IT CAUSED A SMILE.

Part of Chaplain Conden's First Petition Had This Effect.

MESSAGE NOT LISTENED TO.

It Was Very Funnily Read in the House — Virginia Representatives All on Hand—North Carolina's Tripartite Division.

WASHINGTON, December 3.—(Special.)—An amusing incident occurred this morning at the opening of the House proceedings, when the Chaplain, in concluding his prayer, said in effect, "We want peace on earth and good will among men, but we don't want any nation to insult us." Despite the solemnity of the occasion the expression brought a broad smile to the faces of all the members, and a suppressed titter ran through the house. The boys in the press gallery immediately caught up the patriotic sentiment, and it was flashed to every corner of the country in the twinkling of an eye.

There was a great falling off in the attendance to-day from that of yesterday. The executive and diplomatic and other privileged galleries were unoccupied, the public gallery fronting the Speaker was only thinly filled, and there was only a small per centage of loungers in the lobbies. All the Virginia members were in their seats, with which they seem to be well satisfied, and the solid Republican delegation from the Old Dominion, in the portly form of General Walker, was conspicuous by reason of the General's striking features.

THE MESSAGE.

When the House was called to order the President's message was announced, and the document was placed on the desks of the members. Then followed the reading by two clerks, who relieved each other. Both of these officials spoke in a loud tone, but one was so much louder than the other that when the rapid change took place it seemed as if the louder one had suddenly experienced a violent contraction of his vocal organs, and the effect was somewhat ludicrous. This is a perfectly perfunctory proceeding, and might as well be dispensed with for all the attention that is paid to it. More than half of the members were absent from the hall, and those who did not choose to seek the seclusion of the cloakrooms were either chatting, reading, or writing. Probably the only people who listened to the reading were those citizens in the galleries who do not purchase newspapers, and who daily come here for the benefit of the generous rent which Uncle Sam so liberally pays for all his big buildings. The message being quite lengthy, a third clerk, with a rich baritone voice, had to take a turn at the reading.

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISIONS.

The North Carolina delegation is divided into three distinct and picturesque political groups in the House. There are three Democrats, three Republicans, and three Populists. The first group, which is very nicely located on the Democratic side of the House, consists of F. A. Woodard, of the Second District; James A. Lockhart, of the Sixth, and J. G. Shaw, of the Third—Democrats. The next group is composed of Romulus Z. Linney, of the Eighth District, Richmond Pearson, of the Ninth, and Thomas Settle, of the Fifth—Republicans. The last and most interesting group comprises Harry L. Skinner, of the First District; A. C. Shuford, of the Seventh, and W. F. Stroud, of the Fourth—Populists.

The Republicans are scattered, Mr. Settle being over in the deep centre Republican dead, while Linney and Pearson are on the right and left Democratic territory. The Populists flock pretty much by themselves, as they are most likely to do during the session, both as to the fruitless proceedings and as to locality.

BATTLESHIP CONTRACTS.

I went from the Capitol to the Navy Department, two and a half miles distant, and found that while the bids had been opened for the two battleships, no contracts had yet been awarded, and it may be some time before they are. The contractors who have made bids will probably have to go before a naval board and testify as to their plans and capabilities to do the work, and this will take some time. Secretary Herbert and Assistant-Secretary McAdoo had left their cards on the day, and it was not possible to ascertain their views regarding the naming of the second one of the vessels. An official said if Newport News gets one of them, "Virginia" would be an appropriate name, as it was near there the Confederate "Virginia" made herself famous.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. J. J. Lafferty, the jovial and brilliant editor of the Christian Advocate, of Richmond, is in the city, partly on business and partly for pleasure.

Judge P. W. Strother, of Giles county, Va., is here, sizing up the big Republican majority in the House, and speculating as to how it will be in '96.

Mr. Barton Grundy was a visitor here on the opening day of the Fifty-fourth Congress.

Ex-Senator Eppa Hunton, of Virginia, is in the city, stopping at the Normandie.

Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, and family are residing at 1711 I street.

Senator and Mrs. Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, are quartered at the Cairo flats, on G street.

