30 P. M.—Paris advices quote 3 per cent. rentes at 102 francs, 12 1-2 centimes, for the account.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

RICHMOND, August 28, 1895.

SALES.—14 shares Union Bank at 103.

The closing quotations for to-day:

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
United States 4's	112	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
North Carolina 4's	104	...
North Carolina 6's	128	...
Virginia 3's (1932)	75¼	76
Centuries	63⅛	63
CITY SECURITIES		
Richmond city 8's	126	...
Richmond city 6's	112	...
Richmond city 5's (1921 and later)	111	...
Richmond city 4's	...	101
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Atlanta and Charlotte 1st 7's	120	...
Atlanta and Charlotte gt'd in. 6's, R.	105	...
Char., Col. and Augusta 1st 5's C.	103	...
Char., Col. and Augusta 2d 7's C.	116	...
Columbia & Greenville 1st 6's	110	...
Georgia Pacific 1st 6's	112	...
Georgia Southern & Fla. 1st 6's	106	...
Petersburg (Class A) 5's	100	...
Petersburg (Class B) 6's	114½	...
Savannah, Americus and Montgomery	53	52
Southern Railway 5's	96¾	98¼
Western North Carolina 1st 6's (1914)	115	...
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	97½ 199½
Petersburg	100	98½ 102
Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac div. obligation	100	115 ...
Richmond & Petersburg	100	105 ...
Southern Railway, preferred	100	41¾ ...
Southern Railway, common	100	13¾ ...
BANK STOCKS.		
Citizens' Bank	25	27⅝ 28¼
City Bank	25	30 ...
Metropolitan Bank	25	27 ...
National Bank of Virginia	100	... 111
Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company	26	26 ...
Security Bank	100	... 110
State Bank of Virginia	100	141½ ...
Union Bank	50	112 ...
Virginia Trust Company	100	116 ...
INSURANCE COMPANIES.		
Virginia Fire and Marine	25	... 35
Virginia State	25	... 23
MISCELLANEOUS.		
American Tobacco Co., preferred	100	108 ...
American Tobacco Co., common	100	96 ...

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

RICHMOND, VA., August 28, 1895.

Offerings: Wheat, 812 bushels. Corn—White, 700 bushels; mixed, 600 bushels. Oats, 30 bushels. Orchard-grass seed, 16 bushels.

Sales: Wheat, 812 bushels. Oats, 30 bushels.

Quotations: Wheat—Longberry, 65 to 70c.; mixed, 65 to 70c.; shortberry, 65 to 70c.; No. 2 red, 70c. Corn—Virginia white, 45c.; No. 2 white, 45c.; No. 2 mixed, 44c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 24 1-2 to 25c.; No. 3 mixed, 23 1-2 to 24c.; winter seed, 25 to 32c. Rye, 49 to 52c.

RICHMOND TOBACCO MARKET.

RICHMOND, VA., August 28, 1895.

Private sales: Dark lugs, 56; dark leaf, 19; filler, 1; cutters, 16; smokers, 25. Total, 117 hogsheads.

Two loose tobacco warehouses had loose sales of new tobacco. The market proved very active and prices were fully high, with $25 highest values. Nearly all were taken for cutters and smokers. Only a few piles suited at all as a wrapper. Everybody seems to want the new bright crop. Cutters and smokers of last year's and older crops are in strong demand also.

Mr. J. P. Williamson, of Petersburg, Va., and Mr. Carrington, of Henderson, N. C., were visitors.

The Stonewall warehouse has a large force of hands grading new bright for planters.

Revenue collections: Tobacco, $3,091.74; cigars and cigarettes, $8,227.10. Total, $8,318.84.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, August 28.—Flour—Weak and dull; winter wheat, lower grades, $2.15@2.65; do., fair to fancy, $2.75@3.30; do., patents, $3.50@3.60; Minnesota clear, $2.65@3.25; patents, $3.90@4; low extras, $2.15@2.65; city mills, $3.90@4.15; patents, $4.10@4.35; southern flour dull and weak; common to fair extra, $2@2.70; good to choice do., $2.80@$3.

Wheat—Easier, with options more active for export; No. 2 red, store, and elevator, 64 3-4@65c.; afloat, 66@66 1-4c. Options opened firm, with free buying for foreign account; declined 3-4@7-8c., advanced 1-2@5-8c., and closed firm at 1-4@5-8c. below yesterday: August, 64 7-8c.; September, 65 1-8c.; October, 65 3-8c.; December, 67 1-8c.; May, 71 1-4c.

Corn—Dull but firm; No. 2, 42 5-8c., in elevator; 43 1-2c., afloat. Options were dull and irregular, closing steady at a 1-8c. decline: September, 41 3-8c.; October, 40 7-8c.; November, 39 5-8c.; May, 38 1-4c.

Oats—Fairly active and lower. Options dull and easier; August, 24c.; September, 23 1-2c.; October, 23 1-4c.; May, 26 1-4c. Spot prices: No. 2, 24@24 1-8c.; No. 2 white, 26 1-2@26 3-4c.; No. 3, 23c.; No. 3 white, 24 1-2c.; western mixed, 24@26c.; white, State and western, 25@32c.

Hay—Steady; shipping, 65@70c.; good to choice, $80@90c.

Wool—Steady and quiet; domestic, fleece, 16@22c.; pulled, 15@34c.

Beef—Dull; family, $9@$12; extra mess, $7.50@$8.

Beef Hams—Quiet and weak at $15.50@$16.

Tierced Beef—Steady and in fair demand; city extra India mess, $16.50@$17.

Cut Meats—Quiet and steady; pickled bellies, 7c.; shoulders, 5 3-8@5 1-2c.; hams, 9@9 1-2c.