Senator J. C. Pritchard, of North Carolina, has rooms at the Ebbitt House.

Congressman Woodard, of North Carolina, is a guest at the Metropolitan.

Representative James A. Walker, of Virginia, is quartered for the session at Willard's.

Congressmen R. L. Linney, W. F. Stroud, J. G. Shaw, and James A. Lockhart, of North Carolina, all have rooms at the Metropolitan.

Hon. Peter J. Otey and wife, of the Sixth Virginia District, are comfortably located at the Oxford for the winter.

Representative W. R. McKenney, of the Fourth Virginia District, is sojourning at Hotel Page.

Congressman Richmond Pearson, of North Carolina, is stopping at the Shoreham.

Representative W. A. Jones, of Virginia, has secured his old quarters at the Hotel Varnum.

ARRIVALS.

Among the hotel arrivals to-day are the following: J. C. Worthington, North Carolina, Hotel Emrich.

A. Greentree, Richmond; Mrs. H. F. Harris, Marshall, Va.; W. R. Freeman, Verona, N. C.; J. Leffert, Richmond, Va., St. James.

C. O. Leary, Roanoke; C. N. Craines, Leray, Vendome.

W. Clagett, Virginia; H. J. Marshall, Warrenton, Va.; J. W. Harrison, Winchester, Va.; D. H. Pitt and H. L. Lane, Scottsville; A. L. Pitts, Arunia, Va.; Mrs. Edwards and C. P. Janey, Virginia, National.

C. O. Carter, Cobb's Hotel.

L. Wright and C. S. Ashburner, Virginia; G. E. Ransom, North Carolina; E. T. Jackson and wife, Front Royal; Frank Cassins, Burlington, N. C.; S. T. Pearson, North Carolina, Metropolitan.

H. A. Moore, Roanoke; W. Godwin, Norfolk; C. D. Rooney, Winchester, Hotel Rennie.

J. A. Augus and wife, Hot Springs, Va.; S. H. Royer, Roanoke, the Raleigh.

J. King and wife, Richmond, Hotel Warner.

B. M. Glazier, Norfolk; Ware B. Gay, Richmond, Willard's.

R. Landis, North Garden, Va., Howard House.

POSTAL NOTES.

Among the fourth-class postmasters appointed to-day were the following: G. O. Thomas, at Benedick, Northumberland county, Va., vice J. H. Middleton; L. H. Irvin, at Rhoret, Orange county, Va., vice W. H. Clark; W. J. Watson, at Touro, Charlotte county, Va., vice H. C. Adams, resigned; G. W. De Bauhl, at De Bauhliss, Craven county, N. C.; vice J. E. Wilcox, and T. W. Underwood, at Newton Grove, Sampson county, N. C., vice E. O. Monk, resigned.

SAYING VERY LITTLE.

The Democrats of the Old North State.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 3.—(Special.)—The Democratic politicians are saying little these days in this State. They do not think it time to talk. All sorts of changes may take place between now and next May. The Republicans since the election last month have become so convinced that they can sweep the State alone that many of them are beginning to think they ought to put up a single ticket. It is predicted that the Republicans will take the lion's share of the State fusion ticket, and can then convince the Populists they are magnanimous. Some of the Democrats who are willing to talk a little say they favor a straight ticket by their party without compromises or concessions, and declare that 100,000 Democrats are willing to go down in defeat under such a ticket rather than make any compromises. For it is no secret that some persons have made proposals to the Democrats. Those proposals were made late in the summer. They have been renewed within the past thirty days. Such is the news that comes quite straight. Some Populists are beginning to distrust the Republicans, and say they do not like the tone of Republican State Chairman, Mr. Hatton, in the interview with him published last Sunday.

Judge A. W. Graham's daughter is so dangerously sick that he cannot hold Dupin Superior Court this week. Governor Carr to-day notified Judge Timberlake to hold it, and the term will begin Thursday.

Sheriff W. J. Hardison, of Martin county, is the first to make full settlement of State taxes for 1895, paying in $5,500.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The Baptist State Convention meets at Greensboro' day after to-morrow, Rev. Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, presiding. This convention embraces all the counties east of the Blue Ridge, and within its bounds are about 160,000 members. This evening the annual meeting of its Board of Missions was held, President John C. Scarborough presiding.

The State Board of Agriculture met in semi-annual session this afternoon, Colonel W. F. Green presiding. During its meeting all the reports of officers will be made. The receipts are less than they were last year, owing to the large falling off in the sales of commercial fertilizers.

Several years ago a young white man here, who was a telegraph line man, married a Raleigh girl. To-day one of the witnesses attending the United States District Court made inquiries regarding the young man, and said the latter had married his daughter. The lineman's real wife lives here. Her husband has been absent several months.

Judge Simonton writes that he will not be able to be here to sit on the bench with Judge Seymour at the term of the United States Circuit Court, now in progress. District-Attorney Aycock says that he thinks the court can adjourn in two weeks. There are at least 450 principals and witnesses in cases now here. They fairly swarm around the government building. The greatest number of cases is from Durham county. There are on an average four witnesses in each case. The Republicans are making remarks about the principals and witnesses and declare that 90 per cent. of them are Democrats. This is not true, for all parties are represented.

The marriage of a stepbrother and stepsister in Rowan county is reported. It is asserted to be the first case on record in the State.

YOUTHFUL ROBBERS.

The police at Durham have discovered three young thieves—aged 12, 8, and 7 years—systematic in their stealing. One of these children while trying to escape fell and broke a leg.

The predicted snow-storm or flurry did not materialize to-day, but ice formed here.

The silver question is in all sorts of things this year. It actually cut a figure in the deliberations of the North Carolina Methodist Conference last week. It is claimed by the Democrats that the Populists are doing no talking about silver since the Republican victories last month.

Sunday there was a marriage ceremony on a mountain inside, in Stokes county. The wife of the groom had died only four days before. The bride's father was furious when he discovered his daughter's elopement and marriage to so new a widower.

Of the Peabody fund allowed this State, $2,600 in is divided among the six colored normal schools as to equalize the total each receives from all sources, making such total about $1,800. There is a new departure in the further allowance of $400 to the colored graded school at Clinton, and of $200 to aid the manual training department of the colored graded school at Durham. Besides all these, $400 is given the new Colored Normal School at Winston.

One of the scores of moonshiners here for trial made his corn-whiskey and apple-brandy in a wash-pot, with a cypress knee cap. He also made brandy out of the skimmings of sorghum-cane-juice.

It is proposed to celebrate December 19th as "Varce-Day" in the public schools of the State, and take up a collection for the fund for a monument to the great Senator. The Raleigh schools will observe the day.

A New Grace-Street Residence.

The new residence just completed on west Grace street, near Madison street, is one of the most successful solutions of a problem which the architect is so often given to solve—viz., the treatment of a residence front on an interior lot. When the lot is at a corner much more scope is given in design, and the task is not such a difficult one. The building referred to is the residence of Mr. George R. Cannon, and was designed by Captain M. J. Dimmock.

The materials used in the construction are red brick, terra-cotta, and red sandstone, and the roof is covered with an olive-green tile, all carefully selected to harmonize and present a delightful color scheme. The design of both exterior and interior is semi-classical in style, and indicates a careful study of architectural proportions and refinement of detail much to be admired.

But Few Cases of Interest.

S. K. Travers, T. E. Miller, Temple King, Richard Ferguson, and Ed. Leath were fined $2 each in the Police Court yesterday for keeping their places of business open.

The case of J. L. Abbott, charged with writing an insulting letter to Dr. T. E. Stratton, was postponed until December 12th, in order that Justice Crutchfield might examine the law on the subject, as the evidence showed that it might be a case for criminal libel.

The cases of A. Dickerson for throwing rocks at Myer Sanft, and Sanft for knocking him down and kicking him, were both dismissed.

William Drew (colored) was fined $20 for carrying concealed weapons.

Five Years for Burglary.

Only one case was tried in the Hustings Court yesterday. It was that of William McCoy, a young negro man who was charged with burglary. McCoy admitted his guilt, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

The Dry-Goods Market.