Lard—Quiet and easier; western steam, $6.27 1-2, asked; city, $6@$6.05; refined quiet; Continent, $7.05; compound 4 5-8@5c.

Pork—Easy; mess, $10.25@$10.50.

Butter—Steady; choice dairy, State, 12@18 1-2c.; do. creamery, 14c.; western dairy, 9 1-2@13c.; Elgins, 20c.

Eggs—Less firm and fair supply; State and Pennsylvania, 15@16c.; western, fresh, 13 1-2@15c.; do., per case, $1.50@$4.

Tallow—Lower; city, 4 3-8c.; country, 4 3-8@4 1-2c.

Cottonseed-Oil—Easy and quiet; crude, 24c.; yellow prime, 26 1-2@26 3-4c.; do. good, off grade, 26c., asked.

Petroleum—In fair demand; refined, New York, $7.10; Philadelphia, $7; do., in bulk, $4.55@$4.60.

Rosin—Dull but steady; strained, common to good, $1.50@$1.55.

Turpentine—Quiet and steady at 27 1-4@27 3-4c.

Rice and Molasses—Firm and unchanged.

Peanuts—Quiet.

Coffee—Steady and 10@20 points up; September, $14.75@$14.85; October, $14.95@$15; December, $15; March, $14.60; spot Rio, dull but steady; No. 7, 16c.

Sugar—Raw dull and easier; fair refining, 2 3-4@2 7-8c.; refined quiet, steady, and unchanged.

Freights to Liverpool—Quiet; grain firm; cotton, 1-64d.; grain, 2 1-4d.

Southern fresh fruits and vegetables:

Peaches in pretty good demand and firm. Grapes plentiful, quiet and easy. Fine, large watermelons selling fairly; others dull. Sweet potatoes in moderate offering and steady.

Grapes—Virginia, basket, 6@8c.; do., do., case, 50@75c.; do., Maryland and Delaware, case, 60@75c.

Peaches—Carrier, $1@$1.50; basket 40c.@$1.25.

Watermelons—Hundred, $5@$14; car-load, $75@$150.

Huckleberries—Maryland and Delaware, quart, 6@8c.

Potatoes—Sweet, $2@$2.50.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, ILL., August 28.—There was no sign of improvement in the condition of the wheat market this morning. If anything, the weakness was more pronounced than ever. Opening prices were 3-8 to 1-2c. under yesterday's close, and within an hour after the opening the market declined another half cent. The early weakness was caused by bearish cables, larger receipts than expected, and absolute lack of outside buying, even at the decline. There was very heavy liquidation by local longs, and as the bears were very aggressive, pressing their advantage to the utmost, prices rapidly declined.

There was fair buying at the decline and prices held steady. December is fast becoming the favorite trading month. Fair export business at New York—reported as high as 30 or 40 loads—improved prices somewhat, and the close was fairly steady at a shade under the opening, the highest prices of the day.

September wheat opened at 60c., sold between 60 and 59 1-8c., and closed at 59 7-8c.—1-2@5-8c. under yesterday. Cash wheat was easy and 1-2c. lower.

Corn—There was an easier feeling in corn early on the failure of the frosts predicted for last night to materialize and in sympathy with the weakness in wheat. May corn was weak early, and about 1c. under yesterday's close, on heavy selling by commission houses. September became steady at the decline on the frost prediction for to-night.

Free covering of May by local shorts and the light estimated receipts for to-morrow—275 cars—helped prices some, but the market was dull and narrow to the close. May is fast becoming the active option in corn.

September corn opened at 35 1-2c., sold between 35 3-4@35 7-8 and 35 1-4c., and closed at 35 5-8c.—1-8@1-4c. under yesterday. Cash corn was easy and 1-2c. per bushel lower.

Oats were dull, the market responding to the weak feeling in wheat and corn. There was good buying of May by shorts. The market held steady on a fair business for cash oats. September closed 1-4c. under yesterday. Cash oats were steady.

Provisions were easy early in sympathy with the weak feeling in grain and lower prices for hogs. Pork weakened on good selling by the packers and liberal realizing by longs. Lard was steady and ribs were easy. Business was light, consisting mainly of changing from the September to the October and the January options. At the close September pork was 20c. under yesterday, September lard 2 1-2@5c. lower, and September ribs 12½-2c. under yesterday. Domestic markets were quiet and easier.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT—				
August	59¼@59⅝	59⅝	58¾	59⅛
Sept	59⅞@60	60	59⅛	59⅞
Dec	62¼@⅛	62⅛	61⅝@⅛	62¼
CORN—				
August	38	38¼@⅜	35¾	36⅝
Sept	35⅝	35¾@⅞	35¼	35⅝
Dec	29¾@30	30⅛	29¾	29¾
May	30⅞@31	31	30⅝	30¾@⅞
OATS—				
August	18⅞	19	18⅛	18⅞
Sept	18⅞	19	18⅛	18⅞
May	22⅛	22⅛	21⅝	22⅛
PORK—				
Sept	$ 9.45	$ 9.45	$ 9.10	$ 9.20
Oct	9.50	9.50	9.20	9.27½
Jan	9.85	9.85	9.67½	9.77½
LARD—				
Sept	5.95	5.95	5.87½	5.90
Oct	6.00	6.02½	5.92½	5.92½
Jan	6.00	6.00	5.92½	5.95
SHORT-RIBS—				
Sept	5.75	5.75	5.60	5.65
Oct	5.85	5.85	5.65	5.70
Jan	5.15	5.17½	5.05	5.10

Cash quotations: Flour quiet and practically unchanged; the feeling is still weak and prices favor buyers; No. 2 spring wheat, 59 1-2@59 7-8c.; No. 3 red, 58 1-2@59 7-8c. No. 2 corn, 32 5-8c.