NEW YORK, December 3.—The dry-goods market has not improved during the past week in any direction. The demand has been slow for staple cotton and dark fancy fabrics, quiet for woollen and worsted dress goods and shirtings, and indifferent for light-weight woollens and worsteds for men's wear.

For spring lines of cotton dress fabrics there has been fair request, and in new heavy-weight woollens and worsteds about an average business has been reported. The tendency of the market in staple cotton is in favor of buyers.

Cotton and woollen and worsted dress fabrics are steady in prices. The jobbing trade has been dull and featureless.

Bills for Public Buildings.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 3.—Bill were introduced in the House to-day authorizing the construction of public buildings as follows: By Mr. Crisp, Americus, Ga., $50,000; by Mr. Robbins, of Alabama, Anniston, Ala., $100,000; Selma, Ala., $100,000.

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THE TRIANGULAR LOT

Grounds and Buildings Committee Recommend It as a Monument Site.

THE "F" COMPANY MEMORIAL.

This Testimonial to Be Erected in One Year at the Intersection of Brook Avenue and Broad Street—Cheaper Light for the City Hall.

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings at a meeting held last night decided to recommend to the Council that the triangular lot at the intersection of Broad and Adams streets and Brook avenue be given to the F Company Association as a site for the monument that the survivors of that valiant organization propose to erect to the memory of their dead comrade.

The committee convened at the usual hour, with Chairman Epps in charge of the gavel, and Messrs. Briggs, Gunst, King, Seay, Grimes, Snead, and Mountcastle in their seats. There were also in attendance the committee from the Monument Association, composed of Messrs. James N. Boyd, Clay Drewry, Philip A. Wellford, Maxwell T. Clarke, and George A. Haynes, of the association. Major Charles R. Skinker, president; General Thomas A. Brander, vice-president; Captain Ro. H. Gilliam, treasurer; R. A. Brock, secretary, and Captain W. S. Archer, as officers and members of F Company Association, were also on hand to urge the favorable consideration of the petition already presented to the committee and published in the Dispatch.

CLAIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Boyd, chairman of the Monument Committee, addressed the committee, and earnestly pleaded the claims of the association to the grant of the lot above referred to. He practically stated the purpose and expectations of the association, and gave the committee assurance that the amount necessary for the erection of the monument would be raised in six months, and that the memorial should be completed in one year. He was followed in advocacy of the petition by Messrs. Seay, Snead, and Gunst, of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, and by Colonel W. E. Cutshaw, the City Engineer, the last of whom paid a glowing tribute to the valor of F Company, and cited an instance in which a former pupil of his, then the captain commandant of F Company—Captain Malcomb L. Hudgins—had, with three others, by dash and celerity at Williamsport, Md., in the Gettysburg campaign, saved the wagon-train of the army. Colonel Cutshaw suggested to the committee that in arranging the site for the monument in the form of the lot should be changed from a triangle to a circle, to be surrounded with granolithic paving.

MADE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

The following letter from Mr. John H. Frischkorn, president of the Board of Fire Commissioners, and addressed to Chairman Epps, was read:

Dear Sir,—Referring to the triangular lot on Broad street at the intersection of Adams street and Brook avenue, I am directed by the Board of Fire Commissioners to express to you their appreciation of the consideration and encouragement you have shown them in their efforts to secure the lot, and to inform you that, having effected other arrangements, which will probably better subserve the interests of the department, they will not now need the lot in question, and respectfully ask that you will kindly have their application for the same withdrawn.

This removed one of the barriers to the donation of the lot to the F Company Association, and the committee, by unanimous vote, recommended that the Council grant it to the F Company Association for its proposed monument.

THE CHEAPEST LIGHT.

Mr. Gunst here offered the following resolution, with a view to securing the cheapest manner of lighting the City Hall building:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the cost of lighting the City Hall with gas; also the cost of lighting the same by electricity from a plant erected by and belonging to the city, to be placed in the building, or by contract, and to report at the next meeting of the committee with recommendations.

This was adopted, and, after the transaction of a great deal of routine business, the body adjourned.

The Committee on Schools held a regular business session yesterday evening. A number of bills were approved, and some unimportant matters were disposed of.

Robert Slater or O'Dell, the Rosslyn gambler who was arrested in Baltimore and taken to Alexandria, was bailed for the next term of court in $500.

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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, December 3.—Forecast for Wednesday. For Virginia: Fair, followed by cloudy weather; southwesterly winds.

For North Carolina: Fair weather; north to west winds.

The barometer has fallen in the central valleys, and risen on the Atlantic coast. It is lowest northeast of New England, and highest over the northern Rocky mountain stations. A depression is apparently forming in the Central Mississippi Valley.

It is warmer to the west of the Mississippi, and colder in the districts on the Atlantic coast.

Fair weather prevails, except in the Lake region and Upper Mississippi Valley, where local snows continue.

Fair weather will continue in the South Atlantic and Gulf States, with slowly-rising temperature Wednesday.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY was clear and fair.

State of thermometer:

6 A. M.	38
9 A. M.	43
12 M.	49
3 P. M.	54
6 P. M.	36
12 Midnight	30
Mean temperature	41.4

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 3.—Speculative interest centered chiefly in the Industrials again to-day, and of these Sugar was the overshadowing feature. The stock opened at 105 1-2@106, 2,500 shares changing hands. After this the price pounded up to 106 5-8, but the advance brought out an avalanche of long stock, and the shares broke 4 per cent., to 102 5-8, and closed at 103, or 2 per cent. below yesterday's final sale. The transactions were on a tremendous scale, footing up 153,900 shares in a grand total of 239,094 shares for the entire list.

The early spurt was due to special advices from Washington to the effect that the President would not touch upon the trust in his message. This caused a perfect rush to cover short contracts, the brokers of a noted plunger being the heaviest buyer. The rise brought out round amounts of long stocks, which encouraged the bears to fresh efforts in this and the other Industrials.

Tobacco, Leather preferred, and Chicago Gas all opened firmer, but later on Tobacco tumbled from 83 1-4 to 80 3-4, and ended at 80.

Chicago Gas moved up to 65 1-2 and fell to 64 1-4@64 5-8. Trading in the last-named was smaller than for some time past, owing to the uncertainty as to the outcome of the Barrow injunction case, now being argued in Chicago.

The railway list was quiet, but firm, the highest prices being made after the publication of the President's message. This afternoon a report was received in bank and stock circles as to the retirement of the greenbacks and the issuance of short-term, low-interest-bearing bonds in times of emergency. The gain in prices at this time was equal to 1-2@3 per cent.; Delaware and Hudson leading. The efforts made to advance coal-freight rates to the West helped this stock.

Pacific Mail rose from 30 5-8 to 32 3-8 on the announcement that the agreement will probably be signed this week. The improvement in the financial situation abroad, and the fact that no gold has been engaged for export to Europe as yet, had a stimulating effect on the general market.

Near the close Sugar ran off to 102 5-8, and this weakened the remainder of the Industrial group. Considering the severity of the attack on Sugar, the railroad list held remarkably well.

The closing of the market was irregular in tone. Net changes show advances of 1-8@5-8 per cent. Pacific Mail, however, gained 1 3-4 per cent.

While the Industrials lost 1-4@2 1-4 per cent., Tobacco was second in point of activity, and figured for 31,500 shares. St. Paul, which was third, was traded in to the extent of only 14,200 shares.

Bonds were firm. The sales were $1,278,000. The sales of listed stocks aggregated 121,481 shares, and of unlisted stocks 168,523 shares.

Treasury balances: Coin, $81,935,441; currency, $100,178,413.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Money on call steady, at 2@2 1-2 per cent.; last loan and closing offered at 2 1-2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1-2@5 per cent.

Bar silver, 67. Silver at the board was neglected.

Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87 3-4@$4.88 for sixty days, and $4.89@$4.89 1-4 for demand. Posted rates, $4.88 1-2@$4.90. Commercial bills, $4.86 3-4@$4.87 1-2.

Government bonds firmer. State bonds dull. Railroad bonds firm.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Closing Bids.
American Cotton Oil	18¾
American Cotton Oil, preferred	68a69
American Sugar	103
American Sugar Refineries, pref	99
American Tobacco	80¾
American Tobacco, preferred	100
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe	17¾
Baltimore and Ohio	55½
Canada Pacific	56
Chesapeake and Ohio	18⅛
Chicago and Alton	158
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	83½
Chicago Gas Trust	64⅝
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	164
Distillers	19¾
Erie	13

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

	Closing Bids
Erie, preferred	23
General Electric	31
Illinois Central	97½
Lake Erie and Western	22½
Lake Erie and Western preferred	73¾
Lake Shore	155
Louisville and Nashville	53¾
Louisville, New Albany and Chicago	9
Manhattan Consolidated	101⅝
Memphis and Charleston (a)	15
Michigan Central	101
Missouri Pacific	30⅛
Mobile and Ohio	2⅜
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis	75
United States Cordage	7
United States Cordage, preferred	14
New Jersey Central	106⅛
New York Central	100½
New York and New England	55
Norfolk and Western, preferred	10½
Northern Pacific	4⅛
Northern Pacific preferred	15½
Northwestern	106
Northwestern, preferred	150
Pacific Mail	32⅜
Reading	10¼
Rock Island	75⅝
St. Paul	76⅛
St. Paul, preferred	127½
Silver Certificates	67¼
Tennessee Coal and Iron	32¾
Tennessee Coal and Iron, preferred	80
Texas Pacific	9
Union Pacific	9
Wabash	7⅛
Wabash, preferred	19⅛
Western Union	87¾
Wheeling and Lake Erie	14⅛
Wheeling and Lake Erie preferred	41⅞

BONDS.

Alabama (Class A)	110
Alabama (Class B)	110
Alabama (Class C)	100
Louisiana Stamped 4's	100
North Carolina 4's	104
North Carolina 6's	125½
Southern Railway 5's	95⅞
Southern Railway, common	10⅝
Southern Railway, preferred	34½
South Carolina 4½'s	107
Tennessee new settlement 3's (a)	89
Virginia 6's, preferred	6
Virginia Trust Receipts, stamped	6
Virginia Consols	62
United States 4's, registered	110¾
United States 4's, coupon	111⅜
United States 2's, coupon	97

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 3.—Virginia Century bonds, 62@62 1-2; Virginia 3's, 74 bid; Baltimore and Ohio, 65; Consolidated Gas, stock, 59 1-4@59 1-2; do., bonds, 5's, $106 1-2@107 1-2.

LONDON AND PARIS.

LONDON, December 3.—Bar silver, 30 9-16d. Consols, 106 9-16 for money, and 106 5-8 for the account.

5:30 P. M.—Paris advices quote 3 per cent. rentes at 101 1-2f., 45c. for the account.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

RICHMOND, December 3, 1895.

The closing quotations for to-day:

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
United States 4's	111½	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
North Carolina 4's	104	...
North Carolina 6's	125	...
Virginia 3's (1932)	75¼	75½
Centuries	92¾	93½
CITY SECURITIES.		
Richmond city 8's	129	...
Richmond city 6's	113	...
Richmond city 5's	111	...
Richmond city 4's	99	101
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Atlanta and Charlotte 1st 7's	122½	...
Atlanta and Charlotte gt'd 10-6's, R	105	...
Char., Col. and Augusta 1st 5's C	107½	...
Char., Col. and Augusta 3d 7's C	116	118
Columbia & Greenville 1st 6's	113½	...
Georgia Pacific 1st 6's	114½	...
Georgia Southern and Fla. 1st 6's	...	110
Petersburg (Class A) 5's	110	...
Petersburg (Class B) 6's	114	...
Southern Railway 5's	95¾	97
Western North Carolina 1st 6's (1914)	116	117½
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Petersburg	100	110
Chesapeake and Ohio	100	120
Richmond, Fredericksbg & Potomac div. obligation	100	...
Richmond & Petersburg	100	110
Southern Railway, preferred	100	34
Southern Railway, common	100	10½
BANK STOCKS.		
Citizens' Bank	25	28
City Bank	25	30
First National	100	172
Metropolitan Bank	25	29
Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company	20	27½
Security Bank	100	103½
Union Bank	50	115
Virginia Trust Company	100	117
INSURANCE COMPANIES.		
Virginia Fire and Marine	25	33
Virginia State	25	22½
MISCELLANEOUS.		
American Tobacco Co., preferred	100	100
American Tobacco Co., common	50	82

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Quotations: Wheat—Longberry, 70 to 72c.; mixed, 69 to 72c.; shortberry, 68 to 71c.; No. 2 red, 71c. Corn—White Virginia, 36 to 37c.; No. 2 white, 36 to 37c.; No. 2 mixed, 35 to 35½c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 23 to 23½c.; No. 3 mixed, 21 to 22½c.; winter seed oats, 28 to 32c. Rye, 45 to 48c.

RICHMOND TOBACCO MARKET.

RICHMOND, VA., December 3, 1895.

Auction offerings on Change to-day, 23 packages and 2 taken in. Highest price, $14.50; lowest, 50 cents.

Private sales: Fillers, 11; lugs, 2; dark leaf, 11; wrappers, 2. Total, 35 hogsheads.

Revenue collections: Cigars and cigarettes, $4,872.15; tobacco, $2,121.06. Total, $6,993.21.

Dark loose sales to-day, 27,480 pounds; highest price, 5½ cents. The loose dark sales to-day were much lighter than expected, and quality is still unimproved, and prices without change. Several manufacturers were buying good red fillers. No good wrappers offered. The crop is called a good Spanish, and export crop of short leaf.

The bright loose sales were very animated to-day.

Mr. William H. Dean, who lately spent six weeks with Mr. Daniel Scotten, the great tobacconist of Detroit, was on the market to-day for cutters and high grades. Other buyers seemed more than ordinarily eager for brights of all grades, and prices, it was evident, were more than ever satisfactory. Fine cutters brought readily 25 to 30 cents. Wrappers were in vain sought after, and everybody wants to know where they are "at."

Mr. F. M. Rawlings, of Battleboro', N. C., sold the last of his crop at Davenport's to-day.

Mr. R. L. Dibrell, of Danville, spent yesterday in Richmond.

Bright breaks will be large all the week.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 3.—Flour—Steady; demand moderate; winter wheat, low grades, $2.25@$2.65; do., fair to fancy, $2.65@$3.30; do., patents, $3.50@$3.70; Minnesota clear, $2.60@$3.15; patents, $3.15@$4.10; low extras, $2.25@$2.65; city mills, $3.80@$3.90; do., patents, $3.90@$4.15; southern flour quiet and steady; common to fair extra, $2.10@$2.80; good to choice, $2.90@$3.30.

Wheat—Dull and easier; No. 2 red, store and elevator, 69c.; afloat, 70½c.; free on board, 69 1-4@70c.; ungraded red, 62@72c.; No. 1 northern, 66@66 1-4c. Options were fairly active and closed weak at a 1c. decline; No. 2 red, January, 66c.; February, 67c.; March, 68c.; May, 67 3-8c.; June, 67½c.; July, 67 5-8c.; December, 65c.

Corn—Fairly active and easier; No. 2, 34¾@35c., in elevator; 35¾@36c. afloat. Options were more active, and closed weak at a 1-8@1-4c. decline; December, 34 3-8c.; January, 34 1-8c.; May, 35 1-4c.; June, 35½c.

Oats—Quiet and steady. Options dull and easier; December, 22¾c.; January, 23 1-4c.; February, 23¾c.; May, 25 1-8c.; spot prices: No. 2, 22¾c.; No. 2 white, 24c.; mixed western, 23@24c.

Hay—Quiet and easy; shipping, 70@75c.; good to choice, 85@90c.

Wool—Quiet and steady; domestic, fleece, 16@22c.; pulled, 15@34c.

Beef—Quiet; family, $10@$12; extra mess, $7.50@$8; beef hams inactive at $14.50@$15.

Tierced Beef—Easy; city extra India mess, $16.

Cut Meats—Dull and easy; pickled bellies, 5 1-4c.; shoulders, 5 1-4@5¾c.; hams, 8½@8¾c.; middles nominal.

Lard—Quiet but unsettled; western steam, $5.30; city, $5.25; December, $5.60 nominally; refined dull; Continent, $5.65; South America, $6.40; compound, 4 5-8@5c.

Pork—Active but easy; old mess, $9@$9.75.

Butter—Fancy in light supply and firmer; State dairy, 12@21c.; do., creamery, 17@21½c.; western dairy, 11@18c.

Cottonseed-Oil—Quiet and steady; crude, 26c.; yellow prime, new, 29@29½c.; do., off grade, 28c.

Rosin—Quiet and firm; strained, common to good, $1.75@$1.77½.

Turpentine—Quiet and easy at 27½@28c.

Rice—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 5¾@6c.; Japan, 3 5-8@3¾c.

Molasses—Foreign nominal; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 26@32c.; market firm.

Peanuts—Quiet.

Coffee—Steady and unchanged, to 5 points down; December, $13.65@$13.70; January, $13.60; February, $13.55; March, $13.35@$13.50; May, $12.85@$13; July, $12.45; September, $12@$12.05; spot Rio easier, though more active; No. 7, $14.50.

Sugar—Raw quiet and steady; fair refining, 3c.; refined steady; off A, 4 1-16@4 1-8c.; standard A, 4½c.; cut loaf and crushed, 5 1-8c.; powdered, 4⅝c.; granulated, 4⅛@4 5-8c.; cubes, 4¾c.

Freights to Liverpool—Grain firm; cotton dull; cotton, by steam, 5-64d.; grain, by steam, 3 1-4d., asked.

BALTIMORE PRODUCE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 3.—Flour—Quiet.

Wheat—Dull; No. 2 red, spot, 65¼@65⅝c.; May, 65 1-4@65⅝c.; steamer, No. 2 red, 62½@62¾c.; southern, by sample, 66@67c.; do., on grade, 63 1-4@66 1-4c.

Corn—Fairly active and easy; mixed, spot, 33½@33 5-8c.; year, 33 1-4@33 3-8c.; January, 33 1-8@33 1-4c.; February, 33½@33 5-8c.; March, 33¾@33 7-8c.; steamer mixed, 31½c. bid; southern white, 32 1-4@33 1-4c.; do., yellow, 32¾@34c.

Oats—Quiet and firmer; No. 2 white western, 24@24½c.; No. 2 mixed, 22½@22c.

Rye—Firmer; No. 2, 44@45c., for near-by; 47@48c., for western.

Hay—Firm.

Grain Freights—Quiet; steam, to Liverpool, 3¾d., asked, for January; Cork, for orders, 28, 9d.@30, 3d.

Butter—Steady; fancy creamery, 24@27c.

Eggs—Firm.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 3.—The bull sentiment in wheat suffered in enthusiasm between yesterday's close and this morning's opening, and throughout to-day's session the feeling was pronouncedly weak. Holders were discouraged, and sold freely, with the result that prices are at a loss for the day.

May wheat opened at from 61 3-8 to 61 1-8c., and declined to 60 3-8c., closing at 60½c.—7-8c. under yesterday. Cash wheat was 1-4@½c. lower, closing nominally weak, with the futures.

Corn—This grain declined in value through its dependence on wheat. The business was not such as would attract attention, and the session passed uneventfully. The market opened quiet and easy, subsequently displaying but little in the way of strength or firmness.

May corn opened at 29@29 1-8c., and declined to and closed at 28 7-8c.—⅛c. under yesterday. Cash corn was weak and 1-4@½c. per bushel lower.

Oats—Free selling of oats by professionals took place about the middle of the session. It was said that eastern buyers of cash oats were endeavoring to resell the stuff bought lately. The weakness of the cash market extended to the futures, and an all-round decline followed. May oats closed 3-8@½c. under yesterday.

Provisions—The hog market recovered its loss of yesterday, on the receipts this morning being about as much under the estimate as over yesterday. Product obtained benefit from it, but the weakness of wheat exerted an adverse influence.

At the close May pork and ribs were each 2½c. higher, and May lard a shade higher than yesterday.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.